

6. SUNDAY OFFERING FOR AFRICAN FAMINE RELIEF

The Moderator called on President Post, who announced that Sunday's offering for African Famine Relief totalled \$14,500, the largest General Synod offering ever received.

Rev. Leila Anderson was recognized by President Post as having attended every General Synod.

7. FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

The Moderator called on Mr. Richard Barber (CONN) who moved to reconsider the vote on further implementation of Youth and Young Adult Ministries Priority. The motion was withdrawn.

8. MOTION TO LIMIT DEBATE

Rev. Helen (Penny) Greer (OHIO) moved to limit debate on the reports of each committee to 25 minutes each and that any business not completed within that time frame be referred to the Executive Council. After discussion, the motion was defeated.

9. UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST RESPONSE TO "BAPTISM, EUCHARIST AND MINISTRY"

Rev. John Thomas, Chairperson of the committee, explained the work of the committee and referred us to Advance Materials II, page 21 and pages 47-53, and the booklet, "Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry". He moved that the Fifteenth General Synod receive the report on the Resolution on, "A United Church of Christ Response to Baptism, Eucharist & Ministry" with the following changes:

page 49, paragraph 5: amends "(par. 15)" to "(p. 16)"

page 53: amends "a clearer statement of Holy Communion as a meal of the Reign of God, by which we are nourished for ethical obedience as servants of peace with justice." to read "a clearer statement of Holy Communion as a meal of the Reign of God, by which we are nourished for ethical obedience as servants of Jesus Christ, who is the source of peace with justice."

There was discussion on the report. Rev. Ken Bickel (PNE) moved that floor speeches be limited to one minute. The motion was defeated.

After discussion, it was

85-GS-59 VOTED: The Fifteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ:

Rejoices in the publication of Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry and expresses its gratitude to the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches for the extraordinary theological work represented in the documents; Offers "A United Church of Christ Response to Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry" (see Appendix 15.) as a contribution toward the continuing work of the Commission on Faith and Order as it completes the research project "Toward the Common Expression of the Apostolic Faith Today," and as it prepares for a World Conference on Faith and Order;

Covenants with the Faith and Order Commission to continue the study of Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry, in ecumenical partnership with other churches, and receives it into our life as a church for the guidance we can take from the text for our worship, educational, ethical, and spiritual witness;

Recommits itself, in response to Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry to be "a united and uniting church" that intends to share

responsibility in the quest of the churches for the faithful manifestation of the unity of Christ's one church; and

Directs the Executive Council to develop materials and a study process for local churches on Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry and "A United Church of Christ Response to Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry" within the next biennium.

Financial Implications: \$5,000 - \$10,000 subject to the availability of funds.

10. RECOMMENDATION OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE ON THE COVENANT BETWEEN THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

Rev. Ronald Patterson, Chairperson of Committee #8, presented his report. He referred to Advance Materials I, page 43 and moved receiving of the Report and adopting of the Steering Committee recommendations.

There was a motion to grant privilege of the floor to the Rev. James Gilliom. This was granted by consensus.

Following discussion a motion was made to close debate. It was defeated.

Following further discussion, Mr. Robert Grant moved to suspend the order of the day for five minutes. The motion was defeated.

The Rev. Eugene Grau submitted a friendly amendment to add the words:

"within the framework and consistent with the proposals of Consultation on Church Union" at the end of the first sentence on page 14 of the Report and Recommendation of the Steering Committee." It was not accepted as a friendly amendment. There was a vote on it as an amendment and the motion failed.

Debate was closed and it was

85-GS-60 VOTED: The Fifteenth General Synod receives the report (See Appendix 16.) of the Steering Committee on the Covenant Between the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and adopts the recommendations calling for a new ecumenical partnership between our churches:

ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

DECLARATION OF ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP

The General Synod of the United Church of Christ and the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), declare and celebrate a new ecumenical partnership between the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and identify three primary marks of our ecumenical partnership beginning in 1985: (1) commitment to respond together to the mission God has entrusted to the church, (2) theological work to equip our churches as they grow toward full communion, and (3) common worship with frequent and intentional sharing in the Lord's Supper/Holy Communion.

This ecumenical partnership is to be set within the context of our churches' participation in the Consultation on Church Union. We see the partnership of our two churches as a positive contribution to COCU and its life, even as we receive gifts from the Consultation. Further, we affirm that, in