

M I N U T E S

TWENTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION HELD IN VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

The General Assembly was convened on Monday, June 13, 1983, at 9:02 a. m. by Moderator Sandra Mitchell Caron in the Memorial Gymnasium of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia.

At the beginning of each Plenary Session, "This Is Canada" was presented by representatives of the Canadian Unitarian Council.

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

Greetings were received in person from the Honorable Henry Bell-Irving, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of British Columbia; Douglas T. Kenny, President of the University of British Columbia; Ruth Patrick, President of the Canadian Unitarian Council; James Wickham, President of the Pacific Northwest District; Dr. Nikkyo Niwano, President of Rissho Kosei-Kai and of the International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF); Chief Priest Rev. Yukitaka Yamamoto of the Tsubaki Grand Shrine and Chair of the Japan Preparatory Committee for the 1984 IARF Congress to be held in Tokyo; Christine Hayhurst, Deputy Secretary of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches of Great Britain; the Rev. Alpar Kiss on behalf of Bishop Lajos Kovacs of the Unitarian Church of Romania; and Lucie Meijer of the IARF Secretariat in Frankfurt, FR Germany.

The Moderator read the list of new societies entered into membership in the Unitarian Universalist Association during the past year.

The President presented the Annual Award for Distinguished Service to Unitarian Universalism to Gustav Peter Fleck.

Jack Mendelsohn, Chair of the UUA Committee on Urban Concerns and Ministry, and Kathy Lutz, Co-Chair of the Urban Church Coalition, spoke of the need for contributions to the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Urban Ministry Fund.

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. Issue was taken with the ruling by the UUA Secretary (subsequently sustained by the UUA Board of Trustees) that the Unitarian Church of Vancouver, one of the host societies, was not entitled to delegates at the General Assembly because it had failed to satisfy one of the Active Society requirements imposed on all societies each year. The Moderator ruled that, under the Bylaws, the appeal to the Board of Trustees was the exclusive means of appeal in a matter of this kind and no appeal lay to the General Assembly. A motion to request reconsideration by the Board of Trustees of its determination was made and seconded but did not receive majority support.

In light of the special host status of this society the delegation from the Unitarian Church of Vancouver was invited to sit on the floor of the Assembly as guests of the Assembly and given the privilege to speak on the floor but not to vote. The delegation accepted the invitation.

The Assembly received written reports from the Secretary and Treasurer. Oral reports (as well as written, in some cases) were received from the President, the Financial Advisor, the Chair of the Finance Committee, the Chair of the Commission on Appraisal, the President of the UU Service Committee, the President of the UU Women's Federation, and the Moderator.

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

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

WORLD HUNGER

WHEREAS, the complex issue of World Hunger requires our serious attention;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1983 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association urges the Section on Social Responsibility, in cooperation with the UU-United Nations Office and the UU Service Committee, to give the study of world hunger a high priority this coming year and report to the 1984 General Assembly its recommendations for action.

Business Resolutions entitled "Establishing Economic Justice," "Housing," "ERA-Based Prohibition on UUA-Sponsored Meetings," and a Resolution entitled "Diversity in Membership," substituted for a Resolution entitled "Blue Collar Workers," were all defeated.

C-BYLAW AMENDMENTS

By a two-thirds or more vote the Assembly voted preliminary approval to amend Bylaw Section C-2.3 to include disability among the categories listed in the Non-discrimination Section of the Bylaws. The preliminarily amended Bylaw reads as follows:

Section C-2.3. Non-discrimination

The Association declares and affirms its special responsibility, and that of its member societies and organizations, to promote the full participation of persons in all of its and their activities and in the full range of human endeavor without regard to race, color, sex, disability, affectional or sexual orientation, age or national origin and without requiring adherence to any particular interpretation of religion or to any particular religious belief or creed.

A proposed Bylaw amendment to give districts voting representation at General Assemblies was defeated.

BYLAW AMENDMENTS

A proposed Bylaw amendment to provide for biennial General Assemblies on a trial basis and a proposed Bylaw amendment to give trustees to Mid-South and Florida Districts were each defeated.

