

MINUTES

FIFTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION

HELD IN CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA AT SCRIPPS COLLEGE

The General Assembly was convened on Tuesday, June 22, 1976 at 9:30 a.m. by First Vice Moderator Gordon B. McKeeman. The Assembly adopted by a two-thirds vote Rules of Procedure for the conduct of the meeting.

Special greetings were reported to the Assembly. Greetings were extended to and received personally by the Rev. Brian Golland, General Secretary of the British General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches, and the Rev. Diether Gehrman, General Secretary of the International Association for Religious Freedom.

Resolutions of greetings were authorized and the Secretary was directed to send such resolutions to the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches (Great Britain), the Unitarian Churches in Romania, the Unitarian Church in Hungary, the Czechoslovak Unitarian Association and Sadharan Brahma Samaj (India).

On the basis of a preliminary report of the Credentials Committee a quorum was declared present since the meeting was called to order.

The Assembly received written reports from the Moderator, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Assembly also received written and oral reports from the President, Financial Advisor, Commission on Appraisal, and Presidential Campaign Study Committee. The Chairperson of the Finance Committee gave an oral report from that Committee and presented the 1976-1977 and 1977-1978 Budgets. The Assembly received a written Board of Trustees Report on Actions Taken on Items of Business and Budget Votes Adopted at the 1975 General Assembly. The Assembly also received written reports from Beacon Press, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, and the Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation. The Assembly received a written Report on UUA Equal Employment Opportunity.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

During the Assembly the following awards were presented:

AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CAUSE OF LIBERAL RELIGION:	The Rev. Dr. Stephen Hole Fritchman
FREDERIC G. MELCHER BOOK AWARD to the author of the book that during the preceding calendar year made the most significant contribution to liberal religion:	Dr. Joseph Campbell for <i>The Mythic Image</i>
HOLMES-WEATHERLY AWARD for achievement in outstanding social prophecy:	Dr. Lotta Hitschmanova, founder and director of the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada
CLARENCE F. SKINNER AWARD for the best sermon of the year as an expression of the social concerns of Unitarian Universalism:	The Rev. Dr. Erwin A. Gaede for "The Religious Spirit of '76"; with honorable mention to The Rev. Weston A. Stevens for "What Can You Do About World Hunger?"
ANGUS H. MACLEAN AWARD for outstanding achievement in religious education:	The Rev. Hugo J. Hollerorth The Rev. Barbara E. Hollerorth

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UU UNSUNG HERO AWARD

- Gean W. Morgan

Honorable Mention:

William T. Thompson
Dorothy Walker
Phyllis B. McKeeman
Dr. S.J. Williamson, Jr.
Dorothy Hopkins Schaad
Francis B. Campbell
Louis Navias
Clifford E. Kelsey
Robert B. Schwenger
Laura Husted

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

Each of the following General Resolutions was passed by more than a two-thirds majority. The Resolutions on Disarmament and Social Justice, Farm Worker Initiatives, Racial Bigotry and Busing Issue, Support of the Philip L. Allen Defense Committee, and Opposing Extradition of Dennis Banks were admitted for consideration and action under Bylaws Section 4.14(b).

NUCLEAR POWER

WHEREAS, the electric power industry in the U.S. and Canada has proposed a huge program of constructing nuclear power plants as an answer to the problems caused by the growing shortage of petroleum and the pollution caused by old-fashioned coal-burning plants; and

WHEREAS, scientific hopes that nuclear energy would provide a safe, nonpolluting source of power have been frustrated (at least temporarily) by the discovery of many unforeseen dangers to human life and health such as:

- (a) the high probability that many people would be exposed to low-level radiation, an eventuality which is known to cause birth defects and to result in deaths from cancer, usually after time delays of years;
- (b) The highly probable exposure of future generations to the lethal effects of the long-lived radioactive waste products inevitably produced by nuclear power plants;
- (c) uncertainty in regard to the likelihood of catastrophic release of radioactive materials into the environment, because estimates of "nuclear safety" published by the nuclear power industry and its governmental sponsors neglect the dangers resulting from defects in construction and the lack of an adequate program for training nuclear power plant inspectors and operators; and

WHEREAS, the ambitious plans for the construction of additional nuclear power plants involve a serious dilemma: --either use up known reserves of uranium within a few decades, or convert to the still undeveloped breeder reactor, which is highly dangerous because it depends upon the production of plutonium in the reactor, and existing proposals for safeguarding the plutonium against

