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*Resolved*, That the warm and grateful acknowledgments of this House be presented to the Joint Commission on Marginal Readings of the Holy Bible for the distinguished ability with which they have discharged an extremely difficult and delicate work;

which was adopted.

The Bishop of Nebraska presented the report of the Commission on a German revision of the Prayer Book; which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on the Prayer Book, with the request that it consider the recommendations of the Commission. [See p. 127.]

The Chairman laid before the House the report of the Acting Registrar, the report of the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer, and the report of the Recorder of Ordinations; and, on motion, it was voted that, the House of Deputies concurring, they be received and printed in the Appendix to the Journal.

[Communicated to the House of Deputies by Message No. 4. See p. 31.]

The Bishop of Vermont presented the following report:

The undersigned respectfully reports that in obedience to the appointment of the House at the last General Convention, in company with the Bishop of Kentucky and with representatives of the House of Deputies, he attended the General Synod of the Church in Canada held in Montreal in September, 1902. It may be added that at that time Bishop Dudley formally proposed to the Canadian Bishops the holding of such a Conference of Bishops of our communion ministering in America and the West Indies as was happily held a year later in Washington under the presidency of our lamented brother.

ARTHUR C. A. HALL, *Bishop of Vermont*.

The Bishop Coadjutor of New York presented the report of the Commission to Confer as to Uniformity in Regard to Marriage and Divorce, as follows:

The Commission having met and organized, appointed Bishop Doane, the Rev. Dr. Greer, and Mr. Francis Lynn Stetson as a Sub-committee to carry out the purpose of the resolution under which the Commission was appointed. And in response to the note addressed by the Sub-committee to the representative organizations of other religious bodies, a conference was called, which held its first meeting on the 15th of January in St. Bartholomew's Parish House, New York. The conference was organized under the title of the Interchurch Conference on Marriage and Divorce, by the election of Bishop Doane as Chairman and the Rev. Dr. W. H. Roberts as Secretary. It has held several meetings, increasing in numerical and in representative attendance and in interest and directness of result. It has adopted the following resolutions, which are reported as being the results so far attained:

*Resolved*, That in recognition of the comity which should exist between Christian Churches, it is desirable and would tend to the increase of a spirit of Christian unity for each church represented in the Conference

to advise and, if ecclesiastical authority will allow, to enjoin its ministers to refuse to unite in marriage any person or persons whose marriage such Ministers have good reason to believe is forbidden by the laws of the Church in which either party seeking to be married holds membership.

A Committee of the Conference in reference to the question of State and national legislation made a report, of which the closing paragraph is:

"That it is possible to produce harmony in place of the prevailing want of uniformity may seriously be doubted. It would require not only uniform legislation at a particular period, but that the statutes of the several States upon the subject of divorce and remarriage should remain unchanged, or should only be changed by common concert, so that the original uniformity should continue to prevail. What, if any, success can attend an effort in this direction will depend materially upon the possibility that the Churches represented in the Conference shall agree upon a uniform canon to apply to their Church members and clergy. Whether this is possible the Conference can best determine; but the Committee easily reach the conclusion that if this be impossible the task of endeavoring to bring about legislative harmony certainly will be hopeless. The States are not likely to co-operate in producing uniform laws more stringent than the existing laws of the majority of the several States."

And their report having been considered in the Conference, it was resolved: "That the report of the Committee on National and State Legislation be recommitted to the Committee for further inquiry, and for suggestion as to the best methods of securing such uniformity of law and usage among the Churches as may tend to secure legislative harmony."

Acting under the following resolution: "That the Executive Committee be authorized to prepare and issue, in their discretion, a declaration and appeal to the public as to the sanctity of marriage and the grave dangers of existing laxity through the frequency of divorce," the Committee issued the address and appeal, which is respectfully communicated to the Convention, and the Commission, reporting progress, asks to be continued.

J. HOUSTON ECCLESTON, *Secretary*.

On motion, it was voted that the Commission be continued.

On motion of the Bishop of New York, the Secretary was instructed to express the grateful acknowledgments of the House to the St. Botolph Club for the courteous hospitality which it has offered to its members.

The Bishop of New York, from the Joint Committee appointed for the purpose [see p. 12], reported to the House that the following telegram had been sent to the Liverpool Church Congress:

The General Convention gratefully acknowledges the kind telegram of the Liverpool Congress. Ephesians vi. 23, 24.

The Bishop of South Dakota made a statement in reference to the needs of his jurisdiction, which was made the Order of the Day for three o'clock to-day.

status of the American Churches in Europe is such that they can never be organized as a Diocese in union with the General Convention.

The Committee therefore recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

For the Committee.

W. R. HUNTINGTON, *Chairman*.

[For action of the House, see p. 361.]

The same gentleman from the same Committee presented the following report, the resolution appended to which was adopted.

REPORT No. 5.

With reference to a proposed amendment to Article I., Section 6 of the Constitution having the effect of giving delegates from foreign Missionary Districts the right to seat and vote except when the vote is taken by orders, the Committee considers the same inexpedient for the reason that foreign Missionary Districts differ from domestic Missionary Districts in that they can never become Dioceses in union with the General Convention or a part of the national organization of this Church.

At the same time the Committee thinks that there is a possible ambiguity in the Standing Order (page 152 of the Digest) since the adoption of the recent amendment to Article I., Section 6 of the Constitution, and therefore recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Standing Order of this House be amended by the insertion of the word "foreign" before Missionary District so that the same shall read

Standing Order.—Of delegates from Missionary jurisdictions and from Foreign Churches:

*Resolved*, That one Clerical and one Lay Delegate, to be chosen by any Convocation of all the Clergy and representatives of the Laity, convoked by the authority of the Bishop of any Foreign Missionary District of this Church, or chosen by a similar Convocation of the Churches in Europe, organized under Title III., Canon 3, § iii., of the Digest, convened by direction of the Presiding Bishop, or by the Bishop in charge of Foreign Churches, shall have seats assigned to them in this House, with similar privileges to those of Deputies, except that they shall have no vote on any question or matter, and that this be a Standing Order of the House.

For the Committee.

W. R. HUNTINGTON, *Chairman*.

The Rev. Dr. Duncan from the Committee on the State of the Church presented the following report, which on motion was referred to the Joint Commission to confer as to Uniformity in regard to Marriage and Divorce, with power to act:

REPORT No. 2.

The Committee on the State of the Church, to whom were referred the resolutions of Mr. Coddington of Central New York, have considered the same and recommend their adoption.

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That the General Convention do respectfully petition the Legislatures of the several States and Territories of this nation to consider the great curse of divorce, and to

reduce by their Legislatures, so far as possible, the statutory grounds on which divorce can be granted in the several States and Territories; provided, that no such petitions be presented to the Legislatures of States and Territories on the statute books of which there is at present no law on the subject of divorce, or to States and Territories whose laws permit divorce for adultery only.

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That a joint Committee be appointed, to consist of two Bishops, two Clerical and two Lay Deputies, to carry out the provisions of the above resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HERMAN C. DUNCAN, *Chairman*.

