

Rev. Mineo Katagiri for the Rev. David W. Rees, the Rev. Edward Carney for the Rev. Laurence A. Washburn, and the Rev. James F. Merseberg for the Rev. David Yoshito Hirano.

4. ELECTION OF A TELLER TO FILL A VACANCY

The Moderator called on Ms. Baumer who reported that one of the Tellers who had been elected the previous day, Esther Valencia (SW) had become ill and has been taken to the hospital and therefore a replacement would be needed. Ms. Baumer assured the Synod that she would report on Ms. Valencia's condition as soon as word was received. Ms. Baumer recommended Mrs. Sally Hayward (PW) to fill this vacancy. She moved and it was

83 GS 19 VOTED: The Fourteenth General Synod elects Mrs. Sally Hayward (PW) as a Teller to fill the vacancy created by the illness of Mrs. Esther Valencia (SW).

5. WORSHIP REFLECTION

The Moderator called on the Rev. Sarah Bentley to lead the Synod in worship reflection.

6. CREATION OF A SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMISSION RELATED TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The Moderator called for the Order of the Day and recognized the Rev. Martha Baumer, Chairperson of the Business Committee, who read the Executive Council's recommendation relating to the proposed Special Advisory Commission as it relates to health and human services. Ms. Baumer moved the adoption of the recommendation and called on Mrs. Susan Dickerman of the Business Committee to speak to the issue. There were observations and questions about the Special Advisory Commission. A motion to terminate discussion was adopted and it was

83 GS 20 VOTED: The Fourteenth General Synod instructs the Executive Council to provide for a Special Advisory Commission (as per Bylaw 208) to determine the mission of the United Church of Christ as it relates to health and human services, to describe the biblical/theological base for the statement of that mission, and to give attention to how the mission will be implemented in conformity with Article 56 of the United Church of Christ Constitution. The Special Advisory Commission shall determine the relationship, if any, between the Council for Health and Human Services Ministries and the United Church of Christ. The Special Advisory Commission shall complete its work so the Executive Council can report to the Fifteenth General Synod the findings and recommendations for action. The Fourteenth General Synod refers to the Special Advisory Commission any resolutions on health and human services sent in advance of General Synod, and resolutions on health and human services presented as new business to this General Synod.

Ms. Baumer stated that the Executive Council is concerned that while the Special Advisory Commission does its work, there will need to be a provision made so that the work of the former Council will continue and that no services will be discontinued during the biennium. Ms. Baumer moved and it was

83 GS 21 VOTED: The Fourteenth General Synod authorizes the Executive Council to provide for appropriate functions previously carried out by the Council for Health

and Welfare Services either by performing these functions or assigning them to an appropriate body until the Fifteenth General Synod.

7. OPENING HEARING ON THE BIENNIAL BUDGETS

The Moderator declared the Fourteenth General Synod to be in recess until after the open hearing on the biennial budget, but no later than 12:00 noon. The Moderator called on Mrs. Baumer of the Business Committee to conduct the open hearing and who stated that this was the time for delegates to ask questions and make comments about the budget, which would be voted on on Tuesday afternoon. She further stated that because the Synod was in a "hearing mode" there would be no particular rules, but she hoped that because of the time limitation, delegates would keep their questions and comments to three minutes each. She stated that among the people on the platform to respond to questions was Gary D. Bryant, Chairperson of the Planning and Correlation Committee, and William R. Baran, Chairperson of the Finance and Budget Committee of the Executive Council. Also, available on the floor to come to a microphone and respond were the Instrumentality executives and heads of agencies. The Report on the Biennial Budgets is printed in Advance Materials V.

Ms. Baumer called on Mr. Bryant who described the relation of the Planning and Correlation Committee and the Finance and Budget Committee and the procedures used for preparing and presenting the biennial budgets to the General Synod. Questions concerning the biennial budgets were raised and responded to by members of the Business Committee. The open hearing was concluded at 11:50 a.m.

8. SYNOD CALLED TO ORDER

Assistant Moderator Rev. Carl F. Schroer called the Synod to order and called on the Rev. Martha Baumer of the Business Committee.

9. A.D. MAGAZINE

Ms. Baumer directed the delegates to the Report of the June 23, 1983 Actions of the Executive Council, page 1, to the recommendation on the suspension of publication of A.D. Magazine, and moved its adoption. It was

83 GS 22 VOTED: The Fourteenth General Synod affirms that the suspension of the publication of A.D. Magazine presents the United Church of Christ with the need and the opportunity for a review by the Executive Council of policy and practice in relation to internal communications. The Fourteenth General Synod requests the Executive Council:

1. to conduct and coordinate such a review in consultation with the Instrumentalities and other national bodies and the Council of Conference Ministers. Such a review would include consideration of the needs of churches and their members.
2. to explore options and to develop plans and strategies, in consultation with the appropriate bodies, with the goal of achieving greater correlation and cooperation in the denomination's work in this area.
3. to report to the Fifteenth General Synod including in its report any recommendations on matters requiring General Synod action.
4. to preserve throughout the 1984-85 biennium the capacity to fund internal communications from the Bien-