

MONDAY AFTERNOON

ess of reconciliation between the United Church of Christ and native Hawaiians.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Eighteenth General Synod directs the Office for Church in Society to develop resources in collaboration with the Hawaii Conference UCC to enable churches and conferences to engage in study about the substance of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Eighteenth General Synod also directs the Office for Church in Society to monitor and to follow up on this resolution, to report progress in UCC publications, and in collaboration with the Hawaii Conference UCC, to report to the Nineteenth General Synod.

AND FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED the Eighteenth General Synod shares this resolution and follow up study and report with other denominations in order to encourage their support of this initiative of Native Hawaiian self-governance.

Subject to the availability of funds.

17. DEBATE EXTENDED

The Moderator asked the delegates for permission to extend debate for five minutes in order to hear the next Resolution. Permission was granted.

18. RESOLUTION "FOR A 21ST CENTURY STATEMENT OF FAITH"

Ms. Maxey moved that the Eighteenth General Synod take no action on this resolution at this time.

91-GS-29 VOTED: The Eighteenth General Synod takes no action on the Resolution "For a 21st Century Statement of Faith" at this time.

19. RESPONSE TO MS. EDELMAN'S ADDRESS FROM PAUL SHERRY

The Moderator granted President Paul Sherry the privilege of speaking in response to Ms. Marian Edelman's address. Mr. Sherry challenged all present to do everything possible to create a world fit for all God's children. He promised to mobilize the instrumentalities, conferences, and local churches to respond to this challenge.

20. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECESS

Moderator Gosselink asked Ms. Bernice Powell for announcements and then declared the Eighteenth General Synod to be in recess until 2:00 p.m. Monday afternoon.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Assistant Moderator Thomas called General Synod to order and recognized Ms. Bernice Powell for announcements.

Mr. Thomas called for the recognition of the Rev. Ray Berry (SD) for his 20 years in Social Service to Native Americans, eight years as an Association Minister, and 14 years serving Native American churches. His spouse Ms. Shirley Berry served as an administrative assistant. The delegates responded with a round of applause.

2. RESOLUTION "PARTNERSHIP REAFFIRMATION BETWEEN THE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GHANA AND THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST"

Assistant Moderator Thomas recognized Ms. Juanita Helphrey to continue the report of the Executive Council.

Ms. Helphrey referred delegates to Advance Materials Section II, page 110, read the Resolution "Reaffirmation Between the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ghana and the United Church of Christ," and moved its adoption.

91-GS-30 VOTED: The Eighteenth General Synod adopts the Resolution "Reaffirmation Between The Evangelical Presbyterian Church Of Ghana And The United Church of Christ."

PARTNERSHIP REAFFIRMATION BETWEEN THE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GHANA AND THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

WHEREAS, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ghana and the United Church of Christ (USA) have a partnership in

mission based on our mutual acceptance of membership in the Body of Christ;

WHEREAS, these churches are united by our belief in the Scriptures and our affirmation that we are sisters and brothers of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ;

WHEREAS, we believe that this partnership has provided for and will provide for the mutual free expression of our Christian love;

WHEREAS, both churches have declared themselves to be truly desirous of strengthening this relationship in the love of Christ;

WHEREAS, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ghana is a member church of the All African Council of Churches, the World Alliance of Reformed Church, and World Council of Churches, demonstrating its interest and commitment in ecumenical relationships;

WHEREAS, the United Church of Christ (USA) seeks to celebrate, reaffirm and strengthen its dialogue and ecumenical relationship through the world; and

WHEREAS, we believe that this particular partnership in mission will share in Christian solidarity, and provide a means for strengthening our common implementation of the mission of the church in the world.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Eighteenth General Synod of the UCC (USA) celebrates and authorizes the ongoing partnership between the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ghana and the United Church of Christ (USA) in June 1991 and reaffirms the partnership agreement.

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Ms. Helpfrey introduced the Rev. Paul Sherry to speak about the Partnership between the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ghana and the United Church of Christ.

Mr. Sherry introduced the Rev. Noah Dzobo of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ghana and his spouse; Ms. Dorothy Gentry Kearney, President, United Church Board for World Ministries; the Rev. Scott Libbey, Executive Vice President, United Church Board for World Ministries; the Rev. Bonganjalo Goba, African Regional Secretary, and invited these guests to join him at the podium.