The same gentleman from the same Committee presented the following report, the resolution appended to which was adopted.

REPORT No. 3.

Your Committee on the State of the Church, to whom was presented a petition on behalf of the workers among the Swedish people, praying for a greater systemizing of the work and the establishment of its legal status, have considered the same and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Board of Managers of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society be and are hereby requested to take into consideration the condition of the Church work among the Swedes, and place the same under a Special Committee of their own number, if they deem the same expedient, to the end that the said work may be systematized and its efficiency promoted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HERMAN C. DUNCAN, *Chairman*.

[For action of the House of Bishops, see p. 311.]

The Rev. Dr. Strange of Virginia presented the following report of a special committee, the resolution appended to which was adopted:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the memorial from the Conference of Colored Workers in the Church, respectfully report that we have read with interest the memorial, and have considered with care the Canon suggested by the Conference. We sympathize deeply with the spirit of the Conference, longing to gather more of their race into the fold of the Church, and praying for some modification of ecclesiastical custom, to meet the unprecedented conditions which confront them.

But the departure from ancient custom suggested by the memorial is so decided and far reaching, and the practical difficulties to be overcome so great, that we have concluded that it is wise to delay action until we can secure fuller information and can agree upon some method which will approve itself to the mind and conscience of the whole Church.

We, therefore, offer the following:

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That a Joint Commission on Work Among the Colored People, consisting of five Bishops, five Presbyters, and five Laymen be appointed, to gather information, to ascertain the mind of the Church and to propose to the next General Convention such legislation as they may think necessary to meet the conditions.

[For action of the House of Bishops, see p. 318.]

suffice, unless otherwise ordered by this Constitution or, in cases not specially provided for by the Constitution, by Canons requiring more than a majority, or unless the Clerical or the Lay representation from any Diocese require that the vote be taken by orders. In all cases of a vote by orders, the two orders shall vote separately; and the concurrence of the votes of the two orders, by not less than a two-thirds vote in each order of all the Dioceses represented in that order at the time of the vote, shall be necessary to constitute a vote of the House.

[For the report of the Committee, see p. 308.]

Mr. Evans of Pennsylvania presented the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Canons:

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That the following be adopted as..... It shall be the duty of every Rector and Minister in charge of a parish to cause an annual offering to be made by his congregation for the missionary work of the Church conducted by the Board of Missions, or to secure a contribution from his parish in some other manner for that object.

Mr. Ringwalt of Nebraska presented the following, which was placed on the Calendar:

As a lasting tribute to the generous reception of the General Convention of 1904 at the hands of the people of Boston and vicinity and to perpetuate the visit of his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury to our country and our Convention,

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, that a committee to consist of three Bishops, three Presbyters and three Laymen be appointed to memorialize the Congress of the United States to make an appropriation for the erection in one of the parks of Boston, the cradle of American liberty, a statue of Edmund Burke, the fearless friend to and self-sacrificing advocate of American independence.

[For action of the House, see p. 367.]

Mr. Peabody of Long Island presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

WHEREAS, The action of this Convention respecting the manifest and great evils of the frequent severing of the marriage tie indicates that the true attitude of this Church cannot be reached by a mere amendment of the Canons, and

WHEREAS, The discussion and debate make it clear that the heart of the Church is aroused by conditions which constantly grow worse, and

WHEREAS, Many believe that the evils are of even graver and deeper character than are realized and call for more thorough and broad consideration by this Church as a teacher of morals and religion, and

WHEREAS, This Convention believing the mind of the Church may well be concentrated upon an early and prayerful and profound study of this problem in all its aspects would suggest that a sympathetic and most reverent but specific study of the whole mind and teaching of Christ on marriage be instituted forthwith; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That this Convention appoint a Joint Commission of twelve members consisting of four Bishops, four Presbyters and four Laymen to whom shall be referred the foregoing preamble setting forth the thought of this Convention.

*Resolved*, That said Commission shall make a report to the Convention

which will assemble at Richmond in 1907 upon the whole question of the marriage relation and as to the way in which the Church may help to maintain and further its integrity by the teaching and instruction which the clergy may give and by any regulation respecting the performance of the marriage office.

*Resolved*, That the Commission shall consider the desirability of a deliverance on the subject by the Church to its members, and if it deem it well submit the form of such an address for the next Convention to act upon.

*Resolved*, That the Commission be empowered to enter into conference with the representatives of other bodies of Christian people respecting the subject matter of these resolutions, and particularly, as to the most desirable action for such bodies with reference to accomplishing an advanced and uniform standard of legislation on this subject by the several States.

The Rev. Mr. Bennitt of Newark presented the following, which was placed on the Calendar:

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That all Joint Commissions and Joint Committees existing at the close of this Convention be continued until the next Convention; and the President of this House be, and hereby is, empowered to fill all vacancies upon the part of this House in these Commissions and Committees.

[For action of the House, see p. 367.]

On motion of Mr. Mansfield of Connecticut, it was

*Resolved*, That we do hereby request the Right Rev., the Bishop of Albany, to furnish a copy of the sermon preached by him at the opening service of the Convention, and that 1,500 copies of the same be printed for the use of the Convention.

Mr. Gardiner of Maine presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on Canons:

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That Title II., Canon 13, § ii., is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

§ ii. No Minister shall solemnize a marriage between any two persons unless by inquiry he shall have satisfied himself that neither person has been, or is, the husband or the wife of any other person then living, from whom he or she has been divorced for any cause arising after marriage; but this Canon shall not be held to apply to the innocent party in a divorce for the cause of adultery who exhibits to the Minister, attested by the Clerk of the Court, a copy of the record of the proceedings for the divorce showing that it had been granted at least one year before and that notice of the proceedings was served personally on the defendant or that the defendant appeared by counsel thereto duly authorized, and that adultery was alleged in the pleadings and found as a fact by the Court, provided that if the Minister has doubts whether the record clearly establishes the innocence of the party, he may refuse to solemnize the marriage until further evidence of such innocence is exhibited to him.

[For the report of the Committee, see p. 302.]

Rev. Mr. Nelson of Lexington presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Prayer Book:

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The Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

That the House of Bishops does not concur in the amendment to Canon 40 § I. contained in Message No. 96 from the House of Deputies, such amendment being apparently a substitute for an amendment adopted by the House of Bishops and reported to the House of Deputies, but as to which no action has been reported. The House of Bishops prefers its own amendment, and considers that the amendment proposed by the House of Deputies does not meet the chief difficulty for which remedy is needed.

On motion, the recommendation contained in the report of the Committee was adopted.

[Communicated to the House of Deputies with proposed amendment [see p. 59] by Message No. 105. See p. 164.]

3. An amendment to Canon 37 § II., changing the requirement of the unanimous consent of the Standing Committee to the consent of three-fourths of the Standing Committees was referred to the Committee on Canons [see p. 149].

The Committee thinks that at this late stage of the proceedings of the Convention the matter could not receive due discussion, and asks to be discharged from further consideration of the subject at the present time.

On motion, the request of the Committee was granted.

