

emphasize that what is included is the work done under the direct auspices of the United Church of Christ. This usage also retains OCWM, so that there will be no confusion between an old set of initials and a new set.

3. Expand Special Conference Financial Campaigns to include Special General Synod Financial Campaign, Special Financial Campaign, and Special Financial Campaign for a United Church of Christ related Institution. This will eliminate the current category of Special Conference Appeal.

Promotional Changes

1. Designated Basic Support is currently a tool used by some Conference Ministers in situations where a congregation does not wish to furnish undesignating giving for Basic Support or where it feels the need for identification with a particular project. It is not broadly promoted, but is available after prior consultation and agreement between a church and a Conference Minister. Selected Basic Support, if a Conference agrees, will be broadly promoted by the Conference as another opportunity for local churches to support a particular part of Our Christian World Mission. A list of projects included in Basic Support (national and Conference) will be made available through a comprehensive resource on Basic Support, perhaps in notebook form, and local churches will enroll. Confirmation of the availability of the chosen project and special information about that project will be furnished to each church.

Reporting Changes

1. A special form will be furnished to the conferences for use in remitting Selected Basic Support gifts to the United Church of Christ Treasury so that each church, its Selected Basic Support project, and the amount of its gifts are identified. The United Church of Christ Treasurer will furnish the same information to the recipient agencies which may then acknowledge the gifts on some agreed upon basis.

33. REPORT OF SECTION I CONTINUED

The Moderator called on Mr. Burton Albert (CT) Chairperson, to continue the report of Section I.

34. RESOLUTION ON PHILIPPINES U.S. EXTRADITION TREATY

Mr. Albert referred the delegates to the Section report and moved the adoption of the Resolution on Philippines U.S. Extradition. There was no discussion and it was

83 GS 87 VOTED: The Fourteenth General Synod adopts the Resolution on Philippine U.S. Extradition Treaty.

"PHILIPPINES U.S. EXTRADITION TREATY"

WHEREAS, on November 27, 1980 Philippine officials (on behalf of the Marcos government) and President Reagan (on behalf of the United States) signed the Republic of Philippines—U.S. Extradition Treaty which is now awaiting ratification by the U.S. Senate;

WHEREAS, the motivation for this treaty comes, in part, from the attempt by the Marcos government to silence and control its political opponents now living in the

United States and those who have expressed opposition to his repressive regime;

WHEREAS, ratification of the treaty should be opposed on grounds of justice, human rights, and the ideals of freedom within this country which have long been cherished;

WHEREAS, the following objections to the treaty should be considered:

1. Although extradition treaties in general would cover only criminal offenses (political offenses may not be extraditable in U.S. laws) yet there is a probability that even the political opponents of Marcos can be extradited on grounds of political offenses. Marcos's Martial Law decrees practically all political offenses as 'criminal acts.' These decrees are still in effect although Martial Law has been lifted. (Art. xvii, sec. 3, par. 2 of the new constitution). There is, therefore, no clear-cut delineation of political and criminal offenses. Those who will be extradited when the treaty is ratified will have no defense under the dictatorial rule of Marcos.
2. The ratification of the treaty will give Marcos a powerful and legal weapon to infringe upon the freedom of Filipino residents in the U.S. It would inhibit many from lawful exercise of rights, speech, press, etc. guaranteed to them by the U.S. Constitution. Marcos, in fact, has already issued warrants of arrest against 40 opposition leaders now residing in the U.S. and announced to file extradition proceedings against them. This, even before the ratification of the treaty! Their common crime? Opposition to the repressive government of Marcos.
3. The proposed treaty will not guarantee anymore judicial production. Under current law, refugees from unjust rule can fight extradition if they can prove to a judge that their offenses were "political" which is not subject to extradition. But the new law (which covers the R.P./U.S. Treaty) transfers the decision on political offenses from a judge to the State Department which is subject to all foreign policy imperatives. It would, therefore, subject due process of law and justice to the whims of present foreign policy [especially that of Reagan] which is supporting "friendly" dictatorial regimes. The proposed law should be opposed because it violates democratic principles [and the U.S. Constitution.]

WHEREAS, Pacific and Asian American Ministries (PAAM), a recognized Special Interest Group within the United Church of Christ, presented a resolution to the Hawaii and North California Conference raising their concern to General Synod 14.

THEREFORE, the Fourteenth General Synod opposes ratification of the Republic of the Philippines/United States Extradition Treaty, and urges the Office of the President of the United Church of Christ, Office for Church in Society, local churches, Conferences, Associations and members to express this opposition to Senate Bill S220 by communicating with Senators immediately; and

This resolution be transmitted to all Filipino United Church of Christ churches in the U.S. in order to make them aware of the General Synod's stand against the US/Philippines Extradition Treaty; and

Urges the Office of Church in Society, the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, the Office of Communication and UCBWM to provide appropriate news and information through existing publication during the biennium to the churches and Conferences, regarding human rights and the U.S. involvement and responsibility for the present condition of the Philippines.

