

## MINUTES

### TWENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION HELD IN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

The General Assembly was convened on Tuesday, June 24, 1987, at 9:00 a.m. by Moderator Natalie Gulbrandsen in the Robinson Center Music Hall, Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Assembly adopted, by a two-thirds vote, Rules of Procedure for the conduct of the meeting, including an amendment to Rule 6(C) which excludes from time limitations the initial presentation of the Board of Trustees' positions and an amendment to Rule 7(C) which permits statement of the Board of Trustees' position on any microphone at the outset of debate on each Agenda item. Rule 4(C) was also amended to require that each Commission-sponsored second year resolution be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

Greetings were received in person from Sharon Priest, a member of the Board of Directors of the city of Little Rock; Mimi Dortch, President of the Arkansas Conference of Churches and Synagogues; Dr. Eugene Pickett, President-designate of the International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF); Christine Hayhurst, Deputy General Secretary of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches; Ben Thompson, President of the Southwest District; and the Rev. Dr. J. Alfred Smith, President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention.

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

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, in some cases) were received from the President, the Moderator, the Financial Advisor, the Chair of the Planning Committee, the Chair of the Nominating Committee, the Chair of the Commission on Appraisal, the Chair of the Commission on General Resolutions, the Director of the Unitarian Universalist Peace Network, the President of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, the Executive Director of the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office, the Chair of the Finance Committee, and the Chair of the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Memorial Fund. The President of the Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation, and the Co-Chair of the UUA Women and Religion Committee reported on the work of their respective bodies and, with Ms. Lucile Longview of Lexington, Massachusetts, commemorated the tenth anniversary of the passage of the 1977 Women and Religion resolution.

The President presented the Annual Award for Distinguished Service to Unitarian Universalism to Dr. Dorothy Tilden Spoerl. The Holmes-Weatherley Award was presented to Henry Hampton. The Rev. David Osborn, Senior Minister, and Ruth Reeves, President of the North Shore Unitarian Universalist Society of Plandome, New York, commemorated the formal presentation to the UUA of the funds which constitute the Theological Education Endowment Fund.

ACTION ON BYLAW AMENDMENTS

## DUAL OFFICEHOLDING PROHIBITION

By a two-thirds or more vote the Assembly voted to prohibit dual officeholding by amending Section 9.1 to read as follows:

Section 9.1 Elective Positions

The elective positions of the Association include the elective positions at large and those trustee positions where the election occurs at the District level. The elective positions at large of the Association are those of the elected officers, those trustees not elected at the District level, and the elected members of the standing committees of the association. No person shall hold more than one elective position at a time whether by election or appointment. Ex officio positions for the purposes of this bylaw provision shall be deemed part of the elected position from which the ex officio position is derived.

By a two-thirds or more vote the Assembly thereupon voted to perfect Sections 5.6 and 5.8 by amending them as follows:

Delete from Section 5.6 Nominating Committee the words "other elective or"; and

Delete from Section 5.8 Commission on Appraisal the words "trustee or".

## CORRECTING AMENDMENT

By a two-thirds or more vote the Assembly voted to correct Section 5.1 by amending it as follows:

Section 5.1 Committees of the Association

The standing committees of the Association shall be:

- (a) The Nominating Committee;
- (b) The General Assembly Planning Committee;
- (c) The Commission on Appraisal;
- (d) The Commission on General Resolutions; and
- (e) The Ministerial Fellowship Board of Review.

By a two-thirds or more vote the Assembly thereupon voted to perfect Section 11.10 by amending it as follows:

Delete Subsection 11.10 (e) Vacancy; and

Renumber Section 11.10 Ministerial Fellowship Board of Review as Section 5.11 (a). (The following sections will be renumbered accordingly: Sections 5.11, 5.12, 5.13, 5.14.)

