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TO: The National Christian Missionary Society
Disciples of Christ

Gentlemen:

The following is an excerpt taken from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of The United Christian Missionary Society held June 18, 19, 1968:

SECTION II. RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Response of the Division of Church Life and Work on Behalf of The United Christian Missionary Society to the Cardinal Recommendations of the Committee on Program and Structure of the National Christian Missionary Convention, Design for Renewal and Growth. The division of church life and work was asked to respond on behalf of the United Society to the document, Design for Renewal and Growth, of the National Christian Missionary Convention. The cardinal recommendations of the document are as follows:
1. That the National Christian Missionary Convention secure the means by which a staff person can be employed to implement the special emphasis on developing Negro churches as indicated by the two-year study of this Committee on Program and Structure.
 2. That there be a continuation and expansion of the "Star Supporter" program sponsored by the National Christian Missionary Convention as initiated by the National Christian Men's Fellowship.
 3. That the National Christian Missionary Convention take definite steps to close the work of the assembly by 1969 and indicate how the need for fellowship will be met.
 4. That the corporation of the National Christian Missionary Convention be continued.

5. That the concerns of Negro congregations, conventions and Negro religious life become the concerns of the service agencies within the limits of the charters (i.e. Board of Church Extension, Board of Higher Education, Christian Board of Publication, International Convention, National Benevolent Association, Pension Fund, Unified Promotion, The United Christian Missionary Society and state and area associations and societies).

To approve the following Recommendation I of the division of church life and work:

RECOMMENDATION I

That the board of trustees of The United Christian Missionary Society (UCMS) approve the following response to the document, Design for Renewal and Growth:

- a. The United Society receives the Design for Renewal and Growth as a significant statement of the National Christian Missionary Convention (NCMC) and the congregations and individuals it represents. Design for Renewal and Growth, in its five cardinal recommendations, provides a helpful statement of the needs of the National Christian Missionary Convention and its congregations and individuals.
- b. The United Society serves and supports the work and congregations of the National Christian Missionary Convention through the office of church relations, division of church life and work; and through the various program departments and sections of the division cooperating through the committee on interim developments in Negro church life.
- c. The United Society holds itself ready to enter into negotiations with the National Christian Missionary Convention regarding the continuation and expansion of the Star Supporter program. It is possible that the Star Supporter program might become an integral part of Unified Promotion or Men's Work (UCMS).
- d. That the United Society continue to engage in working with the National Christian Missionary Convention and the International Convention of Christian Churches for the merger of the National Christian Missionary Convention and the International Convention. (The proposed principles of merger, item 3 of administration, board of trustees agenda, June 1968 provide for the termination of the National Christian Missionary Convention in 1969, the continuance of the corporation of the National Christian Missionary Convention and support of the work of all states/areas in their present and expanding work with the Negro congregations as an integral part of service to and work with all congregations.

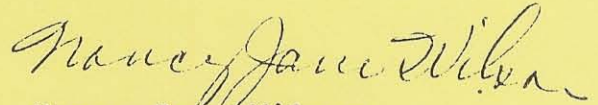
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VOTED: To approve the above recommendation of the committee on
church life and work.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Jane Wilson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Nancy Jane Wilson,
Secretary

