

TUESDAY MORNING

and love, with a sense of gratitude for the unity we share as companions of our Savior Jesus Christ, who breaks down the dividing wall of hostility and summons us to a costly and joyful discipleship. The Word of God remains a lamp to our feet and a light to our path!

Financial Implications: Subject to the availability of funds.

27. RECOGNITION OF CONFERENCE AND NATIONAL STAFF MEMBERS

The Moderator recognized the Rev. Avery D. Post and the Rev. James Tomasek, chair of the Council of Conference Ministers, to honor National and Conference staff members who have retired since the last General Synod, or who will soon retire. An audio-visual presentation was shown, illustrating the work of these people: Rev. Donald R. Buckthal, Rev. Ralph Cook, Rev. John F. Fairfield, Rev. Arthur A. Higgins, Rev. Dean L. Hodges, Rev. William Koshewa, Rev. James Savides, Rev. Delbert Schrag, Rev. Christine Skelton, Rev. Naida Such, Rev. Bernie Zerkel, Jr. The Rev. Robert L. Bergfalk was honored also as a Conference staff person retiring from the Minnesota Conference.

28. ADOPTION OF THE BIENNIAL BUDGETS

The Moderator recognized Mr. William Kiesel, Chairperson of the Budget Committee for the adoption of the Annual Budgets. He reminded the delegates that there had been three occasions to discuss the budgets. He then moved the adoption of the budgets as printed in the Advance Materials II, pages 41 - 69.

89-GS-93 VOTED: The 17th General Synod adopts the Biennial Budget of the United Church of Christ.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BIENNIAL BUDGET

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>
Budget of the General Synod	\$1,534,970	\$1,576,267
COREM	13,057	13,412
PAAM	21,714	22,305
CHM	21,714	22,305
Contributions	150,678	154,777
UCBWM	3,137,550	3,222,887
UCBHM	2,974,045*	3,054,498*
Pension Boards	929,682	961,472
OCIS	742,768	762,534
OCLL	1,189,425	1,220,952
Stewardship Council	1,236,680	1,270,317
Com. on Development	157,722	162,011
OC (includes KYP and UCNews)	1,024,951	1,052,840
CRJ	1,023,500	1,051,338
CCW	402,678	413,192
TOTAL	\$14,600,000	\$15,000,000

*\$67,000 in 1990 and 1991 earmarked as the UCC Budget portion of funding for Local Church Development

29. RESOLUTION "SUPPORT FOR UCC FELLOWSHIP OF THE ARTS"

Ms. Susie Keele, of Committee 23, moved the adoption of the Resolution "Support for United Church of Christ Fellowship

of the Arts." She pointed out the changes made from the original resolution. There was brief discussion, and it was

89-GS-94 VOTED: The 17th General Synod adopts the Resolution "Support for United Church of Christ Fellowship of the Arts."

SUPPORT FOR UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST FELLOWSHIP OF THE ARTS

WHEREAS, the United Church of Christ Fellowship of the Arts has presented for our aesthetic and spiritual nurture, our edification, and our sheer enjoyment an exhibit of outstanding art in a variety of media, by professional and amateur artists;

WHEREAS, our expressions through the arts is not just something peripheral to our life of faith of the very "substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen;"

WHEREAS, United Church of Christ-related performers have brought God-given gifts of song, movement, drama and more to our times of work and leisure;

WHEREAS, the UCCFA has, during recent months, awakened our imagination and called us to new exploration through issues of the Arts Advocate;

WHEREAS, these efforts have been accomplished through the commitment of hundreds of art supporters throughout the United Church of Christ, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the 17th General Synod expresses our gratitude for the talents of the artists and the work of the UCCFA members in planning and supporting these activities, under the leadership of UCCFA president, Reverend Dorothy Lairmore;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the 17th General Synod, noting the call by the UCCFA to richer life in worship, education, spirituality, and social witness, pledges ourselves as individuals and congregations to encourage and support the UCCFA's work in our midst, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the 17th General Synod, calls upon the leaders and constituencies of the various United Church of Christ national bodies (Instrumentalities, councils, commissions, special interest groups, and the like) as well as our Conferences, Associations, and local churches to invite UCCFA participation in planning and development of local, regional, and national United Church of Christ events so that the continuing growth and development of the UCCFA's unique ministry will be encouraged and supported.

Financial Implications: Subject to the availability of funds.

30. RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE VALUE OF THE FLAG AS SYMBOLIC SPEECH AND OPPOSING EFFORTS TO RESTRICT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Ms. Keele moved the adoption of the Resolution "Affirming the Value of the Flag as Symbolic Speech and Opposing Efforts to Restrict Freedom of Expression." There was considerable discussion and

89-GS-95 VOTED: The 17th General Synod adopts the Resolution "Affirming the Value of the Flag as Symbolic Speech and Opposing Efforts to Restrict Freedom of Expression."