

Urges the Office of Church in Society, the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, the Office of Communication and UCBWM to provide appropriate news and information through existing publication during the biennium to the churches and Conferences, regarding human rights and the U.S. involvement and responsibility for the present condition of the Philippines.

35. RESOLUTION ON SAVING REFUGEES CAMPS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Mr. Albert continued the report of Section I, referred the delegates to Advance Materials VI, to the Section report, and moved the adoption of the Resolution on Saving Refugees Camps in Southeast Asia noting the change in the title of the resolution and other changes including words underlined for emphasis. There was discussion.

The Moderator recognized Calixto Sodoy (SC) who moved to amend the motion by inserting the word "refugee" in paragraph 6 just before the word "family" and by deleting the phrase "from Southeast Asia." There was discussion. Upon being put to a vote the motion to amend was lost.

The Moderator recognized Richard Gordon (HI) who moved to amend the motion by inserting the phrase "through Church World Service" following the word "missions" in paragraph 7. There was discussion. A motion to terminate debate on the motion to amend and the main motion was adopted. Upon being put to a vote, the motion to amend the motion was lost. It was

83 GS 88 VOTED: The Fourteenth General Synod adopts the Resolution on Saving Refugees Camps in South East Asia.

RESOLUTION ON SAVING REFUGEES CAMPS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

WHEREAS, 85,000 Cambodians still remain in refugee camps on the border in Thailand in constant danger for their lives and they have been waiting three years for resettlement opportunity and our Lord says: "Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my bretheren, you have done it unto me" (Mt 25:40);

WHEREAS, the United Church of Christ congregations throughout America are part of a tradition that welcomes strangers: "and Jesus said: When you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame and the blind and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you;" (Luke 14:13,14)

WHEREAS, many thousands of these refugees have mothers and fathers, sons and daughters already waiting in the United States and General Synod has proclaimed the family as a priority;

WHEREAS, many of these people face certain death if not resettled this year;

The Fourteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ, after pausing for reflection and prayer, states its deep concern for the refugees in Southeast Asia who have suffered so much and waited so long and who have legitimate claim to refugee status.

The Fourteenth General Synod *urges the congregations to welcome these strangers, offering to sponsor a family from Southeast Asia during 1983, providing housing,*

employment and other opportunities for newly settled families.

The Fourteenth General Synod supports and encourages ecumenical missions which would visit and be a channel of God's love to the homeless in Refugee Camps in Southeast Asia.

The Board for World Ministries is urged to give leadership to this effort inviting the financial support of Conferences and local churches.

36. RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ARMENIAN QUESTION

Mr. Albert continued the report of Section I, referred the delegates to Advance Material V, pages 134-135, to the New Business Document, Part I, pages 19-20, to the Section report and moved the adoption of the Resolution regarding the Armenian Question. There was discussion.

The Moderator recognized Noel Gelm (IS) who moved to amend the motion by adding a new WHEREAS paragraph #9 to read "Whereas it is desirable that the Armenian and Turkish people explore their history in open and peaceful dialogue with a view toward reconciliation," and deferred to William Koshua, Conference Minister of the Illinois South Conference, who spoke to the motion to amend the motion. A motion to terminate debate on the motion to amend was adopted. A call for the Order of the Day was approved and the Moderator indicated that the Resolution Regarding the Armenian Question is referred to the Executive Council.

37. ELECTION RESULTS

The Moderator called on Secretary Evans who gave the election results for the United Church Board for World Ministries.

Clergy

- J. Alan McLean (CT)
- Sally L. Palmer (RM)
- Lyman G. Potter (CT)
- Dale B. Rosenberger (IL)
- Herbert R. Schaal (MT)
- Franklin F. Schaffer (PNE)
- Robert K. Thompson (OH)
- Richard M. Vaught (OH)
- Robert F. Beck (OH)
- Beth P. Clark (PC)
- David J. Dean (VT)
- D. Jeffrey Dietrich (NH)
- Nancy L. Elder (MA)
- Susan R. Emmons (CT)
- William M. Everhart (SOC)
- Jerry P. Hankins (MI)
- Kris A. Hayden (IK)
- Edward K. Heininger (IA)
- Charles L. Heuser (CAL.S)
- John M. Irvine, Jr. (CAC)
- James H. Konrad (IL)
- Raymond Kuhlenschmidt (IS)
- Jose A. Malayang (MI)
- Phil H. Mark (HI)
- Scott B. Martin (KO)