A series of Bylaw Amendments and Rules Changes (along with collateral and perfecting amendments) was passed by a vote of two-thirds or more to revise the process by which General Assemblies pass General Resolutions on issues of public policy. The detailed changes are contained in an Appendix to these Minutes. The new process (which will go into effect at the close of the 1985 General Assembly and apply for the first time to the 1986 Assembly) creates a Commission on General Resolutions (three members of which are elected by the General Assembly and two appointed by the UUA Board of Trustees). Each UUA member society and District may submit to this Commission one proposed General Resolution. The Commission then selects not more than ten such proposed General Resolutions to place on the Tentative Agenda for action through the Parish Poll. Those three Resolutions which pass the Parish Poll with the highest number of votes are then placed on the Final Agenda

where they can be amended and then the Assembly must vote whether or not to refer them to congregations and Districts for a year of study. Amendments can be suggested during the year to the Commission which will place these Resolutions (along with any proposed amendments of study by the Commission) on the Final Agenda of the second year's General Assembly for final amendments and action. The process also provides for no more than two Resolutions of Immediate Witness which can be passed by a General Assembly without going through the study process.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

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

CEASE SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENTS IN VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND ELSEWHERE

WHEREAS, The Unitarian Universalist Association has maintained a traditional role as a vigorous supporter of human rights; and

WHEREAS, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee has been historically involved in promoting social change and assisting economic development in El Salvador and other areas in Central America; and

WHEREAS, The UUSC has made the UUA aware that widespread torture and massacres in El Salvador and Guatemala by local government forces continue, in apparent violation of human rights requirements mandated by the United States Congress;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1983 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association calls on the United States Congress to uphold its own Human Rights requirements concerning United States Foreign Aid to Central America and elsewhere by investigating whether the Executive Branch is in compliance with said requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That pending resolution of such serious compliance issues, this Assembly urges an immediate end to United States government support of the current regressive regimes of El Salvador and Guatemala and elsewhere and urges an end to the United States Military Advisor Program in El Salvador, and covert United States support and operations in the region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly urges the UUA Washington office and individual members of UU churches and fellowships to bring this resolution to the attention of members of Congress and the President of the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That, in order to help effect substantial changes in U.S. foreign policy towards Central America, we, the 1983 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association, support and encourage those societies which give sanctuary to Salvadoran and Guatemalan refugees and recommend to all our societies a serious searching of conscience on this issue.

EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, in the United States women are still deprived of equal Constitutional rights, equal salaries, equal access to positions of responsibility and equal treatment in terms of health care, insurance and Social Security; and

WHEREAS, men would also benefit from equality of rights under the law; and

WHEREAS, the Equal Rights Amendment has been submitted to the United States Congress this year (1983) as it has been every session since 1923 (with the exception of the

years during which it was being ratified by the states);

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1983 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association urges that the 98th Congress of the United States act immediately to pass and submit to the states for ratification the Equal Rights Amendment which states:

"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex," and further that the U.S. Unitarian Universalist societies work for ratification within their states."

HALTING THE ARMS RACES

WHEREAS, the arms race continues unabated; and

WHEREAS, ever growing numbers of North Americans are expressing their desire to end the arms race by voting for nuclear arms freeze referenda, signing petitions and other activities; and

WHEREAS, the policy of deterrence has led to a constantly growing competition between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. to equal or surpass each other as new weapon systems are introduced, thus intensifying the arms race; and

WHEREAS, other religious organizations are taking formal stands in opposition to the nuclear arms race;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1983 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association, re-affirming its commitment to end the arms race, urges the United States Congress to:

1. persuade the President to initiate serious disarmament discussions with the U.S.S.R.; and
2. defeat appropriation bills for the MX and Pershing II Missiles; and
3. pass a bilateral and verifiable Nuclear Weapons Freeze resolution; and
4. take all other necessary action to end the arms race, including support for the United Nations World Disarmament Campaign; and
5. continuing from the McCloy-Zhorin agreements of 1961, initiate talks aimed at replacing armed threats and confrontation with serious negotiation between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. to attain peaceful co-existence without regard to ideological differences.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE U.S. ACADEMY OF PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in recognition that peaceful conflict resolution is essential to the continuation of Life on planet Earth, and that such concepts and skills can be learned; and