## ENDING TERM CARRYOVER PROVISION

By a two-thirds or more vote the Assembly voted to end term carryover for the Board of Review by amending Section 11.10 (b) to read as follows:

Section 11.10 (b) Election and Term

One member of the Board of Review who is a minister and one who is not shall be elected at each regular General Assembly held in an odd-numbered year and shall serve for terms of eight years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

CHANGING DELEGATE ENTITLEMENT FOR SOCIETIES WITH OVER 1100 MEMBERS

By a two-thirds or more vote the Assembly voted to change the delegate allotment for societies with over 1100 members by amending Section 4.8 to read as follows:

Section 4.8 Delegates

(a) Member Delegates. Each certified member society is entitled to be represented at each General Assembly by delegates who are members of such society, selected in accordance with its bylaws or procedures. The Church of the Larger Fellowship is entitled to 11 such delegates. Other certified member societies are entitled to that number of such delegates determined as follows:

Membership of Member Society	Member Delegates
1-50	1
51-150	2
151-250	3
251-350	4
351-450	5
451-550	6
551-650	7
651-750	8
751-850	9
851-1100	10
Over 1100	10 plus one for each additional 250 members or fraction thereof

The number of members of a certified member society which is a federated church shall be determined for the purposes of this section by dividing the number of members of the federated church by the number of denominations included in the federation.

AMENDMENTS MAKING NOMINATION PROCESS FOR MODERATOR AND PRESIDENT IDENTICAL

By a two-thirds or more vote the Assembly voted to permit societies to sign nomination petitions for more than one candidate for the offices of President and/or Moderator and to make the Nomination process for these two offices identical by amending Section 9.5 to read as follows:

Section 9.5 Nomination by Petition

(a) For Moderator and President. A nomination for the office of Moderator or President, or to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term occurring prior to December 1 of the year before the election, shall be by petition signed by not less than twenty-five certified member societies, including not less than five certified member societies located in each of not less than three different Districts. No society shall sign more than once such petition. A certified member society may authorize the signing of a petition only by vote of its governing board or by vote at a duly called meeting of its members. Such a

petition shall be filed with the Secretary of the Association, only in such form as the Secretary may prescribe, not later than February 1 of the year of the election and not earlier than the preceding March 1. If no valid and timely nomination is made by certified member societies, the Board of Trustees shall nominate one or more candidates for the office.

By a two-thirds or more vote the Assembly thereupon voted to perfect Section 9.4 by amending it as follows:

Add in Section 9.4 Nomination by Nominating Committee the words "Moderator and" after the words "to be filled, except"

#### CORRECTING AMENDMENT

By a two-thirds or more vote the Assembly voted to increase the number of districts necessary for nominations by petition by amending Section 9.5 to read as follows:

\* Section 9.5 Nomination by Petition

\* AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, SEPTEMBER 13, 1987

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#### CORRECTING AMENDMENT

By a two-thirds vote or more the Assembly voted to correct Section 3.4 by amending it to read as follows:

Section 3.4. Church of the Larger Fellowship

The Church of the Larger Fellowship, Unitarian Universalist, shall be a member society which is not considered to be located in any particular district.

#### ACTION ON C-BYLAW AMENDMENT

#### APPLICATIONS FROM INDIGENOUS SOCIETIES WORLDWIDE

By a two-thirds or more vote the Assembly took the first step to amend Bylaw Section 3.1, Member Societies by approving the deletion of the words: "which are located primarily in the United States or Canada and." The change provides the opportunity for more serious membership consideration of societies not located in North America. The proposed deletion will be placed on the Final agenda of the 1988 General Assembly for final action.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS

By a two-thirds or more vote the Assembly voted to take the first step to amend Section C-3.7 by approving the addition of words underlined below in order to specify the requirements for admission to membership as Associate Member Organizations as follows:

Section C-3.7 Associate Member Organizations

The Board of Trustees may admit to associate membership in the Association any major organization whose membership consists of individuals located throughout the Association and whose purposes and programs it finds to be auxiliary to and supportive of the principles of the Association and which pledges itself to support the Association. The Board of Trustees may terminate such associate membership upon a finding that the organization no longer meets the foregoing qualifications.

The Board of Trustees may adopt rules governing the requirements for admission to and retention of associate membership. An associate member organization shall be recognized as certified during the fiscal year in which it becomes a member, and during each subsequent fiscal year if it has made a financial contribution to the Association during the immediately preceding fiscal year. The Association shall neither exercise control over nor assume responsibility for the programs, activities or finances of any associate member.

