

MONDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 27

will, of a needed journey into consciousness-raising. The study is inspired by the fact that double jeopardy has been an unbroken thematic thread. This tribute is not meant to suggest that a study of Black women in fiction can substitute for an historical analysis of Black women in real life. Fiction never equals fact. However, fiction mirrors fact and in a profound way "is an interpretation and compilation of history, anthropology, sociology, and a host of other areas, that put us in touch with the sound and sense of real life.

Mr. Spragg indicated that it was a particular honor for him to present the Second Pilgrim Press Manuscript Award to Dr. Gloria Wade-Gayles, Associate Professor of English, Talladega College, Alabama, author of "The Narrow Space

and The Dark Enclosure: Interpretations of Selected Black Womens' Novels, 1946-1976."

Dr. Wade-Gayles graciously accepted the award and received the applause of the General Synod.

25. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Moderator called on Secretary Evans who announced that the Sunday, June 26, offering totalled \$5,808.59 and 1,000 Japanese yen. Mr. Evans also made the usual announcements.

26. RECESS

The Moderator declared the General Synod in recess until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 27

1. CALL TO ORDER AND REPORT OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE

The General Synod was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by the Assistant Moderator, Mr. Richard F. Boyer. The Moderator called on the Rev. Cally Rogers-Witte, Chairperson of the Agenda Committee, who indicated the items of business to be considered at this evening's session.

2. RECONSIDERATION OF THE RESOLUTION ON CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

The Moderator recognized Keith VonderOhe (MI) who moved reconsideration of the Resolution on Christian Marriage and Family Life adopted by the Fourteenth General Synod. The Moderator ruled this action on the Motion to reconsider would take place later in the agenda this evening.

3. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PEACE RESOLUTIONS

The Moderator called on Ms. Leona Riebling (MI), Chairperson of the Committee on Peace Resolutions, for the report. Ms. Riebling described the work of the Committee and indicated that it had been assigned 25 items of business and that 10 resolutions would be proposed to the General Synod.

4. RESOLUTION ON WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

Ms. Riebling referred to the resolution on Weapons of Mass Destruction, moved its adoption, and noted that many resolutions had been received expressing concern for nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction and that this resolution on Weapons of Mass Destruction is a consolidation of the other resolutions.

The Moderator recognized Michael Mothersead (WI) who moved to amend the motion by deleting the words in paragraph 13 and substituting: "Requests the members of the United Church of Christ and the 14th General Synod to express their concern on the issue of nuclear weapons. There was discussion. A motion to terminate debate on the motion to amend and the main motion was adopted and upon being put to a vote, the motion to amend the motion was lost. It was

83 GS 44 VOTED: The Fourteenth General Synod adopts the Resolution on Weapons of Mass Destruction.

RESOLUTION ON WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

WHEREAS, our Christian faith leads us to believe that the Biblical vision of shalom, in which all people enjoy peace, security, and well-being, is God's will for the world; and

WHEREAS, Jesus has called us to be peacemakers and agents of reconciliation; and

WHEREAS, the development of nuclear weapons is putting human existence at the crossroads, threatening God's created order, with time running out to develop new structures and possibilities for peace; and

WHEREAS, the arms race uses increasing amounts of resources while basic human needs such as food, housing, health care and education are unmet; and

WHEREAS, the United States and the Soviet Union are in the midst of a dangerous escalation of the arms race, moving into producing nuclear weapons not designed to deter, but designed as first strike weapons, tempting nations to consider pre-emptive attacks and forcing nations to develop quick response launch of warning computer capabilities that make accidental war more probable and plans to begin this escalation with the deployment of Pershing II missiles in West Germany in December, 1983; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has asked Congress to fund production of other weapons of mass destruction, namely lethal chemical weapons, and to extend the arms race to space;

WHEREAS, around the world the church has been taking leadership in the call for world peace;

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

1. Calls upon all nations to set as policy that they will not use nuclear weapons in a pre-emptive first strike against any other nation, and they will not develop the capacity for such a first strike;
2. Calls upon all nations to set as policy that they will not be the first nation to use nuclear weapons in any conventional war;
3. Calls upon all nations to set as policy that they will not use nuclear weapons against primarily civilian targets;

