SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE
NINTH ANNUAL UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Prepared by the Recording Secretary

The Ninth Annual General Assembly of Unitarian Universalist Association was attended by 1022 delegates (787 lay and 197 ministerial) 9 Associate Members, 25 Board of Trustees and 4 Church of the Larger Fellowship, representing 359 Churches and Fellowships, 46 States, 6 Provinces and 1 foreign country.

The opening session of the General Assembly heard reports of the President, Dr. Robert Nelson West; the Moderator, Dr. Joseph L. Fisher; the Secretary, John M. Hines; the Treasurer, Arthur G. Root; the Special Financial Advisor, Schroeder Boulton; and the chairman of the Finance Committee, Dr. Charles W. Davidson.

The Assembly also heard a report from the Commission on Appraisal.

AWARDS

The Clarence R. Skinner Award, named in honor of the beloved Dean of Tufts School of Religion and an outstanding champion of social justice, to be given to the preacher of the sermon best expressing the Association's social principles, was presented to Dr. Edgar L. Crane of the Unitarian Fellowship of Houston, Texas for his sermon, Institutional Racism—The Autobiography of a WASP.

The Holmes-Weatherly Award is given annually to that individual or organization (not necessarily Unitarian Universalist), which, in recent activities or utterances, exemplifies in an outstanding way the social prophecy of John Haynes Holmes and Arthur L. Weatherly and the religious and secular social action movements they initiated. This year's award was presented to the Reverend John M. Wells for his authorship of the Massachusetts legislation designed to test the constitutionality of undeclared wars.

The Association’s Award for Distinguished Service to the Cause of Liberal Religion was presented to Dr. Joseph L. Fisher, Moderator of the Association for his contributions to his local society, the denomination through his long service on the Board of Trustees, and his years of patience and wisdom in serving as Moderator.

The Frederic G. Melcher Book Award was presented to Erik Erikson for his book, GANDHI'S TRUTH, adjudged to be the book which made the greatest contribution to religious liberalism during this calendar year.

Action on Items of Business

MOTION INSTRUCTING THE OFFICERS AND THE TRUSTEES—defeated.

FULL FUNDING OF BLACK AFFAIRS COUNCIL—defeated.

FUNDING OF BLACK AND WHITE ACTION Passed the following substitute.

In keeping with the long standing moral commitment of Unitarian Universalists expressed by the 1966 General Assembly in its STATEMENT OF CONSENSUS ON RACIAL JUSTICE, which pledged us “to work to eliminate all vestiges of discrimination and segregation in (our) churches and fellowships ... and to work for integration in all phases of life in the community,” a pledge reaffirmed by the UUA Board of Trustees in its resolution last April expressing dismay at the “weakening of resolve” on the part of federal officials charged with enforcing school desegregation directives,

BE IT RESOLVED: The 1970 General Assembly urges its member societies and their individual members to give practical and substantial support to the efforts of BAWA to advance these goals.

We acknowledge that institutional racism has degraded black and corrupted white.

Whites and blacks need help from each other to meet the needs of each.

We reaffirm our commitment to black empowerment as a significant means of progress for blacks at this time.

We applaud the self-determining act of the Black Affairs Council in going directly to the people.

The Unitarian Universalist Association must take the initiative in urging our churches and fellowships to support the community action programs of BAC.

We have moved through the experience of being polarized. We must now be ready to initiate our role of renewed responsibility.

TERMINATION OF NEWLY-ESTABLISHED UUA NEWS-PAPER—Postponed indefinitely.

TERMINATION OF THE INTERDISTRICT PROGRAM—Postponed indefinitely.

ACTION ON ITEMS OF BUSINESS ETHNIC OBLIGATIONS—Passed as follows:

The General Assembly urges that the $50,000 voted by the 1969 General Assembly for use by Chicanos be granted.

It was voted to refer this resolution to UUSC, Inc., with a strong recommendation that they take immediate action financially and otherwise to implement the purpose of the motion.

The General Assembly urges that the UUA work with Oriental, Indian, Eskimo, Aleut and Chicano minorities living in Canada and the United States to achieve self-determination to the end that true equality of opportunity and rights shall the sooner be achieved.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE ASSOCIATION: COUNTERING INSTITUTIONAL RACISM.

