

(a) A changed judgment of values, so that matters which formerly distracted and divided men are now accounted trivial in the presence of the vast issues involved.

(b) A weakening of class distinctions, which renders possible a degree of united action hitherto impracticable.

(c) A new spirit of self-sacrifice which is impressively illustrated by our soldiers and by our King, and which the Church, in the name of her crucified Lord is called upon to exhibit by the subordination of every other consideration to the supreme purpose of bringing men to recognize Jesus Christ as the Hope of the World.

(d) An expected increase in the volume of immigration into Canada after the close of the war, demanding the greatest concentration of moral and religious forces.

(e) The world's financial exhaustion, requiring the utmost possible economy of resources, in order that the inevitable and extraordinary demands of the immediate future may be met.

6. Whereas, lastly, the Joint Committee has adopted the amendments to the original Basis of Union embodied in the documents submitted to this Assembly by its Union Committee;

7. Therefore, this Assembly hereby declares its approval of the "Basis of Union," now submitted, as a Basis on which this Church may unite with the Methodist and Congregational Churches, and directs that the said basis be transmitted to Presbyteries for their judgment under the Barrier Act, and that the appendix on law be also transmitted to Presbyteries for their judgment and that this resolution be sent therewith:

The Assembly also directs:

1. That the question of Union be submitted to Sessions and also to Communicants and Adherents of the Church in the following form: "Are you in favor of Union with the Methodist and Congregational Churches of Canada on the Basis of Union approved by the General Assembly of 1915? Yes. No.

N. B.—The people are reminded that the decision on this question must be reached on the basis of the votes cast."

2. That the vote be taken in Mission Fields before October 1st, 1915, and in Pastoral Charges before December 1st, 1915, and returns made through Presbytery Clerks to the Clerks of Assembly, so that the results may be reported to the Presbytery Clerks before January 1st, 1916.

That the vote be not taken in Presbyteries before January 1st, 1916, and that returns be made by Presbytery Clerks to the Clerks of Assembly not later than the 15th day of March, 1916.

3. That the Clerks of Assembly through Presbytery Clerks, and, when necessary, through Home Mission Conveners, furnish Sessions for themselves and for Communicants and Adherents the necessary voting papers and printed copies of the Basis of Union, the appendix on law, and the foregoing resolutions together with a short statement representing both sides of the Union question, not to exceed 500 words each.

4. That in the printed copies of the Appendix on Law to be sent to Presbyteries, Sessions, Communicants and Adherents, there be inserted a footnote to Par. 2, (2) (b) in the following words:

At a meeting of the Presbyterian Union Committee held on December 15th, 1914, it was resolved that "it is expected that in the proposed legislation proper provision will be made to guard the rights or privileges of any minority which may be opposed to Union."