

M I N U T E S

NINETEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION

HELD IN ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

The General Assembly was convened on Saturday, June 14, 1980, at 9:30 a. m. by Moderator Sandra Mitchell Caron in the Kiva Auditorium of the Albuquerque Convention Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Greetings were received in person from the Honorable David Rusk, Mayor of Albuquerque; the Reverend Daniel Panger, minister of the First Unitarian Church of Albuquerque; Carolyn Howlett, President of the International Association for Religious Freedom; the Reverend Bohdana Haspl on behalf of the Unitarians in Czechoslovakia; the Reverend Jack Mendelsohn, minister of the First Parish in Bedford, MA, on behalf of the Unitarians in Hungary and Rumania; Roy Smith on behalf of the British General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches, and the Reverend Diether Gehrman, General Secretary of the International Association for Religious Freedom.

Judy Roderick, a member of the First Unitarian Church of Albuquerque and the artist of two wall hangings in the Auditorium celebrating the theme of the General Assembly, was introduced and thanked.

At the beginning of all but the final Plenary Session, "Five Minutes With Channing" was presented by the Reverend Judith Urquhart, Mr. Richard Myers, Ms. Elizabeth Jones, and the Reverend Virgil Murdock.

Later in the Assembly greetings were received by telegram from Mr. Othello Ellis, Executive Director of the Abraham Lincoln Centre in Chicago, IL.

The Assembly adopted by a two-thirds vote Rules of Procedure for the conduct of the meeting.

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

The Assembly received written reports from the Secretary and the Treasurer. Oral reports (as well as written) were received from the President, Moderator, Chair of the Finance Committee, Financial Advisor, Chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee, Chair of the Commission on Appraisal, and Chair of the Nominating Committee.

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

A resolution entitled "FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE" alleging that "social action and general resolutions at the continental level constitute a betrayal of our freedom of conscience tradition, which has lost the Association support in participation and dollars" and calling upon the Board of Trustees to "study this allegation" was tabled.

A resolution entitled "UUA DISTRICT ALLOCATION RESOLUTION" was withdrawn by its makers in light of the commitment from the Long-Range Planning Committee to study the problem addressed by the resolution.

A resolution entitled "IMPLEMENTATION OF WOMEN AND RELIGION RESOLUTION" was substituted for the resolution entitled "WOMEN AND RELIGION SUNDAY" in the Final Agenda and passed by a vote of two-thirds or more.

IMPLEMENTATION OF WOMEN AND RELIGION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Unitarian Universalist Association passed a resolution titled "Women and Religion" at the 1977 General Assembly and a related resolution titled "Battered Women" at the 1979 General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, these resolutions, in part, urge all Unitarian Universalists to examine their religious beliefs and the extent to which these beliefs influence sex-role stereotypes; and

WHEREAS, these resolutions further urge all persons within societies to avoid sexist assumptions and language in the future; and

WHEREAS, avoiding sexist assumptions and sexist language is a longterm undertaking during which the deep-seated patriarchal nature of our religious traditions must be examined and new ways of perceiving the nature of women and men and of relationships between them must be developed;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1980 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association urge all societies to provide opportunities for members to participate in activities that bring into focus the sexist nature of our religious heritage and also the emerging ideological understandings that value women and men as full human beings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this General Assembly urge the UUA administrative staff, in association with lay members and clergy, to develop and provide:

- (a) materials to help societies eradicate longstanding sexist assumptions and language forms and usages diminishing women whether in worship or in other church settings, and
- (b) a procedure for evaluation of the progress made toward incorporation of concepts, values and linguistic forms that are free of sex bias, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: That this General Assembly calls on the Board of Trustees of this Association to urge all societies to:

- (a) use the evaluation procedure when provided, and
- (b) recognize and celebrate women's experience in the quest for religious identity.

The following resolution was passed by a vote of two-thirds or more:

MINISTERIAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association in 1970 passed a resolution calling on the UUA and its member churches, fellowships, and organizations to end discrimination against gay, lesbian, and bisexual persons in employment; and

WHEREAS, the UUA has distinguished itself by its repeated support of the employment rights of minority groups; and

WHEREAS, many of the UUA member societies which have considered openly gay, lesbian, and bisexual candidates have been unwilling to accept the candidates because of their sexual orientations; and

WHEREAS, the hiring of religious leaders by Unitarian Universalist member societies is a matter of local conscience;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1980 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association urge the UUA and its member churches, fellowships and organizations to renew their commitment to end discrimination against gay, lesbian, and bisexual persons through educational programs at the local, district, and continental levels and calls upon the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association and the UUA Department of Ministerial and Congregational Services to lend full assistance in the settlement of qualified openly gay, lesbian, and bisexual religious leaders.