4. An amendment of Canon 53 § XIII., concerning the election of alternate delegates to Missionary Councils, which was referred to the Committee early in the Session, has been rendered unnecessary by the adoption of the new Canon on Provinces.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest: ARTHUR C. A. HALL, *Chairman.*

EDWARD M. PARKER, *Secretary.*

The Chairman announced that he had appointed as members of the Joint Commission on Social Service on the part of this House the Bishop of Chicago, the Bishop of Connecticut, the Bishop of Massachusetts, the Bishop of Newark, the Bishop of Utah, and the Bishop of Michigan.

At noon the Chairman bade the House to prayer for Missions.

On motion, the Bishops went into Council.

The Council having risen, the House resumed its session.

The Bishop of Massachusetts, from the Committee of Conference on resolutions as to Marriage and Divorce, presented the following report [see pp. 158, 159]:

The Committee of Conference on the Message of the House of Bishops relating to co-operation as to marriage and divorce respectfully recommend that the House of Bishops concur in Message No. 106, as corrected, of the House of Deputies on this subject.

The following is the corrected form of Message No. 106 from the House of Deputies:

IN GENERAL CONVENTION,  
NEW YORK, 15th day of the Session,  
OCTOBER 24, 1913.

MESSAGE No. 106.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution:

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That a Joint Commission of three Bishops, three Presbyters, and three Laymen be appointed to co-operate with the "International Committee" in arranging an International Congress, which is to be held in May 1915, at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, for the purpose of awakening the conscience of the American people to the great evils which exist because of the diversity of Marriage Laws in the different States, and for the purpose of emphasizing the necessity of a Uniform Law on Divorce and Re-marriage.

Attest:

HENRY ANSTICE, *Secretary*.

On motion, the resolution contained in the report of the Committee of Conference was adopted; and the Chairman appointed as members of the proposed Commission on the part of this House the Bishop of California, the Bishop of Sacramento, and the Bishop of Los Angeles.

[Communicated to the House of Deputies by Message No. 106.]

The Bishop of New York offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the House of Bishops recognizes the importance of the service rendered by the American Bible Society to the missionary activities of the Church in the translation, revision, publication, and circulation of the Holy Scriptures in many languages and in many lands, especially opening the way for Missions among the foreign-speaking peoples in the United States, and strengthening missionary activities in the mission fields of the Church in Cuba, Hayti, Mexico, Brazil, Japan, and China, in which countries the Society has established agencies.—

Which was adopted.

The Bishop of Oklahoma offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That Rules of Order 21, 22, and 23 be referred to the Committee on Rules of Order as a Special Committee, to report to the House at its next meeting such changes as may be necessary for greater efficiency in the transaction of the business of this House.—

Which was adopted.

The Bishop of Georgia offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the members of the House of Bishops send to their brethren who have been prevented by illness from attendance upon the meetings of the House their loving greeting and sympathy and the assurance of their prayers that it may be God's good pleasure to restore them to their health and usefulness.—

Which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Sick [Appendix XV.], which was referred to the Committee on the Prayer Book.

[For the report of the Committee see p. 330.]

The Rev. Dr. Niver of Maryland presented the report of the Joint Board upon the Seamen's Church Institute. [Appendix XVI.]

Mr. Mather of Ohio presented the Certificate of Election of the Very Reverend Frank DuMoulin, L.H.D., to be Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on the Consecration of Bishops.

[For the report of the Committee see p. 237.]

Mr. Saunders of Massachusetts presented the report of the Joint Commission on Provinces, which was referred to the Committee on Canons.

[For the report of the Committee see p. 246.]

The Rev. Mr. Gibson of Harrisburg presented a Memorial from that Diocese relating to the *Ne temere* decree, which was referred to the Committee on that subject.

The Rev. Dr. Faber of Michigan presented the report of a special Committee of the Diocese of Michigan and the same was referred to the Committee on Hymnal Revision.

The Rev. Dr. Wrigley of Long Island presented the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Missions:

WHEREAS, The reports of the Board of Missions show that \$1,250,000 is the very smallest amount on which the Missions of the Church at home and abroad can be sustained and

WHEREAS, It is desirable that the authority of this Convention be back of any apportionment, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Board of Missions be directed to raise at the very least \$1,250,000 and to apportion the same to the Dioceses and Districts of the Church.

[For the report of the Committee see p. 267.]

The same gentleman presented the following preamble and resolution, which was placed on the Calendar:

WHEREAS, The lack of uniformity in the marriage and divorce laws of the various States of the Union, and the fact that what is legal in one State must be recognized as legal by every other State, provided that the Court granting the divorce has served the defendant with a personal service of the suit within that State, or provided he has voluntarily submitted to the jurisdiction of that Court by appearing in the action by attorney, bring it to pass that the most lax law of the most careless State, with respect to divorce practically becomes the law of every State,

WHEREAS, This condition of the laws of our country is detrimental to all family life and morals; has encouraged fraud upon our Courts, sham proceedings and various evasions of the law which would otherwise be impossible, so that unscrupulous lawyers organize systematic and persistent attacks for financial gain upon the domestic life of the whole country, whereby adultery is legalized, innocent children are

made orphans, and defenseless, innocent spouses are irreparably injured,

WHEREAS, The Uniform Code which was formulated by the National Congress on Uniform Divorce Laws, with delegates from the forty States in November, 1906, has been adopted by only New Jersey, Delaware and Wisconsin, and would be ineffective if only one State shall refuse to adopt the proposed "Act Regulating Annulment of Marriage and Divorce,"

WHEREAS, A two-thirds vote of both Houses of Congress to present to the Legislatures of the various States an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which would be ratified if the Legislatures of three-fourths of the States should approve of it,

Therefore, *Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That this Convention express its sympathy with the effort of the International Committee on Marriage and Divorce, which is making an attempt to procure an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to enable Congress to enact a uniform Law on Marriage and Divorce.

[For the action of the House see p. 305.]

The Rev. Mr. Goodwin of Western New York presented the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Missions:

WHEREAS, This Church, through its General Convention, has repeatedly urged that the ties which bind Christian people should be strengthened, and that the Church should seek to co-operate with Christian people, not in communion with this Church, in the effort to extend the Kingdom of God in so far as such co-operation can be engaged in in loyalty to the faith and order of this Church,

AND WHEREAS, The Board of Missions of this Church has been invited to co-operate with other Christian Boards of Missions in matters pertaining to the ways and means of extending the Kingdom of God,

THEREFORE BE IT *Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Board of Missions of this Church be, and that the said Board is hereby authorized and instructed to co-operate with other Christian Boards of Missions in America and elsewhere, as occasion may offer, in such matters and to such extent as in the judgment of the Board of Missions of this Church may seem best, within the limits of the Constitution and Canons of this Church; and that the said Board of Missions be and hereby is authorized and empowered to spend such money as may be necessary, in its judgment, to make such co-operation effective.

[For the report of the Committee see p. 260.]

Mr. Theopold of Minnesota presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That a Joint Committee of five Bishops, five Presbyters and five Laymen be appointed to nominate the members of the Board of Missions, to be elected by the Convention, and such Officers of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society as are now elected by the Convention.

