MINUTES

THIRTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION HELD IN
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

The General Assembly was convened on Friday, June 21, 1991 at 8:30 p.m. by
Moderator Natalie Gulbrandsen at Convention Hall, Diplomat Hotel, Hollywood,
Florida.

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

Greetings were received in person from Gretchen Bremer-Hosken, President of
the Florida District; Punyabrahta Roychoudhury, President of the International
Association for Religious Freedom; Robert Traer, General Secretary of the
International Association for Religious Freedom; Roy Smith, General Secretary of the
General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches of Great Britain; the
Reverend Jun Yamamoto of the Shinto Tsubaki Grand Shrine in Japan; and the
Honorable Thomas Andrews, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from
Maine.

The Moderator read a list of the following congregations entered into
membership in the Unitarian Universalist Association during the past year: Unitarian
Universalist Society of the Western Reserve, Painesville, Ohio; Upper Delaware
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Milanville, Pennsylvania; South Fraser Unitarian
Congregation, Surrey, British Columbia; Unitarian Universalist Society, River Falls,
Wisconsin; Summit Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, El Cajon, California; Unitarian
Universalist Congregation of Butler County, Oxford, Ohio; Buckman Bridge Unitarian
Universalist Society, Orange Park, Florida; Unitarian Church of Abingdon, Virginia,
Abingdon, Virginia; Community Church of Sacramento, Sacramento, California;
Unitarian Universalist Metro Atlanta North Congregation, Roswell, Georgia; Unitarian
Church of South Australia, Inc., Norwood, South Australia; Harrisonburg Unitarian
Universalist Congregation, Harrisonburg, Virginia; Headwaters Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship, Bemidji, Minnesota.

On the basis of a initial report by the Secretary of the Association, a quorum
was declared present from the time the meeting was called to order.

The Assembly received written reports (as well as oral, in some cases) from the
President, the Moderator, the Treasurer, the Financial Advisor, the Secretary, the
Chair of the Planning Committee, the Chair of the Commission on Appraisal, the Chair
of the Commission on General Resolutions, the President of the Unitarian Universalist
Service Committee, the Co-Executive Directors of the Unitarian Universalist United
Nations Office, the Chair of the Finance Committee, a member of the Whitney M.
Young, Jr. Fund Committee, the President of the Unitarian Universalist Women’s
Federation, the Minister of the Church of the Larger Fellowship, the Chair of the
Governance Commission, and the Chair of the Hymnbook Commission.
The President presented the annual Award for Distinguished Service to the Cause of Unitarian Universalism to the Rev. John Cummins and Drucilla Cummins.

ACTION ON C-BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

PROXY VOTING

By a vote of two-thirds or more, the Assembly voted final approval of an amendment to Bylaw Section C-4.7 prohibiting proxy voting. An exception to the ban on proxy voting is provided for in the case of an amendment to the articles of organization. Section C-4.7 now reads as follows:

Section C-4.7. Voting.
Voting at each regular and special General Assembly shall be by:
(a) accredited delegates from certified member societies and certified associate member organizations;
(b) trustees; and
(c) life members.

Each delegate, trustee, and life member shall have only one vote, even if present in more than one capacity. Proxy voting is prohibited except when the amendment being proposed is an amendment of the articles of organization.

LIFE MEMBERS

By a vote of two-thirds or more, the Assembly voted final approval of an amendment to Bylaw Section C-3.10 confirming that the category of life member ends with the death of the last of the current life members. Section C-3.10 now reads as follows:

Section C-3.10. Life Members.
The life members of the Association shall comprise only (a) those individuals who became life members of the American Unitarian Association on or before May 1, 1925, and (b) those individuals who served as president of the Universalist Church of America on or before May 1, 1961. This category of membership shall end upon the death of the last person qualifying for such membership.