RULE CHANGES

By a two-thirds or more vote the Assembly voted to change the estimated increase in the annual fund from 5% to 7% by amending Rule G-10.1.3 to read as follows:

Rule G-10.1.3. Estimated Income. 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 7 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 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 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.

By a two-thirds or more vote the Assembly voted new definitions of what constitutes a business resolution and what constitutes a general resolution by amending Rule G-4.15.2 to read as follows:

Rule G-4.15.2. Business and General Resolutions. Resolutions placed upon the tentative and final agenda for each regular General Assembly by the General Assembly Planning Committee shall include business and general resolutions. A business resolution involves directly the business or administrative affairs of the Association. A general resolution recommends study, records an opinion, or requests that action be taken by persons or organizations not controlled by the Association. Any resolution submitted for inclusion on the tentative agenda which, taken as a whole, has as its purpose the making of a statement of social concern or principle shall be deemed to be a general resolution. A general resolution appearing on the final agenda may not be amended so as to become a business resolution.

BYLAW AMENDMENTS

A proposal to amend Bylaw Section 4.3 to hold regular General Assemblies "only in odd-numbered years" was defeated on a roll call vote 332-377.

By a two-thirds or more vote the Assembly voted to limit the number of business and general resolutions that a district can submit for inclusion on the tentative agenda by amending Bylaw Section 4.11 to read as follows:

Section 4.11 Tentative Agenda for Regular General Assemblies.

The General Assembly Planning Committee shall prepare a tentative agenda for each regular General Assembly which shall include:

- (a) reports and other matters required by these Bylaws to be submitted to the General Assembly;
- (b) proposed amendments to these Bylaws which are submitted as prescribed in Article XIV;
- (c) resolutions referred by the preceding General Assembly;
- (d) business resolutions and proposed amendments to rules submitted by the Commission on Appraisal;
- (e) all proposed amendments to rules and all business and general resolutions as defined in Rule G-4.15.2., submitted by:
 1. the Board of Trustees; or
 2. not less than fifteen active member societies by action of their governing boards or their congregations;
 3. a petition signed by not less than 250 members of active member societies with no more than 10 members of any one member society counted as part of the 250;
 4. a regular General Assembly pursuant to Section 4.14(c), or otherwise;and
- (f) proposed amendments to rules and business and general resolutions submitted by a District by official action at a duly called meeting at which a quorum is present but not in excess of three business and three general resolutions per District.

Resolutions submitted under (d), (e) (2), (3), and (f) must be received by the Planning Committee by February 1 whenever the regular General Assembly opens in June. If the General Assembly opens in a month other than June, the resolutions submitted under (d), (e) (2), (3), and (f) must be received not later than 110 days before the date set for the opening of that General Assembly. The Planning Committee shall include on the tentative agenda all resolutions so submitted. It may submit alternative versions in addition to the original ones submitted if in its judgment such alternatives clarify the resolutions and may make such changes in the resolutions as are necessary to make each conform to a standard format. It may also submit one or more alternative versions for the purpose of combining two or more resolutions.

The tentative agenda shall be mailed to each member society, associate member organization, trustee, and life member by February 21 if the General Assembly opens in June, otherwise, not less than 90 days before the opening of the General Assembly.

A proposal to amend Bylaw Section 4.11 to delete authorization for the Commission on Appraisal to place proposed amendments to rules on the General Assembly Tentative Agenda was defeated.

A proposal to amend a number of Bylaw Sections in such a way as to reduce the size of the Board of Trustees was withdrawn by its makers in light of the commitment of the Long-Range Planning Committee to study "district representation to the UUA Board."

By a two-thirds or more vote the Assembly voted to reduce by one the number of Board of Trustees members required to be appointed to the Investment Committee by amending Bylaw Section 7.8 to read as follows:

Section 7.8 Investment Committee.

The Investment Committee shall consist of the Financial Advisor, the Treasurer, and five other persons, at least one of whom shall be a trustee and none of whom shall be members of the Finance Committee.

By a two-thirds or more vote the Assembly voted to require earlier mailing of absentee ballots by amending Bylaw Section 9.9(c) to read as follows:

Section 9.9(c). Absentee Voting.

