

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Moderator Ruhe thanked the Ecumenical Partnership Committee and the actors - Jessica Beltz, Arthur Cribbs, Kara Miller and John Thomas, and the musicians Matt Crouch, Mike Crouch and Rick Van Weelden for preparing the Partnership Presentation.

11. CONTINUATION OF THE REPORT OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Moderator Ruhe stated the third Plenary of the General Synod ended with a Call for the Order of the Day when the Synod was about to deal with the resolution "Endorsement of Publicly Financed Approach to Health Care Reform." He suggested this item of business be continued to the next plenary so the joint General Assembly/Synod could begin with the schedule as printed. There were no objections.

Moderator Ruhe called on Ms. Denise Page Hood to continue the report of the Executive Council.

Ms. Hood referred the General Synod delegates to the resolution entitled "The United Church of Christ in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands - Affirmation of Partnership with the United Church of Christ (USA)" and read the resolution to the General Assembly/Synod as found on page 206 in the Program/Worship and Business Book and moved the adoption of this resolution.

93-GS-27 VOTED: The Nineteenth General Synod votes to affirm and celebrate the partnership between the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands and the United Church of Christ (USA).

RESOLUTION "THE UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS - AFFIRMATION OF PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (USA)"

WHEREAS, The United Church of Jamaica and Grand Cayman Islands and the United Church of Christ (USA) through the UCBWM have shared a partnership which recognizes our oneness in Christ and a common call to mission;

WHEREAS, after 25 years of dialogue, the United Church of Jamaica and Grand Cayman and the Disciples of Christ in Jamaica, united organically as of December 13, 1992, adopting the name The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands;

WHEREAS, this union is an affirmation that we are one body in Christ with many gifts, living in one world, serving one Lord;

WHEREAS, the United Church of Christ (USA) and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the U. S. and Canada have declared themselves to be in partnership

committed to a shared life in Christ and to an ecumenical sharing of resources with a prophetic vision of a just and peaceful world; and

WHEREAS, this union between our partners in Jamaica will help to strengthen the common calling of the United Church of Christ (USA) and the Christian Church (DOC) to sing a new song serving humanity, to strive to create a better world and to find new ways to implement our mission together;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the United Church Board for World Ministries recommends that the Nineteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ affirm and celebrate the partnership between the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands and the United Church of Christ (USA).

12. AFFIRMATION OF PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS AND THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

As an expression of this affirmation, Ms. Hood called on President Sherry and General Minister Nichols to come forward with the special guests.

President Sherry introduced the other partnership participants on the stage: Rev. Derik Davidson, Moderator of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands; Ms. Dorothy Gentry Kearney, President of the United Church Board for World Ministries; Rev. Jane McMahill, Chair of the Board of Directors, United Church Board for World Ministries; Ms. Robin Hedgeman, Chair of the Board of Directors, Division of Overseas Ministries, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); Rev. David Vargas, Executive Director of the Common Ministry in Latin America/Caribbean; Rev. William Nottingham, President of the Division of Overseas Ministries, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); and Rev. Scott Libbey, Executive Vice President of the United Church Board for World Ministries.

Rev. Sherry and Rev. Nichols presented to Rev. Davidson and the members of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands a chalice made by Ferdinand Garcia, a member of the Division of Overseas Ministries Board.

Rev. Davidson spoke to the General Assembly/Synod and accepted the chalice on behalf of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands.

13. RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEERS AND CO-CHAIRS OF THE LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

Moderator Moffett introduced the Co-chairs of the Local Arrangements Committee, William Briggs and