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of the United Church of Christ and the Rev. Doris R. Powell is elected as Director of Finance and Treasurer of the United Church of Christ.

Secretary Edith Guffey announced that the one vote electing all nominees for uncontested offices and boards was cast.

The Secretary then announced that the second stage of voting would require balloting and instructed the Tellers to distribute the ballots for the contested election for the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, the United Church Board for World Ministries and the Nominating Committee. Ms. Guffey then explained the ballot, stating that the sequence of names on the ballot was varied in accordance with Standing Rule #34. Ms. Guffey reminded delegates that improperly marked ballots would be voided.

After the tellers collected all the ballots Secretary Guffey announced to the Moderator that the balloting was complete.

11. CONTINUATION OF VIDEO PRESENTATION OF THE COUNCIL OF INSTRUMENTALITY EXECUTIVES

While the ballots were distributed, collected and counted, the video presentation of the Council of Instrumentality Executives continued. The Moderator thanked the Council of Instrumentality Executives for allowing its presentation to be split during plenary.

12. RESOLUTION "A CALL TO END THE BAN AGAINST GAYS AND LESBIANS IN THE MILITARY"

The Moderator called on Rev. Paul Sherry to review the background for the Resolution to be presented by Committee Six. Rev. Sherry updated the Synod on President Clinton's directive to reaffirm a ban on same sex conduct in the military. President Clinton's statement recognized homosexuality but stated it would be grounds for discharge from the military.

Moderator Ruhe then called on Ms. Inez Luna, Chairperson of Committee Six, who introduced the Resolution and moved for its adoption. Ms. Luna yielded the floor to the Rev. Jean Alexander (CAC).

Ms. Alexander spoke to the resolution. The resolution came from First Congregational Church with full support of the Central Atlantic Conference and the Potomac Association. She urged the General Synod to vote in favor of this resolution as a faithful call to God's justice.

Rev. Paul Sherry and the Rev. Lois Powell (Business Committee) spoke in support of this resolution.

93-GS-44 VOTED: The Nineteenth General Synod adopts the Resolution "A Call to End the Ban Against Gays and Lesbians in the Military."

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Summary:

The President of the United States has announced his intention to lift the ban against gays and lesbians in the military by Executive Order in July 1993. Since the United Church of Christ has a history of supporting civil rights for African-Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Pacific and Asian Americans, women and people with disabilities, we call on the Nineteenth General Synod and its member churches to advocate for ending the ban against gays and lesbians in the military.

Background:

The United Church of Christ has long advocated the civil rights of gays and lesbians, ordained openly gay and lesbian persons as ministers and encouraged local churches to adopt non-discrimination policies and Covenants of Openness and Affirmation welcoming people of gay, lesbian and bisexual orientation. The voice of the United Church of Christ and its member churches again needs to be heard in support of the rights of gays and lesbians to serve in the Armed Forces.

Theological Rationale:

All human beings are created in the image of God. Our sexuality is a gift from God. We should be judged not by our sexual orientation but by the responsible expression of our sexuality in the context of community and our covenantal relationships.

Text:

WHEREAS, the military, as one of the nation's largest employers, has successfully pioneered the enforcement of civil rights guaranteed by the Constitution, most notably with respect to racial integration;

WHEREAS, gays and lesbians have served with distinction and have, for generations, constituted a significant, but hidden, part of the Armed Forces;

WHEREAS, the ban against gays and lesbians in the military has been used to rationalize and tolerate harassment, assault and even murder of gays and lesbians;

WHEREAS, the Tailhook incident and other incidents of sexual harassment and assault demonstrate the need to

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enact and enforce policies governing sexual conduct for all military personnel; and

WHEREAS, the United Church of Christ has affirmed the full participation of gays and lesbians in church and society, including a Pronouncement on Civil Liberties Without Discrimination Related to Affectional or Sexual Preference issued by the Tenth General Synod in 1975;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nineteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ directs its leaders:

1. to strongly urge the lifting of the ban against gays and lesbians in the military to the President, the Congress, the Senate and House Armed Forces Committees and the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the Armed Forces and to communicate our denomination's position through the media and to other religious bodies;
2. to urge the full, swift, impartial and independent investigation of all cases of sexual harassment or hate crimes involving military personnel, regardless of the sexual orientation of either the perpetrator or the victim;
3. to support the development of just and uniform standards of sexual conduct for all military personnel; and
4. to assist congregations of the United Church of Christ in educating themselves and engaging in advocacy for the civil rights of gays and lesbians.

13. RESOLUTION "CALL FOR REPRESENTATION OF DIVERSITY IN COMPLETION OF THE NEW UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST HYMNAL"

The Moderator called on Mr. Craig Ellis, Chairperson of Committee Twelve. Mr. Ellis called the attention of the delegates to the document that had been distributed entitled "An Approach to The New Century Hymnal," a document authored by the Rev. James W. Crawford, Chair of the Hymnal Committee. Mr. Ellis stated this was offered as information only as the Committee felt this best summarized the chronology and issues of The New Century Hymnal. He also stated that the second resource is The New Century Hymnal Sampler. Mr. Ellis requested that the Rev. James Crawford be granted voice as Chair of the Hymnal Committee.

Voice was granted to the Rev. James Crawford by general consent.

On behalf of the Committee, Mr. Ellis recommended a negative vote on the Resolution. He explained the process of the work the Committee did to arrive at their

recommendation. He further stated that the Committee whole-heartedly commends the work of the Hymnal Committee and further commends the South Central Conference for bringing this matter to General Synod for discussion.

Mr. Jim Blume (SOC) moved to give voice but not vote to Mr. David Nussman (SC), author of the Resolution that was submitted by the South Central Conference.

93-GS-45 VOTED: The Nineteenth General Synod grants voice but not vote to Mr. David Nussman.

The Rev. James Crawford spoke in favor of the recommendation to defeat the resolution. A number of other persons spoke both for and against the recommendation of the committee.

Rev. Thomas Howard (MA) moved to amend the Resolution in the "Therefore Be It Resolved" section to read: Therefore Be It Resolved: That the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries be asked to complete the new UCC Hymnal, directing the Editorial Committee to restore the word "Lord" (with balancing metaphors where possible) to those hymns originally using it in reference to Jesus.

Following discussion on the amendment, Mr. Steven R. Crapson (WNI) moved to terminate debate and the Nineteenth General Synod voted to close debate. A vote was taken and Moderator Ruhe stated the amendment was defeated.

Rev. William Miller (PSE) called for a Division of the House. The vote was counted and the count was 389 Yes and 260 No votes, passing the amendment.

93-GS-46 VOTED: The Nineteenth General Synod amends the resolution to read:

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The Moderator asked delegates if they wished to continue the Hymnal discussion. The response was affirmative.

The Rev. Thomas Dipko, Executive Vice President of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, reminded General Synod that it is not appropriate for General Synod to "direct" a recognized instrumentality and asked that the final minutes of Synod reflect that he called this to the attention of Synod.

Following more discussion on the resolution, the Rev. Thomas Howard (MA) moved that the word "direct" in the