

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