

MINUTES

TWENTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION HELD IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA

The General Assembly was convened on Monday, June 17, 1985, at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Sandra Mitchell Caron in Peachtree Ballroom.

The Assembly adopted by a two-thirds vote a number of Rules of Procedure for the conduct of the meeting, including the following new rule that governs approval of the minutes of the Assembly:

RULE 3. MINUTES. The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees shall approve the minutes of the General Assembly plenary sessions, which shall be prepared by the Recording Secretary in consultation with Legal Counsel.

Greetings were received in person from John Frandsen, President of the Mid-South District; Bishop Doctor Joseph Ferencz, Bishop of the Unitarian Church in Hungary; Bishop Doctor Lajos Kovacs, Bishop of the Unitarian Church in Romania; Reverend Diether Gehrman, General Secretary of the International Association for Religious Freedom; Dr. Roy Smith, General Secretary of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches; and Mr. Masumi Goto, Director of the International Affairs Section of the Rissho Kosei-Kai Headquarters in Japan.

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, the Treasurer, and the Chair of the Nominating Committee. Oral reports (as well as written, in some cases) were received from the President, the Financial Advisor, the Moderator, the Chair of the Finance Committee, the Chair of the Commission on Appraisal, the President of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, the President of the Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation, and a representative of Young Religious Unitarian Universalists.

ACTION ON C-BYLAW AMENDMENTS

PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE ASSOCIATION

By a two-thirds or more vote the Assembly voted final approval to amend Bylaw Sections C-2.1 and C-2.2 to recast the Principles and Purposes of the Association. The amended Bylaw Sections read as follows:

Section C.2.1. Principles

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote

- . The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- . Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- . Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- . A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- . The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- . The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- . Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

The living tradition we share draws from many sources:

- . Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- . Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion and the transforming power of love;
- . Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- . Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- . Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit.

Grateful for the religious pluralism which enriches and ennobles our faith, we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision. As free congregations we enter into this covenant, promising to one another our mutual trust and support.

Section C-2.2. Purposes

The Unitarian Universalist Association shall devote its resources to and exercise its corporate powers for religious, educational and humanitarian purposes. The primary purpose of the Association is to serve the needs of its member congregations, organize new congregations, extend and strengthen Unitarian Universalist institutions and implement its principles.

CERTIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP

By a two-thirds or more vote the Assembly voted final approval to amend Bylaw Section 3.5 to change the designation of societies from "active" to "certified" when referring to those

societies that have satisfied the yearly requirements imposed on all societies and to provide that a society which has not been certified for three consecutive years shall be placed in an "inactive society" category. The amended Bylaw reads as follows:

*Section C-3.5. Certification of Membership

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

- (a) conducted regular religious services; and
- (b) held at least one business meeting of its members, elected its own officers and maintained adequate records of its 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 subsections (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 certified 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 subsections (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.

A member society which has not been certified for three consecutive fiscal years shall be deemed inactive and placed in an "inactive society" category.

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.

PERFECTING AMENDMENTS

In each of the following Bylaw sections, it was voted by a two-thirds vote or more to substitute for the word "active," wherever it shall appear, the word "certified": Sections C-3.7; 4.4; C-4.7; 4.8; 4.10; 4.11; 4.15; 9.3; 9.4; 9.5; 9.9; 9.11; 14.2.

PROCEDURES FOR TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

By a two-thirds or more vote the Assembly voted final approval to amend Bylaw Section C-3.6 to change the procedures for termination by the Board of Trustees of a society's membership in

the UUA. The amended Bylaw reads as follows:

Section C-3.6. Termination of Membership

A church or fellowship upon written notification to the Association may withdraw from the Association at any time. The Board of Trustees may terminate the membership of any society that, pursuant to the provisions of Section C-3.5, has been placed in an "inactive society" category maintained by the Association but shall do so only after consultation with:

- 1) the local society in question, whenever possible;
- 2) the President of the District in which the society is located or such other authorized official as the District designates in writing to the Association; and
- 3) the Trustee representing the District in which the society is located.