[For the report of the Committee see p. 298.]

The Rev. Mr. Hinton of the Committee on Memorials of De-

made known to the several Dioceses, in order that the same may be adopted by the General Convention in accordance with Article XI. of the Constitution.

Strike out Section 3 of Article I. and insert in place of it the following:

SECTION III. Upon the expiration of the term of office of the Presiding Bishop, the General Convention shall elect the Presiding Bishop of the Church. The House of Bishops shall choose one of the Bishops having jurisdiction within the United States to be such Presiding Bishop, by the vote of a majority of all the Bishops entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, such choice to be subject to confirmation by the House of Deputies. His term and tenure of office and duties shall be prescribed by the Canons of the General Convention.

Whenever a vacancy shall occur in said office or the Presiding Bishop shall become disabled, the Bishop senior in order of consecration having jurisdiction in the United States shall act as such Presiding Bishop until the next General Convention.

[For the report of the Committee see p. 307.]

The House proceeded to the business of the Calendar, to wit: The resolution of the Rev. Dr. Wrigley as to Uniform Laws on Marriage and Divorce.

By permission of the House the Rev. Dr. Wrigley presented the following resolution as a substitute for that on the Calendar, and the same was adopted:

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That a Joint Commission of three Bishops, and three Presbyters, and three Laymen be appointed to co-operate with the "International Committee" in arranging an International Congress which is to be held in May, 1915, at the Panama Exposition, for the purpose of awakening the conscience of the American people to the great evils which exist because of the diversity of marriage laws in the different states, and for the purpose of emphasizing the necessity of a Uniform Law on Divorce and Remarriage.

[For the action of the House of Bishops see pp. 341, 348, 350.]

The House proceeded with the business on the Calendar, to wit: Report No. 5, of the Committee on the Prayer Book, and the resolution appended thereto was adopted. [See p. 347.]

The House proceeded with the business on the Calendar, to wit: The Report of the Joint Commission appointed to consider the Relief of Clergymen Suffering from Tuberculosis, the resolution appended to which was adopted (discharging the Committee).

The House proceeded with the business on the Calendar, to wit: Report No. 1 of the Committee on Missions, and, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Rogers of Fond du Lac, the resolution was made the order of the day following the report of the Joint Committee on a Racial Episcopate. [See p. 311.]

The House stood adjourned.

IN GENERAL CONVENTION,  
NEW YORK, 16th day of the Session,  
OCTOBER 25, 1913.

## MESSAGE No. 98.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has not concurred with the House of Deputies in adopting the resolution contained in its Message No. 103, as to a requirement of a two-thirds majority for the final adoption of changes in the Prayer Book, for the reason that information of the proposed amendment has reached this House so late in the session that this House cannot properly consider the question.

Attest:

SAMUEL HART, *Secretary*.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Manning a Committee of five was appointed to wait upon the House of Bishops and to explain the unusual circumstances which caused delay in transmitting the resolution contained in Message No. 103, and the Chair appointed as such Committee the Rev. Dr. Manning of New York, the Rev. Dr. Rousmaniere of Massachusetts, the Rev. Dr. Groton of Pennsylvania, Mr. Gardiner of Maine and Mr. Mansfield of Connecticut.

[For the report of the Committee see p. 351.]

The following Messages were received from the House of Bishops:

IN GENERAL CONVENTION,  
NEW YORK, 16th day of the Session,  
OCTOBER 25, 1913.

## MESSAGE No. 99.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has acceded to the request of the House of Deputies contained in its Message No. 116, and has appointed as members of the Committee of Conference as to the Federal Council of Churches the Bishop of Bethlehem and the Bishop of Fond du Lac.

Attest:

SAMUEL HART, *Secretary*.

IN GENERAL CONVENTION,  
NEW YORK, 16th day of the Session,  
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## MESSAGE No. 100.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has acceded to the request of the House of Deputies contained in its Message No. 117, and has appointed as members of the Committee of Conference as to a uniform law of Divorce the Bishop of Massachusetts and the Bishop of Harrisburg.

Attest:

SAMUEL HART, *Secretary*.

The Rev. Dr. Wrigley, of the Committee of Conference on Message No. 84 of the House of Bishops, presented the following report:

The Committee of Conference on the Message of the House of Bishops relating to co-operation as to Marriage and Divorce, respectfully recommends that the House of Bishops concur in Message No. 106, as corrected, of the House of Deputies on this subject.

WM. LAWRENCE,  
J. H. DARLINGTON,  
C. F. J. WRIGLEY,  
J. PACKARD,  
THOS. W. BACOT.

IN GENERAL CONVENTION,  
NEW YORK, 16th day of the Session,  
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## MESSAGE No. 105.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has not concurred in the amendment to Canon 40 § I. contained in Message No. 96 from the House of Deputies, such amendment being apparently a substitute for an amendment adopted by the House of Deputies, which this House prefers, considering that the amendment proposed by the House of Deputies does not meet the chief difficulty for which remedy is needed. The amendment adopted by this House is as follows:

In case of a communicant removing from one place to another and failing to apply for a letter of transfer, the Rector or Minister of a Parish or Congregation shall send such letter to the Minister of a Parish or Mission when the communicant has become resident, and such letter shall be received by said Minister; provided that definite information is furnished as to the residence of the communicants.

Attest:

SAMUEL HART, *Secretary*.

The foregoing Message was referred to the Committee on Canons. Later the Rev. Dr. White, of the Committee on Canons, recommended that the House do not concur, and the recommendation was adopted.

IN GENERAL CONVENTION,  
NEW YORK, 16th day of the Session,  
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## MESSAGE No. 106.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has concurred in the adoption of the resolution contained in its amended Message No. 106.

Attest:

SAMUEL HART, *Secretary*.

IN GENERAL CONVENTION,  
NEW YORK, 16th day of the Session,  
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## MESSAGE No. 107.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has concurred in the adoption of the resolution contained in its Message No. 120.

Attest:

SAMUEL HART, *Secretary*.

IN GENERAL CONVENTION,  
NEW YORK, 16th day of the Session,  
OCTOBER 25, 1913.

## MESSAGE No. 108.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following in regard to the proposed amendment of Article X. of the Constitution:

WHEREAS, the House of Bishops has given as much consideration to the amendment to the Constitution proposed in Message No. 103 from the House of Deputies as was possible in the brief time available at the close of its session;

AND WHEREAS, in the short debate that ensued so many questions were raised;

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Turkevich, representatives of the Archbishop of the Russian Orthodox Greek Church in the United States of America, presented by the Bishop of Delaware, and the former Presbyter expressed in a brief address the greetings and best wishes of the Archbishop.

The Chairman resumed the Chair.

The Bishop of Atlanta offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Constitution to prepare and present to this House an amendment to the Constitution which shall provide that the President of the Board of Missions, when a Bishop, shall have a vote in the House of Bishops.—

Which was adopted. [See p. 101.]

The Bishop Coadjutor of Missouri offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the House be and is hereby instructed to enter the name of Bishop L. L. Kinsolving, of Southern Brazil, under the year 1899.—

Which was adopted.

