



Delegates registering in the gymnasium of Little Rock's First United Methodist Church for May 22-24 session of Little Rock Annual Conference.

Merger plans approved by Little Rock Annual Conference

The Little Rock Annual Conference last week approved both the merger proposals which were on its agenda. The delegates voted overwhelmingly in favor of the plan for merger with the Southwest Annual Conference. By a much closer vote, 152 to 147, they approved a plan for the merger of the Conference with the North Arkansas Annual Conference.

The merger with the Southwest Annual Conference would be effective at the close of their session this week if it receives an affirmative vote from the other three Annual Conferences involved — Oklahoma, North Arkansas and Southwest.

If the North Arkansas Conference approves the plan for merger with the Little Rock Annual Conference, committees from both conferences will be named to begin work on the necessary details of that merger. The plan requests the new bishop to call special sessions of the conferences to consummate the merger sometime in the fall.

Bishop Paul V. Galloway, presiding over the conference for the last time prior to his retirement, read the appointments following the service of Ordination on Wednesday evening. He announced changes in 51 appointments in the conference.

Included in the appointments were two new district superintendents for the Little Rock and Pine Bluff districts. Named to head the Little Rock

District was Dr. J. Edward Dunlap who has been pastor of Winfield United Methodist Church, Little Rock. He will be succeeded at Winfield Church by Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, who has been serving as Little Rock District Superintendent. Named as the new superintendent of the Pine Bluff District was Dr. Virgil D. Keeley, who has been pastor of First United Methodist Church, Blytheville. Dr. Arthur Terry who has been superintendent of the Pine Bluff District will become pastor of the Mabelvale United Methodist Church.

Dr. D. L. Dukes, Jr., pastor of First United Methodist Church, Shreveport, was the conference preaching, bringing messages each evening during the conference.

Bishop Galloway officiated at the Service of Ordination on Wednesday evening at which time the following were ordained as deacons: G. Coleman Akin, Guy J. Downing, W. Sleton Kilgore, Travis D. Langley, Earl C. Mathis, Autrey J. Sirmon, Eston H. Williams was elected to deacon's orders, but will be ordained later.

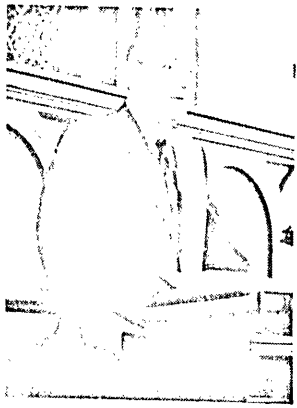
OPENING: The opening prayer of the session was led by Bishop W. C. Martin who became a member of the conference 58 years ago in a session which met in First Church, Little Rock. The presiding bishop at that session was Bishop Henry Clay Morrison.

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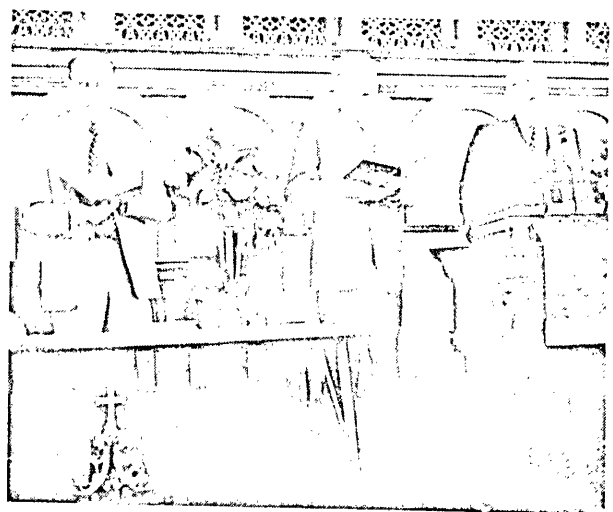
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The Conference was welcomed to First Church by Allen Bullard, chairman of the administrative board.



Joining in the singing of "And Are We Yet Alive?" at the opening session of the Little Rock Conference were (from left): the Rev. James E. Major, conference secretary; Bishop W. C. Martin and Bishop Paul V. Galloway.

The conference was welcomed to Little Rock by Dr. Robert E. L. Bear-den, pastor of the host church, and Allen Bullard, chairman of the administrative board.