MINISTERIAL FELLOWSHIP

By a vote of two-thirds or more, the Assembly voted final approval of an amendment to Section C-11.1 establishing the category of community minister as a third category of accredited ministry. Section C-11.1 now reads as follows:

Section C-11.1. Ministerial Fellowship.
Each member society has the exclusive right to call and ordain its own minister or ministers, but the Association has the exclusive right to admit ministers to ministerial fellowship with the Association. Fellowship may be for the purposes of parish, religious education and/or community ministry as determined by action of the Ministerial Fellowship Committee. No minister shall be required to subscribe to any particular creed, belief, or interpretation of religion in order to obtain and hold fellowship.
ACTION ON RULE CHANGES


(a) Each candidate for an at-large elective position may submit to the Association a campaign statement or flyer on a paper measuring 8-1/2 by 11 inches. The Association will print and compile a packet made up of the statements of all candidates to be distributed to the congregations with the absentee ballots and to the delegates as a part of the final agenda.

(b) Each candidate for an at-large elective position shall be given an opportunity to address the General Assembly delegates at a time when no other events are scheduled. All candidates for the same position shall be given the same amount of time to speak, in the same meeting as all other candidates for that position.

RULE G-9.12.7. Length Campaigns for President and Moderator.
(a) Campaigns for President and Moderator may appropriately begin with small campaign committee organizational meetings and mass mailing letters no earlier than November I of the second year preceding the election.

(b) Active campaigning and solicitation of endorsements shall not begin prior to January I of the year preceding these elections.

(c) No electioneering of any sort shall occur at the General Assembly two years preceding the elections for President and Moderator.

(d) This rule shall not be effective until after the 1993 elections.

All candidates for at-large elective positions shall keep detailed and accurate records of:

(a) their campaign expenses (stated in United States dollars) by categories of travel, postage, telephone, printing and other such categories as seem appropriate;

(b) the number of contributors to their campaigns, including the number of contributors in each of the following categories:

   (1) under $50.00,
   (2) $50.00 to $100.00
   (3) $101.00 to $250.00,
   (4) $251.00 to $500.00, and
   (5) over $500.00, and

(c) the number of contributions and the total amount of contributions received from each group or organization supporting the campaign.

The names of contributors shall not be disclosed. Such reports shall be filed with the Secretary of the Association. A preliminary report shall be due at the close of
the first day of the regular General Assembly at which the election occurs. A final report shall be due 60 days thereafter. The Secretary shall upon written request from a member of a member society furnish such information from these reports as is requested. These reports shall be made available for inspection by any member of a member congregation at the principal offices of the Association, and shall be brought by the Secretary to the next General Assembly and made available for inspection there by any delegate.

(a) When running for office, candidates shall be prohibited from engaging in any electioneering or campaigning during the conduct of official business of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

(b) Financial accounting and bookkeeping procedures shall be established which make it explicit that no monies of the Association were used in the financing of a candidate’s campaigning or electioneering activities.

(a) An Election Campaign Practices Committee is hereby established and shall consist of three persons to be appointed by the Board of Trustees at its October meeting following those regular General Assemblies at which elections occur. Two members of the Committee shall be members of the Board of Trustees at the time of their appointment and one shall be a non-Board member. The non-Board member shall be the chair of the Committee.

(b) The duties of the Election Campaign Practices Committee shall be:

(1) to distribute the campaign practices guidelines and financial disclosure rules to candidates for at-large elective positions not later than January 3 of each even-numbered year and promptly thereafter to any new candidates;

(2) to receive and consider written complaints of alleged violations of such guidelines or rules; if the committee finds probable cause to establish that a violation exists, to attempt to convince a candidate or a number of candidates voluntarily to comply with guidelines or rules; to attempt to mediate disputes arising from such complaints; and, if no satisfactory resolution of a complaint is achieved, to adjudicate the dispute and report the adjudication in writing to the candidates affected;

(3) to hold such hearings as may, at the Committee’s discretion, be necessary or desirable to carry out the intent of subsection 2 above; and

(4) to report on its activities and any recommendations it may have to the Board of Trustees at its October meeting following the elections.

(b) Any candidate aggrieved by the Committee’s adjudication may, within ten days of the mailing of the adjudication, appeal in writing to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, which shall have exclusive jurisdiction to hear and
determine such an appeal. The Executive Committee shall report its decision on the appeal in writing to the affected candidates as expeditiously as feasible. The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees is authorized to issue any order or ruling it deems appropriate in connection with such a decision.

(c) Any member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees who is a candidate for UUA elective office shall not participate in any manner in the determination of any appeal from an adjudication of the Election Campaign Practices Committee.

