

Equality of Man (ESCRU Petition)

House of Deputies—Eighth Day

The Rev. Mr. Mollegen of Virginia presented Report # 20 of the Committee on Christian Social Relations, in respect of HD 350, a Memorial and Petition introduced by the Rev. Mr. Pelham of Michigan on behalf of the Episcopal Society For Cultural and Racial Unity and 10,000 signatories.

The Committee's Report called attention to the fact that the Church, in General Convention assembled, in 1958, 1961, and 1964, had addressed itself to the problems of segregation and discrimination, and commended the actions of the aforesaid Conventions to the entire Church.

The Rev. Mr. Mollegen moved the following Resolution:

Whereas, Prejudice is inconsistent with the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, The very existence of the Church affirms the supernatural unity of mankind in the common waters of baptism; and

Whereas, There is cause for penitence for marks of racial discrimination and segregation both in the past and present life of this Church; therefore, be it

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Church resist with holy zeal any and all efforts, either from within or without, to deflect it from its mission as God's agent of reconciliation in the world; and be it further

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That since areas of racial and social conflict affecting all minorities continue to exist,—because of residential barriers and lack of open occupancy in our cities, suburbs and towns, in the fight for freedom and protection before the law, in the struggle for equal education in our schools, and in opening new opportunities in employment,—this whole Church give unwavering material and moral support to programs designed to bring about the equality of man as prayed for by our Lord; and be it further

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That this 62nd General Convention join with those 10,000 members of this Church who have called for a Council of Renewal, which will have as one of its major items of concern the existence of racism in Church and society.

Resolution adopted

[Communicated to the House of Bishops by Message No. 168.]

House of Bishops—Ninth Day

Message No. 168 was received from the House of Deputies.

The Bishop of Spokane moved that the House concur.

The House concurred

[Communicated to the House of Deputies by Message No. 228.]

Euthanasia*House of Deputies—Eighth Day*

The Rev. Mr. Mollegen of Virginia presented Report # 9 of the Committee on Christian Social Relations, as follows:

Your Committee on Christian Social Relations, to whom was referred HD 315, a Resolution sponsored by the Rev. Mr. Trelease of Ohio, which Resolution proposes that a Joint Commission on Euthanasia be established, has considered the matter.

While we agree with the substance of the Resolution, we do not believe that a special Joint Commission should be set up, because the subject matter properly is part of the frame of reference of an existing Commission.

We recommend, therefore, the following:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Joint Commission on the Church in Human Affairs be instructed to consider the matter of euthanasia, with medical consultants and theologians, and to report their findings to the 63rd General Convention.

Resolution adopted

[Communicated to the House of Bishops by Message No. 148.]

House of Bishops—Ninth Day

Message No. 148 was received from the House of Deputies.

The Bishop of Utah moved that the House concur.

The House concurred

[Communicated to the House of Deputies by Message No. 197.]

Evangelism*House of Deputies—Ninth Day*

The Rev. Mr. Lumpkin of Upper South Carolina presented