35. RESOLUTION ON SAVING REFUGEES CAMPS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Mr. Albert continued the report of Section I, referred the delegates to Advance Materials VI, to the Section report, and moved the adoption of the Resolution on Saving Refugees Camps in Southeast Asia noting the change in the title of the resolution and other changes including words underlined for emphasis. There was discussion.

The Moderator recognized Calixto Sodoy (SC) who moved to amend the motion by inserting the word "refugee" in paragraph 6 just before the word "family" and by deleting the phrase "from Southeast Asia." There was discussion. Upon being put to a vote the motion to amend was lost.

The Moderator recognized Richard Gordon (HI) who moved to amend the motion by inserting the phrase "through Church World Service" following the word "missions" in paragraph 7. There was discussion. A motion to terminate debate on the motion to amend and the main motion was adopted. Upon being put to a vote, the motion to amend the motion was lost. It was

83 GS 88 VOTED: The Fourteenth General Synod adopts the Resolution on Saving Refugees Camps in South East Asia.

RESOLUTION ON SAVING REFUGEES CAMPS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

WHEREAS, 85,000 Cambodians still remain in refugee camps on the border in Thailand in constant danger for their lives and they have been waiting three years for resettlement opportunity and our Lord says: "Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my bretheren, you have done it unto me" (Mt 25:40);

WHEREAS, the United Church of Christ congregations throughout America are part of a tradition that welcomes strangers: "and Jesus said: When you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame and the blind and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you;" (Luke 14:13,14)

WHEREAS, many thousands of these refugees have mothers and fathers, sons and daughters already waiting in the United States and General Synod has proclaimed the family as a priority;

WHEREAS, many of these people face certain death if not resettled this year;

The Fourteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ, after pausing for reflection and prayer, states its deep concern for the refugees in Southeast Asia who have suffered so much and waited so long and who have legitimate claim to refugee status.

The Fourteenth General Synod *urges the congregations to welcome these strangers, offering to sponsor a family from Southeast Asia during 1983, providing housing,*

employment and other opportunities for newly settled families.

The Fourteenth General Synod supports and encourages ecumenical missions which would visit and be a channel of God's love to the homeless in Refugee Camps in Southeast Asia.

The Board for World Ministries is urged to give leadership to this effort inviting the financial support of Conferences and local churches.

36. RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ARMENIAN QUESTION

Mr. Albert continued the report of Section I, referred the delegates to Advance Material V, pages 134-135, to the New Business Document, Part I, pages 19-20, to the Section report and moved the adoption of the Resolution regarding the Armenian Question. There was discussion.

The Moderator recognized Noel Gelm (IS) who moved to amend the motion by adding a new WHEREAS paragraph #9 to read "Whereas it is desirable that the Armenian and Turkish people explore their history in open and peaceful dialogue with a view toward reconciliation," and deferred to William Koshua, Conference Minister of the Illinois South Conference, who spoke to the motion to amend the motion. A motion to terminate debate on the motion to amend was adopted. A call for the Order of the Day was approved and the Moderator indicated that the Resolution Regarding the Armenian Question is referred to the Executive Council.

37. ELECTION RESULTS

The Moderator called on Secretary Evans who gave the election results for the United Church Board for World Ministries.

Clergy

- J. Alan McLean (CT)
- Sally L. Palmer (RM)
- Lyman G. Potter (CT)
- Dale B. Rosenberger (IL)
- Herbert R. Schaal (MT)
- Franklin F. Schaffer (PNE)
- Robert K. Thompson (OH)
- Richard M. Vaught (OH)
- Robert F. Beck (OH)
- Beth P. Clark (PC)
- David J. Dean (VT)
- D. Jeffrey Dietrich (NH)
- Nancy L. Elder (MA)
- Susan R. Emmons (CT)
- William M. Everhart (SOC)
- Jerry P. Hankins (MI)
- Kris A. Hayden (IK)
- Edward K. Heininger (IA)
- Charles L. Heuser (CAL.S)
- John M. Irvine, Jr. (CAC)
- James H. Konrad (IL)
- Raymond Kuhlenschmidt (IS)
- Jose A. Malayang (MI)
- Phil H. Mark (HI)
- Scott B. Martin (KO)

Laymen

- Ismael Garcia (IL)
- Andrew R. Gustafson (MA)
- Robert E. Hoke (MI)
- Sheldon W. King (IL)
- Randy Major, Jr. (VT)
- E. Willard Miller (PC)
- E. P. Neuenschwander (OH)
- Roberto H. Rodriguez (OH)
- R. Gerald Saylor (IL)
- Keith A. Scheffler (WI)
- Dennis L. Schwab (IA)
- Marvin Stille (IS)
- Deane A. Unl (CAL.S)
- David A. Wells (SOC)
- Delane E. Welsch (MN)
- John Whitcomb (IA)
- James W. White (OH)
- Victor Woolridge (MA)
- Clifford Alike (CAL.N)
- Mark H. Behle (MN)
- George F. L. Bishop (RM)
- Ronald S. Bonner (IL)
- William R. Brinker (OH)
- Emerson A. Castillo (CAL.N)
- Carl A. Fisher (KO)