ACTION ON BUSINESS

A business resolution proposing the creation of a committee on letters of pastoral and congregational concern was defeated after debate.

ACTION ON SECOND YEAR GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

The following three General Resolutions were adopted by a vote of two-thirds or more:

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

BECAUSE Unitarian Universalists affirm the worth and dignity of every individual; and

BECAUSE we affirm justice, equity, and compassion in human relations; and

WHEREAS substance abuse is a prevalent response to economic, social, and psychological realities;

WHEREAS substance abuse is hazardous to individuals and society;

WHEREAS attempts to deal with substance abuse which do not address the underlying causes of abuse must ultimately fail;

WHEREAS the United States' "War on Drugs," which emphasizes the interdiction of supply and criminalization of use, has:

1. not been effective;
2. fostered an illegal market with criminal side effects as harmful as the addictions themselves;
3. resulted in violations of civil liberties;
4. resulted in interference in the internal affairs of other countries; and
5. wasted resources which could have been used for education, prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS decriminalization and legalization of controlled substances are subjects of debate in the United States;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Unitarian Universalist Association encourage its member congregations and individual Unitarian Universalists in the United States to call upon the United States government to change the emphasis of its "War on Drugs";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Unitarian Universalist Association, its member congregations, and individual Unitarian Universalists be urged to call upon all people and governments to:

1. address the underlying economic, social, and psychological conditions which give rise to substance abuse;
2. increase education on the hazards of substance abuse;
3. increase research on effective methods of prevention and treatment;
4. increase funding for treatment and rehabilitation of substance abusers; and
5. enable growers in source countries to replace drug crops with other economically rewarding crops;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Unitarian Universalist Association promote the examination of the ethical and social ramifications of decriminalization and legalization of controlled substances; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Unitarian Universalist Association, through its Departments for Social Justice and Religious Education, develop educational materials for all ages about substance abuse; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Unitarian Universalist Association, its member congregations, and individual Unitarian Universalists be encouraged to facilitate drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs and promote their formation in their communities, offering subsidized meeting rooms when possible.

GUN CONTROL

BECAUSE Unitarian Universalists affirm the inherent worth of every human life; and

BECAUSE safe coexistence within society requires reasonable compromise with the concept of absolute personal liberty; and

WHEREAS the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association passed, in 1972, a resolution advocating mandatory licensing for the purchase and possession of all usable guns and, in 1976, a resolution urging the passage of legislation restricting the ownership or possession of handguns;

WHEREAS in the United States legislation regarding firearms varies widely from state to state;

WHEREAS according to the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) in a report covering the period 1986-1988:

1. firearms are a leading cause of accidental death among children ages 14 and under in the United States;
2. an estimated 130 million firearms exist in the United States, one for every two households; and

3. every year there are over 1 million "gun incidents," including nearly 11,000 murders involving firearms, 15,000 suicides, 1,900 accidental deaths, 175,000 criminal assaults committed with firearms, 221,000 armed robberies, 90,000 forcible rapes, and over 200,000 gun-related injuries;

WHEREAS many consumer products sold in North America are regulated to protect the public from hazards associated with their use; and

WHEREAS machine guns and semi-automatic and automatic assault weapons are highly powerful weapons designed for the efficient destruction of life;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Unitarian Universalist Association, its member congregations, and individual Unitarian Universalists be encouraged to petition legislators to enact and support laws such as:

1. the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act of 1991 (HR7) in the United States, which is intended to place nationally uniform, effective limitations on individual possession of handguns, including waiting periods, licensing, and registration;

2. the "Mitchell Compromise"; and

3. Bill C-80 (1991) in Canada, which is intended to make the purchase of firearms more difficult;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Unitarian Universalist Association, its member congregations, and individual Unitarian Universalists be urged to petition legislators to include safety training programs as a mandatory condition that must be met before firearms can be owned and used; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Unitarian Universalist Association, its member congregations, and individual Unitarian Universalists in the United States be urged to petition legislators to enact and support laws banning private ownership or use of machine guns and semi-automatic and automatic assault weapons.