ACTION ON RULE CHANGES24-HOUR ADVANCE NOTICE AT GA OF RESOLUTIONS OF IMMEDIATE WITNESS

By a two-thirds or more vote the Assembly voted to change Rule G-4.16 to read as follows:

Rule G-4.16 Resolutions of Immediate Witness

The Moderator shall take such steps as the Moderator considers practical to advise delegates and other persons or bodies as early as possible, preferably in writing, of the contents of any resolutions presented to the General Assembly which are not on the final agenda and which are admitted to the agenda pursuant to Article IV, Section 4.16 of the Bylaws; and some time shall be scheduled when the sponsor(s) of the resolution(s) can discuss the resolution with those interested.

FIXING CONTINGENCY FUND AMOUNT

By a two-thirds or more vote the Assembly voted to change Rule G-10.1.2 to read as follows:

Rule G-10.1.2 Expense Categories

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

(b) The current Fiscal Year Budget shall contain a separate expense category provision for contingencies, the amount of which shall be a minimum of 3% of the total of all expense categories, exclusive of the provision for contingencies.

RESTRICT REDUCTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF INCOME AND CONTINGENCY FUND  
BUDGET AMOUNT

By a two-thirds or more vote the Assembly voted to change Rule G-10.1.4 to read as follows:

Rule G-10.1.4 Procedure for Budget Consideration.

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

- (a) A budget hearing shall be held as part of the General Assembly program at a time when the Assembly is not in formal business session.
- (b) Main motions concerning budgets which are to be made in a formal business session shall be filed in writing with a person or persons designated by the Moderator as early as possible prior to or during the General Assembly but in any event on or before the day prior to the Business Session at which the proposed motion will be in order for adoption. The moderator shall take such steps as the Moderator considers practical to advise delegates and other persons or bodies as early as possible, preferably in writing, of the contents of the motions so filed.
- (c) Any action with respect to the budget for the current Fiscal Year calling for increased spending in any category shall provide for equivalent reductions in other categories of spending and specify the categories in which such reductions are to be made.
- (d) No action may be taken with respect to the current Fiscal Year budget which shall be inconsistent with either Rule G-10.1.2 (b) or G-10.1.3.

ACTION ON BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

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

PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST UNITED NATIONS OFFICE

WHEREAS Unitarian Universalist Association principles, especially those concerning (1) the inherent worth and dignity of every person; (2) justice, equity and compassion in human relations; and (3) the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all (UUA Principles: Art. II, Sec. c-2.1, lines 13, 21-22) and the purposes of the United Nations as stated in the United Nations Charter are closely parallel; and

WHEREAS the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office ("UU-UNO") provides educational programs and services as a direct means for individual Unitarian Universalists and Unitarian Universalist congregations to be informed about and to support the work of the United Nations; and

WHEREAS the Unitarian Universalist Association in its 1970 financial crisis, found it necessary to cut funding of a number of denominational programs, including the UU-UNO; and

WHEREAS the UU-UNO, an Associate Member of the UUA, continues to function as an important part of the UU community, providing programs and services not otherwise offered; and

WHEREAS the UU-UNO raises all necessary operating funds, relying on its members (individuals and societies) to finance this work; and

WHEREAS financial support of UU-UNO by the UUA would reaffirm the UUA's recognition of the efforts of the UU-UNO in working for peace and justice for all members of the world community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 1987 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association urges the UUA Board of Trustees to grant funds to the UU-UNO to assist it in providing services to the UU Community.

#### SUPPORTING LEGAL EQUITY FOR GAYS AND LESBIANS

WHEREAS the 1970 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association ("UUA") adopted a resolution calling on all UUA churches, fellowships, and organizations and society at large to end discrimination against Gay and Lesbian people and has repeatedly endorsed the goal of equality, dignity and respect for all people, regardless of affectional or sexual orientation in resolutions adopted in 1974, 1975, 1977, 1980, and in 1984; and

WHEREAS in 1986 the United States Supreme Court decided in Bowers V. Hardwick that states may enforce laws governing private sexual behavior between consenting adults;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 1987 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association supports rescission of laws governing private sexual behavior between consenting adults and supports passage of laws prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when denominational meetings are held in locations where discriminatory laws exist, Unitarian Universalists planning and attending the meetings are urged to adopt creative program methods to support rescission of laws governing private sexual behavior between consenting adults and to support passage of laws prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UUA Office of Lesbian and Gay Concerns work with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and other human rights organizations to obtain information about organizations which practice or promote discrimination based on sexual orientation and distribute this information to all UUA societies and affiliated organizations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receiving information about organizations which practice or promote discrimination based on sexual orientation, Unitarian Universalists and UU organizations be encouraged not to purchase or use products or services from these organizations until the discrimination ceases; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this Resolution be conveyed by the President of the UUA to the President of the United States, members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, Canadian governmental officials, continental media and other appropriate individuals and organizations.