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theft or diversion for use by terrorists appear to require special pervasive security apparatus incompatible with American and Canadian traditions of freedom.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the 1976 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association regards it as essential to health and safety of the population of North America that construction of additional nuclear power plants be prohibited unless and until adequate means for overcoming all serious threats to life shall have been provided.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that government support of breeder reactors should be suspended unless there are provided adequate funds for expediting research and development in the following areas:

- (a) Provision of safe storage facilities for existing stocks of radioactive wastes whether military or civilian in origin, and for any such wastes produced in the future;
- (b) Provision of means for overcoming the other dangers associated with nuclear power plants and the fuel processing and reprocessing plants upon which the power plants depend;
- (c) Completion of the development of safer and less polluting methods for mining and utilizing coal;
- (d) Acceleration of the development of more beneficent sources of power, such as solar power, wind power, tidal power, and seawave power.

BE IT ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 1976 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association urges the American and Canadian governments to require the nuclear power plants now in existence to release to the public all information concerning their operation and radioactive waste disposal.

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that to aid in the attainment of a safer and less polluting energy economy, the members of the Unitarian Universalist Association are hereby urged to petition their respective governments to issue appropriate regulations and to join in promoting comprehensive programs to eliminate wasteful and extravagant uses of energy.

REJECTION OF SENATE BILL NO. 1

WHEREAS, Senate Bill #1, the Criminal Justice Reform Act of 1975, in attempting to reform the outdated U.S. Criminal Code, has presented us with an unparalleled threat to individual liberties, especially in disregard of the First Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the bill is a massive, complicated measure so pervasively flawed that it is inherently unamendable;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1976 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association calls upon Congress to reject this legislation.

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REJECTION OF SENATE BILL NO. 1 CONTINUED

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the member societies of the Unitarian Universalist Association and the members of the societies be urged to communicate their concern to Congress.

(The above resolution was passed unanimously.)

HANDGUNS

WHEREAS, nearly three out of four murders are impulsively committed by previously law-abiding citizens during arguments with family members or their acquaintances,

WHEREAS, for every robber stopped by a homeowner with a handgun, four homeowners or members of their family are killed in gun accidents,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly held (most recently in 1939 in upholding the 1938 National Firearms Act) that the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution only prohibits Congress from restricting the right of each state to maintain an armed militia and does not create a right for individuals to own guns,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1976 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association urges upon the government of the United States the passage of legislation which would prohibit ownership or possession of all handguns, except for: law enforcement officers; members of the armed forces; guards and messengers while on duty; licensed pistol clubs for on-premises use; owners of permanently inoperable handguns; and manufacturers, wholesalers, and dealers as merchandise only.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such legislation provide for strict control of handgun ammunition and specific security measures to guard against theft of exempted handguns and ammunition, a six-month period wherein handguns may be surrendered in return for reasonable compensation, and that the unlawful possession of a handgun shall be made a felony.

TAX REFORM

WHEREAS, the current tax structure in the United States is both unfair and inequitable, favoring the rich (and especially the "Super-Rich") at the expense of the working class, the poor, the unemployed, and the elderly (especially those on fixed incomes), and

WHEREAS, our major cities, and some state governments, have been wavering on the brink of bankruptcy, while taxes have been steadily increasing and the services these tax revenues are supposed to provide have been drastically cut or in some cases eliminated altogether,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 1976 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association urges Congress to create a nonpartisan commission of professional tax experts, with appropriate funding, to make a major study

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of the total structure of taxes--federal, state and local--with a view to:

- (1) elimination of inequities and loopholes;
- (2) promoting incentive and economic growth; and
- (3) formulating a unified and equitable tax structure encompassing the three levels of government--federal, state and local.

AGAINST GOVERNMENT HARASSMENT

WHEREAS, it has become public knowledge, as a result of investigative journalism and of subsequent Congressional hearings, that government agencies including the CIA, the FBI, the Department of Justice, and the Internal Revenue Service have indulged in illegal activities or the misuse of otherwise legal functions for the purpose of suppressing dissent;

WHEREAS, harassment, disruption, dissemination of false statements, and the use of anonymous letters and planted articles to defame dissenters have been employed extensively;

WHEREAS, connections between those interfered with and any credible threat to the security of the United States have been nonexistent or tenuous in many cases;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 1976 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association condemns the use of government agencies including the CIA, FBI, and state and local police to engage in actions, whether or not legal, intended to harass, disrupt, and otherwise interfere with the activities of individual or organizations expressing dissent by any means of peaceful demonstration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 1976 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association calls upon Congress to continue to investigate and publicize past acts so that the public may recognize the extent of such actions designed to suppress freedom of speech and assembly in contradiction of the principles of the First Amendment to the Constitution, and to institute such mandatory reporting by government agencies to, and oversight by, Congress as may be necessary to prevent such excesses in the future.

