

SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 28

TITLE	ITEM	PROPOSER	ADVANCE MATERIALS
COMMITTEE ON THE CHURCH AND PERSONS WITH HANDICAPS			
The Church and Persons with Handicaps	Pronouncement	Board for Homeland Ministries	B
The Church and Persons with Handicaps	Proposal for Action	Board for Homeland Ministries	B
The Church and Persons with Disabilities	Other Motion	Council for Health and Welfare Services	II, p.125
COMMITTEE ON PRIORITIES			
Proposed Priorities	Other Motion	Executive Council	Booklet Proposed Priorities and II, 042
Goal Statements of Four Proposed Priorities (Supporting Document)	Other Action	Central Atlantic Conf.	

REFERRALS TO INSTRUMENTALITIES

The General Synod acknowledges the South Central Conference resolution on the UCC Office of Communication, and in light of the work of the Office of Communication's Planning and Correlation Committee which is examining policy and planning for that office, refers this resolution to the Office of Communication Directorate.

(Advance Materials II, page 109)

The Thirteenth General Synod receives with appreciation the "Resolution on Criminal Justice Funding" submitted by the Rev. Jonathon C. Tetherly (GS Delegate), Federated Church of Chicopee, Massachusetts, and refers it to the Commission for Racial Justice and the Office for Church In Society.

(Advance Materials II, page 100)

16. RESOLUTION ON NATIONAL STAFF

Mr. Bracke referred to Advance Materials II, page 110 to the resolution on national staff submitted by the Hartford Association of the Connecticut Conference and on behalf of the Executive Council moved its adoption. It was

81-GS-23 VOTED: The Thirteenth General Synod adopts the following resolution on national staff:

WHEREAS, decreased economic resources for the national church have resulted in dramatically increased work loads and responsibilities for fewer and fewer national staff; and

WHEREAS, national executive and program staff ministries require extensive travel, often more than 70% of their time, resulting in physical and emotional strain on them and their families; and

WHEREAS, national support and administrative staff often work long hours under difficult and demanding working conditions with low remuneration in high cost of living locations; and

WHEREAS, the commitment, competency, and lively Christian faith of the national staff provide resources and sustenance for the ongoing life and ministries of the United Church of Christ;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Thirteenth Gen-

eral Synod expresses its profound gratitude to the staff for their continuing service and leadership; and FURTHER, encourages conferences, associations, and local churches to hold the staff in their prayers and offer their support and appreciation.

17. RESOLUTION OF THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., FEDERAL HOLIDAY

Mr. Bracke referred to Advance Materials III, page 12 to the recommendation of the Executive Council concerning the resolution on the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Federal Holiday as submitted by the Illinois Conference and on behalf of the Executive Council moved its adoption as a reaffirmation of the Seventh General Synod vote 69-GS-90. It was

81-GS-24 VOTED: The Thirteenth General Synod adopts the following resolution on the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Federal Holiday as a reaffirmation of the Seventh General Synod vote 69-GS-90:

WHEREAS, The United Church of Christ has historically been an advocate for the poor, the oppressed, the enslaved, and for the equal rights and representation of all people; and

WHEREAS, the President and Congress of the United States of America are authorized to declare Federal Holidays for the commemoration of significant events and great leaders in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, the contribution of Black Americans to this country's development has gone largely unrecognized and unappreciated; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. uniquely calls attention to the exclusion of Black people from their rightful share in the American Dream as promised in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. consistently professed and acted out of Christian conviction and commitment to love and non-violent protest for the freeing of all people, winning the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, for his efforts:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Thirteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ calls