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WITH CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

“RESPONSE”

The Bishop of Indianapolis moved concurrence.

*The House did not concur
(Yes, 42; No, 56)*

[Communicated to the House of Deputies in Message No. 35.]

“RESPONSE”

House of Bishops

On the Tenth Day, the Bishop of Okinawa, for the Committee on Mutual Responsibility, moved the adoption of B 53, a Resolution proposed by the Mutual Responsibility Commission, as follows:

Whereas, RESPONSE, a devotional guide in praying for mission, has been the joint publication of the Anglican Church of Canada and the Episcopal Church in the United States of America; and

Whereas, For the past several years it has been under the sponsorship of the Mutual Responsibility Commission which can no longer be its sponsor; therefore, be it

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the publication of RESPONSE be continued as a joint production of the Anglican Church of Canada and the Episcopal Church, and that the Presiding Bishop be asked to appoint the Episcopal Church's members on the Advisory Committee.

Resolution adopted

[Communicated to the House of Deputies in Message No. 178.]

House of Deputies

Message No. 178 was received in the Office of the Secretary of the House of Deputies after that House had adjourned *sine die*.

ROANRIDGE TRAINING AND CONFERENCE CENTER

House of Bishops

On the Ninth Day, the Bishop of Western Kansas, for the Committee on Town and Country, in lieu of B 55 and B 58, Resolutions proposed by the Joint Committee on Non-metropolitan Areas, recommended the adoption of the following Resolution, in substance, with referral to the Joint Committee on Program and Budget:

Whereas, There is an urgent need for new directions in Church's ministry in non-metropolitan areas; and

Whereas, The Roanridge Training and Conference Center has begun, under the directorship of the Rev. Dr. H. Boone Porter, Jr., to function in new and creative ways; and

Whereas, Since three Roanridge Trustees are appointed by the Presiding Bishop, thus providing continuity and accountability of Roanridge to the ongoing life and work of this Church; therefore, be it

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

1. That the General Convention commend the Trustees of the Roanridge Foundation

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for their determination to adapt this unique institution to the contemporary needs of this Church;

2. That the sum of \$25,000.00 be appropriated annually during the 1971-73 triennium to the Trustees and Director of Roanridge to develop experimental and viable programs of ministry, in consultation with the Joint Committee on Non-Metropolitan Areas; and

3. That funds for research and experimentation in non-metropolitan areas be among the options that are a part of any present or future “beyond quota” budgets of the General Convention.

Resolution adopted

[Communicated to the House of Deputies in Message No. 126.]

House of Deputies

Message No. 26 was received from the House of Bishops on the Ninth Day, and referred to the Committee on Rural Work. The Committee on Rural Work made no report in respect of Message No. 126. The House, therefore, took no action in the matter.

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House of Bishops

On the Second Day, the Bishop of Milwaukee, for the Committee on Ecumenical Relations, moved the adoption of B 24, a Resolution proposed by the Joint

Commission on Ecumenical Relations, as follows:

Whereas, Official representatives of this Church and of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States have, in seven sessions of the joint Anglican/Roman-Catholic Commission (ARC), made great progress in mutual understanding and agreement, notably in regard to the nature of Baptism, Holy Communion, and the Church as Eucharistic Community; and

Whereas, The seventh meeting of ARC, held in December, 1969, adopted a significant document which reported the progress to date, defined the goal as "full communion and organic unity", and affirmed that "nothing in the course of this serious enterprise has emerged which would cause us to think that this goal is unattainable"; and

Whereas, The Bishops' Committee on Ecumenical and Religious Affairs of the Roman Catholic Church voted on March 18, 1970, that it "gratefully and enthusiastically accepts the ARC report, considers it to be a significant report, and will give it very serious consideration"; and

Whereas, The Joint Commission on Ecumenical Relations also gives its enthusiastic approval, and asks the General Convention "to endorse the report and to implement it by adopting the recommendations in its final section"; now be it

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That this 63rd General Convention of the Episcopal Church

(1) Gratefully and enthusiastically accept the report of the Anglican/Roman-Catholic Commission, as incorporated in the Report of the Joint Commission on Ecumenical Relations;

(2) Endorse the progress along the lines of the joint Anglican/Roman-Catholic International Commission;

(3) Direct the Joint Commission on Ecumenical Relations to continue its participation in the joint Anglican/Roman-Catholic Commission, looking toward the defined goal of full communion and organic unity between the Churches of the Anglican Communion and the Roman Catholic Church; and

(4) Authorize and direct the Executive Council to co-operate with the Joint Commission on Ecumenical Relations in the implementation of the programs recommended by the Anglican/Roman-Catholic Commission, especially as set forth in paragraph 4, 5, 6, and 11 of Section D of the report, relating to joint clergy conferences, sharing in theological training, co-operation between staff personnel in the areas of adult education, professional leadership training, education of the young, missions, and other means of diffusing ecumenical knowledge and understanding through our Churches at all levels.

The Bishop of Western Kansas moved to amend, by striking the words, in paragraph (3), "and organic unity".

Amendment defeated

The Resolution, as presented, was put to the vote of the House.

Resolution adopted

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

House of Deputies

Message No. 15 was received from the House of Bishops on the Third Day, and referred to the Committee on Ecumenical Relations.

On the Fifth Day, the Rev. Mr. Vogel of Milwaukee, for the Committee on Ecumenical Relations (Report #8) recommended concurrence.

The House concurred

[Communicated to the House of Bishops in Message No. 38.]

RULES OF ORDER—JOINT RULE 1, NEW SECTION (B)

House of Bishops

The Bishop of Florida, for the Committee on Rules of Order recommended the adoption of a new Section (b) of Joint Rule 1, as follows:

1 (b). Whenever Resolution is adopted creating a Joint Committee or Joint Commission that requires funding for the activities of the said Committee or