RECEIVED AS PROBATIONARY MEMBERS: The conference voted to receive the following as probationary members: G. Coleman Akin, Travis D. Langley, W. Shelton Kilgore, Eston H. Williams, Jr., and Larry R. Williams. Also received as a probationary member, coming from the Nazarene Church was Richard T. Jarrell.

METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE: The United Methodist Publishing House was represented at the conference by Thomas E. Carpenter, vice president for Cokesbury retail sales, and J. E. Bain, manager of Southwest Regional Center at Dallas. A check for \$5,318.25 was presented to the Board of Pensions as the conference's share of the \$663,782 net proceeds of the House for the last year.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY: James E. Major was re-elected as Conference Secretary, and named the following staff: Therral Wilson, journal clerk; O. D. Peters, staff assistant; and Mary Catherine Gould, stenographer. The Rev. Bryan Stephens was re-elected Conference Statistician.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE: Upon the recommendation of its Insurance Committee, the conference voted to enter into the group hospitalization program co-ordinated by the General Board of Pensions. The delegates paid tribute to Sidney Good, Pine Bluff businessman, who has headed the Insurance Committee for eight years.

LYDIA PATTERSON INSTI-

TUTE: The Rev. Noe Gonzales, president of Lydia Patterson Institute, reported on the successful year at that school, and paid tribute to the leadership which Bishop Galloway has given to that institution through the years both as a member of and president of its Board of Trustees.

MOUNT SEQUOYAH: The Rev. N. Lee Cate, a member of the conference and superintendent of Mount Sequoyah Methodist Assembly, spoke to the report of that institution calling attention to the 50th anniversary and special training programs and other events which have been planned in

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Commencement at Hendrix Friday

Commencement at Hendrix College will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 2 in the courtyard of the Olin C. Bailey Library.

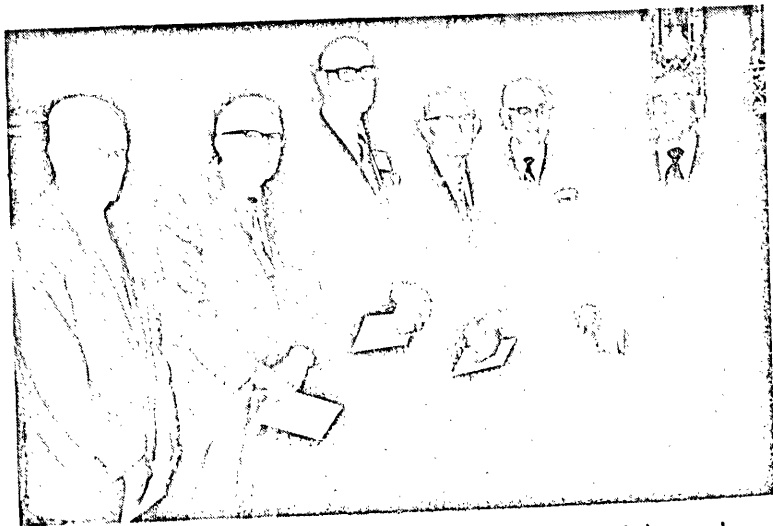
Dr. Roy B. Shilling, Jr., Hendrix College president, will deliver the commencement address and award degrees to 189 graduating seniors. Dr. M. Francis Christie, dean of the College, and Victor Hill, the College registrar, will assist Dr. Shilling.

Other members of the platform party will be Dr. Burvin C. Alread, vice president and treasurer, the Rev. Jon Guthrie, counselor and campus minister, the Rev. James E. Major, vice president and director of Development and Dr. Henry F. Trotter, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Richard E. Yates is the College marshal and will lead the academic procession.



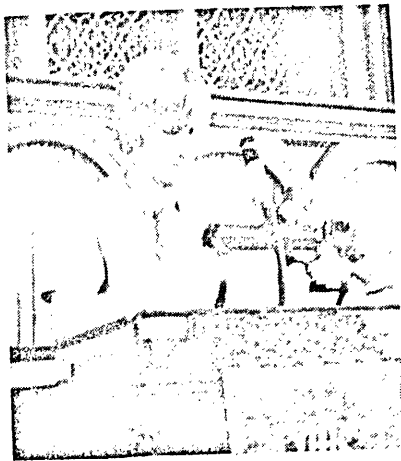
Tellers who counted the ballots on the question of merger with the North Arkansas Conference were (from left): the Rev. Rayford Diffie, the Rev. James Shaddox, the Rev. Robert Riffin and the Rev. Harold Wilson.