#### ACTION ON SECOND-YEAR GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

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

#### ENDING HUNGER

BECAUSE we believe in a world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all, and because we respect the interdependent web of all existence of which we

are a part and because we recognize the inherent worth and dignity of every person, and that each person as a birthright should have enough to eat; and

WHEREAS millions of people throughout the world go hungry and even starve to death in an age of unparalleled technological achievement; and

WHEREAS massive amounts of food are annually wasted, destroyed, or never delivered to those who are malnourished or starving through failures of governments, distribution, transportation, or misapplied or deficient market mechanisms; and

WHEREAS eliminating hunger and starvation may be realized by utilizing already existing technology and resources, with more efficient food production concentrated in areas where the need is greatest, by redistribution of food from areas of surplus to areas of shortage, and by balancing population with the earth's resources; and

WHEREAS a massive mobilization of peoples and governments in both needy and affluent countries is vital for the ending of hunger, which must be a major priority for all humanity; and that to achieve this goal governmental and economic systems and policies should be modified to make optimal use of the world's food;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 1987 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association acknowledges the ending of world hunger as an achievable goal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Unitarian Universalists work with organizations on local, state, provincial, national, and international levels toward the establishment of programs that hasten the elimination of hunger in both the short and long term; and to develop and promote worldwide nutritional self-sufficiency for all people; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Unitarian Universalists lobby for financial support from government and private sectors, and encourage the involvement of business and industry in implementing such programs.

#### ENDING GENDER-BASED WAGE DISCRIMINATION

BECAUSE Unitarian Universalists affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person, as well as justice, equity, and compassion in human relations; and

WHEREAS the wage gap between men and women is one of the oldest and most persistent effects of inequality between the sexes in the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS the 1963 Equal Pay Act and the 1964 Civil Rights Act in the United States establish the legal right to equal pay for equal work and equal opportunity; and all Canadian jurisdictions have equal employment and equal opportunity policies usually embodied in a human rights code; and

WHEREAS the concept of comparable worth attacks the problem of gender-based wage discrimination by mandating that jobs characterized by similar levels of education, skill, effort, responsibilities, and working conditions be compensated at similar wage levels regardless of the gender of the worker holding the job; and

WHEREAS the goal of pay equity is to raise the wages for undervalued jobs held predominantly by women; and



WHEREAS women of color bear a disproportionate burden of such undervaluation; and

WHEREAS female-dominated jobs pay twenty-thirty percent less than male-dominated jobs classified as comparable in worth, and more than one half of all women work in jobs that are over seventy percent female, twenty-five percent in jobs that are more than ninety percent female; and

WHEREAS the existence of pay inequity is a manifestation of deep-seated sex discrimination that prevents both equality of pay for women and equality of opportunity for both sexes; and

WHEREAS much remains to be done toward implementing pay equity in both the United States and Canada;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 1987 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association urges four actions:

1. That all Unitarian Universalists inform themselves and educate others about the issues of comparable worth, pay equity, and gender-based wage discrimination;
2. That the UUA and its affiliates, districts, and member societies act to eliminate gender-based wage discrimination in their own organizations; and that the UUA Board of Trustees report to the 1989 General Assembly the level at which the UUA and its affiliates, districts, and member societies are complying; and
3. That all Unitarian Universalists and the Association urge legislators (at all levels from local to national) to study the potential impact of comparable-worth and pay-equity legislation on the many different types of public and private employers, and begin to enact such legislation starting with a focus on public employees; and
4. That the Association cooperate with other organizations actively engaged in many different aspects of this issue.

