

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-

menical partner in mission in the Middle East; and that this partnership reaffirms full consultation in our work in the Middle East between the Middle East Council of Churches and the United Church of Christ through its United Church Board for World Ministries specifically as we

1. support projects;
2. send and receive personnel;
3. lift up mutual areas of advocacy and concern for peace and justice in the Middle East;
4. share support for social, educational and theological work in both areas by exchanges of personnel within the limits of the financial and personal resources available to each partner.

Financial Implications: Subject to the availability of funds.

12. MIDDLE EAST COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The Rev. Avery D. Post introduced Mr. Gabriel Habib of the Middle East Council of Churches. He spoke of the Middle East Council of Churches as a major force of leadership and change. He called for us to walk with these people who are represented by Mr. Habib, and he presented Mr. Habib with a gift representing the partnership.

Mr. Habib then spoke to the delegates, thanking them for the reaffirmation that the ecumenical movement is a part of the United Church of Christ. He paid tribute to Mr. Post, the Rev. Scott Libbey and Mr. Dale Bishop. He also presented Mr. Post with a gift for the offices of the United Church of Christ.

13. PROPOSAL FOR ACTION "CHRISTIAN FAITH: ECONOMIC LIFE AND JUSTICE"

Moderator Sherard recognized Mr. John Englehardt, the Chairperson of Committee Two, to complete the actions from Monday evening. He moved the adoption of the Proposal for Action "Christian Faith: Economic Life and Justice." There was no discussion and it was

89-GS-82 VOTED: The 17th General Synod adopts the Proposal for Action "Christian Faith: Economic Life and Justice."

PROPOSAL FOR ACTION CHRISTIAN FAITH: ECONOMIC LIFE AND JUSTICE

I. Summary

This Proposal for Action affirms the United Church of Christ's commitment to be actively concerned with justice in our economic institutions and daily economic lives. It delineates the strategies and specific actions by which all parts of the United Church of Christ (individuals, local churches, instrumentalities, Conferences, Associations and seminaries) can work for economic justice as an imperative of our affirmation and understanding of the Christian faith.

II. Background Statement

This Proposal for Action is based upon the Pronouncement on Christian Faith: Economic Life and Justice. The Pronouncement on Christian Faith: Economic Life and Justice is a synthesis of two proposed Pronouncements submitted to the 17th General Synod. This Proposal has been developed in response to the request of the Fourteenth General Synod to engage in a study of economics and theology, and to recommend an appropriate response by the United Church of Christ.

The Pronouncement on Christian Faith and Economic Life has

been informed by feedback to the study paper, Christian Faith and Economic Life, provided by a diverse group of United Church of Christ members. The racial and ethnic members of the United Church of Christ felt that the issue of racism in the context of envisioning appropriate economic life from a Christian faith perspective needed further articulation; this was provided in the proposed Pronouncement on Christian Faith and Economic Justice. The 17th General Synod celebrates the active involvement of diverse groups in the discussion and formulation of proposed statements on the highly complex issues of Christian faith and economics presented in these two documents. Hence, the 17th General Synod celebrates the fulfillment of the United Church of Christ's motto: "that they may all be one."

The synthesized Pronouncement presents policy statements for the United Church of Christ on the issue of economic justice. This Proposal for Action, therefore, delineates a specific program of action strategies that will enable the United Church of Christ to become effectively involved at all levels in the struggle to ensure that economic justice is a reality for all of God's people in the United States and throughout the world.

This Proposal for Action further seeks to implement, through Christian social action, the programmatic thrust of the Pronouncement on Christian Faith: Economic Life and Justice which seeks to remain faithful to the Statement of Faith and the Statement of Mission of the United Church of Christ.

III. Directional Statements and Goals

"God calls the worlds into being, creates persons in God's image, and sets before each one the ways of life and death . . ."

Our lives are derived from and lived in relationship with God. Our joy is to live in covenant with God and one another in God's household. Our delight is to use freely and faithfully the gifts of God who is Creator.

"In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, God has come to us . . ."

As people of the United Church of Christ, affirming our Statements of Faith and Mission, we seek within the Church Universal to participate in God's mission of economic justice for all of God's peoples and to follow the liberating way of the crucified and risen Christ . . .

We have confessed and stated our Christian conviction to struggle against all forms of economic injustice in this nation and throughout the world . . .

We establish as a goal the just transformation of the market economy into an economic system that fundamentally ensures economic, environmental, gender, racial and social justice and equality in the United States . . .

We further establish as a goal the just transformation of the global economy into an economic order that fundamentally ensures economic, environmental, gender, racial and social justice for all of God's peoples throughout the world . . .

To acknowledge God's reign is to shape on earth a community capable of the humanity exemplified in Jesus Christ and to take the suffering love of God made known in the life, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus as the model for a covenant household of justice and love. Thus, God's reign does not