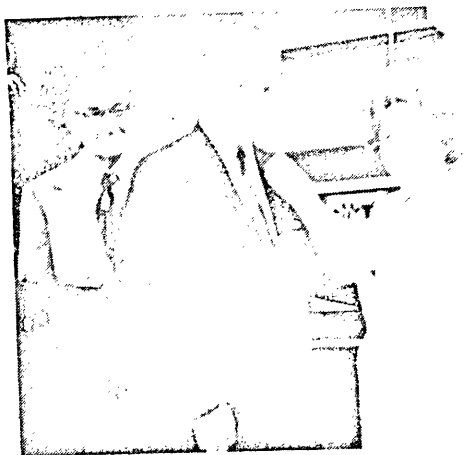
Bishop Galloway and the Rev. James E. Major (far right) are shown with the ministers who retired. They are (from left): the Rev. John W. Rushing, the Rev. C. Everette Patton, the Rev. Herston R. Holland, and the Rev. Bruce D. Bean.



Received as probationary members were (from left): G. Coleman Akin, W. Shelton Kilgore, and Larry R. Williams.



James Boswell of Bryant, in the first motion made by a youth member of the conference, proposed a Standing Rule providing for the manner in which youth delegates are to be elected.



Mrs. William M. Shepherd pins on her husband the pin that symbolizes his position as Conference Lay Leader, while retiring Conference Lay Leader, S. H. Allman looks on.



Dr. Marshall T. Steel is shown as he spoke to the Laymen's Dinner on Wednesday.

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celebration.

PROGRAM COUNCIL: Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, Little Rock District Superintendent and chairman of the Executive Committee of the Conference Program Council, presented the report of

this agency. Included in the report as adopted were job analyses for the members of the staff. The Rev. Alf A. Eason, Program Director, spoke to the report and recommended guidelines for its work during the next four years.

RIGHT: Ordained Deacons in the closing service of the conference were (from left): W. Shelton Kilgore, Autrey J. Sirmon, Guy J. Downing, Earl C. Mathis, and G. Coleman Akin.



BOARD OF EVANGELISM: The Rev. John P. Miles, chairman, and the Rev. Ralph Hale, Conference Secretary of Evangelism, presented the report of the Board of Evangelism. Then adopting the report, the conference pledged full participation in Key '73, interdenominational program scheduled for 1973 to involve more than 100 American denominations, including a number of Roman Catholic dioceses. Included in the phase is a giant evangelistic rally in the Convention Center in Hot Springs on March 8, 1973 to launch a full year of evangelistic projects.

NOMINATIONS: The Rev. George W. Martin, secretary of the Cabinet, presented the nominations for boards and agencies for the new quadrennium, and they were elected. Following the close of the Monday afternoon session, these groups met for organization with the members of the Cabinet serving as convenors.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION: Bishop Galloway, assisted by Bishop W. C. Martin, Dr. Robert E. L. Bear-den, and members of the Cabinet, officiated at the Service of Holy Communion with which Tuesday's session began.

PLAN FOR MERGER WITH SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE: The conference overwhelmingly voted approval of the Plan of Merger with the Southwest Annual Conference. Included in the plan as adopted are the following provisions: "At the time of merger, a full time staff person from the former Southwest Conference will be appointed to the Program Council in the Arkansas Area," and "The Southwest Annual Conference shall have a District Superintendent appointed to aid the churches, pastors and members in the transition period."

PLAN FOR MERGER OF LITTLE ROCK AND NORTH ARKANSAS ANNUAL CONFERENCES: Dr. Roy I. Bagley and the Rev. Ed Matthews presented the report of the Inter-Conference Committee on Merger recommending merger of the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences to form The Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church. Among those who participated in the debate on this report were: Luther Miller, S. T. Baugh, Howard Williams, Richard Poss, Norris Steele, Carr Dee Racop, J. Robert Scott, Darrell Bone, D. Mouzon Mann, Harold Sadler, John P. Miles, James B. Argue, Carl Beard and John Dill.

The vote on this report was by ballot, and it was approved by a vote of

152 to 147.

