

46. The ministry of the laity requires to be more widely recognised, side by side with the ministry of the Clergy, in the work, the administration, and the discipline of the Church.

47. A committee or organisation for social service should be part of the equipment of every diocese, and, as far as practicable, of every parish.

48. The Church should teach that the Christian who is an owner of property should recognise the governing principle that, like all our gifts our powers and our time, property is a trust held for the benefit of the community, and its right use should be insisted upon as a religious duty.

49. The Conference urges upon members of the Church practical recognition of the moral responsibility involved in their investments. This moral responsibility extends to—

(a) The character and general social effect of any business or enterprise in which their money is invested;

(b) The treatment of the persons employed in that business or enterprise;

(c) The due observance of the requirements of the law relating thereto;

(d) The payment of a just wage to those who are employed therein.

50. The Conference holds that it is the duty of the Church to press upon Governments the wrong of sanctioning for the sake of revenue any forms of trade which involve the degradation or hinder the moral and physical progress of the races and peoples under their rule or influence.

51. The Conference, regarding the non-medicinal use of opium as a grave physical and moral evil, welcomes all well-considered efforts to abate such use, particularly those of the Government and people of China, and also the proposal of the Government of the United States to arrange an International Commission on Opium. It thankfully recognises the progressive reduction by the Indian Government of the area of