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

The following four Business Resolutions were passed by votes of two-thirds or more:

UUA OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID

WHEREAS, both the Unitarian and Universalist denominations have long traditions of working to oppose racism and support civil rights and justice; and

WHEREAS, the Unitarian Universalist Association is committed to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person; and

WHEREAS, apartheid remains the world's most visible and offensive form of racism; and

WHEREAS, the recent protests and acts of civil disobedience initiated and coordinated by the Free South Africa Movement, a black lobbying group, have resulted in the arrest of thousands of students as well as many clergy, public officials and other persons and have caused many religious, civil rights and peace organizations to give anti-apartheid work higher priority; and

WHEREAS, economic sanctions, including primary and secondary boycotts, have proven effective in other non-violent movements for justice and social change;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1985 General Assembly commends the action of the Board of Trustees in voting for complete divestiture of securities invested in corporations doing business in South Africa; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly encourages member congregations and individual Unitarian Universalists to conduct an

audit of all investments under their control, and all financial institutions with which they do business, employing resources such as the Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility (ICCR) and others generally available in the public domain; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That member congregations be encouraged to divest their portfolios within two years of any investments in corporations which have investments in South Africa and which are not signatories to the Sullivan principles; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly urges the Social Responsibility Section to work with anti-apartheid networks in assisting member congregations and individual Unitarian Universalists who may wish to participate more fully in the campaign against apartheid and further that space be made available in the UU WORLD to publish news of activities and action opportunities.

MATERIALS ON SEXUAL ABUSE

WHEREAS, sexual abuse and exploitation of children and youth are continental problems; and

WHEREAS, the Unitarian Universalist Association is committed to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person; and

WHEREAS, the Unitarian Universalist Association holds that sexual abuse and exploitation of children and youth are contrary to the principles of Unitarian Universalism and mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually harmful as well as immoral and unethical; and

WHEREAS, the effects of sexual abuse and exploitation are long-term, and healing is slow;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1985 General Assembly urges member congregations to explore the issues, causes, and treatments of the sexual abuse and exploitation of children and to encourage intergenerational programs which provide children with a positive, caring, open, and constructive relationship with adults; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly urges the Religious Education Section to make available materials for children and youth providing information on how to protect themselves from sexual abuse and exploitation plus resources to help them if they have been abused or exploited; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly urges the Board of Trustees of the Association to develop, using qualified, expert, and involved sources, a code of ethics for persons working with youth and children for use in all UUA sponsored programs and as a model for congregations and Districts to adopt.

SANCTUARY

WHEREAS, Unitarian Universalists have had a longstanding concern over the plight of those who seek refuge from the oppression suffered by them in many countries of the world, as evidenced by resolutions already adopted by the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, some Unitarian Universalist societies have declared themselves as sanctuaries to house and assist individual refugees and their families, as an active participatory form of protest and witness; and

WHEREAS, a continuing, ever-increasing need exists to assist such victims of oppression seeking to come to the United States and other Unitarian Universalist Societies have expressed interest in the sanctuary movement; and

WHEREAS, the Congressional Refugee Act of 1980 ratified the United Nations Protocol clearly establishing criteria defining refugees;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1985 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association urges:

- (a) The UU WORLD to publish periodically a current list of UU Societies which have voted sanctuary for refugees, and wish to be published as having done so, to serve as sources of information regarding sanctuary and regarding strategies for formal presentation of the issue in other interested societies; and
- (b) Districts, clusters and individual societies to give careful and compassionate consideration to the issue of sanctuary, with consideration to focus upon and include information concerning the political situation in Central America, the plight of such refugees in the U.S. and the various means of assisting refugees, including sanctuary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly urges the Social Responsibility Section of the UUA vigorously:

- (a) To gather and disseminate information about sanctuary, including the tradition and current activities of Unitarian Universalist societies and other denominations;
- (b) To study the initiation and conduct of sanctuary in UU Societies and develop relevant materials specifically for the guidance of other UU Societies and groups; and
- (c) To foster discussion of sanctuary through meetings, seminars, and workshops.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A BLACK CONCERNS WORKING GROUP

WHEREAS, racism against Blacks is a pervasive social problem; and

WHEREAS, our denomination believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person, in the democratic process based on equality and freedom, and in the individual right to enjoy all of our constitutional and other legal rights; and

HWHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Association has recognized the presence of racism in our denomination, as evidenced in conclusions of the Institutional Racism Audit; and