Laymen

- Ismael Garcia (IL)
- Andrew R. Gustafson (MA)
- Robert E. Hoke (MI)
- Sheldon W. King (IL)
- Randy Major, Jr. (VT)
- E. Willard Miller (PC)
- E. P. Neuenschwander (OH)
- Roberto H. Rodriguez (OH)
- R. Gerald Saylor (IL)
- Keith A. Scheffler (WI)
- Dennis L. Schwab (IA)
- Marvin Stille (IS)
- Deane A. Unl (CAL.S)
- David A. Wells (SOC)
- Delane E. Welsch (MN)
- John Whitcomb (IA)
- James W. White (OH)
- Victor Woolridge (MA)
- Clifford Alike (CAL.N)
- Mark H. Behle (MN)
- George F. L. Bishop (RM)
- Ronald S. Bonner (IL)
- William R. Brinker (OH)
- Emerson A. Castillo (CAL.N)
- Carl A. Fisher (KO)

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

1. Reaffirms its solidarity with all of the people of South Africa in the pursuit of freedom and justice;
2. Recognizing that economic support of and investment in South Africa can contribute to the maintenance of the apartheid system:
 - a. Calls upon all individuals and organizations in the United Church of Christ to monitor closely their investments in corporations and banks operating in South Africa and to pursue strategies, negotiations, and stockholder actions that urge corporations and financial institutions to desist from supporting apartheid and to promote actively social change;
 - b. Requests that to the greatest extent feasible corporate social responsibility initiatives by United Church of Christ agencies be undertaken in partnership with the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa, including
 - consultation in the formulation of objectives, priorities, and strategies;
 - joint monitoring of and discussions with corporations operating in South Africa;
 - sharing of resources and personnel through the United Church Board for World Ministries to enable the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa to participate in the partnership;
 - c. Recommends that until there is an end to the apartheid system, the corporate social responsibility initiatives with regard to South Africa seek to persuade corporations:
 - not to sell to the government, particularly the police and military, goods or services which could enhance its ability to oppress its citizens;
 - to desist from new or additional investment in South Africa, particularly in the so-called “homelands”;
 - to decline to expand operations;
 - actively to support non-white union organization;
 - to take public positions opposing the apartheid system;
 - to take vigorous leadership in programs to qualify, train, and upgrade non-white workers to equip them for positions of responsibility and leadership and significantly to increase opportunities provided for education, community betterment, and access to medical and social services;
 - d. Recommends that church investors press any U.S. corporation operating in South Africa to withdraw if its continued presence in South Africa significantly contributes to the maintenance of the apartheid system.
 - e. Recommends that, if corporate social responsibility initiatives are pursued over a prolonged period without changing the policies of particular corporations which are supportive of the apartheid system, that church investors then consider divestment;
 - f. Commends those banks and corporations that have examined their involvement and its social consequences and have adopted policies to refrain from

additional investment or operations and/or to actively promote social change;

- g. Urges individuals, congregations conferences and instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ to exert pressure on United States banks and financial institutions to refrain from underwriting or making loans to the government of South Africa, its agencies, or parastatal corporations;
 - h. Recommends that individuals, congregations, conferences, and Instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ, insofar as practicable deposit funds and maintain accounts in financial institutions that have established policies that preclude future loans to the government of South Africa, any of its agencies, or parastatal corporations;
 - i. Urges that individual members the United Church of Christ refrain from purchasing Krugerrands; the South African gold coin.
3. Calls upon the United States government, acting separately and in cooperation with the United Nations, to uphold vigorously the arms embargo.
 4. Calls upon the United States government to:
 - a. Enforces stringently existing export regulations to South Africa;
 - b. Repeals the 1982 liberalization of export regulations to South Africa which lifts the ban on sales of “non-military” items, such as computers, airplanes, and helicopters, to the South African government and agencies, including the military and police;
 - c. Refuses to authorize licenses for the sale of high technology and strategic equipment;
 - d. Cuts off all nuclear exports to South Africa and prohibit the nuclear training of South Africans at U.S. government nuclear facilities;
 - e. Implements the 1978 Evans Amendment restricting Export-Import Bank guarantees of credit for South Africa;
 - f. Opposes further loans by the International Monetary Fund to South Africa on the grounds that the apartheid system precludes rational and equitable economic development.
 5. Calls upon its entire constituency to do all in its power to end the theologically and morally indefensible system of apartheid.

28. RESOLUTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE RESPONSE OF THE CHURCH

The Moderator called on Mr. Burton Albert (CT), Chairperson of Section I, to continue the report. Mr. Albert referred the delegates to Advance Materials V, pages 162-166, to the Section report, and moved the adoption of the Resolution on Human Rights and the Response of the Church.

29. RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ARMENIAN QUESTION

The Moderator recognized Noel Gehm (IL) for a point of order, who indicated that when this Section was in the process of reporting at the previous session, time ran out as the Resolution Regarding the Armenian Question was being

discussed, and therefore it should be the first item as Section I continues to report.

