

Races, Fellowship Among

Mr. Smoot, of Virginia, on the Third Day, presented the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Christian Social Relations:

Resolved, The House of Bishops concurring, that the 58th General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, assembled in Honolulu, rejoices and gives deep thanks to Almighty God for the experience of close fellowship in Christ which it has been our privilege to know among the many races of God's children here in the Hawaiian Islands. This experience has served to deepen our conviction and strengthen our resolution to witness as a Church in our lives and in our parishes both home and abroad to the oneness of man and to the breaking down of all racial barriers within the Christian fellowship.

The Rev. Mr. Gosnell, of West Texas, on the Sixth Day, presented Report No. 11 of the Committee on Christian Social Relations, recommending adoption of the foregoing resolution.

Adopted by the House.

[Communicated to the House of Bishops by Message No. 67.]

The House of Bishops, on the Seventh Day, concurred in the foregoing Message.

[Communicated to the House of Deputies by Message No. 84.]

Racial Cooperation

The House of Deputies, on the First Day, referred the Report of the Joint Commission on Social Reconstruction to the Committee on Christian Social Relations.

The Secretary of the House of Deputies, on the First Day, presented a resolution from the Diocese of Upper South Carolina on the Supreme Court decision on segregation in the public schools, which was referred to the Committee on Christian Social Relations.

The Rev. Mr. Gosnell, of West Texas, on the Eighth Day, presented Report No. 15 of the Committee on Christian Social Relations, which recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Almighty God, through His Son Our Lord Jesus Christ, has offered salvation to all the races of mankind; and

WHEREAS, Our Church has declared through the General Convention, the Lambeth Conference, the Anglican Congress, the National Council of

Churches of Christ in the United States of America and the World Council of Churches, that unjust social discrimination and segregation are contrary to the mind of Christ and the will of God as plainly recorded in Holy Scripture; and

WHEREAS, This Church in thanksgiving can proclaim that now in every diocese and missionary district, every race has full representation in its Councils; and

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of these United States has ruled that every citizen shall have open access to the public schools and colleges of the entire nation; therefore be it

Resolved, The House of Bishops concurring, that the 58th General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America now commends to all the clergy and people of this Church that they accept and support this ruling of the Supreme Court, and, that by opening channels of Christian conference and communication between the races concerned in each diocese and community, they anticipate constructively the local implementation of this ruling as the law of the land; and be it further

Resolved, The House of Bishops concurring, that we make our own the statement of the Anglican Congress that "in the work of the Church we should welcome people of any race at any service conducted by a priest or layman of any ethnic origin, and bring them into the full fellowship of the congregation and its organizations."

Adopted by the House.

[Communicated to the House of Bishops by Message No. 97.]

The House concurred.

[Communicated to the House of Deputies by Message No. 107.]

Recorder of Ordinations

The House of Bishops, on the Fourth Day, nominated The Church Pension Fund as Recorder.

[Communicated to the House of Deputies by Message No. 65.]

Acting on this nomination, on the Sixth Day, the House of Deputies elected The Church Pension Fund as Recorder.

[Communicated to the House of Bishops by Message No. 65.]

Registrar

The House of Bishops, on the Fourth Day, nominated the Rev. Alexander M. Rodger as Registrar of the General Convention.

[Communicated to the House of Deputies by Message No. 63.]