

lead to discrimination by limiting services in government and commerce through officially barring the use of any language other than English;

2. Calls upon United Church of Christ members and congregations to urge their governors and legislators to oppose any legislation which supports the exclusive use of English as the "official language" of the United States;
3. Directs the Executive Council to designate the appropriate national boards, agencies and instrumentalities to give encouragement, support, and guidance to local churches and their members in efforts to oppose any legislation which promotes the exclusive use of English as the official language of the United States; and,
4. Calls upon the President of the United Church of Christ to express to the President and Congress of the United States by written letter, its opposition to the exclusive use of English as the official language of the United States.

Financial implications: None.

11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOTE TALLY FOR OFFICE OF SECRETARY

The results of the number of votes in the election for the Office of Secretary were announced as follows:

- 170 Rev. Cynthia Ikuta
- 540 Rev. Carol Joyce Brun

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Carol Joyce Brun made the announcements.

13. RECESS

The Moderator declared the meeting in recess at 9:50 p.m. to reconvene at 8:40 a.m. Tuesday, June 30.

14. WORSHIP

Evening worship was held in the Music Hall with a meditation given by Ms. Lilia Enriquez, Congregational UCC, Pomona, California.

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 30

1. WORSHIP

The Sixteenth General Synod worshipped at 8:00 a.m. with a meditation led by Rev. John W. Townsend, the Federated Church, Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Following the worship service, the Moderator Mr. Kenneth P. Stewart called the session to order at 8:40 a.m.

3. BIBLICAL REFLECTION

Rev. Eugene S. Wehrli led the plenary body in reflection on Psalm 139:7-12, John 14:15-27, 15:26-27 — Called by the Spirit: Who Guides Our Way.

4. OPENING COMMENTS FROM AGENDA COMMITTEE

Rev. Hector Lopez, Chairperson of the Agenda Committee reminded delegates that there were 19 items of business to complete before the end of the General Synod.

The Assistant Moderator, Rev. G. Melvin Palmer took the microphone and called for the report of Committee 23.

5. YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Ms. Ruth Mojica-Hammer (ILL), Chairperson of Committee 23 regarding Youth and Young Adult Ministry, described the good work of their group. She believes the committee process was useful to get all concerns aired. The committee's work on the Bylaws led the Iowa Conference to withdraw its Resolution.

Ms. Susan Dunker (IOWA) spoke to why they withdrew. They felt the need for a united effort and that new Bylaw amendments will be good for the Youth and Young Adult Ministry and for the church. In the spirit of the Nebraska Conference, regarding the Coordinating Center for Women, they felt it was fitting, after due deliberation, to withdraw the alternate proposal.

Ms. Mojica-Hammer moved on behalf of the committee, and after discussion,

87-GS-77 VOTED: The Sixteenth General Synod adopts the Resolution "Young Adult Ministry."

Young Adult Ministry

WHEREAS, historically young adults have been called to and have provided significant leadership in the growth and shaping of the church; leadership which was exhibited in the lives and works of Biblical young adults such as: Ruth, Daniel, Mary, the Mother of Jesus, Jesus, Peter, Timothy and early church leaders such as: Martin Luther, John Calvin, and Soren Kierkegaard; and

WHEREAS, young adults continue to provide active and vital leadership in the growth and shaping of the church today, which is exhibited by their participation in the local church as Christian educators, youth leaders, church board and consistency members, committee members and chairpersons, pastors, and in the association and conference as members and chairpersons of committees, task forces and commissions, leaders in Outdoor Ministry, representatives to annual meetings, and in the national church as delegates to General Synod, members of UCC boards and instrumentalities, missionaries, and national staff; and

WHEREAS, most young adults serving the church on the conference and national level were elected as youth delegates, whose purpose is to voice and represent the needs, concerns, and feelings of youth;

WHEREAS, the needs, concerns, and feelings of youth and young adults are uniquely different, making it difficult for young adults to adequately represent youth and equally difficult for youth to represent young adults;

WHEREAS, according to The Alban Institute* " . . . studies have shown that the primary age of return (to the church) runs from the early 20s' to the mid-30s'. The ten years between age 25 and 36 are the years in which people are most likely to become active in congregational life;"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sixteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ calls on its boards and instrumentalities to recognize and affirm that the needs and gifts of young adults are distinct and unique; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Sixteenth General Synod asks that these gifts and needs should continue to be reflected in future programming for Christian Education, Evangelism,

Stewardship, and Leadership Development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Sixteenth General Synod requests the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries and the Youth and Young Adult Task Force or its successor body, to widely promote the 1988 Regional Young Adult Events, for the purpose of education, support, and leadership development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Sixteenth General Synod requests that the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries and the Youth and Young Adult Task Force or its successor body, carefully evaluate Bylaws 171 and 212 and their implications for the effective and equivalent representation of both youth and young adults in the total life of our church, and report back to the Seventeenth General Synod.