The Bishop of Sacramento, from the Committee on Memorials and Petitions, presented a report of several matters referred to it.

#### REPORT No. 1.

1. A request by the Bishop of Albany for consent of the General Convention to the election of a Bishop Coadjutor by reason of the extent of Diocesan work.

In accordance with the provisions of Canon 9 § II. [i.], the Bishop of Albany asks consent of the General Convention to the election of a Bishop Coadjutor in the Diocese of Albany by reason of the extent of Diocesan work. The Bishop represents that the Diocese of Albany occupies 20,636 square miles, that in this territory there are 200 parishes and mission stations, and that for six years the Bishop's health has been impaired by the strain of this extensive work, and experience convinces him that it is too great a burden for one man. The division of the Diocese, in the Bishop's judgment, does not seem to be practicable, the financial resources being centred in the cities of Albany and Troy which are only eight miles apart, and from this centre support must be given to numerous missions in the two mountainous districts of the State; that the best interests of the Church in the Diocese seem to require a Bishop Coadjutor.

The Committee offers the following Resolution:—

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, That in accordance with Canon 9 § II. [i.] consent be given to the election of a Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of Albany.

On motion, the Resolution was adopted.

[Communicated to the House of Deputies by Message No. 48.]

2. Action of the Primary Synod of the Province of the Pacific held in Oakland, California, in August, 1915, has been referred to this Committee, as follows:

WHEREAS, The Rocky Mountain and Pacific Divisions of the United States have furnished for over fifty years more divorces in proportion to population than any other division of the United States, and

WHEREAS, There is much going to and fro from county to county and from one State to another for the purpose of obtaining divorce by fraud, or marriage by elopement, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we, the Primary Synod of the Province of the Pacific, hereby memorialize and request the President of the United States and the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America to give his and their immediate and favorable attention to the need of an amendment to the Federal Constitution as the basis of a Federal Marriage and Divorce Law.

It is the hope of the Synod that this may be presented at one of the very early Sessions of the General Convention in St. Louis next year, and that some definite action may be taken in regard to the same.

The Committee would refer for the guidance of the House to the action taken upon this subject by the General Convention of 1913, by joint action of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies, contained in the Journal of 1913, page 161. The General Convention appointed at that time a Joint Commission of three Bishops, three Presbyters, and three Laymen for the purpose of co-operating with an "International Committee" in awakening the conscience of the American people to the great evils which exist because of the diversity of marriage laws in the different States, and for the purpose of emphasizing the necessity of a uniform Law on Divorce and Remarriage.

The General Convention of 1913 also appointed a Joint Commission of five Bishops, five Presbyters, and five Laymen to consider and report to this Convention upon all matters relating to Holy Matrimony.

This Committee is of opinion that, although the latter Joint Commission has already reported to this Convention that in the judgment of a majority of the Commission it is not expedient for the Convention to take action recommending or opposing the enactment of a uniform Federal Law of Divorce and Remarriage, nevertheless the unanimous action of a Provincial Synod of this Church urging such legislation and giving cogent grounds for its belief deserves special consideration at the hands of the Commission.

This Committee therefore offers the following:

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, That the petition of the Provincial Synod of the Pacific recommending action in favor of a uniform Federal Law of Divorce and Remarriage in the United States be referred to the Joint Commission on matters relating to Holy Matrimony.

On motion, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

[Communicated to the House of Deputies by Message No. 55.]

3. The Church Historical Society requests that General Convention declare it to be the duty of every Clergyman of the Church to preach or take order that there be preached to his people at least once in each year a sermon upon the history of the Church.

The Committee while in hearty accord with the purpose of the Memorial believes that this matter is already within the power and discretion of the General Board of Religious Education; and recommends that the Memorial be referred to the said General Board, and this Committee be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

On motion, the Committee was discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

4. The Committee has received an appeal from a devout Churchwoman that the General Convention recommend the observance of an

The following Message was received from the House of Deputies  
[see p. 85]:

IN GENERAL CONVENTION,  
ST. LOUIS, 11th day of Session,  
OCTOBER 23, 1916.

MESSAGE No. 68.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has concurred with the House of Bishops in adopting the Resolution contained in its Message No. 55, referring to the Joint Commission on Marriage and Divorce the petition of the Provincial Synod of the Pacific in regard to uniform Federal Laws of Divorce and Remarriage.

Attest:

HENRY ANSTICE, *Secretary*.

The following Message was received from the House of Deputies:

IN GENERAL CONVENTION,  
ST. LOUIS, 11th day of Session,  
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MESSAGE No. 69.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following Preamble and Resolution:

WHEREAS, The matters submitted by the Joint Commissions of the General Convention frequently entail long and tedious discussions which are extremely difficult in a body of this size; therefore be it

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That whenever it is practicable, the Joint Commissions may at their discretion submit to the annual meetings of the Provincial Synods suitable reports for discussion by the Provinces, who shall not have power to legislate in the matter, but who may report back to such Commissions such resolutions as may aid the Commissions to ascertain the mind of the Church on the propositions so submitted; and, further, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Chairman or Secretary of each Joint Commission by the Secretary of this House after the adjournment thereof.

Attest:

HENRY ANSTICE, *Secretary*.

On motion, the House concurred with the House of Deputies in the adoption of the Resolution contained in the foregoing Message.

[Communicated to the House of Deputies by Message No. 83.]

The following Message was received from the House of Deputies:

IN GENERAL CONVENTION,  
ST. LOUIS, 11th day of Session,  
OCTOBER 23, 1916.

MESSAGE No. 70.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following Resolutions:

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That, in accordance with the provisions of Canon 55 Article III. § III., a Committee consisting of two Bishops, two Presbyters, and two Laymen, together with the officers of the Board of Missions, be appointed to prepare a programme of Joint Sessions for the General Convention of 1919.

Further *Resolved*, That this Committee be instructed to provide in consultation with the authorities of the General Board of Religious Education and the Commission of Social Service for a Joint Session on each of those subjects.

Further *Resolved*, That no programme for Joint Sessions be set forth without the approval of the Joint Committee on Despatch of Business.

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learned with deep interest that the Department of Religious Education is working out comprehensive plans for establishing and co-ordinating organizations for the young people in the Church, commends this undertaking to the sympathetic interest and support of the Church.

Attest:

CHARLES L. PARDEE, *Secretary*.

MESSAGE No. 179.

Sixteenth day of Session,  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1922.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has concurred with the House of Deputies in adopting the Resolution contained in its Message No. 145, that this Church deplores any tendency on the part of some in authority to limit free discussion of the principles of social justice as these are believed by large groups of men and women in America, and affirms its belief that no Christian democracy is possible unless such is based on the principles involved in free assembly, free discussion of national issues, a free press and a free pulpit.

Attest:

CHARLES L. PARDEE, *Secretary*.

MESSAGE No. 180.

Sixteenth day of Session,  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1922.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has concurred with the House of Deputies in adopting the Resolution contained in its Message No. 146, that this Church deplores the growing indifference to law and order evidenced particularly by disregard of the constitutional amendment relating to prohibition; that it goes on record as being in favor of absolute obedience by all classes of people to the Constitution of the United States; and that it urges all Christian people to do everything in their power to uphold the Constitution of the Government.