4. Calls upon all nations to reject any policy or weapons program which rests on the assumption that a nuclear war can be controlled or "limited," and the assumption that it could be "prolonged" beyond an initial and decisive exchange and ultimately be "won;"
5. Calls upon all nations, and particularly the United States and the Soviet Union, to adopt immediately a mutual and verifiable freeze on the testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons and delivery systems;
6. Calls upon all nations to take unilateral initiatives in stopping all testing, production, and deployment of nuclear weapons;
7. Calls upon Congress to stop all funding for first strike nuclear weapons including the MX, the Pershing II, and the Trident II (D5);
8. Calls upon the United States government not to deploy the Cruise and Pershing II missiles in Western Europe;
9. Calls upon the United States administration to negotiate with the Soviet Union reduction of nuclear warheads and the elimination of MIRVd weapons;
10. Calls upon the United States administration to negotiate a ban on all weapons in space, meanwhile not funding production of defensive or offensive space weapons;
11. Calls upon Congress to reject all funds for chemical and biological weapons production, research and development;
12. Calls upon members and churches of the United Church of Christ to work for these policies and especially endorse an immediate comprehensive mutual, verifiable freeze on the testing, production, and deployment of nuclear weapons;
13. Requests the President of the United Church of Christ to communicate this resolution to the President of the United States and members of Congress.

5. RESOLUTION ON PEACE AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE IMPERATIVE

Ms. Riebling continued the report of the Committee on Peace Resolutions and called on the Rev. Patricia Ross (CPC), Chairperson of a sub-committee for the report on two resolutions. Ms. Ross moved the adoption of the resolution on Peace and Economic Justice Imperative indicating that this is a consolidation of several resolutions. There was discussion.

The Moderator recognized Catherine Wanner (PSE), who moved to refer the resolution on Peace and Economic Justice Imperative to the Executive Council with instructions that Peace and Economic Justice Imperative be considered a part of the Priorities Process for the Fifteenth General Synod. There was discussion. A motion to terminate debate on the motion to refer was adopted and upon being put to a vote, the motion to refer was lost.

The Moderator recognized William Laurie (OH), Business Committee, who moved to amend the motion by deleting the first resolved paragraph and substituting the words: "Now therefore be it resolved that the United Church of Christ enlarge the Peace Priority to become Peace with

Justice. There was discussion. The Moderator asked the General Synod to indicate whether this motion should be considered by the Synod. The General Synod indicated that it did not wish to consider the motion.

A motion to terminate debate was offered and when the Moderator declared the debate closed, a call for a division of the house was made. The delegates were counted and on a division of 463-yes and 165-no or 73.7%, the Moderator declared debate closed.

The Moderator called for the vote on the resolution on Peace and Economic Justice Imperative. A call for a division of the house was made. The delegates were counted and on a vote of 252-yes and 367-no, the Moderator declared the motion was lost.

6. REPORT OF SECTION IV

The Moderator indicated that time for considering the report of the Committee on Peace Resolutions had expired. Moderator Helen I. Barnhill assumed the chair and called on Mrs. Mary Ann Cope (PSE), Chairperson for the report of Section IV.

7. RESOLUTION ON OUR CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO CHANGES IN FEDERAL FUNDING

Ms. Cope referred to the report and moved the adoption of the resolution on Our Christian Response to Changes in Federal Funding and called on Richard Mann (IS), Chairperson of the small group that had considered the resolution, to speak to the motion. He described the work of the small group and indicated that the four recommended resolved paragraphs are substituted for the original resolve paragraphs. There was discussion.

The Moderator recognized the Rev. James Kvetko (IA) who moved to amend the motion by deleting the words "and votes" in the fourth line of the third resolved paragraph. There was discussion, and upon being put to a vote, the motion to amend was lost.

The Moderator called for a vote, and it was

83 GS 45 VOTED: The Fourteenth General Synod adopts the Resolution on Our Christian Response to Changes in Federal Funding.

RESOLUTION ON OUR CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO FEDERAL FUNDING

WHEREAS, love is exemplified in the compassion of the Christ; and

WHEREAS, Jesus said; "I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me" (Matthew 25:35-36, Today's English Version); and

WHEREAS, our whole Christian heritage bears a strong concern for the just social ordering of humanity; and

WHEREAS, the role of the Church has even been to stand with those in the midst of suffering and injustice; and

WHEREAS, the prophetic task of the Church is to expose the suffering, and challenge the injustices so long as they continue; and

WHEREAS, the change in philosophy of our Federal Government has resulted in a drastic reduction in funding for programs in health, education, nutrition, housing and