

MONDAY MORNING

-urges individual members of the United Church of Christ to improve the stewardship of their bodies by engaging in practices and habits that improve their health as a way of giving thanks for the gift of life and as a way of modeling individual responsibility for improving the health of the population.

Subject to the availability of funds.

11. RESOLUTION "MUTUAL RECOGNITION AND RECONCILIATION OF ORDAINED MINISTRIES"

Assistant Moderator Malaski called on the Rev. David Long-Higgins, the Chairperson of Committee Four. Mr. Long-Higgins called the attention of the delegates to the text of the resolution found in the Program/Worship and Business book and moved the adoption of the Resolution "Mutual Recognition and Reconciliation of Ordained Ministries."

There was some discussion and a point of clarification was made.

93-GS-29 VOTED: The Nineteenth General Synod adopts the Resolution "Mutual Recognition and Reconciliation of Ordained Ministries."

RESOLUTION "MUTUAL RECOGNITION AND RECONCILIATION OF ORDAINED MINISTRIES"

WHEREAS, the 1989 General Synod and 1989 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) each took identical actions to establish "full communion" between our two denominations;

WHEREAS, the 1989 General Synod and 1989 General Assembly called for the mutual recognition and reconciliation of ordained ministries;

WHEREAS, the actions of the General Synod and General Assembly stated that "Mutual recognition of ordained ministries is intended to acknowledge in the ministries of the partner church the manifest blessings of God and the fruit of the Spirit and, therefore, to affirm them as true ministries of the one, holy Church of Jesus Christ. Reconciliation of ordained ministries is intended to refer to future actions by the churches, both separately and together, whereby their ordained ministries become one ministry of Jesus Christ;"

WHEREAS, a Joint Planning Committee made up of representatives from the ministry offices of each denomination has been engaged in a process of testing various plans by which the reconciliation of ordained ministries could be manifest and implemented; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Planning Committee, as a result of this testing process, is developing for consideration by General Synod Twenty in 1995, a detailed proposal and time line for the implementation of the mutual recognition and reconciliation of ordained ministries;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nineteenth General Synod receives the report of the Office for Church Life and Leadership on "The Mutual Recognition and Reconciliation of Ordained Ministries with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ);"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Nineteenth General Synod requests the Office for Church Life and Leadership to continue its work with the Center for Leadership and Ministry, Division of Homeland Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to shape the specific way in which the recognition and reconciliation of ordained ministries will be implemented;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Synod requests the Office for Church Life and Leadership to propose to General Synod Twenty in 1995 the necessary action, including required constitution and bylaws changes, to implement the reconciliation of ordained ministries with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

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12. RESOLUTION "CHILDREN AND COMMUNION"

Continuing the report of Committee Four, Mr. Long-Higgins directed the delegates to Packet A and moved that the Synod adopt the resolution "Children and Communion." He spoke to the resolution and explained the changes the Committee made in the original text.

Several delegates spoke in favor of the resolution. The Rev. Wendy Williams-Brinks (PNE) moved the previous question and the Nineteenth General Synod voted to close debate.

93-GS-30 VOTED: The Nineteenth General Synod adopts the Resolution "Children and Communion."

RESOLUTION "CHILDREN AND COMMUNION"

WHEREAS, "People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them." (Mark 10:13- 16 NRSV);