#### RIGHT TO CHOOSE

BECAUSE Unitarian Universalists believe that the inherent worth and dignity of every person, the right of individual conscience, and respect for human life are inalienable rights due every person; and that the personal right to choose in regard to contraception and abortion is an important aspect of these rights; and

BECAUSE we believe in tolerance and compassion for persons whose choices may differ from our own; and

BECAUSE we believe not only in the value of life itself but also in the quality of life; and

WHEREAS pain, suffering, and loss of life were widespread prior to the legalization of abortion in 1973 by the U.S. Supreme Court (Roe v. Wade) and the 1969 amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada; and

WHEREAS the issue of abortion is morally complex, and abortion must remain a legal option; and

WHEREAS attempts are now being made to restrict access to birth control and abortion by overriding individual decisions of conscience, and attacks in legislatures, courts, and the streets often result in depriving poor women of

their right to medical care; and such legislation is an infringement of the principle of separation of church and state in that it tries to enact private morality into public law; and

WHEREAS there is movement to re-criminalize abortion both for women and their health-care providers which could bring back dangerous alternatives to clinically safe abortions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 1987 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association reaffirms its historic position, supporting the right to choose contraception and abortion as legitimate aspects of the right to privacy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. individual Unitarian Universalists educate themselves, their congregations, and the public about the new moral understandings emergent in the works of feminist theologians and social ethicists; and
2. Unitarian Universalists oppose any move to deny or restrict the distribution of government funds as a means of restricting access to full contraceptive and abortion counseling and/or services, at home or abroad; and
3. Unitarian Universalists actively oppose all legislation, regulations and administrative action, at any level of government, intended to undermine or circumvent the Roe v. Wade decision; and
4. Unitarian Universalists communicate their opposition to such attempts to their legislative representatives and to the electorate; and
5. Unitarian Universalists expose and oppose bogus clinics and other tactics that infringe on the free exercise of the right to choose; and
6. Unitarian Universalists promote legislation funding safe abortions for low-income women; and
7. individual Unitarian Universalists, congregations, and the Unitarian Universalist Association open discussion with those of different mind, and seek opportunities to work productively from shared values to promote family planning and education for responsible sex; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we reaffirm the right to choose contraception and abortion as a legitimate expression of our constitutional rights.

#### ACTION ON RESOLUTIONS OF IMMEDIATE WITNESS

The following Resolutions of Immediate Witness were passed by votes of two-thirds or more:

#### PROPOSAL FOR PHOENIX AS FUTURE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SITE

WHEREAS it is the policy of the Unitarian Universalist Association to encourage the Legislature of the State of Arizona to declare the third Monday in January as a legal holiday in recognition of the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Association, on short notice, withdrew the 1988 General Assembly from Phoenix; and

WHEREAS this decision has painfully disappointed the hope of many Arizonans who had already worked enthusiastically in anticipation of welcoming Unitarian Universalists to their capital city in 1988;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 1987 General Assembly urges the Board of Trustees to schedule a General Assembly in Phoenix at the earliest feasible date after the State of Arizona declares as a legal holiday the third Monday in January in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr.

#### CALL FOR "IRAN/CONTRA" IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS

WHEREAS the United States Congressional hearings concerning the "Iran/Contra affair" have revealed apparent disregard by the Reagan administration for the United States Constitutional processes, a violation by this administration of laws passed by the United States Congress, and interference in the affairs of sovereign nations; and

WHEREAS we Unitarian Universalists in the United States stand in a proud tradition that respects and upholds the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS the United States Constitution prescribes a specific process for use when leaders of its government may have violated the sacred trust which the people have invested in them;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 1987 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association commends the Senate and House of Representatives for their investigation of "Iran/Contra" matters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this General Assembly urges in the strongest possible terms that the United States Congress broaden its investigation of illegal interventions into the internal affairs of other nations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this General Assembly calls for the President and the Vice President of the United States to be investigated by the United States House of Representatives for crimes against democracy which would justify trial by the Senate and warrant conviction should guilt be established; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this General Assembly strongly urges its United States member societies to communicate this resolution to their elected representatives, and to seek similar action by other citizen groups.

#### DRAFT GENERAL RESOLUTIONS REFERRED FOR STUDY

The Assembly approved by two-thirds or more vote three draft General Resolutions (as amended) to be referred to member societies and districts for review and study.