CANCER-CAUSING SUBSTANCES
IN AIR AND WATER

WHEREAS, safe air to breathe and safe water to drink are essential to life;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1976 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association strongly urges that the Federal Environmental Protection Agency adopt promptly standards and regulations that will minimize the discharge of cancer-causing substances into our air and water; and

That this resolution be conveyed to the appropriate agencies in Canada, the President of the United States, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Chairmen of the Environment Committees of the Senate and House of the U.S. Congress; and

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CANCER CAUSING SUBSTANCES IN AIR AND WATER CONTINUED

That individual societies and their members contact their Senators and Representatives as well as state and local health and environmental departments and their local water and sewer authorities; and that the Canadian Unitarian Council be requested to make similar representations to appropriate government levels in Canada.

F.T.C. FUNERAL REGULATIONS

Because of our concern for freedom of conscience and the respect which should be accorded all persons at times of death, and because of our belief that people should be able to choose under fair and informed circumstances funeral arrangements which are in accord with their own personal, financial, social, and spiritual needs, the General Assembly of the UUA urges the adoption and implementation of proposed U.S. Federal Trade Commission regulations which prohibit:

requiring caskets for immediate cremations;

misrepresenting legal or public health necessities;

disparaging the customer's concern about prices;

failing to display least expensive caskets;

obtaining custody of or embalming bodies without written or oral permission from a family member;

interfering with the customer's selection of offered items;

failing to furnish a price list of all caskets available for purchase and failing to show the price prominently on each casket displayed;

failing to furnish prior to the customer's decision an itemized price list of goods and services from which the customer is free to select only desired items.

(The above resolution was passed unanimously.)

DISARMAMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

WHEREAS, since World War II, the United States has spent \$1.3 trillion and misdirected its industrial capacity to remain number one among nations in military power; and

WHEREAS, during these same years the United States has not reached its potential in meeting many of the most vital human needs of some of its own people and the peoples of the world; and

WHEREAS, the perspective of women is seldom represented on bodies where the subject of disarmament is under consideration;

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BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1976 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association calls upon its members, societies and the people of the United States to implement disarmament and social justice now. This action will include:

1. Promoting the representation of women on all United States agencies and committees involved with disarmament;
2. Reducing the 1976-77 total military portion of the United States Federal Budget by 10 per cent, and shifting this sum to meet the enormous, accumulated unmet economic and social needs (e.g., environment, education, health, housing, jobs and transportation) of the American people;
3. Taking substantial independent initiatives toward nuclear disarmament and challenging the Soviet Union to take reciprocal initiatives; and calling for a suitable disarmament forum of all nations, and submitting at that forum comprehensive proposals for general and complete disarmament;
4. Planning for the conversion of industries which are currently producing military products to the production of civilian goods and services.

FARM WORKER INITIATIVES

WHEREAS, the Unitarian Universalist Association has supported the right of farm workers to organize into a union for the purposes of collective bargaining with their employers, and has specifically supported the nonviolent efforts of the United Farm Workers of America, and

WHEREAS, the ten-year struggle of farm workers in California has led to a major legislative breakthrough that guarantees seasonal and year-round farm workers an opportunity to vote in a secret ballot election for the union of their choice, and the California Agricultural Labor Relations Act is not holding elections in California at this time because a minority of legislators allied with the growers and Teamsters has successfully blocked refunding of the Agricultural Labor Relations Board, and

WHEREAS, the United Farm Workers have gathered 719,000 signatures on an initiative petition which will put the Agricultural Labor Relations Act on the general election ballot in California in November in order to ensure the continuation and funding of the law,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Unitarian Universalist Association in General Assembly encourages its friends and constituents in California to lend support to the farm worker initiative which will be voted on by all the people of California, November 2, 1976, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Unitarian Universalist Association calls on its constituents to support California-type collective bargaining legislation for farm workers in Florida and other states where the United Farm Workers

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have begun an organizing drive and are seeking support for such labor legislation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Unitarian Universalist Association urges all persons of good will in North America to seek out and purchase United Farm Worker label grapes and head lettuce to affirm those growers who have bargained in good faith and as an incentive to growers who are procrastinating in negotiations.