Those entitled to cast ballots in an election may cast their ballots by mail. Absentee ballots shall be mailed at least forty-five days prior to the General Assembly at which the election is being held. An absentee ballot must be received by the Secretary not less than seven calendar days before the General Assembly in order to be counted.

Conforming Rule Change:

Rule G-4.9.3. Substitute the word "forty-five" for the word "thirty."

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

Each of the following General Resolutions was passed by a two-thirds or more vote:

A RELIGIOUS STATEMENT ON ABORTION: A CALL TO COMMITMENT

WHEREAS, the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights, an organization supported by 27 religious bodies, including the Unitarian Universalist Association, has issued "A Call to Commitment: A Religious Statement on Abortion"; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide a unified approach, five of the religious bodies have already passed resolutions endorsing this statement and many others will consider it at meetings shortly; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Association has endorsed the statement and encourages similar endorsement by wider representation in our denomination;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1980 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association endorse "A Religious Statement on Abortion: A Call to Commitment" prepared by the Religious Coalition on Abortion Rights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the 1980 General Assembly urges that educational programs and efforts be pressed forward to foster responsibility in sexual conduct in the interest of reducing unwanted pregnancies.

HUNGER

WHEREAS, the number of hungry and starving people on this fertile globe has reached a magnitude that staggers comprehension; and

WHEREAS, international and national agencies, and numerous non-governmental organizations have come to realize that world resources are not adequate to supply the basic needs of the rapidly increasing numbers of the world's poor, using *current* strategies, and that food aid from exogenous sources alone cannot bring long-term security from hunger to the world's people; and

WHEREAS, a new approach is developing (a basic needs strategy) which deals with structural causes of widespread hunger at the same time that it increases the realistic possibility of meeting immediate needs of hungry and starving people (besides calling for substantial international and indigenous financial and technical aid, the "basic needs strategy" calls upon the governments of developing countries to encourage the poor themselves to invest their skills and labor in planning and managing the development of local resources, with priority being given to their participation in all aspects of the food sector of the economy; it also calls upon their national governments to support efforts ~~toward~~ ^{to} self-sufficiency in basic foods as an engine for general economic development); and

WHEREAS, food supplies are adequate to nourish the human family today, but human numbers are growing faster than the potential sustainable growth of agricultural productivity warrants and a "basic needs strategy" appears to predispose communities to stabilize their population at a sustainable level;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1980 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association reaffirm participation in joint efforts of the religious community and concerned secular organizations to correct in life-affirming ways those problems which underlie much of the human hunger and starvation in the world today; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly urge Unitarian Universalist societies to study the complex problems involved and familiarize their members with the structural issues and their import for the future of humanity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly request the Washington Office to inform Unitarian Universalists, through timely reports in the UU WORLD, about pending legislation on such problems.

NURSING HOME REFORM

WHEREAS, Congressional and other investigations have established that the welfare of thousands of nursing home residents throughout the country is in jeopardy because of low wage ~~sc~~ ^{sc}es, dangerous buildings, inhumane care and isolation of

the elderly; and

WHEREAS, this situation can be adequately addressed only by deep and widespread community involvement under strong leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Unitarian Universalist Association is in an ideal position to provide such leadership through the Committee on Aging;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1980 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association urge the Association to act to bring about true nursing home reform by:

- (a) becoming an institutional member of the National Citizens' Coalition for Nursing Home Reform;
- (b) publicizing the vital necessity for nursing home reform;
- (c) supplying societies with information and assistance in their community;
- (d) supporting adequate Federal subsidy of alternative at-home service;
- (e) supporting greater consumer representation in all levels of regulation of nursing homes;
- (f) supporting adequate State and Federal subsidies for quality nursing home care.

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, there are now at least ten million refugees (a refugee defined as someone outside his or her country who is unable or unwilling to return to that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group); and

WHEREAS, these ten million refugees, half of whom are children, are from many areas of the world: Africa, the Middle East, Latin America, The Carribean, Eastern Europe, and Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, political instability and repressive regimes in many countries will tend to exacerbate the refugee problem so that it becomes a permanent condition of life; and