The member societies and districts may submit comments about proposed amendments to the draft resolutions to the Commission on General Resolutions by no later than February 1, 1988. Final action on each of the resolutions is scheduled for the 1988 General Assembly.

The text of each of the three draft General Resolutions approved for study is set forth in Attachments A-1, A-2, and A-3.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

The Assembly voted, by unanimous consent, to express its appreciation to the General Assembly Planning Committee and to the Local Committee. A worship service was held during which past officials of the Association were honored and

newly-elected officials were installed. Attached as an appendix hereto (Attachment B) 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.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

The final report of the Credentials Committee was as follows:

Accredited and attending the 26th General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association were 847 member delegates, 293 ministerial delegates, 0 directors of religious education, (ministers include ministers of religious education), 0 life members, 6 associate member delegates, 26 members of the Board of Trustees (not included as registered delegates from congregations), and 12 Church of the Larger Fellowship delegates for a total of 1184 delegates representing 437 congregations and fellowships, 44 states and the District of Columbia, and 5 Canadian Provinces.  
(Total attendance 1942)

The Assembly then voted to adjourn sine die.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Kathleen C. Montgomery  
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENT A-1

## DRAFT RESOLUTION: AGAINST CENSORSHIP IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

BECAUSE Unitarian Universalists have historically affirmed the value of free inquiry in a pluralistic society; and

BECAUSE we believe that high-quality public education strengthens unfettered minds in their search for knowledge; and

BECAUSE we believe that greater respect and understanding of other cultures and other social, political and economic systems is urgently needed; and

WHEREAS recent history shows a continuing series of attacks on access to information and ideas in the classroom, as well as attempts to insert sectarian ideology into public education at national, state, provincial and school-district levels; and

WHEREAS strategies are being pursued in the courts to eliminate from public school curricula any material considered by parents to be offensive to their own religious beliefs; and

WHEREAS a broad-based, multicultural public school system requires that teaching instruments, including textbooks, film, video, and speakers, exhibit a varied and unbiased exposition of historical, scientific and cultural fact;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association, mindful of the roles played by religious movements throughout our history, encourages its member societies to affirm that educational excellence rather than sectarian ideology is the proper business of public education; and calls upon congregations and individual members:

- A) To educate themselves and the public on censorship in education;
- B) To organize groups to monitor religious intrusions affecting public schools, especially curricula and educational materials;
- C) To actively support teachers, parents, students, librarians and other school officials and community residents who remain vigilant in the face of censorship challenges;
- D) To advocate laws, regulations and policies ensuring freedom from curriculum censorship in educational, legislative and judicial arenas; and
- E) To vigorously oppose efforts to segregate public school classrooms according to religious beliefs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that member societies cooperate with other organizations to promote a global rather than parochial view in public education.

(The 1987 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association approved this draft resolution for study purposes only; it therefore may not be quoted or cited as reflecting the position of the UUA on this subject, as there is no guarantee that final approval will be given the resolution in its present form.)

ATTACHMENT A-2

## DRAFT RESOLUTION: HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS

Recognizing the inherent worth and dignity of every human being, we as Unitarian Universalists hold that access to habitable, affordable, non-transient housing is a fundamental right in a just society.

WHEREAS hundreds of thousands of people throughout this continent are homeless and living in the streets; and

WHEREAS current U.S. governmental policies are restricting and eliminating programs which have assisted local governments and communities in developing low cost housing; and

WHEREAS public and private policies are causing deterioration of the affordable housing supply through withdrawal of funds necessary for maintenance, through "up scaling" of low-rent dwellings, through exclusionary zoning and other means; and

WHEREAS making shelter available to all who are in need can best be achieved by combined efforts between government and the private sector; and

WHEREAS the search for long-term solutions to homelessness must address the growing scarcity of housing for persons receiving low incomes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association affirms the provision of suitable non-transient housing as a just and achievable goal, and calls upon its member societies:

- A) To work on local, state, provincial and national levels toward establishment and continuation of programs to assist the homeless;
- B) To participate in community cooperative efforts to identify and support creative approaches in developing housing for persons receiving low incomes;
- C) To encourage the development of appropriate community-based housing for chronically mentally ill persons;
- D) To work to provide not only emergency short-term shelter such as billeting in our homes and churches but also intermediate-term communal housing which will assure privacy and dignity for persons in need, as well as long-term housing for individuals and families, recognizing the wide range of personal needs among the homeless;
- E) To explore and support preventive approaches to the problems of homelessness among families, and deinstitutionalized, the unemployed, the disabled, the elderly, runaways, and victims of abuse; and
- F) To advocate legislation at state, provincial, and national levels which will alleviate the immediate misery of homelessness while also addressing its precipitating and long-term causes.