Attest:

CHARLES L. PARDEE, *Secretary*.

MESSAGE No. 181.

Sixteenth day of Session,  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1922.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has concurred with the House of Deputies in adopting the Resolution contained in its Message No. 147,

WHEREAS, There is today as a mark of the too great irreverence of our age an alarming disregard of the dignity and sanctity of Holy Wedlock; and

WHEREAS, One evidence of this irreverence is the parodying of the marriage service in productions called "Mock Marriages," not infrequently presented under religious auspices; Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That this Church deplores and condemns all unseemly or jesting imitation of the marriage service, the office of baptism, or any other Church service, and urges upon parish authorities the discountenancing of such exhibitions.

Attest:

CHARLES L. PARDEE, *Secretary*.

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The Bishop of South Carolina presented the following Minute on Marriage and Divorce:

We the Bishops of the Church recognize that we have a responsibility to discharge in the matter of upholding the sanctity and integrity of the marriage relation, and having in view the growing scandal of Divorce in our Country, desire to place ourselves on record as favoring a stricter interpretation of the teachings of Holy Scripture touching the indissolubility of the marriage bond than that which underlies the existing Canon.

(a) We wish to affirm that while the law of the State regards marriage as a Civil Contract, this Church in the office of Holy Matrimony in her Book of Common Prayer holds that it is a life-long relationship, instituted by Almighty God and not to be annulled by cruelty, desertion, marital infidelity or for any cause arising after wedlock.

(b) In common with the teaching of Holy Scripture and of the most enlightened Sociology of the day we declare that the family is the unit of Society and not the individual. In the application of this fundamental principle of our Social Order to domestic conditions it will often happen that the happiness of the individual will have to be sacrificed to the welfare of Society.

(c) We further realize that in order to protect the innocent from the guilty, and the weak from the cruelty and rapacity of the strong, conditions may arise which will make a Legal Separation of a man from his wife, or of the wife from her husband both necessary and desirable. But it must be remembered that such Legal Separation now provided for by Law in many of our States is not the same thing as Divorce. The marriage bond is not broken and the door of forgiveness and reconciliation is still open.

Furthermore we deplore all hasty and ill advised marriages, which are not entered into "reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly and in the fear of God." These we recognize to be a fruitful source of the divorces which are the scandal and a reproach of our nation, and we call upon all parents, guardians and teachers to instruct those committed to their charge and more particularly the youth of the Church as to the Sacramental nature of the marriage relation and also as to what constitutes Christian Marriage with its solemn obligations and responsibilities.

On motion Message No. 84 of the House of Deputies being the Report of the Joint Committee on the Budget and Program was made a Special Order for tomorrow morning at eleven o'clock.

The Chairman pronounced the Benediction and the House adjourned until tomorrow morning at nine thirty o'clock.

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## TWELFTH DAY

TUESDAY, October 20, 1925.

The House met after Devotions, the Bishop of Springfield reading a Lesson of Holy Scripture.

The Order of the Day was called being the statement of the Bishop of South Carolina relative to Marriage and Divorce.

The Bishop of Michigan presented the following substitute for the same, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, That a Joint Commission be appointed consisting of three Bishops, three Presbyters and three laymen to study the whole problem of Divorce, its conditions and causes, and report to the next General Convention.

The Chairman appointed on the part of this House the Bishop of Michigan, the Bishop of New Jersey and the Bishop of South Carolina.

[Communicated to the House of Deputies by Message No. 100.]

The Order of the Day was called being the Canon for Deaconesses and the Office for the Admission of Deaconesses.

The Bishop of Vermont for the Committee on Canons presented the following Report on the Canon of Deaconesses which had been referred to it.

**REPORT No. 9.** The Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon 24 of Deaconesses with the seven sections be amended so as to read as in the proposed form presented by the Joint Commission with the exception of the last five lines of Section X. for which is substituted the following "(a special Court)" to be composed of two clergymen, one lay male communicant, three women communicants of this Church, of whom two shall preferably be Deaconesses. The members of this Court shall be chosen by the Standing Committee. The procedure of the Court shall be according to the rules governing the trial of a clergyman in the Diocese in which the Deaconess is canonically resident.

The Bishop of California for the Commission on Adapting the Office of Deaconess to Present Tasks of the Church, moved that the amendment proposed by the Committee on Canons be adopted.

The Bishop of Pennsylvania moved as an amendment that the word "admitted" be substituted for "made" in Sections 1 and 3 and wherever else in the Canon the word is used.

Which was adopted.

The Bishop of New Jersey offered as an amendment the following: Add to Section I. the words, "her office shall be vacated by marriage."



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

**MESSAGE No. 156.**

Fourteenth day of Session,  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1925.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has concurred with the House of Bishops in adopting the resolution contained in its Message No. 87, referring all subjects and questions concerning the relation of this Church to other Christian Communions to the National Council, and discontinuing all Commissions of this character, except, "The Commission on the World Conference on Faith and Order."

Attest:

CARROLL M. DAVIS, *Secretary*.

**MESSAGE No. 157.**

Fourteenth day of Session,  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1925.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has concurred with the House of Bishops in adopting the resolution contained in its Message No. 100, appointing a Joint Commission to study the whole problem of divorce, and this House appoints as members of such Commission, on its part, the Rev. Dr. Nelson of Cincinnati, the Rev. Dr. Kammerer of Pittsburgh, the Rev. Dr. Scarlett of Missouri, Mr. John M. Glenn of New York, Mr. F. P. Keppel of New York, and Mr. Joseph H. Beale of Boston.

Attest:

CARROLL M. DAVIS, *Secretary*.

**MESSAGE No. 155.**

Fourteenth day of Session,  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1925.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution:

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That the following Budget for the Triennial period ending September 30, 1928 be adopted:

That the Treasurer be instructed to pay to the Presiding Bishop towards the expenses connected with his office, the sum of \$600 for the six months ending December 31, 1925, with the understanding that his travelling expenses be paid by the Diocese or other body at whose instance they are incurred.

That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the bills of the Registrar for the expenses of his office, to a sum not exceeding \$100 for the Triennial period, and a further sum not to exceed \$150 for expenses incurred upon the consecration of Bishops.

That the Treasurer be authorized to pay only such bills for printing, stationery, binding, postage and other incidental expenses as shall have been approved and countersigned by the Chairman of the Committee on Expenses, or in his absence or inability to act, by some other member of that Committee.

That all printing, the expense of which is to be borne by this Convention, required by any Committee or Commission, during the interval between the meetings of General Convention, shall be done under the direction of the Secretary of the House of Deputies.