WHEREAS, the 1980 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association supported the concept of a National Academy of Peace and Conflict Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the report of the Commission on Proposals for the National Academy of Peace and Conflict Resolution was presented to the President of the United States and the Senate and House of Representatives on October 20, 1981; and

WHEREAS, the United States Academy of Peace has three major objectives:

1. To perform and assist research about international peace and peace making,
2. To educate and train, directly and indirectly, persons across the nation from government, private enterprise, and voluntary associations, about international peace and peace making skills,

3. To establish an information service in the field of peace learning; and WHEREAS, bills to establish the National Academy of Peace will again be introduced in both houses of Congress;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1983 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association reaffirms its continuing commitment to the establishment of the National Academy of Peace and whatever other sound institutions and programs can be devised to rid ourselves, our communities and the world community of the tyranny of violence and the legacy of destruction which it brings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this assembly urges its appropriate UUA Staff and member societies in the United States to familiarize themselves with the Peace Academy Commission's Report and the pending legislation in order to enable them to present to the President and the Congress an informed case for enacting legislation.

NUCLEAR FREEZE

WHEREAS, full-scale war would cause the loss of hundreds of millions of lives and the destruction of all major cities in the countries involved - perhaps the entire northern hemisphere; and

WHEREAS, there is presently no real defense against nuclear attack; and

WHEREAS, such a war can be suddenly, accidentally and unintentionally precipitated; and

WHEREAS, the nuclear arsenals of both the United States and the Soviet Union have the capacity to destroy all human life many times over; and

WHEREAS, the relative nuclear strengths of the United States and the Soviet Union are sufficiently equivalent that neither nation would gain an overwhelming advantage from a nuclear freeze; and

WHEREAS, the development of new weapons, ostensibly for purely defensive purposes, destabilized the precarious balance of threat and deterrence, thereby escalating both further technological competition and the likelihood of war; and

WHEREAS, adequate methods exist for monitoring compliance with nuclear treaties; i.e., it is possible to monitor certain gross strategic weapons treaty violations by overt means and by use of limited International Inspection Teams, and clandestine operations now employed by both sides can detect gross tactical weapons treaty violations; and

WHEREAS, a freeze on testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons could release tax funds and scientific talent for pursuit of projects to improve the global human condition;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1983 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association, prompted by study of the basic facts, as nearly as they can be ascertained by civilians - foreign and domestic propaganda notwithstanding - recommends that the intent of Senate Joint Resolution 2 be adopted by the U.S. Government as official policy:

"As an immediate arms control objective, the United States and the Soviet Union should pursue a complete halt to the nuclear arms race; decide when and how to achieve a mutual and verifiable freeze on the testing, production, and further deployment of nuclear warheads, missiles and other delivery systems; and give special attention to destabilizing weapons whose deployment would make such a freeze more difficult to achieve. Proceeding from this freeze, the United States and the Soviet Union should pursue major, mutual and verifiable reductions in nuclear warheads, missiles and other delivery systems, through annual percentages of equally effective means, in a manner that enhances stability."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly asks members of its local societies to work for the adoption of this measure and to cooperate with leaders and members of other denominations and faiths as follows:

1. Continue education on the issues of the nuclear arms race;
2. Encourage citizen action, including witness, to members of Congress through letters, phone calls, visits and working in the community to achieve freeze endorsements.

AMERASIAN CHILDREN

WHEREAS, the Unitarian Universalist Association is committed to furthering human rights and supports the principle of the importance and worth of each individual; and

WHEREAS, there are many Amerasian children abandoned by their American fathers and rejected in their Asian homelands; and

WHEREAS, we in the affluent West, especially in the United States, have a clear responsibility to these children; and

WHEREAS, children grow rapidly and the years between birth and adulthood are few, dictating immediate action; and

WHEREAS, the future of the world depends largely on the quality of life experienced by children; and

WHEREAS, we would offer Amerasian children the hope of a better future;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1983 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association urges the Congress of the United States to provide funds immediately for the transportation and support of Amerasian petitioners for immigration and to facilitate the adoption of Amerasian children into American homes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly urges member societies to offer support to families who adopt Amerasian children.