WHEREAS, our religious beliefs and our faith in the democratic principles impose upon us an obligation to oppose racism wherever we find it, and we recognize that our efforts to end racism against Blacks are also means of ending racism against all oppressed people in our society;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1985 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association recommends that there be established a Black Concerns Working Group of the Social Responsibility Section to assist in the implementation of the Report of the Task Force on Racism as approved by the 1984 General Assembly whose tasks shall be:

1. helping Unitarian Universalist societies increase their awareness of racism and showing them how to reach out to minority groups by:
 - a. providing educational material on the nature, causes, and consequences of racism to be made available to individual members of every congregation; and
 - b. encouraging our societies, Area Councils and Districts to establish Black Concerns Subcommittees or to appoint individuals to deal with the issue of racism as it pertains to individual societies both as a moral imperative and as a means of creating an environment within our Association more inclusive of diverse races, cultures, and classes;
 - c. drawing upon and publicizing the experience and knowledge of individual members of Unitarian Universalist societies who can contribute special insights into the issue of racism;
2. initiating and suggesting activities designed to influence our political leaders at every level of government to eradicate racism whether imbedded in law or in social custom or practice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly urges that an adequate

budget be established for the realization of the intent of this resolution.

DATE CHANGE FOR UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Neither the proposed General Resolution calling for the regular General Assembly to be held in August each year nor a proposed Amendment to it which, if adopted, would have required that the regular General Assembly be held not earlier than the fourth week of June obtained majority support.

ACTION ON BYLAW AMENDMENTS

LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF SUCCESSIVE TERMS SERVED BY MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

By a two-thirds vote or more the Assembly voted to amend Bylaw Section 5.7 to place a two term limitation on the number of terms to be served in succession by a member of the Planning Committee. The amended bylaw reads as follows.

Section 5.7. General Assembly Planning Committee

The General Assembly Planning Committee shall consist of eight elected members and two members appointed by the Board of Trustees at its first meeting following the regular General Assembly in each odd-numbered year. No elected member shall serve on the Committee for more than two four-year terms in succession. The appointed members shall serve for terms of two years and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The Committee shall prepare the agenda for each regular General Assembly and shall be responsible for arrangements for programs and meetings to be held in connection therewith. It may establish subcommittees of its members and may delegate part or all of its powers to them.

LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF SUCCESSIVE TERMS SERVED BY COMMISSION ON APPRAISAL MEMBERS

By a two-thirds vote or more the Assembly voted to amend Bylaw Section 5.2 to limit the term of office of a member of the Commission on Appraisal to one six-year term and to enact a transitional Bylaw providing for the changeover to the six-year Commission on Appraisal term. The amended and the transitional Bylaw, which is numbered Section 5.2A, reads as follows:

Section 5.2. Election and Terms of Office

One-half as nearly as possible of the elected members of the committees named in sections 5.1(a), 5.1(b), and 5.1(d) shall be elected at the regular General Assembly held in each odd-numbered year. Elected members of all Section 5.1 committees shall take office at the close of the General Assembly at which they are elected and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified except as otherwise provided herein.

The elected members of the Nominating Committee, the General Assembly Planning Committee, and the Commission on General Resolutions shall serve for terms of four years. The members of the Commission on Appraisal shall serve for a single term of six years except as otherwise provided herein; one-third of said members shall be elected at the regular General Assembly held in each odd-numbered year. Any member in office for a period of more than three years shall be deemed to have completed a six-year term for the purposes of re-election.

Section 5.2A. Transitional Bylaw Providing for Changeover to a Six-Year Commission on Appraisal Term

A member of the Commission on Appraisal who on the date the 1985 General Assembly closes is in his or her second term of office shall not be eligible for re-election until a break in service occurs. A member of the Commission on Appraisal who as of the close of General Assembly 1985 is in his or her first term of office will be eligible for re-election for a six-year term.

There shall be a single Commission on Appraisal position with a term of four years on the ballot at the 1987 regular General Assembly. The member elected to this term shall not be eligible for re-election without a break in service. There shall be two Commission on Appraisal positions, each with a term of two years, on the ballot at the 1989 regular General Assembly. Otherwise, all Commission on Appraisal positions on the ballot (except for any elections to fill unexpired terms) shall be for a six-year term.

