

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."