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urban internship and take courses of study in seminaries exposing them to the urban context;

6. calls upon United Church of Christ related seminaries to provide opportunities for lay and clergy to become students skilled in urban church issues and the role of laity and clergy in metropolitan areas in modern life;
7. institutes programs to combat racism and promote multicultural, ethnic diversity throughout our United Church of Christ church life; and
8. **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Nineteenth General Synod respectfully requests that a denomination-wide strategy for congregational and pastoral renewal through community mission be developed to give witness to the unity of God's mission in all settings.

A progress report on the development of this strategy and report shall be given to General Synod Twenty. We request that responsibility for this be assigned to the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries in consultation with the Office for Church in Society, Office for Church Life and Leadership and United Church Board for World Ministries.

Subject to the availability of funds.

9. RESOLUTION "CONCERNING GAY, LESBIAN AND BISEXUAL PERSONS AND THEIR MINISTRIES"

Ms. Karen Schmiel, the Chairperson of Committee Nine, directed the attention of the delegates to the resolution in the Program/Worship and Business Book. She spoke of the work of the committee and moved the defeat of the Resolution "Concerning Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Persons and Their Ministries."

There was discussion both in support of and against the Resolution.

Ms. Wendy Williams Brinks (PNE) moved the previous question and the Nineteenth General Synod closed debate.

Mr. Antonio Villareal (PSE) called for a division of the house on the vote to close the debate. The Moderator's ruling was upheld.

93-GS-57 VOTED: The Nineteenth General Synod defeats the Resolution "Concerning Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Persons and Their Ministries." *[The text of this resolution is found in Appendix E.]*

10. RESOLUTION "UCC DRAFT RESOLUTION ON SOUTH AFRICA"

Assistant Moderator Enriquez called on Mr. Dick Harter, the Chairperson of Committee Fourteen, to report the work of that committee. Mr. Harter directed the delegates to Report Pack F to find the text of the resolutions being recommended by the committee. He then moved the adoption of the "UCC Draft Resolution on South Africa." Mr. Harter yielded his time to Wanda Veldman (WI), who spoke in favor of the resolution.

Discussion followed, all in support of the resolution.

Mr. Edgar Roosa (PNE) moved the previous question and the Nineteenth General Synod voted to close debate.

93-GS-58 VOTED: The Nineteenth General Synod adopts the "UCC Draft Resolution on South Africa"

UCC DRAFT RESOLUTION ON SOUTH AFRICA

WHEREAS, our partners, the South African Council of Churches and the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa, plan to call for the lifting of sanctions and the ending of other financial pressures once a Transitional Executive Council, representing all of the major political actors in the country, has been established;

WHEREAS, we celebrate the June 1993 multi-party agreement that established a date for South African elections on April 27, 1994;

WHEREAS, we rejoice in the victories of the democratic forces in South Africa — victories which have placed the country, in the words of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, "on the threshold of becoming a democratic, non-racial, non-sexist country;"

WHEREAS, we celebrate the role that millions of people around the world, here in the United States and in our churches have played in the South African struggle for freedom and justice;

WHEREAS, we highlight the important role that sanctions and divestment have played in accelerating the process of change in South Africa;

WHEREAS, we know that the establishment of a Transitional Executive Council will not equal the arrival of democracy, as only elections and equal participation of all South African citizens at all levels of society will guarantee this;

WHEREAS, the setting of an election date and the establishment of a Transitional Executive Council will be a great initial victory for democratic forces;

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WHEREAS, although this victory is significant, apartheid has nevertheless left a terrible legacy in South and southern Africa;

WHEREAS, the World Council of Churches and the South African Council of Churches, meeting in Utrecht, Holland on June 12, 1993, stated that "Under the apartheid system, government and business systematically deformed the economy. Today South Africa has one of the most unequal distributions of income and wealth in the world; a shrinking economy in which only half of the work force can find formal employment; high costs, gross over concentration of ownership and markets, and corrupt management;"

WHEREAS, at Utrecht, the World Council of Churches and South African Council of Churches stated that "the sobering reality is that the correction of these structural distortions will require years of cooperation between the new democratic government, its partners in civil society and the international community;" and

WHEREAS, since General Synod Five in 1965, the United Church of Christ has consistently opposed apartheid, sought to aid those struggling to end this system, and voted in its General Synods Fifteen and Sixteen to support sanctions and divestment, vowing to maintain these pressures until "apartheid is abolished;"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the United Church of Christ will consider its sanctions and divestment campaigns to have come to an end once a Transitional Executive Council has been established in South Africa;

Sanctions and divestment policies on military and strategic materials will remain in effect at least until a democratic government is in place.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United Church of Christ will continue to support the South African Council of Churches' efforts to secure multi-party control of the South African security forces.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, once there is a Transitional Executive Council, the United Church of Christ will:

- be in solidarity with the peoples of South Africa by supporting the building of a just, democratic, non-racist, non-sexist and sustainable South Africa;
- adhere to the World Council of Churches' and South African Council of Churches' "call for new investment and aid for the entire southern African region which will help meet this challenge" for democratic change;
- in the words of the World Council of Churches and South African Council of Churches, "encourage

businesses to share creatively and responsibly in the reconstruction process" of South Africa;

- support the South African Council of Churches' efforts to develop a code of conduct for domestic and international businesses with monitoring and enforcement mechanisms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that until the South African Council of Churches' code of conduct for investment has been developed, the United Church of Christ calls on all present and future investors in South Africa to use standards which call on all companies doing business in South Africa to: uphold workers' rights; recognize representative unions and the right to collectively bargain and strike; end all forms of racial, gender, political, religious and physical handicap discrimination; engage in environmentally responsible investment; invest in developing the productive capacities of all South Africans; uphold standards comparable to the best conditions in the relevant sector of the economy; and work toward the empowerment of African-owned businesses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UCC Divestment Implementation Committee be asked to monitor the unfolding situation in South Africa and to report the status of transition and change in South Africa at the Twentieth General Synod.

Subject to the availability of funds.

11. RESOLUTION "INTERNATIONAL ARMS TRADE AND THE NEED FOR CONVERSION OF ARMS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES"

Continuing the report of Committee Fourteen, Mr. Harter moved the adoption of the Resolution "International Arms Trade and the Need for Conversion of Arms Manufacturing Industries." Mr. Harter yielded to Stuart Wells (OH), who spoke in support of the resolution.

93-GS-59 VOTED: The Nineteenth General Synod adopts the Resolution "International Arms Trade and the Need for Conversion of Arms Manufacturing Industries."

RESOLUTION "INTERNATIONAL ARMS TRADE AND THE NEED FOR CONVERSION OF ARMS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES"

WHEREAS, we are called to be peacemakers and given the image of beating our swords into plowshares;

WHEREAS, one of the greatest obstacles to peace in the world is the proliferation and trading of arms, \$860 billion dollars worth traded in 1991 alone, these arms thereby exacerbating local conflicts and historic animosities;