Whereas a report on the UUA administrative action to implement the 1969 business resolution on Countering Institutional Racism was not officially presented to the delegates at this General Assembly, and

Whereas, the delegates cannot determine from the report to churches and fellowships, dated May 29, 1970, whether the UUA negotiation has had a beneficial influence on the employment practices of the Seattle hotels,

Therefore be it resolved:

That the 1970 General Assembly reaffirm the 1969 resolution and request the administration to implement that resolution completely and fully in negotiating with the hotel being considered for the General Assembly in 1971, and further requests that the administration's report on its activity in this regard be presented officially to the delegates at that General Assembly.

ANNUAL FUND PRIORITY

Whereas: a drowning man has the power or ability to save one, and

Whereas: the financial crisis of the Unitarian Universalist Associationperfils its continued existence as a religious organization, therefore
Be it resolved:
That the 9th General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association declares that the highest priority on the Unitarian Universalist agenda is the financial integrity of the Unitarian Universalist Association, and urges that

a. All delegates to the Assembly, on their return to their respective Unitarian Universalist societies, move their societies to act officially to make a commitment by November 1, 1970, as their first priority beyond their own current operating budget, to contribute a significant amount to the Annual Fund of the Unitarian Universalist Association in the current fiscal year, and outline their concrete plans for raising the money to do so, and that

b. All societies affiliated with the Unitarian Universalist Association be urged to do likewise.

ACTION ON REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON APPRAISAL AND RELATED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING STANDING RULES GOVERNING BUDGET MATTERS:

Be it resolved:
That the following Standing Rules be adopted to govern budget procedures for General Assemblies, said Rules to remain in effect from year to year unless amended or repealed by action of a future General Assembly.

A. At each regular meeting of the General Assembly, the Board of Trustees shall present budgets for both the Current Fiscal Year and the Succeeding Fiscal Year. Current Fiscal Year means the fiscal year of the Association which has just begun or which is about to begin at the time when the Assembly is held. Succeeding Fiscal Year means the year following the Current Fiscal Year.

B. Expense estimates in budgets presented by the Board shall be broken down by major categories or functions in such manner as the Board shall determine.

C. Income amounts in the budget for the Current Fiscal Year shall represent the Board’s best estimates of income from all sources. Income from the Annual Fund as so estimated shall be an amount which is not more than 5 per cent greater than the actual Annual Fund income of the fiscal year preceding the Current Fiscal Year. In the budget for the Succeeding Fiscal Year, income from the Annual Fund shall be estimated at an amount which represents the Board’s best estimate of the achievable results for such year. The estimate of the Annual Fund income for the Succeeding Fiscal Year recommended by the Board, or adopted by the General Assembly, shall become the Annual Fund goal for the Current Fiscal Year. To the extent that actual Annual Fund income received in the Current Fiscal Year exceeds the estimate of Annual Fund income finally included in the budget of the Current Fiscal Year under the first sentence of this paragraph C and results in an actual operating surplus for such year, such excess Annual Fund income, unless applied to repay debt of the Association by vote of the Board of Trustees, shall be deferred to and constitute income available for the budget of the Succeeding Fiscal Year.

D. Any action by a General Assembly with respect to budgets shall be taken under the following procedure:

1. A budget hearing shall be held as part of the General Assembly program at a time when the Assembly is not in formal business session.
2. Main motions concerning budgets which are to be made in a formal business session shall be filed in writing with a person or persons designated by the Moderator as early as possible prior to or during the General Assembly, but in any event on or before the day prior to the Business Session at which the proposed motion will be in order for adoption. The Moderator shall take such steps as he considers practical to advise delegates and other persons or bodies as early as possible, preferably in writing, of the contents of the motions so filed.
3. Any action with respect to the budget for the Current Fiscal Year calling for increased spending in any category shall provide for equivalent reductions in other categories of spending and specify the categories in which such reductions are to be made.

E. At each General Assembly, the Board of Trustees shall make an accounting of its actions taken since the last previous meeting of the Assembly with respect to any budget votes of the preceding Assembly.

EXTENSION OF ABSENTEE BALLOTING—Defeated.

ESTABLISHMENT OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

A By-Law amendment abolishing the Business Committee and the Program Committee and creating a single Planning Committee charged with the responsibilities of both of the former committees was adopted.