ACTION ON REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND OTHERS

The following resolution was voted by more than two-thirds:

Gathered in continental Assembly this past week in British Columbia beside the broad Pacific, we have transacted our business expeditiously but, more significantly, we have endeavored to plan resolutely for the future of our denomination and for the survival of our civilization.

Inspired by the magnificence of the mountains and the sea; challenged by the environment of a great university; charged by the stirring remarks of co-religionists from Asia and Europe; and stimulated by our fellowship and the responsibility of a rich tradition, we commend the President and the Moderator of the Unitarian Universalist Association for their visions of peace and we express our enthusiasm and support for the Administration's proposal for a denominational office of peace.

BE IT RESOLVED, therefore, that we, the delegates to the 22nd General Assembly of the UUA, reaffirm the words of Eugene Pickett that "Peace with justice is the primary issue of our day" and of Sandra Caron that "Peace is our top priority-- we must be alive before we can be equal."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, at the conclusion of this Assembly, we commit ourselves to speak and act for those principles and programs which will produce the peace for which all people yearn. As the boundary on the highway between Seattle and Vancouver is marked, "May this gate never be closed," so may neighborliness more than rivalry and trust more than fear increasingly encompass the world.

The President responded to questions regarding worship programs and indicated, among other things, that he hoped to see a staff person working at least part-time in the area of worship resources in the next two to three years.

The Assembly voted its thanks to the President for arranging for the participation in the Assembly of visitors from Japan, thus making this an occasion for the expression of world friendship.

In response to a motion that the General Assembly receive the 1983 report of the Commission on Appraisal entitled "EmPOWERment: One Denomination's Quest for Racial Justice," the Moderator ruled that the report will be received automatically when it is formally presented by the Commission. The Assembly then voted the following resolution by more than two-thirds:

That the General Assembly asks the UUA Board of Trustees to propose to the 1984 General Assembly a fresh denominational response to the issues of racism.

LATE-ADMITTED GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

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

U. S. NON-INTERVENTION IN NICARAGUA

WHEREAS, bills were introduced in the U. S. Congress in March and April of 1983 to cut off funding for military and paramilitary operations directed against Nicaragua; and

WHEREAS, a groundswell of public support is needed for passage of such pending legislation and to forestall efforts to overthrow governments either by covert strategem or by overt military action;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1983 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association supports Congressional efforts to prohibit U. S. support for military or paramilitary operations in Central America directed against Nicaragua and opposes any overt or covert attempts to overthrow the government of Nicaragua.

A general resolution entitled "Resolution on Human Genetic Research" which the Moderator ruled could come before the Assembly under Section 4.14(b) of the Bylaws failed on a counted vote of 251 aye and 199 no to receive the necessary two-thirds vote required to admit it for consideration.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

The final report of the Credentials Committee was as follows:

Accredited and attending the 22nd General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association were 808 lay delegates, 216 ministerial delegates, 5 delegate directors of religious education, 4 ministers emeriti, no life members, 4 associate members' delegates, 26 members of the Board of Trustees (not included as registered delegates from congregations), and 11 Church of the Larger Fellowship delegates for a total of 1074 delegates representing 385 congregations, 48 states and the District of Columbia, and 7 Canadian provinces.

The Assembly then voted a resolution of acclaim to the Moderator and voted to adjourn *sine die*.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/William F. Schulz,
Recording Secretary

1983 ELECTION RESULTS

The UUA Secretary, William Donovan, reported the following election results (four-year terms unless otherwise noted):

TRUSTEE AT LARGE (CANADA): Bert Christensen

TRUSTEE AT LARGE: Gwendolyn Thomas

BOARD OF REVIEW (eight-year terms): Phillip Hewett
Margaret Johnston

COMMISSION ON APPRAISAL: Helen Backhouse
Jane Boyajian
Mark Morrison-Reed
Dalmas Taylor

GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLANNING COMMITTEE: Ellen Brandenburg
Kevin Clark
Alan Egly
Douglas Morgan Strong

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: John Baker
Etta Green Johnson
Margaret Ann Link
Ruth Padek
Elaine Royer**

**In addition, Terry Sweetser was appointed by the UUA Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of Gustavia Gash until 1985.

