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so long as the Army could not guarantee that returning refugees would not be subjected to violence or forced to live in model villages, it was "preferable for the refugees to remain in Mexico." The acceptance of amnesty provisions would be extremely dangerous for those involved as it would attach the stigma of subversive association.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Eighteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ requests the President to:

1. Petition the Congress of the United States to adhere to Section 502(B) of the Foreign Assistance Act, which bars military aid to governments which engage in a consistent pattern of gross violations of human rights, for the following outcomes:
 - a. a continuation of the ban on military aid and commercial arms sales to Guatemala;
 - b. an end to United States National Guard exercises with the Guatemalan military;
 - c. an end to the United States training and logistical support for the Guatemalan military;
 - d. strict control of the Guatemalan military in United States anti-narcotics operations;
 - e. disbursement of Economic Support Funds for Guatemala only on condition that violations of human rights be substantially reduced.
2. Call upon the President of the United States and the Congress to continue to urge the United Nations Human Rights Commission to condemn the deterioration of human rights in Guatemala in the strongest possible terms, including the appointment of a special investigator to be stationed full-time in the country.
3. Encourage member congregations to establish partnerships with urban communities and rural villages in Guatemala, in careful consultation with the appropriate officials in the United Church Board for World Ministries.

Subject to the availability of funds.

11. RESOLUTION "CALLING FOR THE RESTORING OF NORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA"

Ms. Gosselink recognized Mr. True for the presentation of the Report of Committee 15. He referred the delegates to the resolution as found in Advance Materials Section II, page 120. The committee proposed no changes. On behalf of the committee, Mr. True moved that the Eighteenth General Synod adopt the Resolution "Calling for the Restoring of Normal Relations Between the United States and Cuba." Mr. True spoke on behalf of the committee. There was no discussion.

91-GS-87 VOTED: The Eighteenth General Synod adopts the Resolution "Calling for the Restoring of Normal Relations Between the United States and Cuba."

CALLING FOR THE RESTORING OF NORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA

WHEREAS, for the past 32 years the relations between the United States and Cuba have been characterized by alienation;

WHEREAS, the Cuban government is considering reforms in emigration;

WHEREAS, discrimination on the basis of religious faith is in process of being eliminated;

WHEREAS, a move toward normalization of relations between the United States and Cuba would encourage these and other reforms; and

WHEREAS, we as Christians believe that the teachings and spirit of our faith call for reconciliation, and beyond reconciliation, the creating of justice and peace for every nation.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Eighteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ urges that both the United States and Cuba engage in conversations to institute plans for new relations between these neighboring countries leading to justice and peace.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Eighteenth General Synod requests its executive officers and instrumentalities to offer such assistance in the process of reconciliation as may be helpful in establishing normal relations between the United States and Cuba.

Subject to the availability of funds.

12. RESOLUTION "JUSTICE IN THE MAQUILADORAS"

The Moderator again recognized Mr. True for the presentation of the Report of Committee 15. He referred the delegates to the revised resolution as found in Committee Reports, Part VII, page 13. On behalf of the committee, Mr. True moved that the Eighteenth General Synod adopt the Resolution "Justice in the Maquiladoras."

Mr. True spoke on behalf of the committee.

There was some discussion. Mr. Danny Roman (FLA) requested clarification on the use of "Maquiladoras" in reference either to the people or to the region. Mr. True responded that the committee inquired as to the intended meaning of "Maquiladoras," received unclear information, and chose to reference the region. Mr. Roman suggested it also as a term used for workers in that region at those corporations and offered a friendly amendment to delete "the." Mr. True accepted the friendly amendment.

91-GS-88 VOTED: The Eighteenth General Synod adopted the Resolution "Justice in the Maquiladoras."