REDIRECTING ECONOMIC RESOURCES TO ALLEVIATE POVERTY

RECOGNIZING the inherent worth and dignity of every human being; and

BELIEVING that poverty deprives people of the basic dignity which is the right of every person; and

WHEREAS wars and governmental emphasis on military spending distort national economies, damage social structures, undermine democratic institutions, and lead to the deterioration of environments;

WHEREAS such losses produce growing poverty at home and throughout the world community;
WHEREAS the hope that long-term international social and political changes would motivate the United States to withdraw from intrusive foreign entanglements and to reduce military spending has been blunted by the experience of the war in the Persian Gulf;

WHEREAS this war has made clear the scope and intensity with which the resources of the United States can be brought to bear on a project given priority by the government;

WHEREAS proposals for action which could effectively alleviate poverty, malnutrition, and hunger at home and abroad are more likely to receive funding as a result of active lobbying and civil action;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Unitarian Universalist Association encourage its member congregations and individual Unitarian Universalists everywhere to study the underlying causes of poverty and the means by which Unitarian Universalists may act most effectively to alleviate poverty and its social consequences; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Unitarian Universalist Association encourage its member congregations and individual Unitarian Universalists in the United States to advocate that their government cut military expenditures at least 5% per year from fiscal year 1990 budget levels with the goal of 50% reduction, the monies so released to be allocated for alleviation of domestic and global poverty and its social consequences; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Unitarian Universalist Association encourage its member congregations and individual Unitarian Universalists in the United States, the Unitarian Universalist Association Washington Office, and other affiliated organizations to urge all candidates for public office to pledge to use their influence to achieve this 50% goal.

**DRAFT GENERAL RESOLUTIONS REFERRED FOR STUDY**

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

The member congregations and districts may submit comments about proposed amendments to the draft resolutions to the Commission on General Resolutions by no later than March 2, 1992. Final action on each of the resolutions is scheduled for the 1992 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.

**ACTION ON REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND OTHERS**

A motion on the issue of publicizing Resolutions of Immediate Witness was withdrawn by the maker after discussion.
RESOLUTION CONCERNING DELEGATE FEES

WHEREAS the General Assembly is an integral part of the government of the Unitarian Universalist Association and therefore its costs should not be charged exclusively to the delegates, resulting in increasingly high delegate fees;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the funding of the regular General Assembly of the Association be the subject of special study by the Board of Trustees' Finance Committee.

RESOLUTION URGING THAT DEADLINE OF COMMISSION ON GOVERNANCE BE EXTENDED

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 1991 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association recommends to the Board of Trustees that the Board amend its charge to the Commission on Governance by changing the date for the Commission to report to the Board to April 1993 and that the 1992-1993 funding for the Commission be set at a level which is not less than $20,000.

ACTION ON RESOLUTIONS OF IMMEDIATE WITNESS

The assembly adopted by a two-thirds vote or more the following two Resolutions of Immediate Witness:

LIFT ALL NON-MILITARY SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAQ

WHEREAS we believe in the inherent worth and dignity of every person;

WHEREAS United Nations' Resolution 661 imposed economic sanctions on Iraq to force Saddam Hussein to remove his army from Kuwait;

WHEREAS the United States and Allied forces destroyed the infrastructure of Iraq, killed tens of thousands of people, left the people of Iraq without clean water, electricity, food and medical supplies, and thereby caused extreme public health and environmental problems;

WHEREAS Iraqi forces have now been withdrawn from Kuwait, and with the assistance of the United States and Canada, Kuwait is beginning to recover from Iraq's occupation; and

WHEREAS President George Bush and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney stated repeatedly that this was not a war against the Iraqi people, yet it is the people who are suffering;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 1991 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association requests that President Bush and Prime Minister Mulroney call upon the United Nations to lift all non-military sanctions against Iraq, so the Iraqi people can begin work on the many problems caused by the war; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 1991 General Assembly requests that President Bush and Prime Minister Mulroney take leadership roles in generating an international effort to provide those forms of emergency relief that may be immediately necessary to prevent further avoidable suffering and loss of life.