That the Secretary of the House of Deputies be instructed to have printed not exceeding 3,000 copies of the Journal, including the Constitution and Canons; and also a separate edition of the Constitution and

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them which construes or interprets the provisions of the Constitution or Canons of the General Church or of their respective Dioceses and which in their opinion is of sufficient importance to be of general interest to the Church and to the Dioceses and Missionary Districts; and be it further

*Resolved*, The House of Bishops concurring, that the National Council be authorized and directed to establish, in such one of its Departments as it deems best, an agency to receive such opinions, to summarize the same and to distribute such summaries at reasonable intervals, but at least annually, to the Bishops of the several Dioceses and Missionary Districts and to such Chancellors thereof as may request the same to the Joint Committee on Supplements to 'White and Dykman's Annotated Constitution and Canons.'

This was adopted.

[Communicated to the House of Bishops by Message No. 133.]

The House voted, on the Tenth Day, to concur with House of Deputies Message No. 133, with an amendment, offered by the Bishop of Connecticut, that the Presiding Bishop and not the National Council should receive the opinions requested in the resolution.

[Communicated to the House of Deputies on Message No. 160.]

The House concurred.

[Communicated to the House of Bishops by Message No. 163.]

### **Christian Marriage and Population Control**

On the Seventh Day, the Bishop of Kentucky, reporting for the Joint Commission on the Church in Human Affairs, offered the following resolution:

#### **CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE AND POPULATION CONTROL**

WHEREAS, Warnings against the explosive results of world population increase from experts in demography, economics, and sociology have raised with new urgency questions of the morality of restricting population growth through birth control measures and planned parenthood; and,

WHEREAS, The Archbishops and Bishops of the Anglican Communion have defined their position on this question in their Encyclical Letter and in Resolution of the 1958 Lambeth Conference; and,

WHEREAS, The General Convention of the Church in the United States of America desires to affirm the position as its own, to the end that the people of our Church may have benefit of definitively stated and duly accepted Christian principles for their guidance in an important area of human affairs of some present moral uncertainty; therefore be it

*Resolved*, The House of . . . concurring, that, in the words of the 115th resolution of the 1958 Lambeth Conference, this General Convention holds

"that the responsibility of deciding upon the number and frequency of children has been laid by God upon the consciences of parents everywhere: that this planning, in such ways as are mutually acceptable to husband and wife in Christian conscience, is a right and important factor in Christian family life and should be the result of positive choice before God. Such responsible parenthood, built on obedience to all the duties of marriage, requires a wise stewardship of the resources and abilities of the family as well as a thoughtful consideration of the varying population needs and problems of society and the claims of future generations"; and be it further

*Resolved*, The House of . . . concurring, that, in the words of a portion of the Encyclical Letter of the 1958 Lambeth Conference, "although it is clearly a primary obligation of Christian marriage that children be born within the supporting framework of parental love and family concern, with a right to an opportunity for a full and spiritually wholesome life, it is not to be held from this that the procreation of children is the sole purpose of Christian marriage. Implicit within the bond between husband and wife is the relationship of love with its sacramental expression in physical union." Because these two great purposes of Christian marriage illumine each other and form the focal points of constructive home life, this General Convention holds that family planning, "in such ways as are mutually acceptable to husband and wife in Christian conscience, and secure from the corruptions of sensuality and selfishness, is a right and important factor in Christian family life"; and be it further

*Resolved*, The House of . . . concurring, that, in the words of a portion of the Encyclical Letter of the 1958 Lambeth Conference, "it is recognized that there are many lands today where population is increasing so fast that the survival of young and old is threatened and population control has become a necessity." This General Convention holds that it is the duty of the better developed countries such as our own to help such countries to become self-supporting in food supplies and health measures through technical and other aids. In particular, while condemning abortion and infanticide, we believe that methods of control which are medically endorsed and morally acceptable may help the people of these lands so to plan family life that children may be born without a likelihood of starvation, and we approve the rendering by our Government of assistance to this end.

This was referred to the Committee on Christian Social Relations.

The Rev. Mr. Gosnell, of West Texas, on the Tenth Day, for the Committee on Christian Social Relations, presented Report No. 10, dealing with Christian Marriage and Population Control, contained in House of Bishops Message No. 72. An amendment was offered by the Committee, adding, at the end of the resolution, the following words, "wherever it is officially sought."

The Committee moved concurrence, as amended.

The Rev. Mr. Nyberg of Springfield, presented a further amendment, inserting a new resolve "Lambeth 1958 resolution 113."

On a division, this amendment was defeated.

On a vote, the House voted to concur with House of Bishops Message No. 72, with amendment.

[Communicated to the House of Bishops by Message No. 144.]

The House concurred.

[Communicated to the House of Deputies by Message No. 145.]

### Christian Pacifists

On the Third Day, the Bishop of Pennsylvania presented a resolution regarding certain provisions of the National Selective Service Act. Referred to the Committee on Memorials and Petitions.

The Bishop of Northern California reported, on the Fourth Day, for the Committee on Memorials and Petitions and offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in 1940 the General Convention had a Joint Commission on Non-Combatant Service to Protect, under the National Selective Service Act, the rights of members of our Church who held the Christian Pacifist Position and to care for their interests; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, that the National Council be asked to provide in such way as seems best to them a similar agency to protect the rights and interests, under the National Selective Service Act, of the members of our Church who hold the Christian Pacifist position.

This resolution was adopted.

[Communicated to the House of Deputies by Message No. 45.]

The foregoing Message was referred to the Committee on National and International Problems.

Mr. Buddington, of Massachusetts, on the Tenth Day, for the Committee on National and International Problems, presented Report No. 4:

This Committee has considered the House of Bishops Message No. 45 (as printed above), and recommends concurrence.

The House concurred.

[Communicated to the House of Bishops by Message No. 158.]

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*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That in accordance with Canon 1, Sec. 1(f), the Rev. Canon Charles M. Guilbert, S.T.D., Secretary of the House of Deputies, be, and he hereby is, elected as Secretary of the General Convention and Editor of the Convention Journal, subject to the confirmation of the House of Bishops.

Adopted by the House.

[Communicated to the House of Bishops by Message No. 9.]

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The House of Bishops received House of Deputies Message No. 9, electing the Rev. Canon Charles M. Guilbert, S.T.D., as Secretary of the General Convention and Editor of the Convention Journal.

The House voted to confirm the election.

[Communicated to the House of Deputies by Message No. 15.]

### Sexual Behavior—Christian Understanding

In the House of Deputies, on the Fourth Day, the Rev. Harold C. Gosnell, D.D., of West Texas presented Report No. 2 of the Committee on Christian Social Relations:

Your Committee on Christian Social Relations, to whom was referred Resolution 4 of HD 9, the Report of the Joint Commission on the Church in Human Affairs, on the subject of Family Life, recommends the passage of the following:

*Whereas*, Professional study and community experience have shown that family life in America today is under unusual cultural stresses; and

*Whereas*, The resultant family breakdowns, divorces, and marriages after divorce, concern the Church; and

*Whereas*, Changing patterns in human action have raised inquiries concerning the Church's position on sexual behavior; and

*Whereas*, The Church is mindful of its trust to give responsible leadership in all areas of human conduct; be it

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That the General Convention instruct the appropriate units of the Executive Council to gather data, formulate studies, and make specific recommendations, to the 1967 General Convention, through the Joint Commission on Human Affairs, on the Christian understanding of sexual behavior; and be it further

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That special attention be given to the existing premarital- and marriage-counseling resources within the Church, and to the development of training programs for

the Church, utilizing professional agencies, so that the Church may more adequately minister in these areas.