WHEREAS, Unitarian Universalists, as the victims of religious persecution in the past, are sensitive to the plight of refugees;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1980 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association affirm its support of the work of the United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees in seeking repatriation of refugees whenever possible, or resettlement in the country of asylum or a third country whenever necessary, as well as the work of UNICEF and other intergovernmental and voluntary agencies in their efforts to relieve the situation of refugees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly commend the efforts of the United States and Canadian governments to assist in immediate relief and resettlement of refugees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly urge local societies and individuals to support their government's efforts in assisting refugees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly urge local societies to investigate ways to aid refugees through programs of sponsorship, language lessons, vocational training, and other forms of community support as well as programs of education and consciousness raising on the refugee problem for their members and local communities.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND WAR

WHEREAS, the underlying source of the human energy devoted to extreme nationalism and aggressive individual and aggressive national behavior is fear, said fear deriving from the concern of individuals and institutions for their survival; and

WHEREAS, to relieve this fear and associated tensions and war, to improve the climate for peace, and to release energy for the improvement of the human condition throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, in recognition that peace is essential to the end of fear and that peace must be learned, the Congress, in 1978, created the Commission on Proposals for the National Academy of Peace and Conflict Resolutions; and

WHEREAS, June 30, 1980 is the deadline for public comments to the above Commission;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1980 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association urge that an international policy be instituted to protect individuals against the extreme abuses of their rights, examples of such extremes being torture and harsh suppression of individual freedoms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly urge the United States and Canada to announce that each country recognizes that recognition of human rights is an important requirement for international peace; that each country will support human rights around the world whenever and wherever possible, including limited withholding of aid from countries adjudged guilty of harsh abuse of human rights, specifically that type of aid used in fear-inducing police operations and other abuses of human rights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly urge the United Nations to recognize the relationship between human rights and tensions which lead to war and revolution and to form an agency which reports upon and protects human rights throughout the world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly demand an end to all United States government programs that train and support repressive regimes in other nations such as El Salvador; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly supports the concept of establishing a National Academy of Peace and Conflict resolution.

A proposed amendment to add the words "and Israel" after the word "El Salvador" in the fourth Resolve was defeated on a roll call vote 152-264.

REPRESSIVE LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, the Unitarian Universalist Association and its member societies have a longstanding commitment to use their power self-consciously and explicitly in the interests of their ideas; and

WHEREAS, we believe that escalated international turmoil and violence are moving our government toward increased repression of dissident opinions and groups; and

WHEREAS, we further believe that the rights defined in the First Amendment guaranteeing freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly, and redress of grievances must be protected; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress in order to revise the criminal code is considering an omnibus bill known as S-1722 which includes dangerously oppressive features; and

WHEREAS, it is practically impossible to revise or amend this omnibus bill to protect and guarantee First Amendment rights;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1980 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association oppose the omnibus approach to criminal code revision and urge such revision be accomplished by the increment method on a section-by-section basis with full debate and discussion of each and every provision.

FBI/CIA CHARTERS

WHEREAS, the Unitarian Universalist Association and its member societies have a longstanding commitment to use their power self-consciously and explicitly in the interests of their ideas; and

WHEREAS, we believe that escalated international turmoil and violence are moving our government toward increased repression of dissident opinion and groups; and

WHEREAS, we further believe that the rights defined in the First Amendment guaranteeing freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly, and redress of grievances must be protected; and

WHEREAS, Congress is considering new FBI and CIA charters which would dangerously increase their power and make the agencies far less accountable and more secretive;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1980 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association oppose passage of the FBI and CIA charters in a form which would represent any subversion of the Bill of Rights.

ACTION ON REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

The only action on the Reports of the Officers was that, with regard to the Report of the President, the Assembly

VOTED: To adopt the new UUA logo presented by President Pickett at the close of his President's Report on Saturday, June 14, 1980.

There were no collateral or perfecting amendments required.

LATE-ADMITTED GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

The following General Resolutions were admitted for consideration and action under ByLaws Section 4.14(b) and passed by a vote of two-thirds or more:

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF VERNON JORDAN

WHEREAS, an attempt to kill Vernon Jordan, Executive Director of the Urban League, was made on May 29, 1980, in Fort Wayne, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Jordan stands for principles and methods for achieving racial justice which are in keeping with our Unitarian Universalist principles; and

WHEREAS, we, the delegates to the Nineteenth General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association, are profoundly concerned that this violent action against Vernon Jordan occurred;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the President of the Unitarian Universalist Association express to Vernon Jordan our sorrow and our wishes for his full recovery and resumption of activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That all governmental and private agencies involved be urged to continue vigorously their investigations to discover the cause(s) and perpetrator(s) of this heinous crime; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we Unitarian Universalists renew and deepen our commitment to the eradication of racial discrimination and to the establishment of racial justice.