APPENDIX TO MINUTES

OF THE TWENTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION,
VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

By a two-thirds or more vote the following Bylaw Amendments and Rules Changes were passed to revise the General Assembly's General Resolutions process:

Section 4.14. Items Admitted to Special General Assembly Agenda.

Except for non-substantive items related to greetings and similar matters, no item not on the agenda for a Special General Assembly shall be admitted to the agenda of that Assembly.

Section 4.15. Additions to the Agenda of Regular General Assembly.

- (a) Non-substantive items related to greetings and similar matters may be admitted to the agenda by a regular General Assembly.
- (b) Not more than two Resolutions of Immediate Witness may be admitted to the agenda of a regular General Assembly and acted upon.
- (c) A Resolution of Immediate Witness is one concerned with either:
 - (i) a public event that has occurred since the February 1 or other deadline that applied to the submission of resolutions for inclusion on the Tentative Agenda; or
 - (ii) a public event that will occur before a resolution dealing with it can be voted upon by the Assembly pursuant to the General Resolutions process set forth in Section 15.1.
- (d) The petition to admit such resolution to the agenda must be signed by 100 delegates from 20 societies. If six petitions or fewer are received, all petitions received that have the requisite level of delegates and society support are eligible to be considered for possible admission to the agenda. Only the two resolutions receiving the highest number of required votes to admit shall be admitted to the agenda of the Assembly. The required vote to admit is a two-thirds vote. In the event more than six petitions are submitted that satisfy the sponsorship requirement, the Commission on General Resolutions shall select six from among those which meet the criteria for a Resolution of Immediate Witness and shall submit those six resolutions to the General Assembly for possible admission to the Agenda.
- (e) The motion to admit each Resolution of Immediate Witness ruled eligible is not debatable; but opportunity for a short explanation to the Assembly of the contents of each eligible resolution by one of its sponsors shall be provided. Adoption of a Resolution of Immediate Witness shall be by a two-thirds vote.
- (f) Resolutions submitted pursuant to this section must be in writing and filed with the Chair of the Commission on General Resolutions or the Commission's designee by the deadline established by the Commission and announced at the opening session of the Assembly. The Commission on General Resolutions shall have the power to submit alternate versions of any such resolutions and to make each conform to a standard format.

Section 5.1. Committees of the Association.

(d) The Commission on General Resolutions

Section 5.9. Commission on General Resolutions.

The Commission on General Resolutions shall consist of three members elected by the General Assembly and two members appointed by the Board of Trustees. The election and appointment of members shall occur only at regular General Assemblies held in odd numbered years.

At the 1985 regular General Assembly, two members shall be elected and one member appointed, each for a term of four years; and one member will be elected and one appointed, each for a term of two years. At the 1987 regular General Assembly, one member will be elected and one appointed, each for a term of four years.

Beginning in 1989 and thereafter:

1. Each appointment and election of a member to the Commission will be for a term of four years;
2. One member shall be appointed each odd numbered year; and
3. No fewer than one nor more than two members shall be elected each odd numbered year, as is required to insure a full complement of elected members.

No member shall serve on the commission for more than two four-year terms in succession. In the case of a vacancy in an appointed position by reason of death, disqualification, resignation or removal, the vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term by appointment by the Board of Trustees for the balance of the term. The duties of the Commission are described in Section 15.1. (This amendment shall take effect at the close of the 1984 General Assembly; but the Commission shall not become operative until the election of three members at the 1985 General Assembly and the appointment by the Board of Trustees of two members to the commission not later than the day upon which the General Assembly closes.)

Section 15.1. General Resolutions.

