

1971 ESTABLISHED PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON MINORITY EMPOWERMENT

RESOLVED: There shall be created a permanent Committee on Minority Empowerment within the Department of Church & Society. This Committee will be composed of seven members, all of whom shall be members of the Department of Church & Society. Four of them shall be chosen, one each, by the four churches with the largest percentage of minority group membership in the Conference. The other three shall be chosen by the Department from among its other members. The funding of this Committee's program initially shall be according to the following policy: In 1972 the Committee will have as its budget all funds left over from the \$100,000 provided by the Biennial Emphasis plus any funds appropriated from the budget of the Department of Church & Society in its regular budget making process. Funds contributed to Crisis in the Nation or Neighbors in Need offerings in 1972 will also be assigned to the Committee's programs. Whether they will be spent in 1972 or retained for expenditure in 1973 is a question to be decided by the Department of Church and Society. The same retention percentage shall be applied to Crisis and NIN Funds as prevails for Basic Support. Funds contributed especially for the work of the Committee (left over Emphasis Guarantee money, Crisis gifts, NIN offerings) will be considered outside the parity computation (i.e. they will not count when Church & Society appropriations are compared to Christian Education or Church Development allocations). Any amounts in addition to these, which the Church & Society department may allocate from its budget, will be from in parity share, however. The Minority Empowerment Committee shall choose each year for a one-year term a person who will serve as a full voting member of the Board of Directors. The only restrictions on this election are that the same person may not serve more than six consecutive one-year terms, and other Constitutional limits applied to all directors.