UNIFORM PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES BY DISTRICTS

The following amendment to Article III, Section 5 of the By-Laws makes uniform the requirement for election of District Trustees to the UUA Board.

Each District shall in its By-Laws make provisions for the manner in which the Association Trustee representing such District shall be nominated and elected which provisions shall, (1) permit nominations to be made by member churches and fellowships in the District and shall specify the number of churches or fellowships which can make a nomination, and (2) permit direct participation by the member churches and fellowships by one of the following means: (a) election of the Trustee by mail ballot cast by individual members of member churches and fellowships; (b) election of the Trustee by delegates to a district meeting, in which case absentee ballots by persons entitled to be delegates shall be permitted, and each church and fellowship shall be entitled to at least as many delegates as prescribed in Article V, Section 1 (2) of these bylaws; or (c) election of the Trustee within the churches and fellowships by the members thereof, and each church shall be entitled to delegate votes as in clause (b) above. A Trustee representing a District shall be a legal member of a society in such District.

DISSOLVING THE SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT AND ESTABLISHING SEPARATE MID-SOUTH AND FLORIDA DISTRICTS

A By-Law amendment was adopted dissolving the Southeastern District and establishing separate Florida and Mid-South Districts and provides that they together elect a single UUA Trustee.

BIENNIAL ASSEMBLIES

The proposed By-Law amendment establishing Biennial Assemblies lost by a vote of 391 to 308 and on recommendation of the Commission on Appraisal the Assembly voted as follows:

1. The Association conduct a poll among the churches and fellowships on the following question, “Should the UUA’s By-Laws be amended to provide for Biennial meetings of the General Assembly in place of Annual Meetings?”
2. The member churches and fellowships are requested to place this question on the Agenda for an annual or special meeting as long in advance of the next General Assembly as possible.
3. The Secretary of the Association is instructed to prepare and send to churches and fellowships forms for certifying the results of such poll including the number of yes and no votes to be returned to the Secretary, the results to be reported prior to the next General Assembly.
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4. The question of Biennial meetings be placed upon the Agenda for the 1971 General Assembly for possible action based on the results of said poll.

TRUSTEE AT LARGE FROM CANADA

By-Law amendments providing that one of the required Trustees-at-Large shall always be from Canada were passed.

WESTERN CANADA PARTICIPATION IN ELECTION OF DISTRICT TRUSTEE

The Assembly passed a By-Law amendment which will allow societies in the Western Canada District, an organization not established by the General Assembly as a District of the Association, to participate in the nomination and election of the UUA Trustees in the Prairie Star District.

An amendment to the By-Laws was adopted providing that Trustees elected by Districts may be elected up to 300 days prior to a regular meeting of the General Assembly instead of the former 120 days.

VOTING BY DELEGATES—Defeated.

CHURCH OF THE LARGER FELLOWSHIP REPRESENTATION

A By-Law amendment increasing the delegate representation of the Church of the Larger Fellowship from 4 to 11 was passed. The current membership of the CLF is approximately 4,500.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

SOUTHEAST ASIA

Depressed and heartsick at the continued killing and maiming in Vietnam;

Revolted by the Song My massacre, which is only one in a series of war crimes, and the resumption of bombing in North Vietnam;

Supporting the opinion of most expert observers that “Vietnamization” is an impossible concept and is being used as a palliative for the American public;

Appalled by the unilateral invasion of Cambodia and the escalation of the war effort in all of Southeast Asia;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1970 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association calls upon the Administration to announce a detailed and definite plan for the immediate withdrawal of all American troops, and to agree to an interim coalition government which will arrange elections under the auspices of the United Nations in which all South Vietnamese factions will have the free opportunity to participate and that the United States withdraw military commitment to Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia and that no further commitments of military men, material for military uses be made to these countries.

We further urge as an immediate measure, that groups and individuals send medical assistance now through international humanitarian agencies to aid the victims of military action in all parts of Vietnam and other war-torn parts of Southeast Asia; we recommend the support of CUMAID (Canadian Unitarian Medical Aid to Vietnam) and encourage all our societies and members to contribute to it.

