

negotiate with American Home Products to achieve this commitment and, when appropriate request the United Church of Christ Executive Council or Synod to end this boycott and to assume whatever monitoring is required, reporting to the 18th General Synod on progress achieved.

Financial Implications: Subject to the availability of funds.

9. REFERRAL OF RESOLUTION "IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST DENOMINATION"

The Moderator introduced Mr. George Peters, Chairperson of Committee 10, who reported the Committee's recommendation to refer the Resolution "Support of the United Church of Christ Denomination" to the Stewardship Council. There was no discussion.

89-GS-79 VOTED: The 17th General Synod refers the Resolution "In Support of the United Church of Christ Denomination" to the Stewardship Council.

10. AFFIRMATION OF NATIONAL FEASIBILITY STUDY REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS ON GENERAL SYNOD SPECIAL FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN

Mr. Peters moved the acceptance of the Affirmation of National Feasibility Study Report Recommendations on General Synod Special Financial Campaign.

A friendly amendment was made and accepted to change the final paragraph to read as follows: "The campaign operating plan shall include a major educational component of regular giving and support of Our Church's Wider Mission in faithful response to the call of God to be good stewards. The plan shall be presented to the 18th General Synod." This amendment was accepted by Mr. Peters.

Another amendment, to change the allocation in conferences with less than 25,000 members, failed after some discussion.

89-GS-80 VOTED: The 17th General Synod approves "The Affirmation of the National Feasibility Study Report Recommendations on the General Synod Special Financial Campaign."

THE AFFIRMATION OF THE NATIONAL FEASIBILITY STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE GENERAL SYNOD SPECIAL FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN

The 17th General Synod receives the national feasibility study report and affirms the recommendations of the national advisory group that the next General Synod Special Financial Campaign seek monies for Instrumentalities, Commission for Racial Justice, Council for American Indian Ministry, Council for Health and Human Service Ministries and Conferences in the following areas of need: Caring for community, Caring for Church; and Caring for clergy.

Further, the 17th General Synod declares

that the Instrumentalities, Commission for Racial Justice, Council for American Indian Ministry, Council for Health and Human Service Ministries and the Conferences shall participate in mutual determination of specific needs to be addressed by the campaign, and

that the General Synod Special Financial Campaign shall be conducted across the United Church of Christ in the period 1992-1994, and

that the dollar goal be established at \$30 million, consistent with "Guidelines for Special Financial Campaigns" (vote 85-3-EC-36). The total goal shall be allocated 2/3 to the Instrumentalities, Commission for Racial Justice, Council for American Indian Ministry, and the Council for Health and Human Service Ministries, and 1/3 to the Conferences, and

that the finalized Case Statement and List of Needs be completed and forwarded to the 18th General Synod.

Further, the 17th General Synod directs the Stewardship Council to proceed with the development and implementation of the campaign operating plan reporting to each meeting of the Executive Council. Professional counsel shall be utilized. The campaign operating plan shall include a major educational component of regular giving and support of OCWM in faithful response to the call of God to be good stewards. The plan shall be presented to the 18th General Synod.

11. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL RESOLUTION "REAFFIRMING THE MIDDLE EAST COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AS A PARTNER IN MISSION"

The Moderator recognized Ms. Ruth Evans, Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Council, to report. She drew the delegates' attention to Advance Materials II, page 110, a Resolution "Reaffirming the Middle East Council of Churches as a Partner in Mission." She moved the adoption of this Resolution. There was no discussion and

89-GS-81 VOTED: The 17th General Synod adopts the Resolution "Reaffirming the Middle East Council of Churches as a Partner in Mission."

REAFFIRMING THE MIDDLE EAST COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AS A PARTNER IN MISSION

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1974, the Middle East Council of Churches has been the primary ecumenical partner of the United Church of Christ in the Middle East;

WHEREAS, the Middle East Council of Churches represents all of the Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox and Protestant traditions in the part of the world which has been the birthplace and continuing home of the Christian faith;

WHEREAS, the Middle East Council of Churches is a fellowship of churches of the Middle East which confess Jesus Christ according to the Scriptures, and therefore seek to fulfill together their common calling, to the glory of the one God;

WHEREAS, since 1988 the UCBWM has developed a "Partnership in Mission" relationship with the MECC, expressed in common concerns for worship, prayers, refugee ministries and actions to serve the goals of a just peace in the Middle East, and

WHEREAS, the UCBWM voted at its 179th Annual Meeting in November 1988 to commend the affirmation of this partnership to the 17th General Synod;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the 17th General Synod of the United Church of Christ reaffirms the Middle East Council of Churches as the United Church of Christ's primary ecu-