

trate his remarks. At the conclusion of the Bible study there was applause of appreciation to Dr. Hammer.

3. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS 232 and 233

The Moderator recognized the Rev. John Bracke, Chairperson of the Executive Council. Mr. Bracke referred to the document on Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws mailed to the delegates, to the recommendation of the Executive Council on page 13 and moved the adoption of the amendment to Bylaws 232 and 233 with the addition of the following language at the end of each Bylaw: "The effective date of this Bylaw amendment shall be such date as is set by an affirmative majority vote of the Executive Council." Mr. Bracke explained that the recommended language to follow each Bylaw is desirable since the Executive Council has been holding conversations with the Council for Health and Welfare Services and the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries about the future of Health and Welfare ministries in the United Church of Christ. It is out of these conversations that the Bylaw amendments are proposed. However, the negotiations are still in process. Therefore, it is necessary to add the delay in the effective date of the Bylaws. It is the expectation of the Executive Council that the negotiations will be completed before the Fourteenth General Synod and therefore provides for the date for the Bylaws to be in effect. It was

81-GS-56 VOTED: The Thirteenth General Synod amends paragraphs 232 and 233 of the Bylaws of the United Church of Christ to include the following language at the end of each Bylaw: "The effective date of this Bylaw amendment shall be such date as is set by an affirmative majority vote of the Executive Council," and to read as follows:

232 The Council for Health and Welfare Services shall be composed of institutions operating in those fields which indicate their desire to be recognized as related to the United Church of Christ and which are accepted by the Council as conforming to its standards. The Council shall organize with its own Directorate and officers. The Executive Vice President of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries and the General Secretary of the Division for Health and Welfare shall be members of the Directorate. The Council shall be administratively related to the General Synod through the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries and accountable to the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries in matters of program implementation and fund raising, this provision not precluding the Council's right of direct access to the Executive Council and to the General Synod concerning any matters in which it may feel that its interests in program or budget require the exercise of such access.

(The effective date of this Bylaw amendment shall be such date as is set by an affirmative majority vote of the Executive Council.)

233 The Council for Health and Welfare Services shall devote itself, in cooperation with the Division of Health and Welfare Services of the United Church

Board for Homeland Ministries, to the study, planning and implementation of a program of health and welfare ministries for the United Church of Christ, including the relation of benevolent institutions to the Church, to each other, and to interdenominational agencies operating in this field.

(The effective date of this Bylaw amendment shall be such date as is set by an affirmative majority vote of the Executive Council.)

4. REPORT OF SECTION B – RESOLUTION ON AFFIRMING THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF YOUTH MINISTRY IN THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Moderator recognized Mrs. Patricia Ross (CPC), Chairperson of Section B for the report. Mrs. Ross indicated the order in which the 9 items considered by the Section would be reported and moved the adoption of the Resolution on Affirming the Continued Support of Youth Ministry in the United Church of Christ. There was discussion, and it was

81-GS-57 VOTED: The Thirteenth General Synod adopts the Resolution on Affirming Continued Support of Youth Ministry in the United Church of Christ.

RESOLUTION ON AFFIRMING THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF YOUTH MINISTRY IN THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

WHEREAS, the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries sponsored the National Youth Event at Carlton College in Northfield, Minnesota in June, 1980, which brought together over 1,500 youth and young adults from all 39 of our Conferences; and

WHEREAS, the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries sponsored the Under-30 Delegate Orientation during the two days preceding the 13th General Synod, which prepared the attending delegates for active participation in the General Synod process; and

WHEREAS, the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries has a Secretary for Youth Ministry and a Secretary for Young Adults as staff persons in the Division of Christian Education with responsibility for ministry with Youth and Young Adults; and

WHEREAS, those staff persons aided by Brenda Gorrell Pyatt, who served as a consultant to the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, have been instrumental in coordinating efforts which brought approximately 300 youth visitors to the 13th General Synod;

THEREFORE, the Thirteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ affirms and commends the efforts of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, which includes sponsorship of the 1980 National Youth Event, sponsorship of youth visitors to the Thirteenth General Synod, and the incorporation and cultivation of youth and young adults of the United Church of Christ into active participation in Christ's Church.

The Thirteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ urges the United Church Board for Homeland

Ministries to continue to expand its ongoing program with youth and young adults and to sponsor recurring regional and national youth gatherings (e.g., quadrennial national youth gatherings, quadrennial regional youth gatherings and biennial General Synod youth participation).

The Thirteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ urges the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries to explore new areas where programming is necessary to more fully speak to the issues affecting youth and young adults in the United Church of Christ and our society.

5. RESOLUTION ON SUPPORT FOR SEMINARIANS IN-CARE OF ASSOCIATIONS

Mrs. Ross moved the adoption of the Resolution on Support for Seminarians In-Care of Associations.

The Moderator recognized Marvin Morgan (Business Committee) who moved to amend the motion by adding a 3rd paragraph to the resolved section of the resolution to read: "The Thirteenth General Synod requests the Office for Church Life and Leadership study the current urgent financial needs of minority seminarians and prepare for presentation to the Fourteenth General Synod a comprehensive plan for special funding for minority seminarians." There was discussion and upon being put to a vote the motion to amend was lost. It was

81-GS-58 VOTED: The Thirteenth General Synod adopts the Resolution on Support for Seminarians In-Care of Associations.

RESOLUTION ON SUPPORT FOR SEMINARIANS IN-CARE OF ASSOCIATIONS

WHEREAS, the United Church of Christ has historically and meaningfully supported seminarians in their quest for a theological education;

WHEREAS, financial resources are available but frequently unknown to seminarians;

WHEREAS, the cost of a seminary education is rising at least as fast as the current inflation level;

WHEREAS, we recognize the limitations that inflation has placed on the ability of the Office for Church Life and Leadership to offer direct financial support; and

WHEREAS, the primary responsibility for Church leadership rests with the local congregations and associations;

THEREFORE, the Thirteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ urges the Office for Church Life and Leadership to join with Conferences, Associations, local Congregations and other ministries to creatively develop and distribute resources and financial support for Seminarians In-Care of Associations within the United Church of Christ including, but not limited to the collation and distribution of information concerning sources of financial aid;

The Thirteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ urges Conferences, Associations, local Congregations and other ministries to respond to the needs

of Seminarians by creating and developing financial assistance for Seminarians In-Care of Associations within the United Church of Christ.

6. RESOLUTION ON OUTDOOR MINISTRIES

Mrs. Ross moved the adoption of the Resolution on Outdoor Ministries. It was

81-GS-59 VOTED: The Thirteenth General Synod the Resolution on Outdoor Ministries.

OUTDOOR MINISTRIES

WHEREAS, Outdoor Ministry has been and continues to be a vital component in the educational ministry of the United Church of Christ where significant life commitments and faith postures are developed; and

WHEREAS, a sizable number of future church leaders, both ordained and lay, have felt challenged and called to Christian life and service, in part, as a result of Outdoor Ministry experiences; and

WHEREAS, Outdoor Ministry takes place in a setting uniquely conducive to the addressing of some major crisis areas in the life of the global community, affording the opportunity of experimentation and modeling individual, family, congregational, and community lifestyles which may represent a faithful response to God and a loving relationship to others now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, There is an increasing number of our United Church family involved at our seventy conference and association owned sites, as participants, as volunteer leaders, as Outdoor Ministry site managers and as conference staff;

THEREFORE, The Thirteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ urges local church pastors and church educators be encouraged to increase efforts to recruit and support (a) participants for Outdoor Ministry and (b) to recruit competent and committed persons of all ages to serve as counselors, directors/deans, and committee members of Outdoor Ministry activities.

Conference Ministers and Conference Boards responsible for Outdoor Ministry programs be encouraged to increase efforts to promote and support Outdoor Ministry activities by providing staff leadership and facilitative services, to more intentionally and emphatically address the concerns of costs, recruitment of leadership, major maintenance/repairs/expansion to mesh with camping trends, by developing both an evaluative study and a plan of action, and

The Board for Homeland Ministries be encouraged to provide a full time consultant/staff person ready to respond to requests by conferences, through its National Advisory Committee on Outdoor Ministries, continue to provide guidance and leadership for the National Outdoor Ministry Information Center at Defiance College, provide continued leadership in developing and publishing new curriculum resources for Outdoor Ministry, include Outdoor Ministry in its efforts to communicate and interpret the total educational ministry of the church to its conferences, associations, congregations, and members, and