INTERIM BYLAW SECTION 4.12(G) RESCINDED

The Assembly voted by a two-thirds vote or more to rescind Interim Bylaw Section 4.12(g), which authorized the newly constituted Commission on General Resolutions to process three of the six General Resolutions adopted at the 1985 General Assembly for further review and study and ultimately for adoption by the 1986 General Assembly.

ACTION ON GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

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

MUTUAL COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST BAN

WHEREAS, regular and rigorous testing of any nuclear weapon is needed to ensure that it will work as planned in a war; and

WHEREAS, underground nuclear explosions permit scientists to test new nuclear weapons and to increase the destructive capabilities of existing nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS, all weapons begin to deteriorate at a certain age, and reliability is ensured by test firing a representative sample; and

WHEREAS, lessening of confidence in weapons reliability (if testing is forbidden) discourages either side from contemplating a preemptive "first strike" nuclear attack (since such an attack requires absolute certainty that the weapons will work as designed); and

WHEREAS, a total nuclear explosions ban would stop development of new, more devastating, and "usable" nuclear weapons such as those with reduced response time and increased potential for accidental firing; and

WHEREAS, compliance with such a ban can be reliably certified by national technical means; and

WHEREAS, over time, such a ban will result in a sharp reduction in the number of weapons fully ready for war; and

WHEREAS, worldwide end to all nuclear explosions would slow nuclear proliferation; and

WHEREAS, detrimental health effects, particularly to infants, do result from the fallout from nuclear weapons testing, even from the venting of underground testing; and

WHEREAS, international research now indicates that the use of even a small portion of the existing stockpiles could cause a nuclear winter;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1985 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association urges the United States to enter into a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty with the USSR and all other countries of the world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly requests the Washington Office for Social Concerns of the Association and the Social Responsibility Committees of member congregations in the United States and Canada to lobby on behalf of federal legislation implementing these concerns.

UUA PROTEST OF U.S. CENTRAL AMERICAN INTERVENTION

WHEREAS, the United States government's policies in regard to Central America, especially Nicaragua and El Salvador, pose the possibility of increased military aid or intervention; and

WHEREAS, the Unitarian Universalist Association has been consistently opposed to such activities; and

WHEREAS, numerous Unitarian Universalist societies have been protesting such activities; and

WHEREAS, members of the Unitarian Universalist societies may feel the need to protest such activities as a matter of conscience;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1985 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association urges the Social Responsibility Section:

1. to contact the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, Unitarian Universalist Peace Network, American Friends Service Committee, Pax Christi, Mobilization for Survival and other groups opposing and protesting such military action, seeking ways of cooperating and acting jointly with them; and
2. to provide a clearing-house for information and to disseminate it on a continuing basis to our churches and fellowships; and
3. to cooperate with other groups in establishing a helping network, including legal referrals to assist those individuals engaged in non-violent direct action and legal vigils; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That, if the United States commits an act of war, sends combat troops or otherwise significantly escalates its intervention in Central America, especially Nicaragua or El Salvador, this Assembly urges the Association to protest publicly such action alone or in concert with others.

RELIGION AND STATE

WHEREAS, the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion"; and

WHEREAS, Article VI of the U.S. Constitution states that "no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States"; and

WHEREAS, the United States is a pluralistic society committed to the separation of church and state; and

WHEREAS, there have been recent efforts by some individuals and religious organizations to identify this country and its government with religious doctrines and the Unitarian Universalist Association has deplored and condemned such activities that link government policies and actions at the federal, state and local levels and doctrines of specific religions;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1985 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association reaffirms its commitment to religious liberty and religious pluralism; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly urges individual Unitarian Universalists and member societies of the Association in the United States to make manifest their commitment to the

separation of church and state, by launching a sustained campaign, in cooperation with the other like-minded organizations, in the following areas, at the Federal, State and/or local level, to:

1. Oppose all direct or indirect use of public funds to aid sectarian private schools;
2. Oppose all deviations from religious neutrality in public schools such as government mandated or regimented devotions; the intrusion of sectarian doctrines, such as "creationism", in science classes; "equal access" plans for religious activities in public schools; proselytizing in public schools by either school personnel or outside adults;
3. Oppose United States diplomatic relations with any religious body;
4. Oppose all official or unofficial religious tests for public office, including efforts to label particular parties or candidates as having the proper or improper religious stance.