Except for General Resolutions adopted pursuant to Bylaw Section 4.14, the process for adoption of General Resolutions whenever two successive regular General Assemblies open in June shall be as follows:

- (a) Each member society and District may submit to the Commission on General Resolutions by February 1 of each year one General Resolution voted at a duly called meeting of its members or its governing board at which a quorum is present.
- (b) The Commission on General Resolutions shall by February 11 submit to the Planning Committee for inclusion on the Tentative Agenda of the regular General Assembly not more than ten General Resolutions, each of which shall be based in whole or in part on the resolutions submitted to it by the member societies.
- (c) Each resolution (not to exceed three in number) that reaches the Final Agenda of the Assembly by vote of the member societies in the Parish Poll is admitted to the Agenda for the sole purpose of obtaining a vote from the Assembly as to whether it shall be referred to the member societies and the districts for review and study. Amendments to each resolution may be adopted before the motion to refer is acted upon. The text of each resolution (as amended) shall be mailed to the member societies and the districts along with educational materials prepared by the Commission

within 90 days of the close of the Assembly.

- (d) Member societies and the districts shall submit by not later than the following February 1 comments about or amendments to the resolutions to the Commission on General Resolutions.
- (e) The Commission shall by not later than the following April 10 submit to the Planning Commission for inclusion on the Final Agenda of the regular General Assembly the resolutions as previously submitted to the member societies and districts and any amendments to the resolutions that it proposes be made based upon the comments and proposals it received from the member societies and districts and the study it conducts.
- (f) All motions to amend a resolution on the Final Agenda after study (including those proposed by the Commission) shall require a two-thirds vote for adoption. Adoption of each resolution shall be by majority vote.

Section 15.2. Revision of General Resolutions Process Schedule.

If the Board of Trustees votes to schedule one or more regular General Assemblies to begin in a month other than June, the Board of Trustees shall forthwith revise the General Resolutions process schedule set forth in Section 15.1 accordingly and shall immediately notify the member societies, the districts and the Commission on General Resolutions of the revised schedule in writing.

Rule G-4.15.2. Business and General Resolutions

A General Resolution is one that deals with issues of public policy within the province of the Section on Social Responsibility. A Business Resolution directly involves the administration and structure of the Association.

Any resolution submitted 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.

All resolutions received by either the General Assembly Planning Committee or the Commission on General Resolutions shall be reviewed in consultation with General Counsel by the Chair or designee of the Planning Committee and the Chair or designee of the Commission on General Resolutions.

If in the judgment of the representatives of the Planning Committee and the Commission on General Resolutions a resolution should be categorized as a General Resolution, then the resolution shall be referred to the Commission on General Resolutions for its consideration in formulating General Resolutions under Bylaw Section 15.1(b). All other resolutions shall be treated as Business Resolutions and included on the Tentative Agenda.

In the event the representatives of the Planning Committee and the Commission on General Resolutions cannot agree on the categorization of a resolution, the Moderator shall make the determination as to whether the resolution is a General Resolution or a Business Resolution.

A General Resolution appearing on the final agenda shall not be amended so as to become a Business Resolution.

Rule 15.1.

The Commission on General Resolutions shall report to the General Assembly in summary fashion those amendments to resolutions submitted to it by member societies and Districts but which form no part of those amendments submitted by the Commission to the Planning Committee for inclusion on the Final Agenda.

Rule 15.1.2.

The Commission on General Resolutions shall prepare (and the Planning Committee shall include with the Tentative Agenda) a list of all resolutions submitted by the member societies that played no part in its formulation of the resolutions included on the Tentative Agenda and a brief explanation of the basis for each decision with respect thereto.

COLLATERAL & PERFECTING AMENDMENTS

Item VI-3 Perfecting Bylaw Amendment - 1Section 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 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 of 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;
- (f) proposed amendments to rules and business 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 resolutions per District; and
- (g) General resolutions submitted by the Commission on General Resolutions pursuant to Section 15.1 (b). 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 business resolutions submitted under (d), (e)(2), (3) and (f) must be received no later than 110 days before the date set for the opening of that General Assembly. The general resolution process deadlines are established by Sections 15.1 (a) and 15.1 (b) whenever two successive regular General Assemblies open in June and by the Board of Trustees pursuant to Section 15.2 whenever one or more regular General Assemblies is scheduled to begin in a month other than June. The Planning Committee shall include on the tentative agenda all resolutions so submitted. It may submit alternative versions of business resolutions in addition to the

original ones submitted if in its judgment such alternatives clarify the resolutions and may make such changes in the business 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 business 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.