NATIONAL PRIORITIES

Deploring the fact that over two-thirds of the Federal budget for fiscal year 1969 was allotted to military expenditures and that national resources of scientific knowledge and skills are being largely devoted to military research;

Convinced that such major national problems as poverty, environmental pollution, decline of educational quality and urban decay can only be solved by large infusions of Federal funds, including money saved by the phasing out of our activity in Vietnam;

BE IT RESOLVED: That there be a reordering of the priorities for disposition of Federal funds with decreasing emphasis on military defense expenditures and increasing emphasis on improving the quality of life in the United States.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST STATEMENT ON SURVIVAL AND POPULATION CONTROL

WHEREAS, two hundred scientists from fifty different countries meeting in Paris in the fall of 1968 under the auspices of the United Nations Economic Social and Cultural Organization came to the conclusion that within a period of approximately twenty years the life processes on the earth will be seriously threatened if not in fact dead unless major changes are made immediately; and,

WHEREAS, U Thant has repeatedly warned the nations of the world that fundamental political, economic and environmental changes must be made very quickly if we are to forestall an irreversible destructive course within ten years; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize that the “ecological crisis” is not just around the corner; it is here now. An estimated four million people a year—over ten thousand a day—starve to death. Millions more die from conditions caused or aggravated by environmental decay. One half of the world’s people are either malnourished or undernourished. Population continues to mount at an explosive rate, creating drains on already diminishing resources. Slums, poverty, and war testify to the fact that man has not learned that he is dependent on a limited life system; and,

WHEREAS, we are convinced that man’s survival as a species is imperiled by his mushrooming technology and by his excessive breeding rate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Unitarian Universalist Association,

1. Recognize that many distinguished ecologists believe that environmental problems are not ultimately solvable by mere science or technology. A new religious emphasis is needed which includes a deep reverence for the diversity of life and understands people’s dependence upon the planet’s life system. Such an awareness would lead to a new life style which is balanced ecologically.

2. Encourage the leaders of the great religions of the world to send delegates or observers to Stockholm, to the United Nations 1972 Conference on the human environment.

3. Use its present resources in such a way that Unitarian and Universalist Churches and Fellowships increase their ecological understanding and undertake appropriate action by:
   a. giving emphasis to environmental matters in the UU WORLD
   b. developing materials and curricula on the religious aspect of ecology
   c. urging the Beacon Press to publish pertinent books when possible
   d. calling upon our UUA representatives in Ottawa, Washington, D.C. and the United Nations to support legislation or resolution on environmental change
   e. encouraging each society to participate in local environmental action programs

4. Urge the members to restrict themselves in their own future family planning to no more than two children per family except by adoption.
5. Support the right of each individual to limit his family size through freely available contraceptive materials, abortions, and sterilization; and publicize the availability of these materials.

6. Work with the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and other groups or agencies who are working toward worldwide population control.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the UUA

1. Recognize Canada's efforts to prevent pollution of the Arctic; and,

2. Support Canada's legislation creating a 100-mile offshore poluttional control jurisdiction zone around Canada's North coast and Arctic islands.


DISARMAMENT

Convinced that human survival depends on the abolition of war as a means of settling disputes among nations;

Aware that human well-being depends on diverting to human needs the vast amounts now spent on weapons;

Believing that peoples everywhere yearn for an end to conflict and a beginning toward human betterments;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1970 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association urges the governments of the United States and Canada to support the following steps toward General and Complete Disarmament, a policy established in the XIV United Nations General Assembly by unanimous vote:

(1) an end to the practice of selling arms abroad, which exacerbates international tensions and accelerates the arms race;

(2) strong support for the measures now under discussion at the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament—a comprehensive test ban treaty, abolition of chemical and biological warfare and the prohibition of nuclear weapons and other military devices from the ocean floor;

We further urge the United States Government to declare a moratorium on the research, development and deployment of Anti-ballistic missiles (Safeguard) and Multiple Independent-targeted Re-entry Vehicles while the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) are in progress, thus demonstrating its good faith and stimulating further agreement.

We further urge the United States and Canadian governments to take leadership in the United Nations at its 25th Anniversary General Assembly towards the strengthening of the United Nations to make it capable of creating, interpreting and enforcing world law—thus making complete disarmament of all nation states back to internal police forces possible.

