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WHEREAS, the United States has, for several years, been the foremost seller of arms in the world and in 1991, for example, the United States government authorized the sale of \$63 billion worth of weapons;

WHEREAS, the "Cold War" has ended, but the United States continues to spend in excess of \$100 billion a year in defense of places like western Europe and Japan, traditional strongholds against Soviet aggression;

WHEREAS, the conversion of existing arms manufacturing has been consistently resisted by the manufacturers and not encouraged by state and federal government bodies and officials;

WHEREAS, our country is in dire need of modernization of our infrastructure and diversification of our industries;

WHEREAS, parts of the United States economy successfully converted to peacetime production after World War II, some as a result of deliberate planning and encouragement by government; and

WHEREAS, this and other examples from history have shown that the conversion to peacetime manufacturing by existing weapons producers has been done and can be done without overall loss of jobs and need not be detrimental to local economies of trade balances;

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

1. affirming our Biblical and historic belief in peacemaking and our vision of the Reign of God, goes on record as being opposed to the world arms trade and our nation's participation in it;
2. urges our government at all levels, being mindful of those whose lives will be affected by these changes, to proceed with due haste and imagination with a program for the conversion of existing weapons industries to the production of socially and environmentally responsible goods and services;
3. encourages individuals to join or form local grass-roots coalitions that are considering the ramifications and planning for diversification in local communities;
4. urges individuals, churches, Associations and Conferences to communicate this resolution to their governors and state legislatures for the sake of converting local defense industries to peaceful production.

12. RESOLUTION "INVESTING IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT"

Mr. Harter called the attention of the delegates to the third and final resolution considered by Committee Fourteen,

"Investing in Community Development." Mr. Harter moved the adoption of the resolution and yielded to Bonnie Baum (IOWA), who spoke to the resolution and explained the changes the committee made in the resolution.

There was discussion in favor of the resolution and there were some questions of clarification. Mr. Ordway asked for clarification on the make up of the Community Development Investment Task Force. It was determined that the task force is to be comprised of 14 members -- 7 from the United Church of Christ with expertise in community development and 7 total from the agencies named in the resolution.

A friendly amendment to include the Office for Church in Society in the first and second "Therefore Be It Resolved" paragraphs was proposed by Steve Patterson (IS) and accepted.

93-GS-60 VOTED: The Nineteenth General Synod adopts the Resolution "Investing in Community Development" as amended.

RESOLUTION "INVESTING IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT"

WHEREAS, the Gospel of Luke tells us that, "To whom much has been given, much will be required;"

WHEREAS, in the more than three hundred years that the United Church of Christ and its antecedent bodies have been in North America, substantial assets have been accumulated;

WHEREAS, we have a tradition of using our material resources for the good of our communities here and abroad;

WHEREAS, previous General Synods have affirmed the principle of socially responsible investing;

WHEREAS, General Synod Seventeen, meeting in Fort Worth, Texas, resolved that "national bodies, conferences, associations, and local churches be encouraged to invest no less than 1% of their investment assets by 1990, with a goal of adding 1% per year until reaching no less than 10%, with groups involved in homelessness and housing, and other social and economic development projects;" and

WHEREAS, the same General Synod Seventeen also resolved that each of the national bodies be called upon "to report to each subsequent General Synod and their Boards of Directors in Annual Reports their implementation of this resolution;"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Council, at its Fall, 1993, meeting, establish a Community Development Investment Task Force (CDITF) composed

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of seven (7) members of the United Church of Christ with expertise in community development and seven (7) representatives of the United Church Foundation (UCF), Pension Boards (PB), United Church Board for World Ministries (UCBWM), United Church Board for Homeland Ministries (UCBHM), and the Office for Church in Society (OCIS) and designate the convener(s) for the Task Force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that under the auspices of the CDITF:

1. the UCF, PB, UCBWM, UCBHM, and OCIS are requested to explore community development investments with ecumenical partners and organizations;
2. the UCF is requested to reopen the social investment fund previously authorized;
3. the UCBHM and UCBWM are requested to explore the establishment of a community development investment endowment fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CDITF negotiate goals and establish reporting protocols, and act as a resource for local churches, associations, and conferences.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CDITF report to the Fall, 1994, meeting of the Executive Council, with that report being forwarded to General Synod Twenty.

Subject to the availability of funds.

13. COMMUNITY BUILDING

Assistant Moderator Enriquez introduced Alex Trebek, aka Ralph Quellung, to lead the community building time. The time was divided between a Jeopardy! skit to inform delegates and visitors about Faith Works 1994, and the final, musical community building.

14. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL - EXTENSION OF PRIORITIES

Ms. Enriquez called on Mr. Terry White, Vice Chair of the Executive Council, to continue the report of the Council. Mr. White directed the delegates to page 134 of the Program/Worship and Business Book entitled "Suspension of Priorities Process." Mr. White explained the priorities process and the purpose of the priorities. He stated that over the past biennium the Executive Council studied the various sources of priority settings throughout the church. As a result, the Council recommends that the priorities process be suspended while greater clarity is sought. Consequently, the Council also recommends

extension for the current priorities (Evangelism and Membership Growth, Integrity of Creation, Justice and Peace, Education and Universal Health Care) for two additional years. Mr. White addressed these recommendations separately. First, he moved on behalf of the Business Committee, that the Nineteenth General Synod extend the Priorities that expire in 1993, for two additional years, as provided for in the Standing Rules of General Synod.

93-GS-61 VOTED: The Nineteenth General Synod extends the priorities that expire in 1993 for two additional years, as provided for in the Standing rules of the General Synod.

15. SUSPENSION OF STANDING RULE 16 - PRIORITIES PROCESS

Mr. White then drew attention back to page 134 of the Program/Worship and Business Book. He again explained why the action was being recommended, and moved the suspension of Standing Rule 16 (that portion governing the Priorities Process), "for an indefinite period, except for the sections governing existing priorities."

93-GS-62 VOTED: The Nineteenth General Synod suspends Standing Rule 16 (that portion governing the Priorities Process), "for an indefinite period, except for the sections governing existing priorities."

16. PRESENTATION OF THE BIENNIAL BUDGET

Assistant Moderator Enriquez announced that the remaining time of the plenary would be devoted to the Biennial Budget. She explained that later in the morning the delegates would have an opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification regarding the Biennial Budget and that the adoption of the Biennial Budget would take place on Tuesday afternoon.

17. REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. White called on Ms. Barbara Everett and Mr. Sam Allen of the Executive Council Finance and Budget Committee. As Co Chairs of the Finance and Budget Committee, Ms. Everett and Mr. Allen recognized the other committee members and commended them for their work. The Instrumentality Executives and the Director of Finance and Treasurer were invited on the stage to help answer questions related to the budget.

Mr. Allen directed the attention of the delegates to the Program/Worship and Business Book beginning on page 223. Ms. Everett reviewed how the budget was developed.