

SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 29

To Develop Guidelines for Justice in Employment Practices Toward Support Staff in the United Church of Christ	Other Motion	New York Conference	Sect. II, pg. 162
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Refer to vote 85-3-EC-80			

12. PARTNERSHIP IN MISSION BETWEEN THE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF CHILE AND THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Moderator called on Rev. Gary Bryant, Chairperson of the Executive Council who moved the Partnership in Mission Between the Pentecostal Church of Chile and the United Church of Christ.

Mr. Bryant called on Rev. Scott Libbey, Executive Vice President of the United Church Board for World Ministries to speak to the motion. A friendly amendment was accepted to remove the word "fraternal" from the second and third paragraphs. After discussion, it was,

85-GS-26 VOTED: The Fifteenth General Synod adopts the following resolution declaring a partnership in mission between the Pentecostal Church of Chile and the United Church of Christ:

PARTNERSHIP IN MISSION BETWEEN THE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF CHILE AND THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Pentecostal Church of Chile and the United Church of Christ in the United States of America affirm a partnership in mission based on our mutual acceptance of membership in the Body of Christ. We are united by our belief in the scriptures and that we are sisters and brothers of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We affirm this partnership which provides for the mutual free expression of our faith and love.

Both churches have declared themselves to be truly desirous of a relationship in the love of Christ. The Pentecostal Church of Chile, as a member of the World Council of Churches, has demonstrated its interest in ecumenical relationships. The United Church of Christ in the USA is interested in dialogue and ecumenical relations throughout the world. The purpose of this partnership mission will be to share in Christian solidarity, and to implement the mission of the church in the world.

Specifically, our partnership in mission will provide for:

1. sharing of fellowship through visits to Assemblies of each other's denominations;
2. mutual understanding of each other's churches through exchange of information and material;
3. shared support for social, educational and theological work in both countries by exchanges of personnel within the limits of the financial and personnel resources available to each partner.

13. INTRODUCTION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF CHILE

At this time, President Avery Post, called on Ms. Patricia Rumer, Regional Secretary for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Church Board for World Ministries to present the guests to the General Synod. They are: Bishop Enrique Chavez Campos, Rev. Gerardo Valdivia and Rev. Nicolas Ulloa. Rev. Post presented a pewter chalice to

Bishop Chavez which was fashioned by Rev. Raymond Gibson, of Providence, Rhode Island.

Ms. Rumer translated greetings from Bishop Campos of the Pentecostal Church of Chile.

Bishop Campos: "I bring warmest greetings to you from the Pentecostal Church of Chile. I think there is no better symbol than this relationship which indicates sacrifice of Jesus Christ for us. I also wish to bring the very warmest and sincerest greetings from all the members of the church who met in February at our last annual assembly.

"I would like to share a passage from the Bible which speaks to the very unity that we are celebrating here today." At this time, the Bishop read from John 17:21: "that we may be one as you oh Father in me and I in you that always they are one, we are one together, that the world may know that you were sent for us."

"This biblical passage has brought us to a reflection that we need to move into unity with other brothers and sisters in the world. When we had the opportunity to know Patricia Rumer and other people from the United Church of Christ, we realized that this was an opportunity to make happen or to put into belief what this passage says. It is true that our religious customs are different. It is true that although our customs and our traditions differ, particularly because we come from different places and have had different experiences, and yet we are united in the greatness and the love of God. And when I read that Jesus Christ came and died for us, that Jesus was here in the world and that we too are here in the world. And on my part as the Bishop of the Pentecostal Church of Chile and the two brother Pastors of this church, I wish to say how happy I am to be here, to be able to share in this moment of entering into partnership with each other."

The Bishop continued his message by adding, "I would like to share a special greeting, a Pentecostal greeting from our style of worship. Our custom when we want to greet each other is to raise our hands and say three times, Gloria a Dios!"

The body shared in this greeting.

14. REPORT OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE

The Assistant Moderator, Ms. Janece Dent, called on Mrs. Winifred Cash Rhodes, Chairperson of the Agenda Committee, and Rev. Cally Rogers-Witte, Chairperson of the Nominations and Elections Committee, to report to the body. After discussion, it was,

85-GS-27 VOTED: The Fifteenth General Synod changes its schedule so that General Synod will convene for worship on Sunday, June 30 at 10:30 a.m. rather than for a plenary session at 9:00 a.m. as scheduled.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Moderator called upon the Secretary for the announcements.