RACIAL BIGOTRY AND BUSING ISSUE

WHEREAS, recently the Justice Department of the United States, at the direct urging of President Ford, first considered, then rejected, a plan to intervene actively to limit school busing, one of the few substantive remedies ever put into effect to combat school segregation, and

WHEREAS, this has given encouragement to those who believe they may speak and act out their hatreds, and

WHEREAS, there has been a dreadful and dramatic upsurge in the expressions of racial and religious bigotry in our nation, evidenced by the overt activities of the Ku Klux Klan and the American Nazi Party in Chicago and elsewhere, and

WHEREAS, threats and harassment of our minority populations are on the increase, and

WHEREAS, cross burnings, beatings, and other dismal echoes of hatreds we had prayed were extinguished and silenced have again been witnessed and heard,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we declare such behavior at all levels to be abhorrent to the American conscience, and unacceptable in any form in our midst, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon the President of the United States to affirm a policy of continued support for school desegregation through busing, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we reaffirm our historic position against racial bigotry and religious intolerance, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon all law enforcement agencies of this nation to investigate vigorously and bring to justice swiftly all those individuals and groups guilty of harassment and intimidation against our minority populations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon all Unitarian Universalist churches, fellowships, ministers, and individual members of our congregations to offer moral, financial, and physical support to any persons who are afflicted for reasons of race or religion either by government or corporate institutions, or by groups, or individuals, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, as individuals, groups and societies, affirm our position by reaching out to offer our support to responsible minority organizations seeking solutions to this grave problem, and finally,

BE IT RESOLVED, that each Unitarian Universalist, as an individual, be urged to speak out and to take affirmative action to aid the members of all minority groups overcome the deprivation and slander and hurt they have suffered and continue to suffer.

SUPPORT OF THE PHILIP L. ALLEN DEFENSE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Philip L. Allen, an active member of the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles and a student at Los Angeles City College, has been convicted of voluntary manslaughter in the shooting death of a Los Angeles Sheriff's Deputy; and

WHEREAS, following Philip's conviction Judge Rittenband revoked his bail because Philip continued to proclaim his innocence. The ACLU then entered the case and won reinstatement of Philip's bail;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 1976 General Assembly urges that the State of California begin an impartial investigation into the prosecution and trial of Philip Allen, and that Unitarian Universalists who believe in his innocence support the Philip L. Allen Defense Committee.

OPPOSING EXTRADITION OF DENNIS BANKS

WHEREAS, Dennis Banks is acknowledged by many Native Americans to be a militant leader in the struggle for justice in the cause of Native American rights, and

WHEREAS, Dennis Banks has fled from convictions on a charge of riot and a charge of assault stemming from his involvement in an incident in Custer, South Dakota (and no Native American has ever served on a jury in South Dakota) and

WHEREAS, subsequent charges were dismissed with prejudice by a Federal Court in Oregon in June of 1976, and

WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota in June 1976 served a warrant of extradition for Dennis Banks on Governor Straub of Oregon and, previously, on Governor Brown of California, and

WHEREAS, according to American Indian leaders, more than 150 Native Americans in South Dakota have been killed or severely injured while in custody and Dennis Banks has publicly stated that he will be killed if he is returned to South Dakota,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 1976 General Assembly of UUA requests that both Governor Brown and Governor Straub grant asylum and refuse to extradite Dennis Banks to South Dakota and that members and societies be urged to communicate the same requests to these two governors.

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS.

A proposed resolution requesting the UUA Board to consider the establishment of a Unitarian Universalist religious holiday to commemorate the heritage of religious freedom was defeated.

A proposed resolution that the UUA should use its resources during the coming year to initiate specific programs on ethical and religious concepts was defeated.

The Assembly passed unanimously the following Business Resolution:

OLDER WOMEN

WHEREAS, women in the middle years and older are confronted by the double discrimination of ageism and sexism, and feel the negative effects of age discrimination at an earlier age than men, so there is a double standard of aging in our society;

WHEREAS, women live longer than men, and women greatly outnumber men in later years (1,000 elderly women to 724 elderly men) and the outlook is for a continuing widening of this discrepancy, and

WHEREAS, the number of older females living in poverty is markedly greater than that of men, and

WHEREAS, there are many single older women, including those who after many years of unpaid service as homemakers and mothers are now forced to support themselves because of the death of a spouse, divorce, or other economic necessity and are not eligible for health, retirement, and unemployment benefits,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 1976 General Assembly of the UUA:

