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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

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previous amendment be changed to "recommend." This was accepted as a friendly amendment.

Rev. Jodi Ondich-Batson (NEB) moved the previous question on the Resolution as amended and the Nineteenth General Synod voted to close debate.

The Moderator called for a Division of the House on the Resolution and led the Synod in singing "Tell Me Why" while the votes were being tallied. Moderator Ruhe reminded delegates that there was a lot of feeling around the issue being voted on and that applause, when the vote was announced, would be inappropriate.

93-GS-47 VOTED: The Nineteenth General Synod adopts the Resolution "Call For Representation of Diversity in Completion of The New United Church of Christ Hymnal," as amended, by a vote of 424 in favor and 252 against.

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

WHEREAS, for over three years, 13 members of the United Church of Christ Hymnal Committee, under the auspices of United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, have labored hard to produce a new hymnal for the United Church of Christ;

WHEREAS, the Committee's biggest differences have centered on the issues of inclusive language. All members of the committee are convinced that we need an inclusive language hymnal. But does "inclusive language" mean using only neutral images for God and Jesus, or does it mean using a *multiplicity* of images, *including* traditional ones?;

WHEREAS, to help resolve these differences, the Hymnal Committee asked the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries Executive Committee for clarification. Instead, the Hymnal Committee learned at Easter time that they would be dismissed and that further decisions on the language of the hymn texts would be made by some of the members of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries Executive Committee;

WHEREAS, this diversity in feeling within the Hymnal Committee about how to treat images of God and Jesus reflects the genuine, heartfelt diversity amongst United Church of Christ members on the issue. The United Church of Christ accepts, even "embraces" diversity. A hymnal for the church should reflect the diversity of the church, including language. The Hymnal, hammered out of a diverse committee, had the makings of a hymnal that could speak to all. The dismissal of the Hymnal Committee makes it less likely that the new Hymnal's

images of God and Jesus will reflect the denominational diversity that we prize; and

WHEREAS, we are very desirous that the new hymnal be a *unifying* element of our diverse churches. We are pleased with the preliminary word that the Hymnal Committee was anticipating inclusion of many hymns from diverse traditions. We are concerned that a hymnal based on one pole of the *inclusive language* issue could become a divisive rather than an inclusive, unifying document;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries be asked to complete the new UCC hymnal, recommending that The Editorial Committee restore the word "Lord" (with balancing metaphors where possible) to those hymns originally using it in reference to Jesus.

14. MOMENT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

The Rev. Thomas E. Dipko requested and received a Moment of Personal Privilege. His comments were as follows: "I request this moment of Personal Privilege to say to the General Synod this has been a time of passionate and intense discussion and prayer and struggling for all of us; and the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries and the whole church will be the stronger, including the ecumenical church, because the Hymnal Sampler was brought here in openness and all of the information pertaining to this process was released to you prior to this Synod in time for your reflection. We certainly will do all we can to take to heart what counsel you have offered. At the same time, theologically and out of the integrity of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, and those most responsible for this particular assignment, we also must respect the gifts and consciences of the corporate members and the Board of Directors of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries through which your counsel will have been heard. Thank you for this moment of personal privilege."

Moderator Ruhe thanked the delegates for their careful consideration of this issue.

15. RESOLUTION "ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM IN EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS"

The Moderator called on the chair of Committee Ten, Ms. Pésida Méndez who introduced the Resolution "Environmental Racism in East St. Louis, Illinois." Ms. Méndez called on Mr. Steven Patterson (IL) who spoke in favor of the resolution and asked for voice without vote for the Rev. Buck Jones (MO). Voice without vote was granted by consent to Rev. Buck Jones who spoke in favor of the resolution.