INDIAN RIGHTS

The thrust of continental policy is now, as it has been historically, the steady expropriation of Indian land and water resources for the benefit of whites in the United States. The practice has been to locate the Indians on the most arid and least productive land. In Canada, native treaty rights are continuously being eroded.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1970 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association urges support of the independent, indigenous organizations.

(1) in opposing the continued exploitation of the Indians, Eskimos, and Aleuts;

(2) in demanding an end to the continued encroachment by ranching, mining, lumbering, and hydroelectric interests upon their human rights, ancestral homelands, and water resources; and

(3) in insisting upon adequate reparations for past and present injustices perpetrated upon them.

EQUAL RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN

Recognizing that women have minority status in terms of employment opportunities, legal rights, the educational system, political power, and positions of influence in religious bodies;

Aware that women tend to react to their cultural image by limiting their aspirations and by forming low evaluations of their own capacities;

Observing that profound changes are occurring in our society affecting the role of women and men, including trends toward smaller families, increased education for women, and the growing number of women in employment;

Believing that critical social problems require the full use of educated, trained womanspower in responsible positions;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1970 General Assembly

1. Urges special concern for improving the image, aspirations, and opportunities of women so that they may work together with men toward creating a more fully human society for both; and to that end changes are called for in the education and counseling of girls and boys to ensure this kind of equality.

2. Asks for greater efforts to prevent discrimination against women in employment and to encourage the utilization of women in significant levels in business, education, and government;

3. Calls upon the United States and Provinces of Canada to enact fair employment legislation prohibiting discrimination on account of sex where such laws do not now exist.

4. Requests that a special effort be made in the Unitarian Universalist Association, its churches and fellowships, to place greater numbers of qualified young and mature women in policy making positions, and to secure equal opportunities and pay for women in the ministry, religious education, and administration;

5. Calls upon the United States Congress to pass the Equal Rights Amendment without delay and supports its ratification by the States.

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST HOMOSEXUALS AND BISEXUALS

Recognizing that:

1. A significant minority in this country are either homosexual or bisexual in their feelings and/or behavior;

2. Homosexuality has been the target of severe discrimination by society and in particular by the police and other arms of government;

3. A growing number of authorities on the subject now see homosexuality as an inevitable sociological phenomenon and not as a mental illness;

4. There are Unitarian Universalists, clergy and laity, who are homosexuals or bisexuals;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1970 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association:

1. Urges all peoples immediately to bring an end to all discrimination against homosexuals, homosexuality, bisexuals, and
bisexuality, with specific immediate attention to the following issues:

a. Private consensual behavior between persons over the age sent shall be the business only of those persons and not subject to legal regulations.

b. A person's sexual orientation or practice shall not be a factor in the granting or renewing of Federal security clearance, visas, and the granting of citizenship or employment.

2. Calls upon the UUA and its member churches, fellowships, and organizations immediately to end all discrimination against homosexuals in employment practices, expending special effort to assist homosexuals to find employment in our midst consistent with their abilities and desires.

Urges all churches and fellowships, in keeping with our changing social patterns, to initiate meaningful programs of sex education aimed at providing a more open and healthier understanding of sexuality in all parts of the United States and Canada, and with the particular aim to end all discrimination against homosexuals and bisexuals.

LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA

1. The present local, state or provincial and federal laws in the United States and Canada regarding the growing, sale, trade, possession and consumption of cannabis sativa (marijuana) are based largely on public hysteria and myth, rather than on any established data about the effects of marijuana on the user.

2. The present laws are making criminals of and causing undue and unjust punishment to many persons who have no criminal intent in the use of marijuana;

3. The laws, relating to marijuana are not uniform or uniform enforced, and are being used as political weapons against those people, especially the young, who dissent in politics or life style from the accepted norms of the two countries;

4. As yet, no reliable research on the effects of marijuana has shown its use to be as hazardous to the public or the individual user as the use of tobacco, alcohol, or many other stimulants and depressants legally available to the public;

5. The laws relating to marijuana encourage its use in ways both dangerous to the public and the individual user as did the laws on prohibition in the United States in the early part of this century;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1970 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association:

1. Urges that all local, state or provincial and federal laws in the United States and Canada making the growing, sale, trade and possession of marijuana a criminal offence be immediately repealed;

2. Urges that restrictions on the use of marijuana be made similar to those laws on the use of alcoholic beverages;

3. Urges that any effects on the consumption of marijuana that may be found injurious to the user be handled by proper psychological and medical care and not by criminal law;

4. Urges that amnesty be given to all persons convicted under present laws relating to the growing, sale, trade, possession and consumption of marijuana and that charges be dropped against all persons presently under indictment for violation of such laws;

5. Charged the federal governments of both countries to expand existing research and to establish the machinery whereby all available findings, statistics, and observations may be gathered and evaluated to provide an effective study of the legal, social and medical questions arising from the use of marijuana.

