

address directly images of violence against women in the media;

- the Board for World Ministries to search out reports concerning the relationship between violence against women and the global exploitation and subordination of women and children and to make the churches aware of that information;
- the Office for Church Life and Leadership to provide pastors with opportunities and resources to enable them to understand issues of violence against women and to initiate a dialogue with our closely related seminaries that would stimulate theological work and encourage preparation of students concerning the issue;
- the Stewardship Council to include in its interpretation of the mission of the whole Church, the Church's work in relation to Violence Against Women.

22. CREATION OF THE COUNCIL FOR RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINISTRIES (COREM)

The Moderator called on the Rev. Martha Baumer for a continuation of the report of the Executive Council. Ms. Baumer referred the delegates to Advance Materials V, page 36 to the recommendation in Vote 83-3-EC-39 of the Executive Council and to the background material in Advance Materials II, page 32. She moved the adoption of the recommendation and called on Mrs. Susan Dickerman of the Executive Council to speak to the motion. There was discussion. A motion to terminate debate was adopted, and it was

83 GS 43 VOTED: The Fourteenth General Synod creates the Council for Racial and Ethnic Ministries (COREM) and authorizes its purpose and organization as follows:

1. COREM shall be composed of two representatives each from the Pacific Island and Asian American Ministry (PAAM), the Council for Hispanic Ministries (CHM), the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM), United Black Christians (UBC), and Ministries for Racial and Social Justice (MRSJ), who shall be accountable to the groups who send them.

2. COREM shall be accountable to the Executive Council through the President's Office, report annually, and be evaluated biennially by a procedure established by the Executive Council. At the close of the 1986-87 biennium, the Executive Council will review the channel of accountability.

3. COREM shall provide a structural relationship to the United Church of Christ for PAAM and CHM, and the administrative relationship through which PAAM and CHM are funded for administrative purposes.

4. COREM shall meet twice each year, receive staff assistance from the President's Office and will not develop program.

5. COREM shall have at least the following purposes:

- a. Provide a place where the racial and ethnic groups can develop their common agenda.
- b. Collaborate with appropriate program and mission bodies of the United Church of Christ so that resources for racial and ethnic ministries will be effective and relevant.
- c. Discern appropriate ways by which the many and varied gifts of the racial and ethnic groups may be made

available to the United Church of Christ.

d. Advocate for the racial and ethnic concerns within the United Church of Christ.

6. COREM shall be funded through the Budget of General Synod so long as it is accountable to the Executive Council.

23. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS ON THE MEANING OF MINISTRY

Ms. Baumer continued the report of the Executive Council and referred to Advance Materials IV entitled "Proposals of the Executive Council to the 14th General Synod Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the United Church of Christ," page 7, and moved the adoption of the amendments to paragraphs 3, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26 and called on the Rev. Reuben Sheares II to speak to the motion. Mr. Sheares referred to the action of the Thirteenth General Synod which returned the proposed amendments to the Executive Council for further work and consultation. The Executive Council asked the Office for Church Life and Leadership to handle this matter and Mr. Sheares described the two-year process of implementing the referral made by the Thirteenth General Synod.

The Moderator recognized Kenneth Fuller (NH) who moved to amend the motion by adding a sentence at the end of paragraph 24 to read: "Voting membership may be granted by that Association." There was discussion. A motion to terminate debate was adopted. Upon being put to a vote, the motion to amend the motion was lost. A division of the house was called for and upon being put to a vote, the Moderator declared the motion lost.

The Moderator recognized Bertram Miller (FL) who moved to amend the motion by inserting the word "lay" between the words "Commissioned Minister" and "Licensed Minister" wherever they appear in paragraphs 25 and 27 so that they shall uniformly read "Commission Lay Minister" and "Licensed Lay Minister." There was discussion. A motion to terminate debate was adopted. Upon being put to a vote, the motion to amend the motion was lost.

The Moderator indicated that time for consideration of this matter had expired and called for the Order of the Day indicating that consideration of the amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws would continue at a future plenary session.

24. PRESENTATION OF THE PILGRIM PRESS AWARD

The Moderator recognized Dr. Nanette Roberts, General Secretary, Division of Higher Education and the American Missionary Association, United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, who described the award process and called on the Rev. Howard E. Spragg, Executive Vice President, United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, to make the award.

Mr. Spragg indicated something of the scope of the book to be published and said that it is a literary study which calls upon history and sociology to analyze dominant images of Black women in selected novels written by Black women from 1946 to 1976. It is guided by the belief that, in lieu of any major work on racism and sexism in the lives of real Black women, fictional treatment of the phenomena is an accessible and useful avenue to a larger and more sensitive understanding of Black womanhood—a beginning, if you