1. Endorses state, provincial and federal legislation for displaced homemakers to establish multipurpose service programs that will provide necessary training, counseling, and services for displaced homemakers so that they may enjoy the independence and economic security vital to a productive life.
2. Goes on record as urging that women in middle years and older be included in existing job training programs available on the local level; i.e., the federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) in the U.S.A. and parallel programs in Canada.
3. Recognizes that many older women have invested years of (non-paid) labor in marriage, with expectation of social and economic security in their futures, and the necessity to protect their interests as divorce laws and customs change.
4. Supports equal opportunities in education for older women--as employees of educational institutions, as students, and in scholarships and fellowships. This is to include our own UU institutions.

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5. Supports legislation which seeks to obtain Social Security for the housewife in her own name.
6. Asks that the UUA exercise leadership in the recognition of volunteer work as valid preparation for paid employment.
7. Strongly urges that our churches and denomination seek to raise the consciousness of its members to the problems of women and ageism and to value the devoted support that older women have given to our movement.

BYLAW AMENDMENTS

The Assembly voted final adoption of an amendment to Bylaws Section C-3.6, which the 1975 General Assembly had preliminarily approved. The 1976 General Assembly unanimously voted to amend Section C-3.6 by striking that section and substituting for it a new Section C-3.6 as follows, said amendment to take effect immediately:

Section C-3.6. Active Membership

A member society shall be recognized as active during the fiscal year of the Association in which it becomes a member and during each subsequent fiscal year in which it is established that during the immediately preceding fiscal year it:

- (a) conducted regular religious services;
- (b) held at least one business meeting of its members, elected its own officers and maintained adequate records of membership; and
- (c) made a financial contribution to the Association.

Member societies must furnish the Association with a report of their activities showing compliance with subsection (a) and (b) above.

Compliance with subsection (c) above shall be determined by appropriate financial records of the Association.

A member society shall also be considered to be active for that part of any particular current fiscal year which precedes the deadline established by the Board of Trustees for submitting proof of compliance with subsection (a) and (b) above if during the next preceding fiscal year such a society made a financial contribution to the Association and filed the report required by this section during that year.

The Board of Trustees shall make rules to carry out the intent of this section and shall determine which member societies meet the requirements set forth herein for any fiscal year of the Association.

BYLAW AMENDMENTS CONTINUED

The Assembly voted preliminary approval to amend Article II, Section C-2.3 of the Bylaws by inserting the word "age," after the word "sex,". Final adoption of this amendment requires action by the 1977 General Assembly.

The Assembly voted preliminary approval to amend Article II, Section C-2.3 of the Bylaws by inserting after the word "sex," the words "affectional or sexual orientation,". Final adoption of this amendment requires action by the 1977 General Assembly.

By the necessary two-thirds vote, Article X of the Bylaws was amended by adding a new Section 10.12 to read as follows:

Section 10.12. Indemnification of Trustees and Officers.

The Association shall indemnify any Trustee or officer, or former Trustee or officer, of the Association against all expenses (including court costs, attorney's fees and the amount of any judgment or reasonable settlement) actually and necessarily incurred by any such person, subsequent to the adoption hereof, in connection with any claim asserted against any such person, or any action, suit or proceeding in which any such person may be involved as a party, by reason of having been such Trustee or officer or by reason of any action alleged to have been taken or omitted by any such person as such Trustee or officer; excepting, however, expenses incurred in relation to any matter with respect to which a claim is made of willful misconduct or willful default or of gross negligence in the conduct of the office of such Trustee or officer, unless there be either an adjudication of freedom therefrom or, if there be no adjudication either of such misconduct, default or negligence or of freedom therefrom, a vote of freedom therefrom by a majority of the Trustees then in office, exclusive of those involved in such claim, action, suit or proceeding, provided that such majority shall constitute a quorum of the Trustees. The right of indemnification herein provided for shall inure to the benefit of the executors or administrators of each such Trustee or officer and shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which any such person may be entitled under any statute, bylaw, agreement, vote of members or otherwise, or to which any such person might have been entitled were it not for this provision. The Board of Trustees may in its discretion prepay all expenses incurred in defending any such action or proceeding in advance of final disposition of said action or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by the person indemnified to reimburse the Association in the event he or she shall be adjudicated to be not entitled to such indemnification.

A proposed Bylaw amendment which would have provided for biennial General Assemblies for a temporary period was defeated.