JUSTICE IN THE MAQUILADORAS

WHEREAS, in its pronouncement "Christian Faith and Economic Justice," the UCC has declared that "We establish as a goal the just transformation of the global economy into an economic order that fundamentally ensures economic, racial, and social justice for all of God's people throughout the world";

WHEREAS, ninety percent of the over 2,000 foreign corporations that have set up assembly and manufacturing plants in Mexico under the Maquiladoras program are United States-owned transnationals;

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WHEREAS, these United States-owned Maquiladoras plants are generally decimating the environment and endangering public health on both sides of the border and the health of workers in the Mexican plants due to violations of Mexican and United States environmental and workplace standards;

WHEREAS, the border communities are overwhelmed from the waves of Mexican families who migrated to shanty towns in search of jobs in Maquiladoras;

WHEREAS, United States transnational corporations exploit the one-half million Mexican Maquiladoras workers by paying them an average of \$5 a day;

WHEREAS, many Maquiladoras workers have virtually no rights on the job, and in some cases are warehoused' in crowded company barracks;

WHEREAS, United States corporations have used the tactic of moving facilities to Mexico in order to avoid social responsibilities to local communities; and

WHEREAS, the Bush Administration's proposed "Free Trade" agreements between Mexico, Canada and the United States fail to include the provision that United States transnationals operate under the environmental, workplace health and fair labor standards of both countries.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Eighteenth General Synod condemns the exploitation of the environment, workers and communities in Maquiladoras plants by United States and other transnationals and any so-called "Free Trade" agreement that fails to address environmental, workplace and fair labor standards;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Eighteenth General Synod endorses the Maquiladora Standards of Conduct as a binational program to address the abuses transnational corporations have imposed on workers, the environment and the communities in which they are located;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Eighteenth General Synod recommends participation in activities and events to publicize and enforce these standards proposed by the Coalition for Justice in the Maquiladoras; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Eighteenth General Synod requests that the United Church Board for World Ministries work directly with the national Coalition for Justice on Maquiladoras, assigning resources to support the Coalition's work.

Subject to the availability to funds.

13. AGENDA OPTIONS

The Agenda Committee Chairperson explained the options on the order of the day: (1) Call the order of the day, go to Worship, and adjourn. Any unfinished business would be sent to the Executive Council. The delegates would miss several items. (2) Change the order of the day, continue and complete the committee reports, do wrap-up, and conclude with Worship at 11:00 p.m.

The Rev. Dennis Bailey (MASS) moved to change the order of the day. The motion was seconded. The Rev. Paul Flucke, Co-Parliamentarian, offered clarification on the motion which

would allow continuance of debate. The Eighteenth General Synod changed the order of the day to allow continuance of debate. The moderator indicated the motion passed.

At a call for division of the house, the vote was taken a second time and was it was agreed that it passed.

Mr. William Warner (OHIO) moved to change the order of the day to move immediately to Committee Seven's report. The motion was seconded. The balance of Committee 15's report would be referred to the Executive Council. The Eighteenth General Synod changed the order of the day and proceeded to the report of Committee Seven.

14. THANKS EXPRESSED TO THE MODERATOR AND ASSISTANT MODERATORS

The Rev. H. Daehler Hayes (RI) on a point of personal privilege saluted the leadership of the Moderator and Assistant Moderators. The Moderator graciously responded, including thanks to her husband, Chuck.

15. RESOLUTION "YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES"

The Moderator recognized the Chairperson of Committee Seven, Ms. Brenda Barnes Jamieson (NEB), for the presentation of the Report of Committee Seven. After directing the attention of the delegates to Committee Reports, Part IV, page 11, on behalf of the committee, Ms. Jamieson moved that the Eighteenth General Synod adopt the Resolution "Youth and Young Adult Ministries."

Ms. Jamieson spoke on behalf of the committee. Ms. Kimme Cornett, Chair of the Council for Youth/Young Adult Ministries, also spoke in favor of the resolution. There was favorable discussion of the resolution.

91-GS-89 VOTED: The Eighteenth General Synod unanimously adopts the Resolution "Youth and Young Adult Ministries."

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Theological Rationale

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews and Greeks, slaves or free and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but many. . . . If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it (1 Cor. 12:12-14, 26 (NRSV)).

Background

Conclusion of the Priority on Youth and Young Adult Ministries has brought mixed outcomes. Many conferences can be lauded for continued commitment to youth and young adult ministries. Yet, while this is so, youth and young adult ministries are waning in a growing number of conferences. Our observations are that conference program staff positions with youth and young adult responsibilities have been cut due to