

in support of legal recognition of living wills, and to urge the enactment of appropriate legislation.

**9. RESOLUTION ON SPANISH SPEAKING MINISTRIES**

Mr. McFadden referred to the resolution on Spanish Speaking Ministries that had been introduced as an item of new business and moved that it be referred to the Executive Council for study and referral to the appropriate national agency. It was

79-GS-86 VOTED: the Twelfth General Synod refers the resolution on Spanish Speaking Ministries to the Executive Council for study and referral to the appropriate national agency;

**Resolution On Spanish Speaking Ministries**

The Twelfth General Synod stimulates our ministers to learn Spanish and to study something of Puerto Rican and Spanish speaking peoples culture so that they can minister also to many millions of Spanish speaking people in the United States. This motion is not against Puerto Rican or Spanish ministers but favors to open more to all Spanish ministries.

**10. RESOLUTION ON THE RELEASE OF FOUR PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST PRISONERS**

The Moderator recognized Mrs. Euphemia Young (SE), Chairperson, for a continuation of the Report of the Committee on Human Rights. Mrs. Young referred the delegates to Advance Materials, Section VI, pages 4 & 8, and moved the adoption of the substitute resolution on the Release of Four Puerto Rican Nationalist Prisoners. She spoke to the resolution and there was discussion. It was

79-GS-87 VOTED: the Twelfth General Synod adopts the resolution on the Release of Four Puerto Rican Nationalist Prisoners:

**Resolution on the Release of Four Puerto Rican Nationalist Prisoners**

WHEREAS, more than twenty-five years ago, a group of Puerto Rican Nationalists, among them Oscar Collazo, Rafael Cancel Miranda, Irvin Flores, and Lolita Lebron concerned with the political independence of Puerto Rico attacked the Blair House mansion of the President of the United States, and others attacked various Congressmen on Capitol Hill, and as a result they were convicted and imprisoned: and,

WHEREAS, the Puerto Rican people have never favored the use of arms for political causes, yet they believe strongly that these jail terms have inflicted enough physical, spiritual and emotional punishment; and,

WHEREAS, the Puerto Rican Council of Protestant Churches, high bodies of the Episcopal, Methodist and Catholic Churches in Puerto Rico as well as in the United States, the National Council of Churches, former governors of Puerto Rico, both Houses of the Puerto Rican legislature, labor unions, professional organizations, student councils, cultural groups, political organizations and ten U.S. Congressmen, have written to the United States government expressing this concern; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice in December, 1978, presented its recommendations to President Carter, who has to this present time taken no action on

this petition for the release of these nationalists; and, WHEREAS, the United Church of Christ affirms human rights; and,

WHEREAS, the acts of mercy, love and reconciliation are part of any doctrine of human rights and President Carter is championing human rights in the world as part of the Christian heritage of this country; and,

WHEREAS, the grace of God is dispensed freely to us and an act of Presidential pardon would be a human response of love and a demonstration of the spirit of reconciliation exercised by this nation upon former foreign foes while the nationalists are not part of the United States nation; and,

WHEREAS, that act will be an act of good will to Puerto Rico and as such a bridge of love in Latin America; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Twelfth General Synod directs the President of the United Church of Christ to petition personally President Carter to grant freedom to the four Puerto Rican Nationalist prisoners; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Twelfth General Synod requests the Office of Church In Society and the Commission for Racial Justice to pursue this issue, recognizing the United Church of Christ's concern for the human rights of all prisoners and to encourage awareness of this concern.

**11. RESOLUTION ON UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST SUPPORT OF CAMPUS MINISTRY**

The Moderator recognized Dr. Harry A. Greenawald (PC), Chairperson, for a continuation of the Report of the Committee on Church-Related Higher Education. Dr. Greenawald referred the delegates to Advance Materials, Section II, page 142. He moved the adoption of the Resolution on United Church of Christ Support of Campus Ministry, including the Executive Council action of March, 1979, and called on Mr. Jim Tilbe (MA) to speak to the resolution. Mr. Tilbe said the resolution comes out of a conviction that there needs to be Christian input into our higher education systems and calls for a study to determine where we are in campus ministry, where we should be, and how we can get there in determining policies and programs for campus ministry. There was discussion, and it was

79-GS-88 VOTED: the Twelfth General Synod adopts the resolution on United Church of Christ Support of Campus Ministry:

**Resolution on United Church of Christ Support of Campus Ministry**

WHEREAS, The United Church of Christ continues to affirm support for UCC-related colleges, recognizes that there are many UCC students at non-UCC colleges and the United Church of Christ has been an active part of UMHE (United Ministries in Higher Education); and

WHEREAS, UMHE Campus Ministries provide a much-needed connection with the Church for college students away from home; and

WHEREAS, Campus Ministry provides support, worship, fellowship and counseling for college students on large, often impersonal, highly secularized campuses; and

