

6. Greater attention to special educational needs of Blacks, Asians, Hispanics, Native Americans, Pacific Islanders, elderly, and disabled persons.
7. Careful attention to education for effective social action in response to global realities and social mobility.
8. Special effort to recognize the inter-relationship between the teaching and preaching ministries.

The Thirteenth General Synod declares that Christ calls us to teach the gospel to the ends of the earth, and we recognize the power of the Holy Spirit to work in and through our lives in the teaching ministry of the Church, and the Church has sought to teach Christians to think, speak, and act by its unique precepts and ethical principles, and a new vision and varied methods are called for to transform individuals and society to revitalize this essential function of the Church, and

THEREFORE, the concerns, issues and needs herein contained be directed to the appropriate instrumentalities and other national bodies, conferences, associations and local churches of the United Church of Christ for study and action.

9. PROPOSAL FOR ACTION RELATED TO THE PRONOUNCEMENT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: THE TEACHING MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

Ms. Anderson continued with the report and moved the adoption of the Proposal for Action. It was

81-GS-36 VOTED: The Thirteenth General Synod adopts the Proposal for Action related to the Pronouncement on Christian Education: The Teaching Ministry of the Church.

PROPOSAL FOR ACTION

WHEREAS, the Thirteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ has adopted the Pronouncement, "*Christian Education: The Teaching Ministry of the Church*," and

WHEREAS, this Pronouncement has raised a number of important concerns, issues and needs to be addressed by the Church,

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

1. recommends Christian Education and the issues and needs highlighted in the Pronouncement, "*Christian Education: The Teaching Ministry of the Church*" be considered in the priority process of the Fourteenth General Synod.
2. calls on local churches, conferences, and the national instrumentalities to make the study of the Bible, church history, Christian thought and ethics, and the global reality an all-church endeavor involving the entire membership — adults as well as children and youth.
3. calls on local churches, conferences, the instrumentalities, and other national bodies to allocate greater financial support for Christian Education.
4. calls on the Board for Homeland Ministries, the

Office for Church Life and Leadership, Church-related colleges, and closely related seminaries to study, clarify and report to the next General Synod on the training, authorizing and certifying of pastors and teachers, Christian educators, and leaders of UCC outdoor ministry conference centers.

5. calls on local churches and conferences to increase efforts to recruit and support persons to participate in outdoor ministry events, as excellent opportunities for intensive and ecological education.
6. calls on conferences to creatively address the issues of the real costs of maintenance, expansion, and quality leadership for outdoor ministry sites and programs.
7. calls on the Board for Homeland Ministries to provide leadership and materials for new initiatives in fostering faith development, providing educational resources for Black, Hispanic, Asian, Native Americans, Pacific Islanders, elderly, and disabled persons, and providing more bilingual resources.
8. calls the Church to renewed effort to develop youth ministry at the local, conference and national levels, supporting the enthusiasm engendered at the 1980 National Youth Event.
9. calls upon the Board for Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ to strengthen the volunteer in-service year program administered by the UCBHM in cooperation with the Conferences and local churches.
10. calls upon the Office for Church Life and Leadership and the Board for Homeland Ministries to provide leadership training programs and resources which better understand and utilize the educational opportunities in the liturgical forms and seasons of the Church.
11. calls on the closely related seminaries to the UCC and Conferences to provide continuing educational opportunities for volunteer and professional leaders.
12. calls on the Office for Church Life and Leadership to include in the professional profile forms questions and ratings that provide opportunities for pastors and educators to indicate their experience, training and skill in Christian education.
13. calls upon the local churches to give equal consideration to the compensation of teaching and preaching ministers in order to recognize the comparable value of both functions while taking into consideration education, experience, and other factors.

10. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROPOSAL FOR ACTION ON THE CHURCH AND PERSONS WITH HANDICAPS

The Moderator recognized Mr. Royal Goheen (ME), chairperson of the Committee on The Church and Persons with Handicaps for the report. Mr. Goheen explained that because the Eleventh General Synod had adopted a Pronouncement on the Handicapped and the Twelfth General Synod had adopted a resolution on