Mr. Sherry presented a gift of a sterling silver engraved chalice to Mr. Dzobo, who expressed his appreciation for the gift, the invitation to attend Eighteenth General Synod, and the 45 year history of the partnership.

Mr. Dzobo presented a beautiful Ghanaian sculpture carved from one piece of wood, expressing our symbolic partnership. Ms. Dzobo presented a banner of hand woven cloth from Ghana as a gift to President Sherry for his hospitality.

Warm applause and a standing ovation celebrated the partnership. Ms. Kearney came forward and led prayer with music.

3. STATEMENT ON RELOCATION OF NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

The Rev. Scott Libbey, Executive Director of the United Church Board for World Ministries, and the Rev. Shelby Rooks, Executive Director of the United Church Board for World Ministries, presented a dialogue responding to questions that had emerged as a result of each of the Board's transfer of funds for the purchase of the new national offices of the United Church of Christ in Cleveland.

4. ELECTION RESULTS

Assistant Moderator Thomas called on Secretary Carol Joyce Brun who reported that Ms. Diane Ranney, chairperson of tellers, provided the following election results.

628 Ballots were cast. Persons elected are as follows:

Executive Council, class of 1997, category laymen, Mr. Anson Baker, Mr. Neil Cass, Mr. Joe C. Thomas

General Synod Nominating Committee, Class of 97, category of laypersons Ms. Sarah Bennett, Mr. William Kiesel, and Ms. Julie Sehert, and category of clergy the Rev. Dorothy Book, the Rev. Robert Hertig, and the Rev. Susan Taylor.

In the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries election, the floor nominee did not prevail.

5. INSTRUMENTALITY PRESENTATIONS - COORDINATING CENTER FOR WOMEN

Assistant Moderator Thomas recognized Ms. Marilyn Brei-ling, Executive Director, Coordinating Center for Women. Ms. Brei-ling introduced "Monday Afternoon Live" a skit written by Ms. Ann Marie VanDyke (PNE).

The skit included the participation of Ms. Marilyn Brei-ling, Ms. Lilia Beher, Ms. Lilia Enriquez, Ms. Merlene Bagley, the Rev. Leah Matthews, Ms. Rose W. Lee, Ms. Olivia White, and

the Rev. Mary Sue Gast. A beautiful quilt was featured as a tapestry of Coordinating Center for Women's activities.

6. INSTRUMENTALITY PRESENTATIONS PENSION BOARDS

Mr. John Ordway, Executive Vice President of the Pension Boards, through an audio - visual presentation, documented the activities of the Pension Boards and its many services to clergy and lay annuitants and members.

7. INTRODUCTION OF RULES OF DEBATE FOR RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Linda Turner (IS) - Chairperson of the Agenda Committee, explained rules of debate and proposed time limits for resolutions, discussion, and debate. By general consensus, delegates agreed to a time limit of up to 25 minutes per committee report.

8. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION "MAKE A DIFFERENCE!" FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN

The chairperson of Committee 12 was the Rev. Janis Bassett Dashner (IS). Ms. Dashner introduced the committee recommendation on the Financial Campaign, "Make a Difference!" and moved its adoption.

91-GS-31 VOTED The Eighteenth General Synod adopts the General Synod financial campaign "Make a Difference!"

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

BE IT RESOLVED, the Eighteenth General Synod adopts the Finalized Case Statement and List of Needs and the Campaign Operating Plan for the General Synod Special Financial Campaign as recommended by the Executive Council in its report dated June 26, 1991 with the following amendments:

1. In the Summary of the Operating Plan for "Make a Difference!" on Page 2, paragraph 1 in the second sentence, add "The Plan calls for" to the beginning of the sentence, and delete the words "will also be necessary."
2. In the Summary Case Statement and Needs List for "Make a Difference!" on Page 2, under the section titled "Conference Settings - \$10 million," the first sentence shall read "Conferences bear responsibility for nurturing pastors and congregations."
3. Also delete the first word "the" in the second sentence so that the sentence will now read, "They make crucial connections between local and national mission."
4. On Page 6 of the Needs List Document in the first paragraph, the last sentence should read, "\$400,000 will be used to bring 'some of' these church buildings and parsonages into good condition."

Further, the General Synod recommends that the plan be implemented forthwith in accordance with the terms of the Finalized Case Statement and List of Needs, and that the administration and implementation of policy for the various monies received, and the campaign, be carried out in accordance with the recommendation of the Executive Council in its report to the Eighteenth General Synod dated June 26, 1991.