A proposed Bylaw amendment which would have eliminated the Moderator as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees and would have provided that the Board elect its own Chairperson was defeated.

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A proposed Bylaw amendment which would have eliminated the offices of President and vice presidents and which would have provided for the appointment by the Board of a salaried Executive Director as chief executive of the Association was defeated.

ACTION ON REPORTS

In connection with the report of the Commission on Appraisal, the Assembly passed the following motion:

The UUA General Assembly requires the annual submission of budget requests from the Commission on Appraisal for the purpose of annually recommending to the UUA Board of Trustees levels of financial support for the Commission on Appraisal.

In connection with the report of the Presidential Campaign Study Committee, the Assembly passed the following motion:

To adopt the recommendations of the Presidential Campaign Study Committee contained in its report to this General Assembly, which recommendations are:

1. The adoption of a policy of free or at least inexpensive exposure, including consolidated campaign appearances, available to all candidates which hopefully will reduce individual expenditures rather than the imposition of restrictions which might well create new inequities;
2. That the UU WORLD reserve at least one page in three different issues between March 1, 1977 and May 1, 1977 for the Presidential Campaign, with equal space available to each such candidate;
3. That a four-page insert filled with material supplied by the Presidential Candidates be provided at UU expense for publication simultaneously with headquarters mailing of absentee ballots to the societies;
4. That the candidates be asked to keep detailed and accurate records and make reports of their campaign expenses, including money spent by others on their behalf, preferably broken down into categories such as travel, postage, printing, and telephone; the reports would not be made public until after the polls are closed;
5. That the Planning Committee repeat the 1969 General Assembly Campaign Procedures with two consolidated candidate appearances during the General Assembly, the first being scheduled near the beginning of the Assembly and the last just before the election;

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6. That the Committee encourage candidates to limit their paper handouts; and that the Campaign Study Committee continue in existence after the General Assembly to implement the above recommendations.

And to apply the recommendations of the Presidential Campaign Study Committee to all elective positions-at-large as defined in Article IX, Section 9.1 of the Bylaws insofar as the Committee considers it feasible.

In connection with the Board of Trustees Report on Actions taken on Items of Business and Budget Votes Adopted at the 1975 General Assembly, the Assembly passed the following motion:

That the 1976 General Assembly urges the Board of Trustees to appoint a special committee on General Resolutions, such committee to study the General Resolutions process--their origination, adoption and implementation--and to make specific recommendations to the 1977 General Assembly.

In connection with the report of the Finance Committee, the Assembly passed the following motion:

WHEREAS, the UUA needs youth and college-aged participation to maintain a vital ongoing liberal religious movement; and

WHEREAS, there has been no increase in funds allotted to youth and college-aged programming in more than five years; and

WHEREAS, there has been a renewed interest in diversified directions for youth, college-aged, and intergenerational programs; and

WHEREAS, to respond to this renewed interest requires moral and financial support so that programs can be developed and implemented,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly of the UUA affirms its interest in youth and college-aged persons and the development of diversified programming, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that societies and districts are encouraged to support and interact with the youth and college-aged people amongst them, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the UUA is strongly advised by the 1976 General Assembly to offer priority to youth, college-aged, and intergenerational programs, in the distribution of funds resulting from a surplus in the 1975-76 UUA Budget or any of the available additional monies for the fiscal year of 1976-77.

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In connection with the President's report, the Assembly passed the following motion:

That the 1976 General Assembly urges the UUA Board of Trustees to report to the 1977 General Assembly its recommendations concerning public communications and how the Association can best mobilize its human and financial resources during the next five (5) years--the goal being to concentrate attention on public communications as a means of resolving conflicts--major national or international conflicts which threaten our planet in crisis, such as the threat of nuclear war by 1999.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Assembly unanimously passed the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Delegates to the 1976 UUA General Assembly express our appreciation to the members of the General Assembly Planning Committee, the Local Committee and volunteers, and the Convention Coordinator, whose labors on our behalf have made the 1976 General Assembly a memorable and pleasurable experience.

The final report of the Credentials Committee was as follows:

Accredited and attending were 493 lay delegates, 141 ministerial delegates, 10 directors of religious education, no life members, 7 associate members, 26 members of the Board of Trustees (not counting those registered as delegates from congregations) and 8 CLF members, for a total of 686 delegates representing 275 churches and fellowships in 48 states and 4 provinces.

The 1976 General Assembly then voted to adjourn *sine die*.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Robert E. Senghas
Recording Secretary