

phrase "in order to reach a goal of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) for Our Christian World Mission Basic Support by the year 1993." There was discussion and upon being put to a vote, the motion to amend was lost.

The Moderator recognized Melvin Witmer (NY) who moved to amend the motion by adding to the list of items a #10 to read: "directs the Stewardship Council to never, ever, use the letters O.C.W.M., but to always use the words "Our Christian World Mission." There was discussion and upon being put to a vote, the motion to amend was adopted.

The Moderator recognized Sharon Solt (NY) who moved to amend the motion by substituting the words in item #3 with "challenges individuals or families to give according to their means in order to reach a goal of at least 10 percent of the total income of the membership of the Church." There was discussion and upon being put to a vote, the motion to amend was lost.

The discussion continued on the motion and following the closing of debate, it was

83 GS 33 VOTED: The Fourteenth General Synod adopts as amended the Resolution on Stewardship.

RESOLUTION ON STEWARDSHIP

Believing that God calls each of us to use all the gifts we have been given—material possessions, money, time, energy, talents, this world, life itself, and God's gift of the Spirit—as instruments of service to others and signs of God's care, we see the need to grow in our own faith and faithfulness as stewards of these gifts.

Firmly rooted in the Biblical mandates about the use of money, we call on one another, as individuals and as congregations, to give proportionately and generously of our financial resources in order to strengthen and increase the mission and ministry of the United Church of Christ in all its parts: local congregations, Associations, Conferences, national Instrumentalities, boards, agencies, related institutions, and ecumenical partnerships.

Therefore, the 14th General Synod of the United Church of Christ

1) affirms intentional annual growth in all our giving for the ministry and mission of the Church by individuals or families and local congregations;

2) affirms an approach to giving based on a percentage of annual income;

3) challenges individuals or families to give at least 10 percent of their annual income for the ministry and mission of the Church;

4) suggests that in moving toward this challenge individuals or families determine the percentage of income represented by their present giving for the ministry and mission of the Church, and then increase it by at least one percentage point each year;

5) challenges local churches to give for Our Christian World Mission Basic Support an amount equal to at least 25 percent of current expenses;

6) suggests that in moving toward this challenge local churches determine the percentage of current expenses

represented by their present giving for Our Christian World Mission Basic Support, and then increase it by at least one percentage point each year;

7) encourages the Conferences, Associations and seminaries, in cooperation with the Stewardship Council, to engage in stewardship education and action with clergy, laity, and churches for more effective stewardship practices, leading to increased support for the total ministry of the Church;

8) encourages Conferences, Associations and churches, in cooperation with the Stewardship Council and the Commission on Development, to engage in programs to challenge persons to responsible stewardship of accumulated assets and deferred giving;

9) directs the Stewardship Council to develop and provide innovative resources to implement this Resolution on Stewardship; and

10) directs the Stewardship Council to never, ever, use the letters O.C.W.M., but to always use the words "Our Christian World Mission."

11) Further, we the delegates of the Fourteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ, covenant together to implement these guidelines in our own lives and churches.

7. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE FOR THE STUDY OF HUMAN SEXUALITY

The Moderator called on the Rev. Frank H. Dietz (SC) for the report of the Committee on the Report of the Task Force for the Study of Human Sexuality. Mr. Dietz referred to the report, the four recommendations of the Task Force for the Study of Human Sexuality, and to other related materials distributed at this General Synod. He reminded the delegates that the Task Force report had been distributed in Advance Materials I to the delegates and the churches of the United Church of Christ. The report had been studied widely across the Church with many responses sent to the Office of the Secretary. Additional input was given at the Committee Open Hearing on Thursday evening, June 23, and when the Committee began its work on Saturday, June 25. Mr. Dietz acknowledged the hard work of the Task Force chairperson, the Rev. Kenneth Taylor, and the members. He moved the adoption of the report of the Committee regarding the Report of the Task Force for the Study of Human Sexuality and explained that the report of the Committee is essentially the same as the recommendations of the Task Force with amendments and changes in language.

The Moderator recognized Barbara Weller, voice without vote representing the United Church People for Biblical Witness, who spoke against the adoption of the report.

The Moderator recognized W. Leonard Chapman (NY) who moved to amend the motion to permit discussion and vote on the recommendations one at a time. The Moderator indicated the motion was not debatable and when put to a vote, the motion to amend was lost.

The Moderator recognized Richard Beck (OH) who moved to amend the motion by deleting paragraph 4A on the second page and the "also" in paragraph B so that the remaining part of paragraph B will be added to the first paragraph in #4. There was discussion and upon being put to a vote, the motion to amend was lost.