

ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

industrial development cry out for resources; and
WHEREAS, at a tremendous fiscal, economic and social cost this act increases the fears and visions of war which fuel the probability of nuclear conflagration;

THEREFORE, The Executive Council, acting ad interim for the Fourteenth General Synod:

1. Urges the congregations, Associations, and Conferences of the United Church of Christ to support government policies and programs which stress the prevention rather than the preparation for nuclear war; and
2. Requests the Office for Church in Society to call upon the President and Congress to redirect those resources proposed for a nuclear civil defense program toward the more important need for peace and justice in our country.

8. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A JUST WORLD ORDER

VOTED 83 6 EC 16a: The Executive Council, acting ad interim for the Fourteenth General Synod, refers the resolution "In Support of a Just World Order" to the Office for Church in Society for consideration and use with the Peace Priority.

9. RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE OPERA COMPANY OF BOSTON AND PHILIPPINES

VOTED 83 6 EC 17a: The Executive Council, acting ad interim for the Fourteenth General Synod, refers the resolution "Concerning the Opera Company of Boston and the Philippines" to the United Church Board for World Ministries for appropriate action.

10. RESOLUTION ON MIDDLE EAST

VOTED 83 6 EC 18a: The Executive Council, acting ad interim for the Fourteenth General Synod, refers the resolution on "Middle East" to the United Church Board for World Ministries for appropriate action.

11. RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE DRAFT AND THE SOLOMON AMENDMENT TO THE MILITARY APPROPRIATIONS ACT

VOTED 83 6 EC 19a: The Executive Council, acting ad interim for the Fourteenth General Synod, refers the resolution on "Concerning the Draft and the Solomon Amendment to the Military Appropriations Act" to the Office for Church in Society and the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries for appropriate action.

12. RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ARMENIAN QUESTION

VOTED 83 6 EC 20a: The Executive Council receives the resolution "Regarding the Armenian Question" referred to it by the Fourteenth General Synod and extends to the Armenian people, and in particular the Armenian congregations and members of the United Church of Christ, deep sympathy and understanding in regard to the genocidal persecution experienced by this people in the early decades of this century. And further, the Executive Council requests the United Church Board for World Ministries to study this history in collaboration with our Armenian constituency and

to propose to the Executive Council positive steps towards justice in the historical account and towards peace and reconciliation in this matter.

13. RESOLUTION ON THE 1983 JOBS, PEACE AND FREEDOM MARCH ON WASHINGTON, D.C.

VOTED 83 6 EC 21a: The Executive Council, acting ad interim for the Fourteenth General Synod, receives and adopts the resolution "The 1983 Jobs, Peace and Freedom March on Washington, D.C." as follows:

WHEREAS, we, too, have a dream and a faith that "Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain; and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together;" and

WHEREAS, Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you;" and

WHEREAS, in our society today there is insufferable unemployment, an escalating arms race, and the denial of basic rights and programs to ensure freedom for all; and

WHEREAS, global military spending consumes vast resources needed to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and shelter the homeless; and

WHEREAS, the militarization of internal conflicts, massive arms exports, and military intervention must be resisted; and

WHEREAS, the call for freedom also is a call to resist the rising tide of extremism reflected in the rebirth of brutalities of the Ku Klux Klan, neo-Nazis, and, in some places, law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 1963 more than 250,000 people, including many United Church of Christ members, participated in the historic March on Washington, D.C. for Jobs and Freedom at which Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech; and

WHEREAS, civil rights, religious, labor union and peace leaders have issued a call to the nation for a new Coalition of Conscience for Jobs, Peace and Freedom and a commemorative March on Washington on August 27, 1983.

THEREFORE, the Executive Council, acting ad interim for the Fourteenth General Synod, calls upon members of the congregations, Associations, Conferences, the Office for Church in Society, Commission for Racial Justice, and other national bodies of the United Church of Christ to join the mobilization of a new Coalition of Conscience and to:

1. March on Washington on August 27, 1983 to reaffirm the dream of jobs, peace, and freedom for all God's people.
2. Work to pass legislation designating January 15 as a national holiday in honor of the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr.
3. Work on national, state, and local levels to make the "jobs, peace, and freedom" dream a reality.