MX MISSILE SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the United States Congress is now considering new funding for the multi-billion dollar Missile Experimental (MX) Missile System; and

WHEREAS, the MX Missile System represents a major escalation of the arms race; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association in 1979 affirmed that reversal of the arms race must be the overwhelming priority on the human agenda because escalating military power

- (a) diverts crucial resources from human and environment needs,
- (b) contributes to runaway inflation and inhibits full employment,
- (c) leads toward the ~~creativity~~^{certainty} of planetary holocaust; and

WHEREAS, the MX is a destabilizing, potentially first-strike nuclear weapon system; and

WHEREAS, there is widespread opposition by the citizens of Nevada and Utah where the MX is slated to be deployed;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1980 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association calls upon Unitarian Universalists to urge members of Congress to vote against further funding for the MX Missile System, and to urge direct funding to domestic human services programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly reaffirms the 1979 Peace and Disarmament resolution and calls upon the U.S. Government to seek prompt negotiations with the nuclear powers for a mutual moratorium on nuclear weapons systems.

REGISTRATION FOR SELECTIVE SERVICE

WHEREAS, both Houses of the United States Congress have voted to fund draft registration; and

WHEREAS, previous General Assemblies of the Unitarian Universalist Association have passed resolutions which have:

- (1) affirmed that the settlement of international conflicts by war is inconsistent with our commitments under the Charter of the United Nations, and
- (2) urged that the Selective Service System be abolished and replaced by an all-volunteer force, and
- (3) opposed the resumption of draft registration and conscription; and

WHEREAS, registration for the Selective Service System is a first step toward resumption of military conscription and represents a further move toward militarizing our society and is evidence of a growing reliance on military responses to world conflict situations;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1980 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association call upon its societies to establish, support, and encourage educational and counseling programs, so that all men and women may make informed decisions regarding registration for the draft and the option of conscientious objection or non-violent civil disobedience, with particular concern for those forced to consider military service by pressures of economic or racial discrimination.

A late-admitted resolution entitled "Support for Citizen's Visit to Iran -- A Resolution on U. S. - Iran Relationships" was admitted for consideration and action under ByLaws Section 4.14(b) but did not receive the two-thirds vote required for adoption of late-admitted general resolutions.

ITEM FOR 1981 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TENTATIVE AGENDA

In accordance with ByLaw Section 4.14(c) the Assembly voted to refer the following resolution to the General Assembly Planning Committee for inclusion on the 1981 General Assembly Tentative Agenda:

REFORM OF UNITED NATIONS

WHEREAS, the United Nations remains the best hope of humankind for assuring world peace; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations lacks the instruments, funding and authority to guarantee peace and world order; and

WHEREAS, people and governments around the world are promoting efforts to upgrade the United Nations to deal with global problems requiring global solutions; and

WHEREAS, the Unitarian Universalist Association has a long history of support for the universality of humankind and global cooperation as expressed in the "Consensus on the United Nations" adopted by the 8th General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association in 1969; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Northwest and Metropolitan New York Districts sponsored United Nations reform resolutions in the 1979 and 1980 Parish Polls;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1981 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association supports efforts to reform and restructure the United Nations; including:

- (1) providing support and encouragement for studies and conferences on United Nations reform; and
- (2) urging individual members to support measures in the United States Congress and the parliaments of Canada and Mexico which advance a more effective United Nations; and
- (3) urging societies to devote at least one Sunday service to the topic of United Nations reform.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

The final report of the Credentials Committee was as follows:

Accredited and attending the 19th General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association were 709 lay delegates, 178 ministerial delegates, 20 delegate directors of religious education, no life members, 6 associate members' delegates, 27 members of the Board of Trustees (not included as registered delegates from congregations), and 7 Church of the Larger Fellowship delegates for a total of 947 delegates representing 370 churches and fellowships, ~~50~~ states, the District of Columbia, and 5 Canadian provinces.

OTHER BUSINESS

In light of the fact that President Pickett's mother had broken her hip shortly before the opening of the General Assembly, the Assembly

VOTED: To send best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Cora Pickett and to express its appreciation to President Eugene Pickett for having carried out his responsibilities at the General Assembly despite his concern.

Recognition was made of Margaret Winchester, General Assembly Coordinator, and appreciation was expressed for her fine work.

The 1980 General Assembly then voted to adjourn *sine die*.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/William F. Schulz,
Recording Secretary