

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Ms. Dorothy W. Grosset (ME) said that applicants for interim conference minister are being sought by the Maine Conference.

The Rev. Penny Phillips (Chaplains in Health Care) invited Synod participants to the craft and food fair on Sunday afternoon.

The Rev. Kent Gilbert (CPC) urged delegates and visitors to work to help reduce the debt load for ministerial students.

### 4. INSTRUMENTALITY REPORT

The Rev. Earl Miller, Executive Director of the Stewardship Council, was recognized to present the Report of the Council of Instrumentality Executives. Mr. Miller explained that there are sets of story cards at each delegate's place. The cards describe the work of each agency. He asked that the delegates trade cards and visit the booths in the Exhibit Hall to collect more cards. Mr. Miller indicated there are 38 different cards and anyone collecting a complete set would get a free gift at the Stewardship Council booth. A short time was taken for delegates to begin trading cards.

### 5. COMMUNITY BUILDING

Assistant Moderator Debney called on the Rev. Pat De Jong to lead the visitors and delegates in a brief time of community building based on the theme "In Christ, Strangers No More."

### 6. RESOLUTION "PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE KOREAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN JAPAN"

Assistant Moderator Debney called on Mr. Bill Dalke, Chair of the Executive Council, to guide the delegates in action on the Resolution entitled "Partnership Agreement with the Korean Christian Church in Japan" and "Affirmation of the United Reformed Church in the United Kingdom as a Partner in Mission."

Mr. Dalke called the delegates' attention to the resolution in the Program/Worship and Business Book and moved that the Twentieth General Synod adopt the Resolution "Partnership Agreement with the Korean Christian Church in Japan."

nThere was no discussion and the Moderator called for the delegates to vote.

93-GS-14 VOTED: The Twentieth General Synod adopts the Resolution "Partnership Agreement with the Korean Christian Church in Japan."

### RESOLUTION "PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE KOREAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN JAPAN"

The Twentieth General Synod of the United Church of Christ, with great joy and thanksgiving, affirms a partnership agreement between the Korean Christian Church in Japan, the United Church of Christ (USA) and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. It is a partnership which is based on our understanding of God's love for the whole world. The partnership will be grounded in a relationship of mutuality which will help each of our churches to better understand and fulfill the role and mission of the church in the world.

This partnership is an outward and visible sign of our shared unity which is expressed in our sharing of the sacraments of baptism and holy communion, our adherence to the same scriptures, and our common desire to follow in the way of Jesus, especially in working for peace and justice in the United States, Japan, and the world. We believe our common faith, the basis for our unity, calls us to develop relationships, such as this, with still other churches in the full expression of the autonomy and integrity which we affirm for both churches in this agreement. Indeed our partnership should foster broader patterns of church unity both in Japan and in the United States, even as it contributes to a deeper relationship between the churches of our two nations.

The partnership will take many forms, but we especially look forward to: 1) a deep and full sharing of our church and societal life through the exchange of information and through exchange visits by clergy and laity; 2) periodic consultations in Japan and in the USA with a view to strengthening each other's theological and faith resources; 3) mutual participation in mission in both countries by a shared support of programs and personnel resources available to each partner; and 4) an active effort and commitment to supporting one another in the struggle for racial, economic and social justice as a fundamental implication of partnership.

Subject to the availability of funds.

### 7. INTRODUCTION OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE KOREAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN JAPAN

Ms. Debney called on President Sherry who introduced the representatives from the Korean Christian Church in Japan: the Rev. Kim Kun Shik, Moderator of the Korean Christian Church in Japan, and the Rev. Kang Young Il, General Secretary of the Korean Christian Church in Japan. President Sherry introduced others on stage to help celebrate the partnership. These were: Mr. Donald Holcomb, President of the United Church Board for World Ministries; the Rev. Jerald Stinson, Chair of the Board of