

## MONDAY AFTERNOON

fulfilling the ecumenical mandate, and for his patience with us, since we are not known for our reticence! Thanks, also, to Chuck Cooper and Florence Coppola, who have provided enormous help to us all.

"These are some of the highlights of the Council for Ecumenism's work in the last biennium. Delegates who would like further information are encouraged to talk with members of the Council.

"Undoubtedly, we have left undone some things which could and should have been done. The magnitude of the task is greater than the current structures of the United Church of Christ can manage effectively. We have tried, however, to serve as leavening agents, and we are grateful to many others who have been co-workers in this process."

### 4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS: NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Assistant Moderator recognized Secretary Carol Joyce Brun to announce the results of the election for the Nominating Committee of the General Synod.

Those elected were the Rev. Lori Buehler (OHIO), the Rev. Christopher Wilke (RI), the Rev. Benjamin Lewis (CAC), Mr. Eric Norenburg (SW), Ms. Betty Kingsbury (ILL) and Mr. Lucius May (MICH).

### 5. ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE REV. PAUL H. SHERRY WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Ms. Brun then announced that the Rev. Paul H. Sherry was elected to be the next President of the United Church of Christ. Both candidates, the Rev. Paul Sherry and the Rev. Yvonne Delk reached the podium amid a standing ovation. The grace of God was manifest in their embrace before the Synod.

Mr. Sherry introduced his wife Mrs. Mary Sherry and his daughter, Ms. Mary Beth Sweeney. He also introduced his pastor, and pastor's wife, the Rev. Leroy Sanders and Mrs. Norma Jean Sanders. He spoke briefly to the Synod giving thanks, introduced his family and expressed his commitment to foster unity and community within the church.

### 6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESULTS OF THE BALLOT REGARDING LOCATION OF NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

The Secretary, the Rev. Carol Joyce Brun, announced to the delegates the ballot count, as provided by the Head Teller, Ms. Diana Corl, regarding the vote recommendation of the Location Committee: 448 yes; 294 no; 5 abstained; and 1 void vote. The national headquarters of the United Church of Christ will be located in Cleveland, OH.

89-GS-56 VOTED: The 17th General Synod

1. Establishes the National Headquarters of the United Church of Christ in Cleveland, Ohio, on or before January 1, 1990.
2. Locates the National Headquarters in the building located at 700 Prospect Avenue.
3. Authorizes the Executive Council or its assignee to lease and purchase the premises located at 700 Prospect Avenue to house the National Headquarters.

4. Encourages all instrumentalities to locate their major offices at the National Headquarters.

### 7. CELEBRATION AND UNITY REGARDING THE LOCATION OF NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

The Rev. Thomas Dipko, Ohio Conference Minister, requested that delegates from the New York Conference and Ohio Conference gather about the microphone as Mr. Dipko and the Rev. William Briggs, New York Conference Minister, offered prayer. "We are One in the Spirit" was sung by the Synod following the prayer.

Ms. Fran Appletower (OHIO), on behalf of the Western Reserve Association and the City of Cleveland, welcomed the entire church to the city.

### 8. UNITING THE COMMUNITY

The Rev. Pat deJong was called upon for a moment of uniting the community.

"For you who were far away, have been brought near. For Christ has broken down the dividing walls of hostility. For in Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, male nor female, slave nor free - for I have called you friends! I pray that we may all be one - may they be in us - just as you are in me - and I am in you!

"I am certain that nothing can separate us from God's love. For there is neither: death nor life; angels nor principalities nor powers; neither present nor future; neither world above nor world below. There is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ, Jesus our Lord.

"Love is patient and kind, not jealous, conceited or proud. Love is not ill mannered or selfish. Love never gives up.

"If faith, hope and patience never fail, love never ends. These three remain: faith, hope and love. The greatest of these is love.

"Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days."

### 9. REPORT OF COMMITTEE SEVEN, COCU PARTNERSHIP

The Moderator introduced the Rev. Eleanor Morrison (MICH), Chairperson of Committee Seven to present its report. She referred the delegates to "Response to COCU Consensus (In Quest of a Church of Christ Uniting" in Advance Materials II, pages 31 - 32 and 114. On behalf of the Committee, Ms. Morrison moved that the 17th General Synod affirm the recommendation. An amendment was defeated, and it was

89-GS-57 VOTED: The 17th General Synod adopts "The United Church of Christ Response to the COCU Consensus: In Quest of a Church of Christ Uniting."

### **UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST RESPONSE TO THE COCU CONSENSUS: IN QUEST OF A CHURCH OF CHRIST UNITING**