

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)