(The 1987 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association approved this draft resolution for study purposes only; it therefore may not be quoted or cited as reflecting the position of the UUA on this subject, as there is no guarantee that final approval will be given the resolution in its present form.)

ATTACHMENT A-3

## DRAFT RESOLUTION: THE HUMAN RIGHT TO DIE

Guided by our belief as Unitarian Universalists that human life has inherent dignity, which may be compromised when life is extended beyond the will or ability of a person to sustain that dignity; and believing that it is every person's inviolable right to determine in advance the course of action to be taken in the event that there exists no reasonable expectation of recovery from extreme physical or mental disability; and

WHEREAS medical knowledge and technology make possible the prolongation of human life; and

WHEREAS such prolongation may cause unnecessary suffering and/or loss of dignity while providing little or nothing of benefit to the individual; and

WHEREAS such procedures compete for limited resources; and

WHEREAS differences exist among religious persons and within the medical and legal professions over moral and legal implications of administering aid in dying when an individual of sound mind has voluntarily asked for such aid; and

WHEREAS obstacles exist within western society against providing support for an individual's declared wish to die; and

WHEREAS many counselors, clergy and health-care personnel share norms which value prolongation of life regardless of the quality, dignity or will to live; and

WHEREAS solutions must be found for well-based fears of possible abuses when the human right to die is accepted;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association calls upon congregations and individual members to examine attitudes and practices of other countries and cultures relative to the ending of human life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Unitarian Universalists study practices in our own society designed to prolong a person's life in disregard of that person's wishes, and study and effects upon those individuals, their families, caregivers and the medical profession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Unitarian Universalists reaffirm their support for the Living Will, and declare support for the Durable power of attorney for Health Care; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Unitarian Universalists seek further information about the efforts of organizations concerned with the right to die; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Unitarian Universalists, acting through their congregations, memorial societies, and appropriate organizations, inform and petition legislators to support legislation that will create legal protection for the right to die.

(The 1987 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association approved this draft resolution for study purposes only; it therefore may not be quoted or cited as reflecting the position of the UUA on this subject, as there is no guarantee that final approval will be given the resolution in its present form.)

ATTACHMENT BUUA ELECTION, JUNE 25, 1987

	TOTAL
TRUSTEE-AT-LARGE FROM CANADA (for four years)	
Sheilah D. Thompson (elected)	850
TRUSTEE-AT-LARGE (for four years)	
Joseph B. Samples, Jr.	409
Edward A. Simmons (elected)	550
BOARD OF REVIEW (1 minister, 1 lay person--for eight years)	
Rev. William E. Gardner (elected)	797
John B. Cross (elected)	760
COMMISSION ON APPRAISAL (for six years)	
James A. Hobart (elected)	662
Jerry Davidoff (elected)	667
Helen Backhouse (elected)	745
Kenneth C. Kern	512
COMMISSION ON APPRAISAL (for four years)	
Mark Morrison-Reed (elected)	879
COMMISSION ON GENERAL RESOLUTIONS (for four years)	
A. E. (Al) Lawson (elected)	815
(remainder of unexpired 4 year term)	
Bradford S. Brown (elected)	805
GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLANNING COMMITTEE (for four years)	
Patsy Sherrill Madden (elected)	695
Virginia V. Sparling (elected)	663
Alan L. Egly (elected)	746
Clark M. Coppock	518
Ben Ford (elected)	686



(remainder of unexpired 4 year term)

Russell F. Benson	281
Katie Sather (elected)	578
Andrew P. Hull	90

NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
(for four years)

Susan A. Holton (elected)	732
Nancy Atchison (elected)	749
Dilworth Simmons (elected)	729
Anthony Perrino (elected)	768