WHEREAS, Campus Ministry is important in identifying

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and raising up highly qualified clergy and church leadership by assisting interested students in choosing an appropriate seminary, or other means of helping to educate potential church leaders; and

WHEREAS, Campus Ministry provides educational and service opportunities that provide a wider world view to students, sharpening their sensitivity to issues of social justice, and providing local congregations with the fresh vision and input of returning students; and

WHEREAS, Campus Ministry is important in developing ecumenical cooperation; and

WHEREAS, we observe growing concern among many people that, in important areas, the UCC is not carrying its own weight in terms of support for Campus Ministry;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: the Twelfth General Synod of the United Church of Christ requests all churches, associations, conferences and instrumentalities to increase their support for Campus Ministry by all possible means, including increased financial support, adequate attendance at UMHE Commission meetings, and on-going interpretation at all levels of the United Church of Christ.

The Twelfth General Synod notes that Campus Ministry is a concern mandated to the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries and the United Church of Christ Conferences, and asks the UCBHM and the Conferences to prepare a report (coordinated by the UCBHM) on present policies and future implications concerning United Church of Christ support of campus ministries, such report to be shared with all appropriate bodies.

### 12. RESOLUTION REGARDING NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURES

The Moderator recognized George Wm. Myers, Jr., Chairperson of the Business Committee who moved on behalf of the Business Committee the adoption of a resolution regarding Nomination and Election Procedures, and it was

79-GS-89 VOTED: the Twelfth General Synod: (1) directs the Executive Council to review General Synod Standing Rules, Section IX, "Procedures for Nominations and Elections" and to develop improvements in those procedures in advance of the Thirteenth General Synod, and (2) empowers the Executive Council, after consultations with appropriate persons having interests or responsibilities in this area as determined by the Executive Council, to act for General Synod as interim in adopting changes in Standing Rules, Section IX, any such changes to be communicated to the Conferences and General Synod Nominating Committee no later than the Fall of 1980 and to General Synod delegates no later than Section I of Advance Materials for the Thirteenth General Synod.

### 13. RESOLUTION REGARDING FORMAL MOTIONS

On behalf of the Business Committee, Mr. Myers moved the adoption of the resolution regarding Formal Motions, and it was

79-GS-90 VOTED: the Twelfth General Synod: (1) directs the Executive Council to review and consider possible changes in the General Synod Standing Rules in so far as they pertain to Formal Motions, and (2) empowers the

Executive Council after appropriate consultations as determined by the Executive Council, to act for the General Synod ad interim in adopting changes in the General Synod Standing Rules pertaining to Formal Motions, any such changes to be communicated to Conferences no later than the Spring of 1980 and to General Synod delegates no later than Section I of Advance Materials for the Thirteenth General Synod.

### 14. REFERRAL OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE GENERAL SYNOD TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Mr. Myers said that the Business Committee is of the impression that the Twelfth General Synod has acted on all of the items presented as business for the consideration of the General Synod. In order to be sure that all matters presented to the General Synod are cared for, Mr. Myers moved on behalf of the Business Committee, and it was

79-GS-91 VOTED: the Twelfth General Synod directs that any and all matters on the agenda of the Twelfth General Synod not dealt with by the General Synod be referred to the Executive Council for handling by it or for further referral, as it shall determine.

### 15. COMMUNICATION TO PRESIDENTS SADAT, BEGIN, AND CARTER

The Moderator recognized the Rev. Evelyn Dickerson (IL) who moved to suspend the Standing Rules to enable the General Synod to act on a communication to Presidents Sadat, Begin, and Carter, and it was

79-GS-92 VOTED: the Twelfth General Synod suspends the Standing Rules to consider a communication to Presidents Sadat, Begin, and Carter.

The Moderator recognized Mr. Fred Abben (IL) who moved that communication to Presidents Sadat, Begin and Carter be adopted, and it was

79-GS-93 VOTED: the Twelfth General Synod adopts the communication to Presidents Sadat, Begin and Carter:

#### Communication to Presidents Sadat, Begin, and Carter

The Twelfth General Synod of the United Church of Christ, meeting as Christians of the New World in Indianapolis, Indiana, sends you our thanksgiving for the steps toward peace which you have taken.

We honor you, President Sadat, for your courageous initiative in the midst of a threatening world . . .

We commend you, President Begin, for your sympathetic vision in the midst of ancient traditions . . .

And we thank you, President Carter, for your determined perseverance in the midst of repeated disappointments.

Our prayers from the people of the world rise in unison for peace. May you be sustained.

### 16. RESOLUTION ON KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITY

The Moderator recognized George Wm. Myers, Jr., Chairperson, who reported that the Business Committee had determined that the resolution on Ku Klux Klan Activity be placed on the General Synod agenda. Mr. Myers called on the Rev. David L. Beebe (SE) to present the resolution. Mr. Beebe moved the adoption of the resolution. There was discussion, and it was

79-GS-94 VOTED: the Twelfth General Synod adopts