

1. Consider, along with those recommendations raised in the report, such items as:
 - a. Developing programs for the education of churches, associations, conferences and national bodies to encourage the calling of women clergy to every form of ministry
 - b. Rebuilding church/clergy relations following a crisis
 - c. Resourcing and training in conflict management for professionals and congregations
 - d. Giving significant attention to primacy of the pastoral role of the Conference Minister
 - e. Attending to the needs of professionals forced to resign who wish to remain in the ministry
 - f. Creating support mechanisms for those who take courageous and faithful stands
 - g. Developing models of healing intervention with "destructive" churches
 - h. Enabling professionals to be open to receive help
 - i. Meeting special needs of clergy couples (couples where both are clergy)
2. Keep in mind the special crisis-related needs of church educators, commissioned and licensed ministers.

The Fifteenth General Synod requests the Response Implementation Team to provide a progress update to the Sixteenth General Synod, 1987, and to present a full report to the Seventeenth General Synod, 1989, detailing programs developed in response to the identified concerns and recommending further response to the issue of clergy in crisis.

Financial Implications: Each part of the Church participating in the Response Implementation Team would be responsible for the financial obligations of its participation and its part in the implementation of programs resulting therefrom.

17. RESOLUTION "THE TEACHING MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH"

The Moderator called on Rev. Diane Dulin, Chairperson of the Committee, who moved that the Fifteenth General Synod adopt the Resolution on "The Teaching Ministry of the Church." This is a new business item and there was no reference.

Rev. Jann Weaver moved that the words, "in response to our covenantal relationship", be inserted after the words, "Board for Homeland Ministry" in the first sentence and in the last sentence. The motion was adopted.

An editorial change was made to change the word "Ministry" to "Ministries" wherever it occurs.

85-GS-64 VOTED: The Fifteenth General Synod adopts the Resolution "The Teaching Ministry of the Church."

THE TEACHING MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

WHEREAS, the Board for Homeland Ministries document entitled "New Horizons in Christian Education" reasserts the historic Reformation belief that education is absolutely essential to Christian living throughout life; and yet

WHEREAS, the proposed reorganization of the Board for Homeland Ministries and the proposed reallocation of staff

resources within the Board for Homeland Ministries has caused concern among many Christian educators in the United Church of Christ that this may have an adverse effect on the teaching ministry of the church; and

WHEREAS, there exists within the United Church of Christ a rich variety of resources including pastors, local church teachers and officers, Conference staff, college and seminary faculties, and the staffs of instrumentalities and other bodies dedicated to the teaching ministry, as well as laypeople of varied specific skills, and professional Christian educators.

THEREFORE, the Fifteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ encourages the Board for Homeland Ministries in response to our covenantal relationship to be in communication with, and to draw upon, all of the diverse resources within the United Church of Christ in further developing staff, and resourcing the educational mission and programs of the United Church of Christ to insure the highest quality teaching ministry possible.

The Fifteenth General Synod also asks the Board for Homeland Ministries in response to our covenantal relationship to report to the Sixteenth General Synod on the program made in this regard.

THEREFORE, the Fifteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ encourages the Board for Homeland Ministries to be in communication with, and to draw upon, all of the diverse resources within the United Church of Christ in further developing, staffing, and resourcing the educational mission and programs of the United Church of Christ to insure the highest quality teaching ministry possible. The Fifteenth General Synod also seeks the Board for Homeland Ministries to report to the Sixteenth General Synod on the progress made in this regard.

Financial Implications: None.

18. INTRODUCTION OF NEW CONFERENCE MINISTERS

Mr. Douglas Hatfield, New Hampshire Conference, introduced two new conference ministers from that conference, Rev. Carole Carlson and Rev. Robert Witham. Rev. Curtis Minter, Vermont Conference Minister, was also introduced.

19. PRONOUNCEMENT ON UCC FULL DIVESTMENT OF ALL FINANCIAL RESOURCES FROM ALL CORPORATIONS DOING BUSINESS WITH SOUTH AFRICA

The Moderator called on Mr. Theodore Goble, Chairperson of the Committee, who referred to the Pronouncement in the Advanced Materials. Mr. Goble moved that the Fifteenth General Synod adopt the Pronouncement "UCC Full Divestment of All Financial Resources from All Corporations Doing Business with South Africa."

Mr. Goble spoke to the motion and there was further discussion.

Rev. Richard Vaught moved for voice for Ms. Audrey Smock to speak to this issue. It was voted to let her speak ahead of others standing in line.

Rev. Thomas Walter moved that the General Synod allow Mr. Larry Ham to come to the floor in order that he might speak to the issue. The motion was adopted and Mr. Ham was given the floor.