

10. RESPONSE TO COMADRES INVITATION

Rev. Barbara Kershner Daniel, member of the Business Committee, spoke in response to the COMADRES invitation. She moved that General Synod Sixteen make real the words of its Resolution and direct the Executive Council to appoint a delegation of ten persons from across the denomination to be present at the meeting in El Salvador and stand shoulder to shoulder with COMADRES there. Following discussion it was

87-GS-104 VOTED: The Sixteenth General Synod Sixteen adopts the following response to the COMADRES invitation.

Response to COMADRES Invitation

WHEREAS, we as the United Church of Christ were called upon by General Synod Fifteen to become a Just Peace Church; and

WHEREAS, Justice and Peace is a priority for the next two years; and

WHEREAS, General Synod Sixteen has voted the Pronouncement "Fulfilling God's Covenant with All Children," stating:

"We believe that children have the right to experience peace with justice in their families, faith communities, and society," and "Children have the right to be protected against all forms of cruelty, neglect and exploitation. In settings of armed conflict, children should not be combatants, nor should they be the target of terrorist tactics;" and

WHEREAS, General Synod Sixteen meeting in Cleveland has stood shoulder to shoulder at its plenary session with COMADRES; and

WHEREAS, General Synod Sixteen has passed a Resolution in support of COMADRES; and

WHEREAS, the COMADRES have invited General Synod Sixteen to be present at the meeting in El Salvador in November, 1987;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sixteenth General Synod makes real the words of its Resolution and directs the Executive Council to appoint a delegation of 10 persons from across the denomination to be present at the meeting in El Salvador and stand shoulder to shoulder with COMADRES there.

11. ADOPTION OF THE BIENNIAL BUDGETS

The Moderator called on Mr. William Kiesel, Chairperson of the Budget Committee of the Business Committee. Mr. Kiesel moved, on behalf of the Business Committee, that the Sixteenth General Synod adopt the Biennial Budgets as presented in Advance Materials II, pages 81-100.

Rev. David Powers (MASS) moved to amend the Budget with a motion that changed the allocation for the Structural Studies Advisory Commission.

Following discussion, Rev. James H. Mennerick (IK) moved an amendment to the amendment at the point of the last sentence regarding funding to read: "Funding for this additional \$14,000 is to be secured from the budget of the General Synod which is administered by the Office of the President and request it be given high priority."

Following discussion, which included comments by Mr. Post, Mr. Kiesel, and Mr. Lockyear the motion was defeated.

Ms. Michelle Prentice (ILL) moved a substitute motion that this body provide additional funds for the Council for Ecumenism by each delegate giving \$20 which from over 700 delegates will provide a total of greater than \$14,000. The Moderator ruled the motion out of order.

Debate was closed and it was voted to amend the budget.

87-GS-105 VOTED: The Sixteenth General Synod changes the allocation for the Structural Studies Advisory Commission from \$33,000 to \$47,000 with \$14,000 of that sum to be devoted to supplemental planning services which, in cooperation with the Council for Ecumenism, will develop a plan for funding and staffing the ecumenical responsibilities of the United Church of Christ as they reside in the Office of the President, and to report to General Synod Seventeen recommendations for both structural adjustments and financial support to reasonably and expeditiously provide for

1. Adequate support for the Council for Ecumenism;
2. Adequate support for a possible staff position to oversee our ecumenical portfolio, under the direction of and responsible to the President;
3. Adequate travel budget for ecumenical responsibilities;
4. Goals for adequate funding of the ecumenical contributions budget.

Funding for this additional \$14,000 is to be secured by transferring 1/10 of 1% of Basic Support receipts for fiscal year 1988, such assessment to be taken equally from all categories of Basic Support recipients.

Discussion on the budget continued.

87-GS-106 VOTED: The Sixteenth General Synod adopts the Biennial Budget as amended.

United Church of Christ Biennial Budget

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>
Budget of the		
General Synod	\$ 1,456,538	\$ 1,517,863
COREM	12,917	13,460
PAAM	21,593	22,503
CHM	21,593	22,503
Contributions	149,740	156,031
UCBWM	3,146,979	3,250,616
UCBHM	2,940,178*	3,063,945*
Pension Boards	1,166,429	1,215,530
OCIS	721,988	752,380
OCLL	1,151,629	1,200,107
Steward. Council	1,229,525	1,281,282
Com. on Devel.	156,825	163,426
OC (incl. KYP)	768,219	800,557
Int. Commun.	268,146	279,434
CRJ	1,017,530	1,060,363
CCW	356,171	400,000
The Structural Study		
Advisory Commission	14,000	
TOTAL	<u>\$14,600,000</u>	<u>\$15,200,000</u>

*\$50,000 earmarked as the UCC Budget portion of funding for Local Church Development.

12. SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE AND OTHERS

The Moderator called on Rev. Carol Joyce Brun who introduced Mr. Joseph Mills, Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee. Mr. Mills called the committee to the platform and thanked them. He closed with a prayer.

Five minutes were allotted for special acknowledgements from the floor.

Rev. Dan Romero as General Secretary of the United Church Board for World Ministries was recognized.

Rev. Norman Jackson, Executive Director of CAIM, who is also a member of the Board of Directors of Northland College recognized the chairperson of Committee 11 - Location of Na-