RIGHTS OF PRIVACY AND FREE SPEECH

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of the United States on May 23, 1991, upheld a Bush Administration regulation which withholds all funding provided under Title X of the Public Health Service Act from any family planning agency whose physicians and educators advise their clients or patients of their option to obtain an abortion;

WHEREAS Unitarian Universalists in the United States challenge any threat to the fundamental and constitutional right of free speech and the right to privacy established in the United States Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade;

WHEREAS we believe in a woman's right to discuss medical matters with her physician and other health care professionals;

WHEREAS we believe in health care providers' rights and obligations to advise their patients about problem pregnancy options, including abortion; and

WHEREAS we believe that, regardless of income, every person has the right to all reproductive health information and basic services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 1991 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association expresses its outrage over the invasion of free speech and privacy as implemented by the Bush Administration's withholding of Title X monies from family planning agencies which educate or advise their clients of the option of abortion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 1991 General Assembly urges all Unitarian Universalist congregations in the United States and their members to immediately contact their Representatives and Senators and urge them to:

1. enact legislation (presently SB323 and HR392) which will ensure that birth control information and counselling about problem pregnancy options, including abortion, be made available to women; and

2. pass this legislation without restrictive amendments that would require parental notification or consent.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

The final report of the Credentials Committee was as follows:

Accredited and attending the 30th General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association were 870 lay delegates, 340 ministerial delegates, 3 UUA-accredited directors of religious education (ministerial delegates include ministers of religious education), 6 associate member delegates, 26 members of the Board of Trustees (not included as registered delegates from congregations), for a total of 1245 delegates representing 489 congregations, 48 states, the District of Columbia, the
Virgin Islands, and 7 Canadian provinces, as well as Belgium, New Zealand, the Philippines, and Mexico. Total registration for the assembly was 1988.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Assembly voted, by unanimous consent, to express its appreciation to the General Assembly Planning Committee, the Local Committee, the General Assembly Administrator, the Commission on General Resolutions, and to the Moderator. A closing service was held during which past officials of the Association were honored and newly-elected officials were installed. Attached as an appendix hereto (Attachment C) 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
ATTACHMENT A-1

UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE

BECAUSE Unitarian Universalists affirm the worth and dignity of every individual;

BECAUSE physical and mental disability and diseases may prevent individuals from reaching their full human potential;

BECAUSE health care is a universal need;

BECAUSE it is the responsibility of the public through government to provide for the common needs of the people in a just, equitable, and compassionate manner;

BECAUSE all people have a right to reasonable access to affordable and comprehensive health care coverage;

BECAUSE, as set forth in the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, all people have a right to high quality health care;

WHEREAS access to both adequate health coverage and quality health care in the United States is neither equitable nor compassionate;

WHEREAS more than 11% of the United States' gross national product (GNP) is spent on health care, more than in any other nation;

WHEREAS 37 million people living in the United States (13% of the population) have no health care coverage whatsoever, and increasing numbers cannot buy individual medical insurance at any price;

WHEREAS Medicaid and Medicare do not adequately address the needs of the elderly or the poor;

WHEREAS the infant mortality rate in the United States is the highest in the industrialized world, and life expectancy in the United States has fallen to nineteenth in the world; and

WHEREAS Canada, with an annual per capita health care cost of $1,480 compared to the United States' per capita cost of $2,050, has an infant mortality rate 25% lower than the United States' and an average life span almost two years longer;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Unitarian Universalist Association, its member congregations, and individual Unitarian Universalists in the United States affirm that comprehensive health care is a basic human right, and call for the development of a more just and compassionate system of health care delivery in the United States;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, consistent with an appropriate and affordable level of funding, the system provide:

1. equitable access, cultural awareness, and basic treatment for all people;

2. adequate preventive care, including prenatal and holistic health care;
3. comprehensive treatment and coverage for long-term care and catastrophic illnesses;

4. access to and coverage for medications and prosthetics; and

5. a complete range of voluntary and confidential health care, including family planning and abortion;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the systems now in existence in other industrialized countries, including Canada, be considered as a model for the United States; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Unitarian Universalist Association, its member congregations, and individual Unitarian Universalists in the United States urge the United States government to adopt a comprehensive system of universal health care.
ATTACHMENT A-2

NON-POLLUTING SOURCES OF ENERGY

BECAUSE future generations have the right to inherit a livable planet; and

BECAUSE the responsibility for ensuring the livability of the earth lies ultimately with every person; and

