

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 28

TITLE	PROPOSER	MATERIALS
COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: THE TEACHING MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH Christian Education	Herbert Stemler, IS	V, p. 15
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COMMITTEE ON THE CHURCH AND PERSONS WITH HANDICAPS Easy Access for Handicapped/Disabled at G.S. 14 Support of the Church and Persons with Handicaps (Supporting Document)	Royal Goheen, ME Douglas Fowler, NY	V, p. 17
COMMITTEE ON PRIORITIES Revised Priority on Peace (Supporting Document)	David Gundlach, NY	

4. SUPPORT OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

Mr. Bracke referred to Advance Materials II, page 124, to the resolution submitted by the Coordinating Center for Women, supported by the Hawaii Conference, and on behalf of the Executive Council moved its adoption.

81-GS-27 VOTED: The Thirteenth General Synod adopts the following resolution on support of the Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment:

WHEREAS the Tenth, Eleventh, and Twelfth General Synods of the United Church of Christ adopted resolutions urging ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, ratification by an additional three states is necessary before June, 1982, in order for the amendment to become law;

THEREFORE, the Thirteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ:

1. Commends the President of the United Church of Christ, the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, the Office for Church in Society, and the Coordinating Center for Women in Church and Society for their efforts in working for ratification and urges them to intensify their efforts for ratification during this crucial period;
2. Directs the Executive Council and its committees and urges instrumentalities and other national bodies to plan to hold national meetings only in those states which have ratified the ERA until the ERA is ratified or until June 1982, whichever is earlier;
3. Directs that this action be conveyed to governors, state legislators, Chambers of Commerce, convention bureaus, and other relevant bodies in those states which have not ratified the ERA.

5. UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST DELEGATION IN SUPPORT OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT CANDLELIGHT VIGIL IN WASHINGTON, DC.

Mr. Bracke referred to Advance Materials V distributed to the delegates, page 8, to the resolution on United Church of Christ Delegation in Support of the Equal Rights Amendment Candlelight Vigil in

Washington, DC, submitted by Harriet McGeehan (PNE) and on behalf of the Business Committee moved its adoption. There was discussion on the motion, with delegates speaking for and against the motion, and it was

81-GS-28 VOTED: The Thirteenth General Synod adopts the following resolution on United Church of Christ Delegation in Support of the Equal Rights Amendment Candlelight Vigil in Washington, DC:

WHEREAS, Tuesday June 30, 1981, marks the beginning of the final year for ratification of the ERA; and

WHEREAS, all communities of faith are called to take urgent and extraordinary steps to make visible their support for ratification of the ERA during this final year; and

WHEREAS, a national vigil in Washington, DC is planned for the night of Tuesday June 30, 1981, to symbolically begin a year of intensified ratification efforts; and

WHEREAS, the United Church of Christ has historically been committed to the ratification of the ERA and will be in session as General Synod 13 during the national vigil;

THEREFORE, the United Church of Christ makes its commitment visible by requesting the President of the United Church of Christ to appoint a delegation of persons to travel to Washington to participate in our behalf in the June 30th vigil and to share their experience with the Synod before its adjournment on Wednesday, July 1, 1981, and that delegates and visitors to the Thirteenth General Synod be given the opportunity to make voluntary financial contributions to underwrite the expenses of the delegation.

6. REPORT ON NEW INITIATIVES IN CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

The Moderator recognized the Rev. Milton Gockley, Coordinator of Financial Planning and Development of the Stewardship Council, for a presentation of the New Initiatives in Church Development (NICD) program. The report included the use of audio-visual materials and statements by representatives of the Stewardship