

## MONDAY EVENING

President George Bush and respectfully requests that President Bush withdraw the nomination of Clarence Thomas;

We request that the Judiciary Committee of The United States Senate vote to not approve the nomination of Clarence Thomas;

We call upon all other persons, groups and organizations with a commitment to fairness and equal justice to join in the building of a national campaign to block the confirmation of Clarence Thomas as a justice on the Supreme Court of the United States of America.

The body responded with a standing ovation.

### 5. AGENDA CHANGE

The Moderator recognized Ms. Linda Turner, Chairperson of the Agenda Committee. She reported that the discussion of the financial campaign would be continued Tuesday morning. She reminded the delegates of the way committee reports are assigned and what happens when issues are not discussed at the time. She recommended the following allocation of time.

91-GS-40 VOTED: The Eighteenth General Synod approves that up to 45 minutes be allocated to the report of Committee One, dealing with the priorities, and 25 minutes be allocated for each of the other committees reporting this evening.

### 6. RESOLUTION "SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT"

The Rev. Paul Adkins, Chairperson of Committee Nine, spoke of the three issues the committee discussed. He then moved adoption of the Resolution "Support of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development" as written in Advance Materials II, page 115. A committee member, Ms. Paula Van Natta, spoke in favor of the resolution.

91-GS-41 VOTED: The Eighteenth General Synod adopts the Resolution "Support of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development."

#### SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, we face an environmental crisis in our relationship with the earth and the impact of our "first world" economic development on the developing countries and on human development and justice throughout the globe;

WHEREAS, the women of the world bear a disproportionate burden for the care of those adversely affected by the impact of overdevelopment on the environment and a special role in the spiritual nurture of our families;

WHEREAS, the Seventeenth General Synod recognized the role of the Church in responding to this crisis by adopting the Priority "Integrity of Creation, Justice and Peace," emphasizing the preeminence of our relationship with the earth by placing "Integrity of Creation" in first place;

WHEREAS, the Coordinating Center for Women in Church and Society is a member of the Priority Working Group for Integrity of Creation, Justice and Peace;

WHEREAS, the General Synod has adopted numerous resolutions calling for the support of the work of the United Nations, the only organization capable of mobilizing global action on environmental issues;

WHEREAS, the United Nations has called for a UN Conference on Environment and Development to be held in Brazil in June of 1992; and

WHEREAS, the International Coordinating Committee on Religion and the Earth (ICCRE) has been formed to foster awareness of the spiritual dimension of the environmental crisis and to develop a clear religious voice to impact the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.

THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED, the Eighteenth General Synod expresses support for the June 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and for the work of the International Coordinating Committee on Religion and the Earth, and

Calls on the Integrity of Creation, Justice and Peace Working Group; the Spiritual Renewal Network and the Network of Environment and Economic Responsibility to consider ways to support the work of the International Coordinating Committee on Religion and the Earth, and to raise awareness of United Church of Christ conferences, congregations and members about the spiritual dimensions of the environmental crisis, and

Calls on members, congregations, conferences and national bodies to continue work toward the goals of the Integrity of Creation, Justice and Peace Priority, using the resources of the national Working Group and developing additional worship, educational and action programs to heal the earth and bring justice and peace for all, and

Requests the President of the Church to communicate this support to the Secretary General of the United Nations, to the United Nations Environment Programme, to the President of the United States and the United States Ambassador to the United Nations.

Subject to the availability of funds.

### 7. RESOLUTION "IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS"

Mr. Adkins then moved that the Eighteenth General Synod adopt the Resolution "In Support of the United Nations" found on page 1 of Committee Reports Part 3. Ms. Gretchen Green from the committee spoke to the resolution.

91-GS-42 VOTED: The Eighteenth General Synod adopts the Resolution "In Support of the United Nations."

#### IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS

WHEREAS, Micah asks, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice?" (Micah 6:8a), and Jesus proclaims, "Blessed are the peacemakers" (Matthew 5:9), and the Psalmist proclaims, "Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created, and thou renews the face of the earth" (Psalms 104:30);

WHEREAS, The United Church of Christ Priority adopted at General Synod XVII, "Integrity of Creation, Justice, and Peace," enlists all parts of the United Church of Christ in study and action;