POLICE REPRESSION

Sharing the fears of such authorities as Arthur Goldberg and Roy Wilkins, etc., regarding governmental terror campaigns against dissenting groups;

Acknowledging the findings of the federal grand jury that local police and federal governmental agencies conspired to conceal evidence of an illegal police raid;

Concerned about the danger that present conspiracy statutes constitute a long step toward thought control and totalitarian government;

BE IT RESOLVED: The 1970 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association condemns all attempts of the federal government and the local governmental units to suppress dissenting groups by the use of illegal force and by repressive legislation typified by the conspiracy statutes which intimidate people and weaken their determination to exercise their First Amendment rights. We urge all legislative bodies in the country to reject any such legislation and rescind any enacted in the past. We urge individual members and local parishes to give active support to all those affected by these repressive measures.

REPRESENTATION IN CONGRESS AND SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Observing that for seventy years the citizens of the District of Columbia enjoyed local home rule, then in the troubled period following the Civil War, Congress abolished the elected local government and since that time has exercised detailed control of the District's affairs;

Noting that the District of Columbia is governed by a Mayor-Commissioner and a City Council, all appointed by the President of the United States and the only elected branch of city government is the School Committee; the powers of the Mayor-Commissioner and City Council are extremely limited, being far less than those customarily exercised by similar bodies in municipalities elsewhere in the United States;

Further noting that Congress continues to act as a super-city council for the District, a function for which it is not well suited, which serves only to divert its attention from broader national and international problems, and which has resulted in a government unresponsive to the needs and desires of the District.

Affirming that the District remains unrepresented in Congress itself, that the citizens of the District—virtually alone among the peoples under the American Flag—are denied a voice in choosing the members of the legislative bodies who rule over them, in determining the national and local policies which affect their lives, and in deciding how the federal and local taxes they pay are levied and spent;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1970 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association urges the Congress of the United States to propose, and the States to ratify, an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide for full voting representation in Congress for the citizens of the District of Columbia. The General Assembly further reaffirms its 1962 resolution urging the Congress to reinstitute democratic self-government in the District of Columbia.
RESOLUTION ON MUNDIALIZATION

WHEREAS, we recognize the greatly increased interdependence of the peoples of the world, in this nuclear age;

WHEREAS, we realize that the common interests of men can only be served through world cooperation;

WHEREAS, we seek to free our kind from the curse of war, and to harness all available resources of energy and knowledge to the service of his needs; and

WHEREAS, we believe that we can best serve our local, state, and national communities when we think and act as world citizens;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we the members of the Unitarian Universalist Association, recognize the right of citizens to extend their responsibilities of citizenship beyond national boundaries;

That we join with other concerned peoples of the world in a declaration of world citizenship and responsibility;

And that we pledge our efforts as world citizens to the establishment of permanent peace based on world law, and to the use of world resources in the service of man, and not for his destruction.

USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES AS "PRIVATE SCHOOLS" TO AVOID DESCENTRATION

WHEREAS, private schools are springing up in many parts of the country under church sponsorship with the aim of avoiding desegregation of public schools, thus subverting the Supreme Court order for immediate desegregation, and

WHEREAS, the Unitarian Universalist Association has repeatedly affirmed its stand for school integration and as recently as April, 1970, the Board of Trustees of the UUA expressed dismay at the continued resistance to school integration and has stood for use of public funds for public schools, and

WHEREAS, the new church-sponsored private schools are, in many cases, seeking state and federal aid, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ninth General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association deplores the development of segregated private church-related schools, and petitions the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and Office of Education to deny any federal funds to such schools, and further urges the Internal Revenue Service to deny granting income tax deductions for contributions to such schools.

Adopted by better than two-thirds vote. The official minutes of the meeting are on file with the Recording Secretary.