

MONDAY MORNING

2. BIBLE STUDY

Mr. Kenneth Brown (CAC) was liturgist and led the delegation in a responsive reading of Psalm 95 from The New Century Hymnal. Ms. Mary Mikhail, an Ecumenical Guest, read Acts 4:5-11. The Rev. Troy Perry, pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church, led the delegates in a responsive reading.

3. SPEAK OUT!

Assistant Moderator Debney called on delegates and visitors for the Speak Out!

Ms. Mickey Stone Hand (CAL.S), Executive Director of Pilgrim Pines Camp, welcomed General Synod to the self-designated General Synod Camp T-shirt Day.

The Rev. Ken Whitwer (MICH) advocated for Macintosh computers and announced that there would be a meeting at the Office of Communications display for the use of Bizlink & Convene software for "Mac" computers.

The Rev. Kent Siladi (CONN) issued an invitation to all clergy to attend the "Consultation on Parish Ministry," an educational event to be held January 8 - 12, 1996 in Orlando, Florida. The theme will be "Pastor as Communicator of the Gospel."

The Rev. Ken Frazier (CONN) spoke about cookies, diversity and grace and reminded delegates that two years ago God rained cookies on Synod. The more consumed, the more there was to consume. This year we have been surrounded by an abundance of diversity. As with the cookies, the more we accept with joy the more there will be to understand.

The Rev. Tyrone Reinhardt (HI) spoke about the sovereignty of Hawaii, the United Church of Christ apology to Pacific Asian Americans and invited delegates to a meeting at 12:00 noon where the Rev. Paul Sherry will revisit that apology.

Ms. Sarah Sawtell (SW) spoke in support of youth and youth ministries and described them as the key to the future of the church.

Mr. Laurence Watkins (MICH) expressed appreciation for Assistant Moderator Donna Debney's work as moderator and offered thanks on behalf of the Michigan delegation as well as General Synod.

Ms. Eleanore Chong (HI) announced that the United Church of Christ Office of Communication is seeking an

Executive Director to carry the office into the 21st Century.

Ms. Dory Lingo (FLA) stated that the church has not done a good job of communicating; the local churches need to be better informed.

Ms. Martha Leonard (CONN) reminded delegates that the Constitution of the United States provides for the separation of church and state but that it does not prevent citizens from expressing their religious opinions to legislators.

Assistant Moderator Debney reminded delegates that the next Speak Out! will be held during the Seventh Plenary.

4. AGENDA COMMITTEE

Assistant Moderator Debney called on the Rev. Mary Ann Neevel (WIS), Chair of the Agenda Committee, who explained the remaining amount of work to be done by Synod and reviewed the order for processing business. Ms. Neevel indicated that all business items not completed will be referred to the Executive Council for implementation.

Ms. Neevel moved on behalf of the Agenda Committee that the completion of Committee Fourteen's report be postponed until after the report of Committee Thirteen.

95-GS-28 VOTED: The Twentieth General Synod postpones the completion of Committee Fourteen's report until after the report of Committee Thirteen.

5. RESOLUTION "CELEBRATING TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF WITNESS AND SERVICE BY THE COUNCIL FOR AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY (CAIM)"

Assistant Moderator Debney called on the Rev. Norman Jackson (HI) who referred to p. 154 of the Program/Worship and Business Book and moved the adoption of the Resolution "Celebrating Twenty-Five Years of Witness and Service by the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM)."

Mr. Jackson called on Mr. Edwin J. Benson (ND), Chairperson of the Council on American Indian Ministry, who spoke in support of the resolution.

There was no discussion and Moderator Debney called for the vote.

95-GS-29 VOTED: The Twentieth General Synod adopts the Resolution "Celebrating Twenty-Five Years of Witness and Service by the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM)."

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WHEREAS in 1970 the United Church of Christ established the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM) as its national body responsible for American Indian ministry and witness;

WHEREAS the General Synod, in 1975, voted support for the Council for American Indian Ministry and joined with CAIM in the call for recognition and enforcement of American Indian treaty rights;

WHEREAS the General Synod, in 1977, encouraged the establishment of an Office of Indian Justice within the Council for American Indian Ministry;

WHEREAS the General Synod, in 1979, affirmed its commitment to CAIM as an integral component of the Church's witness by guaranteeing a proportion of the Neighbors in Need offering for the support of the Council for American Indian Ministry;

WHEREAS in 1987, the General Synod adopted a statement of penitence and the hope of reconciliation between American Indian and non-Indian people, took action calling for church-wide involvement in the life and death struggle against alcohol, drug and inhalant abuse, and adopted a pronouncement and proposal for action which established the Council for American Indian Ministry as the "General Synod's primary national body and resource to the Church on issues relating to American Indians;"

WHEREAS the General Synod, in 1991, adopted a resolution calling for new beginnings after 500 years of American Indian and Euro-American contact and directed the Council for American Indian Ministry to convene the first national gathering of American Indian members of the United Church of Christ to chart the course of United Church of Christ American Indian Ministry into the 21st Century;

WHEREAS the General Synod, in 1991, also adopted a resolution calling for an end to the negative stereotyping of Native Americans in sports, the media, place names and commerce;

WHEREAS the General Synod, in 1993, acted in support of legislation which would provide freedom of religion for American Indians; and

WHEREAS for twenty-five years the Council for American Indian Ministry has demonstrated the importance and value of American Indian self determination and authority in its faithful work of ministry in American Indian communities and throughout the wider Church;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Twentieth General Synod of the United Church of Christ celebrates the Council for American Indian Ministry's twenty-five years of witness and service in American Indian communities and throughout the United Church of Christ;

anticipates with the Council for American Indian Ministry the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the embodiment of the new beginnings initiated by the 1995 National Gathering of American Indian Members of the United Church of Christ; and

pledges its continued spiritual, organizational and financial support for the Council for American Indian Ministry as it develops ways of witness and service appropriate for American Indian ministry in the coming years and into the next century.

Subject to availability of funds.

6. RESOLUTION "CONCERNING THE CHURCH AND THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) OF 1990"

Assistant Moderator Debney called on Ms. Peggy Bronson (IOWA) who moved the adoption of the Resolution "Concerning the Church and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990." The resolution is located on page 155 of the Program/Worship and Business Book.

Ms. Bronson called on the Rev. Susan Lyon (CONN), Executive Director of the National Committee on Persons with Disabilities, to speak to the motion.

Ms. Lyon requested that voice be granted to the Rev. Harold Wilke, past national staff person, who wished to speak to the motion. The request was granted by consensus.

Mr. Wilke spoke in support of the resolution and urged its passage.

The Rev. David McMahill (MINN) offered a friendly amendment to delete the words "in a unique way" after the word "God" in the second column, line 3. The amendment was accepted.

The Rev. Don Severson (CPC) offered a friendly amendment to add the words "Conferences and Associations" after the word "instrumentalities" in column 2, line 19. The amendment was accepted.

There were no further changes or discussion and the Moderator called for a vote.

95-GS-30 VOTED: The Twentieth General Synod adopts the resolution entitled "Concerning the Church and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990."