

MONDAY MORNING, JULY 1

13. SUPPORT OF THE BOYCOTT OF CALIFORNIA TABLE GRAPES

Mr. Bowley then moved on behalf of Committee #16 that the Fifteenth General Synod adopt "Support of The Boycott of California Table Grapes" as printed in Advance Materials, Section III, page 10. Mr. Bowley also spoke to the motion.

An amendment was moved and seconded to change the title of the resolution. After debate the amendment was defeated.

It was then moved and seconded to send the Resolution to the Executive Council. The motion was defeated.

It was moved and seconded that the Resolution be referred to Committee #16 to re-work and bring back. The motion was defeated.

It was moved and voted to give Mr. Fred Eyster voice. He spoke in support of the resolution.

After considerable discussion, debate was closed and,

85-GS-46 VOTED: The Fifteenth General Synod adopts the Resolution "Support of the Boycott of California Table Grapes."

SUPPORT OF THE BOYCOTT OF CALIFORNIA TABLE GRAPES

WHEREAS, the California Agricultural Labor Relations Act was passed in 1975 largely because of the pressure of a nationwide boycott of grapes, and officials of the State of California are now failing to protect the rights of farm workers under that law, and

WHEREAS, over eight thousand grape pickers have voted for representation by the United Farm Workers Union and have waited up to eight years for contracts while over \$30 million in wages of grape pickers remain unpaid because

of delays and arbitrary action by the staff of the Agricultural Labor Relations Board, and

WHEREAS, the large majority of table grape growers of California are evading the mandate of the ALRA (some by such tactics as transferring ownership of land and re-emerging as different companies), and in the summer of 1984 ignored the call of the United Farm Workers Union for collective bargaining, and

WHEREAS, the United Farm Workers Union under the leadership of Cesar Chavez has called for a renewed international boycott of all non-union table grapes produced in California, and

WHEREAS, the Ninth General Synod of the United Church of Christ took a position affirming the rights of farm workers to organize for the purpose of good faith collective bargaining and endorsed a boycott as an effective, non-violent method by which the rights of workers can be re-established,

THEREFORE, the Fifteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ, believing that Christians are called by God to stand with the poor and the oppressed in their struggle for justice, hereby endorses the boycott of all non-union California table grapes and urges all members of the United Church of Christ to refrain from purchasing, consuming or participating in the serving of California table grapes until such time as the California Agricultural Labor Relations Board enforces the law and good faith collective bargaining between growers and workers results in contracts.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Moderator called on Secretary Carol Joyce Brun to give the announcements.

15. RECESS

The Moderator declared the Fifteenth General Synod to be in recess until 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 1

1. CALL TO ORDER

The General Synod was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by the Assistant Moderator, Mr. Guy T. Outlaw.

The Chair of the Agenda Committee, Mrs. Winifred Cash Rhodes, was called on to introduce Mr. Jeffrey Schragg, a member of the Agenda Committee to report the following order of presentations:

Committee #14—Health Insurance Supplementation

Committee #12—Church Development

Committee # 3—Peace with Justice

Committee #13—All Church Offerings

2. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON HEALTH INSURANCE SUPPLEMENTATION

The Moderator called on Mr. David Avison, Chairperson, to present the recommended actions from Committee #14.

Mr. Avison moved that the Fifteenth General Synod adopt the Program for Health Insurance Supplementation as printed in Advance Materials, Section II, page 30, effective July 1, 1986 with the following changes:

Under "Funding for this Proposal"—delete "prioritize" and add "establish priorities for"

Delete paragraph #3 and make it a new paragraph (without a number).

After discussion, it was

GS-85-47 VOTED: The Fifteenth General Synod adopts the following Program for Health Insurance Supplementation for retired clergy, layworkers, spouses, and surviving spouses:

PARTICIPANTS IN SUPPLEMENTATION FOR HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS

1. Retired clergy 65 and over
2. Retired clergy spouse
3. Surviving spouse of clergy
4. Retired layperson 65 and over
5. Retired layperson's spouse
6. Surviving spouse of layperson