

MONDAY EVENING, JULY 1

Young Adults at General Synod Fifteen. Many persons supported this resolution, including Rev. Charles Shelby Rooks, Executive Director of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.

A motion to suspend the agenda so that there would be 15 more minutes to discuss the resolution failed, and it was voted to make the following amendments:

substitute for the first Therefore paragraph:

"THEREFORE, the Fifteenth General Synod requests the UCBHM to convene a youth and young adult task force to aid and assist local churches, associations, conferences, instrumentalities and other national bodies to meet the needs of youth and young adults in response to the youth and young adults priority.

1. It will be constituted by the UCBHM in consultation with representatives of the youth and young adult caucus of General Synod Fifteen.
2. The majority of the task force will be constituted equally of youth (18 and under) and young adults (19-30) and be representative of the regional, racial, and ethnic diversity of the UCC.
3. UCBHM is requested to report of the Sixteenth General Synod on the results and progress of the task force's work."

There was an amendment to strike out the following:

"Financial implication," "\$30,000" to read: "upon availability of funds."

This was moved by Mr. Scott Richardson (IK) and seconded by Ms. Diane L. Bohr (OHIO), and it was

85-GS-56 VOTED: The Fifteenth General Synod adopts the resolution "Further Implementation of the Youth and Young Adult Ministries Priority"

FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES PRIORITY

WHEREAS, General Synod Fourteen adopted as its only new priority Youth and Young Adult Ministries, and

WHEREAS, a priority serves as a focus for special emphasis and churchwide attention for a period of four years, and

WHEREAS, the feeling among many UCC youth and young adults is that this priority is not being taken seriously as previous priorities, and

THEREFORE, the Fifteenth General Synod requests the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries to convene a youth and young adult task force to aid and assist local churches, associations, conferences, instrumentalities, and other national bodies to meet the needs of youth and young adults in response to the youth and young adults priority.

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2. The majority of the task force will be constituted equally of youth (18 and under) and young adults (19-30) and be representative of the regional, racial, and ethnic diversity of the UCC.

3. The United Church Board for Homeland Ministries is requested to report to General Synod Sixteen on the results and progress of the task force's work.

FURTHER, the Fifteenth General Synod calls upon all instrumentalities of the UCC, specifically the UCBHM, to appropriate new funds for the enactment of the Youth and Young Adult Priority.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Implementation is subject to the availability of funds.

There was applause from the delegates.

10. PRESENTATION BY THE PENSION BOARDS

There was a visual and oral presentation of the work of the United Church of Christ Pension Boards, led by Mr. John Ordway, Executive Vice President of the Pension Boards. The Rev. Gayle Strickler spoke of his family's benefits received from the Pension Boards, and Ms. Alison Sawtell of Sioux City, Iowa, told about the Pension Board's Ministry to the Aging and its Visiting Program and Emergency relief.

11. PRESENTATION BY THE STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

A presentation was given on behalf of the Stewardship Council by Rev. George Otto, Executive Director. This included an audio/visual presentation.

12. GREETINGS FROM THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF THE UNION

A motion was made by Rev. Wayne Robinson (MINN) to give permission to Rev. Christof Karzig of Germany to speak; it was granted by the Moderator. Mr. Karzig brought a message to the Fifteenth General Synod from the Evangelical Church of the Union in West Germany, asking them to join in a worldwide ecumenical organization for peace. Mrs. Karzig was also introduced by President Post.

13. RESOLUTION "U.S. MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID TO THE PHILIPPINES"

The Moderator called on Ms. Celsa Ayala-Coloma (MASS), Chairperson of Committee #18, to move and speak to the resolution on, "U.S. Military and Economic Aid to the Philippines," printed in Advance Materials II, pp. 164-165, and on blue sheet #18, and submitted by Pacific and Asian American Ministries, with the following changes:

paragraph on p. 165, column 1 (THEREFORE . . .), line 6, delete "carry out" and insert "seriously consider"; and delete "d" as it stands and insert: d. Office for Church in Society utilizing its staff and other resources to secure Congressional action to stop military/economic aid to the Philippines.

A number of persons spoke to the resolution, including Bishop Patrocinio Apura of the Philippines, who feels U.S. aid to the Philippines is being used against the good of the Philippine people.

Bishop Apura was invited to the platform for greeting by the Synod. It was moved to close debate, and it was

85-GS-57 VOTED: The Fifteenth General Synod adopts the resolution, "U.S. Military and Economic Aid to the Philippines."

U.S. MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID TO THE PHILIPPINES

BACKGROUND

"When he (Ferdinand Marcos) became president of the