*(Gribbon, Robert T., 30 Year Olds and the Church: Ministry with the Baby Boom Generation, Washington, D.C.: The Alban Institute, 1981, p.1.)

6. BYLAWS 235 AND 236 ON YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Ms. Mojica-Hammer then moved on behalf of the committee, and Rev. John Hudson (MASS) of the committee spoke in support of the Bylaw changes. There was discussion and the required $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

87-GS-78 VOTED: The Sixteenth General Synod adopts new Bylaws 235 and 236.

Bylaw 235

The new Paragraph 235 to read:

The Council for Youth and Young Adult Ministries shall serve as a means for advocacy, coordination, communication, and networking on behalf of youth and young adult ministries throughout the United Church of Christ, including its instrumentalities and other national bodies, regions, conferences, and local churches. The Council shall organize itself with such officers and committees as needed in order to carry out its work. It shall be administratively related to the General Synod through the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, this provision not precluding the Council's right of direct access to the Executive Council and the General Synod concerning any matters in which it may feel that its interest in program or budget require the exercise of such access. The Council shall receive staff services from the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries in consultation with Conferences, Instrumentalities and other national bodies. It shall also receive funding from the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. It shall report to the Executive Council and to the General Synod on issues, developments, and concerns in youth and young adult ministries of the United Church of Christ.

Bylaw 236

The new Paragraph 236 to read:

The Council for Youth and Young Adult Ministries shall be composed of at least twenty-two, but no more than twenty-six members. All members shall be elected or appointed to a two-year term of office which shall commence with the adjournment of one General Synod and conclude at the adjournment of the next General Synod. The membership of the Council shall consist of persons who, for the majority of their term, are youth (persons of high school age or younger) or young adults (persons graduated from high school, or 19 years of age, through age thirty). A member may serve for one additional term, subject to the age criteria.

The membership of the Council shall be constituted as follows:

- a) Four persons, two youth and two young adults, shall be appointed, one by each: the Council for American Indian Ministry, the Council for Hispanic Ministries, Pacific and Asian American Ministries, and United Black Christians. Each of these bodies shall appoint alternately a youth or young adult to be a member of the Council.
- b) Twelve persons, one youth and one young adult from each of the six regions, shall be elected at the General Synod by the youth and young adult visitors and youth and young adult delegates from that region in an election conducted by the out-going members of the Council. Each conference may nominate one youth and one young adult. However, only one of the persons nominated by a given conference may serve on the Council at any given time.
- c) Six persons, three youth and three young adults, shall be appointed by the out-going members of the Council from among those persons nominated by the conferences. These members shall be appointed subsequently to the election described in b) above, but prior to the adjournment of the General Synod, to enhance the Council's membership with respect to size and geographic distribution of conferences and racial, ethnic and gender inclusiveness.
- d) Up to four persons, two youth and two young adults, may be appointed by the out-going members of the Council, as they in their judgment deem appropriate, in order that the Council's membership reflect the United Church of Christ's commitment to affirmative action. The persons so appointed shall have been nominated by the Council for American Indian Ministry, the Council for Hispanic Ministries, Pacific and Asian American Ministries, and the United Black Christians, each of whom may nominate one youth and one young adult.
- e) In addition, the Board of Directors of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries shall appoint a youth or a young adult director or corporate member of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries who shall serve as an ex-officio member without vote in order to provide liaison between the Council and the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.
- f) If a vacancy occurs, it shall be filled by the Council from among those persons previously nominated by the appropriate body corresponding to that vacancy.

7. POINT OF PRIVILEGE REGARDING COMMITTEE ON LOCATION OF NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Rev. David Johnston of the United Church of Christ National Committee on Persons with Disabilities pointed out that the proposal calls for a new committee to be appointed, and that no one with the concern for persons with disabilities has been named to serve on the committee. He recommended that someone consider a disability representative for that committee.

8. RESOLUTION "THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY"

Rev. Riess W. Potterveld, Chairperson of Committee 21, described the revised Resolution "The Right to Privacy" and moved its adoption. He then spoke to the motion, there was discussion and

87-GS-79 VOTED: The Sixteenth General Synod adopts the Resolution "The Right to Privacy."

The Right to Privacy

WHEREAS, we are called as disciples of Jesus Christ to express our love of God through love of ourselves as God's