POVERTY AND UNEMPLOYMENT

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution mandates the government to establish justice and promote the general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Unitarian Universalist Association affirms the inherent worth and dignity of every person; and

WHEREAS, the issues of poverty and unemployment are also of great concern to Canadians; and

WHEREAS, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops' draft pastoral letter states that "Society has a moral obligation to take the necessary steps to ensure that no one among us is hungry, homeless, unemployed, or otherwise denied what is necessary to live with dignity"; and

WHEREAS, other religious and secular organizations have expressed similar concerns;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1985 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association asks our governments to create programs to reduce poverty and unemployment, provide job training, and aid hungry and homeless persons; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That moneys be taken from the military budget and instead be allocated for the purpose of eliminating poverty and hunger in North America; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly endorses the principle that every person has an inherent and moral right to work at a meaningful wage, food, clothing and shelter.

INTERFAITH ACTION FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association has repeatedly declared its dedication to social and economic justice as a basic tenet of our common faith; and

WHEREAS, our dedication to economic justice has deep roots not only in philosophy and historic stands of Universalist and Unitarian religious bodies, but also in the convictions of other faiths; and

WHEREAS, seventeen faith groups, which also share these deep roots, are banded together as Interfaith Action for Economic Justice which for nearly two years has been producing a flow of information;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1985 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association urges the President and the Board of Trustees of the Association to:

1. consider promptly the denomination's potential benefit from stronger participation in the work of Interfaith Action for Economic Justice in enriching our understanding of economic justice issues and increasing the effectiveness of our existing programs;
2. specifically appoint a high-ranking official representative to Interfaith Action; and
3. allocate financial support to Interfaith Action as an effective means of implementing our dedication to economic justice.

CONDEMNATION OF KNAPSACK NUCLEAR WEAPONS

WHEREAS, the detonation of even a single nuclear weapon may set off a nuclear holocaust; and

WHEREAS, so-called knapsack nuclear devices made in the United States have been deployed among troops in Western Europe; and

WHEREAS, such weapons pose a serious threat to the security of the world, either from accidents or misuse by troops in the field or from theft by terrorists; and

WHEREAS, the production, distribution, and possession of such weapons should be eliminated;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1985 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association condemns the existence and deployment of knapsack nuclear devices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly requests that prohibition of these weapons be included in arms-control

negotiations with other nations.

ACTION ON REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

There was no action taken on the Reports of the Office.

COLLATERAL AND PERFECTING AMENDMENTS

There were no further collateral or perfecting amendments.

LATE-ADMITTED GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

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

SANCTUARY AND GOVERNMENT SURVEILLANCE

WHEREAS, the 1984 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association commended the Sanctuary Movement to the churches and fellowships in our Association; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government of the United States has sent government agents and paid informers with tape recorders and wireless equipment to spy on church services where refugees have been in attendance and been ministered to, and has used the information thus gained to testify against those attending and the leaders of those church services, and has arrested and brought indictments against sixteen church workers including two priests, four nuns, a Protestant minister and several lay church workers, including Wendy LeWin, a Unitarian Universalist; and

WHEREAS, this calculated invasion of the sanctity of the church has caused a serious disruption of the church life of the congregants and ministers in the churches so invaded; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Eugene Pickett, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association, acting on its behalf, has joined religious leaders representing other denominations in bringing suit against the Federal Government seeking a prohibition of such invasion of the churches by Federal agents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1985 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association commends Dr. Pickett for this timely leadership and commends the more than thirty Unitarian Universalist congregations and the many individual Unitarian Universalists involved in the Sanctuary Movement, including our sister, Wendy LeWin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly reaches across the denominational lines that separate us to join with the inditees and to commend them for the special ministry to the refugees from Central America; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly urges the delegates here assembled to contribute generously to the legal defense of the indictees and Unitarian Universalist churches and fellowships to set aside September 15, 1985, the Sunday preceding the projected opening of the trial against those indicted (or another Sunday in September), as Sanctuary Sunday and as an occasion to bring to the members of each congregation the facts of the Sanctuary Movement, to celebrate the oneness of Unitarian Universalists with and support of the indictees, and to take up a special collection on that Sunday to be sent to Arizona Sanctuary Defense Fund, c/o UUA Social Responsibility Section, to help defray the legal expenses of those indicted.