The Moderator indicated that the point of order was well taken and that the Resolution Regarding the Armenian Question takes precedence and is now before the General Synod for discussion and action. There was discussion. Debate was terminated and the General Synod adopted the amendment and the main motion on the Armenian Question.

The Moderator recognized Bennie Whiten (IL), who moved to reconsider the vote on the Armenian Question for the purpose of referring the matter to the Executive Council. Upon being put to a vote, the General Synod adopted the motion to reconsider the Resolution Regarding the Armenian Question.

The Moderator recognized Mr. Whiten, who moved that the Resolution Regarding the Armenian Question be referred to the Executive Council for further study and work. It was

83 GS 104 VOTED: The Fourteenth General Synod refers the Resolution Regarding the Armenian Question to the Executive Council for further study and work.

30. RESOLUTION ON WORSHIP TEST DOCUMENTS

The Moderator called on John Esbenshade (PC), Chairperson, to continue the report of Section V. Mr. Esbenshade referred the delegates to Advance Materials VI, page 14, to the Section report, moved the adoption of the Resolution on Worship Test Documents, and called on Martha Mehl (MO), Chairperson of the small group that considered this resolution, to speak to the motion. There was discussion.

The Moderator recognized Brad Lutz (PSE), who moved to amend the motion by adding the following words to the end of the resolution: "and that the Office of Church Life and Leadership report the final form of the Book of Worship to the General Synod for action before final printing." There was discussion. A motion to terminate debate was adopted. Upon being put to a vote, the motion to amend was lost. It was

83 GS 105 VOTED: The Fourteenth General Synod adopts the Resolution on Worship Test Documents.

RESOLUTION ON WORSHIP TEST DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, Worship has always been a most important and vital aspect of the Christian faith and community; and

WHEREAS, The Eleventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ requested that the Office of Church Life and Leadership develop, if feasible, a Book of Worship for the United Church of Christ, using inclusive language;

WHEREAS, the Office of Church Life and Leadership has done much by way of preparation on the test documents completed early in 1982; and

WHEREAS, some churches, Associations and Conferences are still in the process of studying testing and responding to these worship documents.

THEREFORE, the Fourteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ requests the Office of Church Life and Leadership to encourage churches, Associations and Conferences to submit responses to the test documents of

the proposed Book of Worship until conclusion of the manuscript preparation process, and that this request be conveyed at the earliest possible date.

31. RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE BOOK OF WORSHIP

Mr. Esbenshade continued the report of Section V and referred the delegates to Advance Materials V, page 131 to the Resolution Concerning the Proposed Adaptions of Holy Scripture in the Proposed Book of Worship, to the New Business document, part II, page 38, to the Resolution on Use of Scripture in the Proposed Services of Worship and to the resolution submitted by Leatha Archer (PC). Mr. Esbenshade moved that these three resolutions be referred to the Office for Church Life and Leadership and called on Lambert Altemose (PNE), Chairperson of the small group that considered these resolutions, to speak to the motion. There was no discussion, and it was

83 GS 106 VOTED: The Fourteenth General Synod refers to the Office for Church Life and Leadership the Resolution Concerning the Proposed Adaptions of Holy Scripture in the Proposed Book of Worship, the Resolution on Use of Scripture in the Proposed Services of Worship and the resolution submitted by Leatha Archer on behalf of the Penn Central Conference.

32. RESOLUTION ON A THEOLOGICAL COUNCIL

Mr. Esbenshade continued the report and referred the delegates to the Section report to the item concerning the Resolution on a Theological Council submitted by George Fitz (PSE) and moved that it be referred to the Office for Church Life and Leadership.

The Moderator recognized Brad Lutz (PSE), who moved to amend the motion to refer, "that the Fourteenth General Synod refers the resolution on the Theological Council to the Office for Church Life and Leadership and requests the Office for Church Life and Leadership to develop a plan of implementation for report and action at the Fifteenth General Synod in 1985." A motion to terminate debate on the motion to amend was adopted. Upon being put to a vote, the motion to amend was lost. It was

83 GS 107 VOTED: The Fourteenth General Synod refers the Resolution on a Theological Council submitted by George Fitz (PSE) to the Office for Church Life and Leadership.

33. GREETINGS TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

The Moderator called on President Post who indicated that the National Association of the Congregational Christian Churches was meeting in Lansing, Michigan, and he would send the following greeting from the Fourteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ:

"The Fourteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 24-28, 1983, sends greetings to our sisters and brothers in faith gathered in the biennial meeting of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches, meeting in East Lansing, Michigan. We wish you grace, mercy, and peace, and thank God for our common life in Jesus Christ."