WHEREAS the quality of the environment is deteriorating;

WHEREAS the burning of fossil fuels is a major contributing factor in this deterioration;

WHEREAS fossil fuels are a non-renewable resource within the planetary ecology;

WHEREAS it is now possible to reduce reliance on fossil fuels by replacement with non-polluting, ecologically safe means of energy conversion; and

WHEREAS the General Assemblies of 1977, 1979, and 1981 adopted resolutions urging the development and the use of non-polluting, renewable sources of energy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Unitarian Universalist Association Department for Social Justice, Unitarian Universalist member congregations, and individual Unitarian Universalists support efforts such as the Seventh Principle Project whose aim is to:

1. provide a network to collect and distribute ecological information; and

2. coordinate ecological projects within the Association and with other affiliated organizations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Unitarian Universalist Association, its member congregations, and individual Unitarian Universalists work to promote research and development for the conversion of fossil fuels to environmentally sound, clean sources of energy, such as solar, geothermal, wind, tidal, and other sources of safe power;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Unitarian Universalist Association, its member congregations, and individual Unitarian Universalists work to promote the conversion of the remaining dwindling sources of fossil fuel by improving fuel efficiency, by encouraging the increased taxation of polluting fuels, and by increasing support for public transportation; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Unitarian Universalist Association and its affiliates, with Unitarian Universalist congregations, camps and conference centers, district offices, and other denominational groups, actively promote energy conservation measures including proper insulation, energy efficient lighting and heating, improvements in building design and landscaping, and the encouragement of carpooling, walking, and bicycling.
ATTACHMENT A-3

CHILDREN HELD BY THE UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

BECAUSE our central principles affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person and justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;

BECAUSE we are all impoverished when we or our government drift from these principles;

WHEREAS the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) detains hundreds of immigrant and refugee children every year;

WHEREAS the children of arrested United States citizens are normally released to responsible parties; in contrast, in some districts the INS refuses to release the children it detains to persons other than relatives, even though accepted standards of justice and care require such release;

WHEREAS the INS has no clear policy of proper care and some of its contract facilities fail to meet minimum child welfare standards for dependent children;

WHEREAS the physical abuse of children at INS and contract facilities has been documented; and

WHEREAS long incarceration may coerce families into returning to dangerous or war-torn homelands;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Unitarian Universalist Association, its member congregations, and individual Unitarian Universalists in the United States join with other religious organizations and involved groups to urge members of Congress and the Administration to require that the INS detain immigrant and refugee children in contract facilities which are state licensed for dependent care or in INS facilities which meet equivalent standards;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the INS be urged to release detained children to responsible parties, including accredited shelter care programs and other child welfare facilities, if parents and other relatives are detained or otherwise unavailable; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Unitarian Universalist congregations and individual Unitarian Universalists in states with INS children’s detention centers be urged to investigate the practices, standards, and care at those facilities with the goal of seeing that this resolution is implemented throughout the United States.
ATTACHMENT D

1991 Election Results

Board of Trustees (2 to be elected; 4 year term)
Sheilah Thompson 794
Edward Simmons 791

Board of Review (2 to be elected; 8 year term)
Carol Agate 759
David Maynard 766

Board of Review (1 to be elected; 4 year term)
Gloria Reske 763

Board of Review (1 to be elected; 2 year term)
James Robinson 778

Commission on General Resolutions (1 to be elected; 4 year term)
Michael Boblett 739

Commission on General Resolutions (1 to be elected; 2 year term)
Bernie Keeler 745

Nominating Committee (4 to be elected; 4 year term)
Joan Lawson 765
Erdman Palmore 759
Brandoch Lovely 767
Charles Johnson 800

Commission on Appraisal (3 to be elected; 6 year term)
Frederick Wooden 607
Dianne Arakawa 757
Raymond Naseman 410
Deborah Roberts 685

Planning Committee (4 to be elected; 4 year term)
Leia Durland 693
Virginia Sparling 587
Keith Kron 518
Lesley Rebecca Phillips 383
Claudia Gross 513
Arthur Morrison 550

Planning Committee (1 to be elected; 2 year term)
Dan Higgins 801