Adopted by the House.

[Communicated to the House of Bishops by Message No. 27.]

The House of Bishops received Message No. 27 from the House of Deputies, on the subject of the Church's teaching on sexual behavior.

On motion, the House concurred.

[Communicated to the House of Deputies by Message No. 31.]

### South Africa—Christian Witness in

In the House of Bishops, on the Ninth Day, the Bishop of South Florida moved the adoption of the following Resolution which had been adopted in Executive Session:

*Whereas*, The Lambeth Conference of 1958 and the Anglican Congress of 1963 condemned racial discrimination of any kind and asserted that members of all races should be allowed a fair and just share in the governments of their country, in the control, development and rewards of that country, including advancement to the highest level of attainment; and the right to associate freely in worship, education, industry, recreation, and all other departments of the common life; and,

*Whereas*, The Bishops of the Church of the Province of South Africa, "for the gravest reasons of conscience", have called on the members of that Church to ignore the provisions of the "Church clause" of the Native Laws Amendment Act, which allows for the forbidding of inter-racial worship; and,

*Whereas*, The General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in 1958 commended the witness of the Church of the Province of South Africa; and,

*Whereas*, The document, *Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence in the Body of Christ*, calls for every Church to develop swiftly every possible channel of communication with its companions in the Anglican Communion, for a "deep and deliberate involvement in one another's affairs and life"; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, That this General Convention commend again the continued witness of the Church of the Province of South Africa in the face of the intensification of the doctrine and practice of *apartheid*; that we ask our Church-people to concern themselves more deeply with the crises fellow Anglicans in South Africa face daily; that this General Convention condemn the South African Government's detention of citizens under the "90-day act", whereby they are held without trial and with no recourse to legal, religious, or family contact; that this General



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*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That, pursuant to Canon 1, Section 1 (j), the Secretary of the House of Deputies be, and he is hereby, elected Secretary of the General Convention.

**Resolution adopted**

[Communicated to the House of Bishops by Message No. 13.]

### *House of Bishops—Third Day*

Message No. 13 was received from the House of Deputies.

The Bishop of Honolulu moved that the House concur.

**The House concurred**

[Communicated to the House of Deputies by Message No. 50.]

### **Sexuality, Human—Christian Attitudes**

#### *House of Deputies—Third Day*

The Rev. Mr. Mollegen of Virginia presented Report # 8 of the Committee on Christian Social Relations, in respect of HD 12 and HD 13, being Resolutions # 1 and # 2 proposed by the Joint Commission on the Church in Human Affairs, on the subject of human sexuality and Christian attitudes concerning it, as follows:

Your Committee on Christian Social Relations, to whom was referred HD 12 and HD 13, being Resolutions # 1 and # 2 of the Joint Commission on the Church in Human Affairs, begs leave to report that it has considered the same, made certain amendments therein and revisions and rearrangements thereof, combined them, and recommends their adoption as so modified.

The Committee therefore offers the following Resolution:

*Whereas*, Man having been created a sexual being, sexuality is of the very nature of life and is good; and

*Whereas*, Attitudes about sexuality should be focused less on specific sexual acts and more upon the development of human personality and relationships in the context of social responsibility; and

*Whereas*, With respect to civil laws which govern social conduct, a distinction should be made between those laws which are necessary for the protection of society and those which attempt to regulate private moral choice; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That the General Convention instruct the Executive Council to

1. Initiate studies to determine the attitude of the Church with respect to birth control, contraception, abortion, sterilization, illegitimacy, divorce and remarriage, pre-marital, post-marital,

and extra-marital sexual behavior, sexual behavior of single adults and homosexuality; and to

2. Develop an educational program designed to communicate such attitudes to the Church at large.

It was moved and seconded that the Report be re-committed.

**Motion carried**

*House of Deputies—Fourth Day*

The Rev. Mr. Mollegen again presented Report # 8 of the Committee on Christian Social Relations.

It was moved and seconded that the matter be made a Special Order of Business at a time certain.

**Motion carried  
Placed on Calendar**

The Rev. Mr. Woodward of West Missouri presented Report # 39 of the Committee on Dispatch of Business and moved a Resolution setting a Special Order of Business for the consideration of the subject of human sexuality at 10:00 a.m. on the Fifth Day.

**Resolution adopted**

*House of Deputies—Fifth Day*

The time for a Special Order of Business having arrived, Item # 24 was taken from the Calendar, being Report # 8 of the Committee on Christian Social Relations.

The Rev. Mr. Mollegen moved the adoption of the Resolution.

Mr. Worsham of Dallas moved to amend the Resolution by striking item (2) thereof and substituting the following:

(2) Communicate its conclusions to the Joint Commission on the Church in Human Affairs, so that the said Commission may make recommendations to the next General Convention.

**Amendment not adopted**

Mr. Pederson of Oregon moved to amend the same portion of the Resolution by striking the word "such" and inserting the words, "declared by the General Convention or the House of Bishops", after the word "attitudes", so that the clause would read,

(2) Develop an educational program designed to communicate attitudes declared by the General Convention or the House of Bishops to the Church at large.

**Amendment not adopted**

The Rev. Mr. Vogel of Milwaukee moved to amend Clause (1) of the Resolution, so that the same would read,

(1) Initiate studies to express Christian attitudes with respect to birth-control; contraception; abortion; sterilization; illegitimacy; divorce and re-marriage; marital, pre-marital, post-marital, and extra-marital sexual behavior; sexual behavior of single adults; and homosexuality;

**Amendment adopted**

The Rev. Mr. Leach of Arkansas moved to further amend Clause (1) by adding "prostitution" to the list of subjects to be studied.

The motion to amend was not seconded.

The previous question was moved.

**Motion carried**

The Resolution, as amended, was put.

The Deputies of East Carolina demanded a vote by orders and Dioceses.

Two Clerical Deputations requested that they be polled, with the following results:

*Arizona*

Fowler—No  
Crawford—Yes  
Long—Yes  
Blackburn—Yes

*Vote: Yes*

*West Virginia*

Bartlett—Yes  
Mycoff—Yes  
Callahan—Yes  
Bane—No

*Vote: Yes*

The result of the vote by orders and Dioceses was announced, as follows:

Clerical: Ayes, 76½; Noes, 5; Divided, 4.

Lay: Ayes, 66½; Noes, 12; Divided, 7.

**Resolution, as amended, adopted**

[Communicated to the House of Bishops by Message No. 83.]

*House of Bishops—Sixth Day*

Message No. 83 was received from the House of Deputies and referred to the Committee on Social and International Affairs.

*House of Bishops—Seventh Day*

The Suffragan Bishop of Washington reported for the Committee on Social and International Affairs, and moved concurrence with Message No. 83 of the House of Deputies.

The Bishop Coadjutor of Alabama moved to amend, by adding, at the end of the Resolution, the words, "after study and approval of the members of the Executive Council, with competent theological assistance."

**Amendment adopted**