Item VI-3 Perfecting Bylaw Amendment - 2

Section 4.12. Final Agenda for Regular General Assemblies.

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

- (a) all reports and other matters required by these Bylaws to be submitted to the General Assembly and all proposed amendments to Bylaws appearing on the tentative agenda;
- (b) those business resolutions on the tentative agenda including alternative versions, which meet the requirements of Rule G-4.15.3;
- (c) business resolutions or other items submitted by the Board of Trustees;
- (d) additional proposed amendments to Bylaws submitted by the Planning Committee or the Board of Trustees;
- (e) those general resolutions on the tentative agenda which meet the requirements of Rule G-4.15.3; and
- (f) those general resolutions and proposed amendments thereto submitted by the Commission on General Resolutions pursuant to Section 15.1(e).

The Planning Committee shall mail the final agenda to each member society, Associate Member Organization, trustee and life member not less than 30 days before the General Assembly.

Item VI-3 Perfecting Rule Change

Section G-4.15.3. Parish Poll.

The Planning Committee shall at the time of mailing the tentative agenda request each active member society to report by April 10, if the General Assembly opens in June, or not less than 50 days before the General Assembly if the General Assembly occurs at any other time, on a form provided by the Planning Committee whether it recommends or does not recommend for action by the General Assembly the business and general resolutions appearing on the tentative agenda, including the alternative versions of business resolutions (if any) submitted by the Planning Committee. The recommendation with respect to each proposed resolution must be certified by the minister, clerk or president of that society as being within the procedures of that society. Only a business resolution which a majority of the societies voting on the resolution recommends for the action shall be eligible to be included on the final agenda from the Parish Poll. If there is more than one version of a business resolution on the tentative agenda, the subject of the resolution shall be considered a single item on the tentative agenda and the Parish Poll. All versions shall be listed consecutively within that item. An aye vote for inclusion or a resolution on the subject in the final agenda. If support for the subject matter of the resolution is sufficient to make it eligible for inclusion

on the final agenda, the version that receives the highest number of votes by the participating societies shall be the one eligible for inclusion on the final agenda. From the business resolutions eligible from the Parish Poll the Planning Committee shall include on the final agenda not more than the eight business resolutions receiving the highest number of "recommended for action" votes on the Parish Poll. The Planning Committee shall also include on the final agenda not more than the three general resolutions receiving the highest number of "recommended for action" votes on the Parish Poll. A report of the vote by which each resolution on the tentative agenda was or was not "recommended for action" shall be included on the final agenda. The Planning Committee may also include on the final agenda alternative versions of business resolutions which are germane to those selected through the Parish Poll.

Proposed Interim Bylaw Section 15.1(g)

For the 1986 General Assembly only, those three General Resolutions adopted at the 1985 General Assembly that the Commission on General Resolutions in its discretion deems most suitable for further study shall be referred to the member societies and the districts pursuant to subsection (c) above and thereafter processed and acted upon by the societies, districts, the Commission on General Resolutions and the 1986 General Assembly pursuant to subsections (d), (e) and (f).

Item VI-3 Tie Vote

Insert on page 18, line 231, of the Final Agenda, after the word "study":

"If the number of resolutions recommended for action in the Parish Poll exceeds three and there is more than one such resolution in third position on the Poll as the result of a tie vote, all resolutions in third position are referred to the Final Agenda by the Commission on General Resolutions."

Item VI-3 Miscellaneous

On page 18, line 215, substitute the number "4.15" for the number "4.14."

On page 18, line 226, add the words "and districts" after the word "societies."

On page 16, line 169 of the Final Agenda, change the word "delegates" to "delegate".

On page 17, line 211 of the Final Agenda, insert after the word "filled" the words "at any time",

On page 17, line 213, add at the end of the line the following:

"and Section 4.15 of the Bylaws and Rules G-4.15.2, G-15.1, and G-15.1.2"