SUPPORT FOR A GREAT PEACE MARCH FOR NUCLEAR SANITY

WHEREAS, the nuclear arms race has brought over 50,000 nuclear weapons into the world's arsenals, weapons which threaten all life; and

WHEREAS, these stockpiles continue to grow at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS, the Unitarian Universalist Association and its member societies have historically been staunch advocates of military sanity and world peace; and

WHEREAS, the Great Peace March of 5,000 people walking from Los Angeles to New York to Washington, D.C., from March through November, 1986, planned by PRO-Peace (People Reaching Out for Peace) offers a rare opportunity to inspire people around the world to commit to the goal of multilateral nuclear disarmament through massive citizen involvement;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1985 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association endorses the Great Peace March of PRO-Peace as a way to work toward our vision of a world at peace, free from the terror of unbridled weapons of unfathomable destructive power; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly urges the districts and local societies of this Association to support the Great Peace March through volunteer involvement and financial contributions.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

The final report of the Credentials Committee was as follows:

Accredited and attending the 24th General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association were 931 lay delegates, 324 ministerial delegates, 3 delegate directors of religious education, 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 1299 delegates representing 462 congregations, 49

states and the District of Columbia, 6 Canadian provinces, West Germany, and Belgium.

OTHER BUSINESS

An Installation Service was held for the newly-elected and re-elected Officers, Trustees-at-Large, District Trustees, and committee members. Attached as an appendix hereto is the report of the Secretary containing the results of the election held pursuant to Bylaw Sections 5.2, 6.4, 8.3, and 11.10.

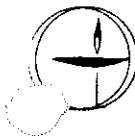
The Assembly then voted to adjourn sine die.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Kathleen C. Montgomery
Recording Secretary

Approved:

Chair, Executive Committee
UUA Board of Trustees



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	ABSENTEE	ON-SITE	TOTAL
PRESIDENT			
William F. Schulz	698	751	1449
Sandra M. Caron	299	447	746
MODERATOR			
William A. Donovan	280	224	504
Natalie Gulbrandsen	632	973	1605
FINANCIAL ADVISOR			
Robert T. Lavender	293	1041	1334 *
TRUSTEE AT LARGE			
Judith Walker-Riggs	626	888	1514
Kenneth MacLean	505	720	1225
Joseph Samples	366	608	974
BOARD OF REVIEW			
Lorenzo Benn	611	983	1594
Elizabeth Baker	658	1015	1673
COMMISSION ON APPRAISAL			
David Sammons	519	806	1325
Ruth Miles Bruns	499	825	1324
Josiah Bartlett	568	848	1416
O'Ferrell Nelson	525	733	1258
Bonnie Stauffacher	566	894	1460
Andrew Hull	409	495	904
COMMISSION ON GENERAL RESOLUTIONS for two years			
Farley Wheelwright (resigned)	620	984	1604
COMMISSION ON GENERAL RESOLUTIONS for four years			
Lori Pederson	640	985	1625
Leslie Gue	601	936	1537

* An addendum to the ballot originally mailed was required to permit absentee balloting for the office of Financial Advisor.

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	ABSENTEE	ON-SITE	TOTAL
NOMINATING COMMITTEE			
Robert Walsh	594	968	1562
Julie-Ann Silberman	583	943	1526
Mary Hamilton	581	932	1513
David Eaton	618	974	1592
Priscilla Ledbury	583	944	1527
PLANNING COMMITTEE for two years			
Richard Hogan	284	303	587
Patsy Sherrill Madden	362	745	1107
PLANNING COMMITTEE for four years			
Lucile Lockhart	410	642	1052
Jack Loadman	494	749	1243
David Rickard	453	714	1167
Roger Comstock (withdrew)			
Stephen Edington	323	542	865
Denise Davidoff	497	917	1414

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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TOTAL POSSIBLE DELEGATES:

Ministerial	552
Religious Ed.	6
Lay	2170
Board	26
Life Members	16
Total	2770

VOTES CAST:

Absentee (blue)	1022
On-Site (white)	1208
Financial Ad. (pink)	317

TOTAL ABSENTEE AND ON-SITE: 2230, or 81% of possible total.