

ACTIONS OF SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH VIS-A-VIS
 UCC/MA ON THE LATTER'S ENCOURAGING CHURCHES TO HIRE
 HOMO- AND BI-SEXUALS AS PASTORS -- 17Feb85, Willis Elliott,
 whose #1930 is on this

P.7, "188th Annual Meeting, 1985": To the UCC/MA: "We object to the peremptoriness of the action and call for a one-year study by the Conference and the church." + 27May84 quarterly meeting, q.v. my text.

OPTIONS

1. Do nothing further.
2. Present a Resolution at the 1985 Conference.
3. Support another church's resolution--Eliot Church, Newton (Herb Davis)?
4. Send a letter (as we did as in our 1985 Annual) to UCC/MA, reminding of our 1984 action.
5. Send a new letter to UCC/MA.

I'm inclined, if we say anything official at all, to say something like this:

WE, the South Congregational Church UCC of Centerville, propose to UCC/MA the following RESOLUTION:

1. That the Conference affirm as Christian teaching, parallel with monotheism (the worship of only one God), monogamy (the practice of having, if any, only one sexual partner);
2. That the Conferences encourage the churches to make monogamy (as defined above) a requirement for membership, including remaining as a member in good standing;
3. That the Conference leave to the churches, without instruction from the Conference, the further defining of monogamy--specifically, whether homosexual alliances are to be included in or excluded from the definition;
4. That the Conference leave to the churches the questions of their hiring homosexuals in alliance or open to alliance and of continent homo- and bi-sexuals;
5. That the Conference, in faithfulness to article #1 of this resolution, discriminate, in its hiring policy, against bisexuals in, or open to, plural alliances;
6. That the Conference discourage the churches from hiring bisexuals in, or open to, plural alliances;
7. That, with the above exceptions, the Conference encourage the churches and their members to support civil, human, and economic rights for all persons.