Later in the session Bishop Galloway announced plans for proceeding with this merger if it is approved by the North Arkansas Conference. He said details would be worked out by a committee made up of the following members from each conference: three each from the executive committee of the Program Council, the Cabinet, the study committee which developed the plan of merger and the Women's Society of Christian Service. The target would be a meeting of a special session of the new conference in the fall.

STANDING RULES: The Rev. Robert Van Hook, who had offered a change in the Standing Rules calling for the quadrennial election of a Nominating Committee, asked that his proposal be held over for consideration next year.

The Rev. James Boswell of Bryant presented a Standing Rule calling for the election of two delegates to Annual Conference from each district, election to be by the District Youth Council.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS: The Rev. Louis Mulkey and the Rev. Robert Trieschmann presented the report of the Board of Christian Social Concerns. They emphasized the sections of the report which urged local churches to express greater concern for the aged, support for programs of environmental control, and study of the problems of potential overpopulation of the earth.

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION: Dr. Walter Hazzard, president of Philander Smith College, reported for that institution emphasizing its stable financial position and increasing enrollment.

Dr. Roy Shilling, Jr., president of Hendrix College, commended the work of the Rev. James E. Major, and indicated Hendrix was among a small group of independent private colleges in the United States that were able to operate without a deficit.

COCU MOTION: The Rev. John P. Miles offered a resolution asking that the United Methodist Church be urged to withdraw from the Consultation on Church Union. The motion was defeated.

INVITATION FOR 1973 CONFERENCE: The conference voted to accept the invitation of First United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, to entertain the 1973 session.

BOARD OF THE MINISTRY: Dr. J. Ralph Hillis and the Rev. Thomas Abney presented the report of the Board of the Ministry. The

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Protestant And Catholic Press Units Plan Closer Cooperation

The press associations representing the periodicals of Protestantism and Catholicism in this country moved in the direction of merger during the recent International Religious Press Convention held at Banff, Alberta, Canada. Because it came so close on the heels of General Conference, this editor did not feel that he could attend, but we have been most interested in the news that came from that meeting.

In an historic ecumenical step, members of the Catholic Press Association and the predominantly Protestant Associated Church Press voted overwhelmingly to begin a new stage of structural cooperation, beginning next Fall.

The agreement, ratified at separate CPA and ACP business sessions, brings the two organizations to an intermediate step in a continuing move toward possible merger, said LaVonne Althouse, chairman of a joint ACP-CPA task force which has guided cooperative efforts between the two associations over the past year and a half.

Some specific aspects of the new ACP-CPA structural development are expected to be joint offices, joint publication of directories and newsletters, joint regional conventions and continued collaboration on annual conventions and other activities of mutual benefit.

Miss Althouse, editor of *The Lutheran Women*, in Philadelphia, pointed out that under this "clearly intermediate step" of ACP-CPA cooperation neither organization will lose its identity or have its autonomy diminished. She noted that several areas, the two organizations have already undertaken joint efforts, including conventions and actions against postal rate increases for non-profit religious publications.

Douglas Roche, editor of *The Western Catholic Reporter*, Edmonton, Alta., and a member of the task force, told a joint ACP-CPA business session that the boards of directors of both associations will work out the practical implementation with the help of the task force's study and guidelines.

Citing the ecumenical as well as the financial implications of the move to structural cooperation, Mr. Roche, who is a member of both press organizations, said the association can clearly set the pace "in a call to unity" of the Churches in the U.S. and Canada.

Father Albert Nevins, editor of *Our Sunday Visitor*, Huntington, Ind., and a member of the task force, in lauding the "step forward," observed that "it does not bind us to one another doctrinally but provides an example of true Christian collaboration to our society."

Miss Althouse, indicating that the new development could be compared with progress from the "going steady" stage to an "engagement," said the action taken during the Banff convention would not necessarily lead to a "marriage." But she noted that merger was the last of three options, or steps, laid out by the joint task force.

It was our privilege to attend the joint convention of the ACP and CPA in Atlanta in 1969 and to get something of the feel of the possibilities of a joint press organization. A serious study of concrete forms of cooperation and possible merger was initiated by the two boards of directors in October 1970. Since then, the task force developed the three options — casual cooperation, structural cooperation, and merger. As of now two have been accomplished, at least in part.

In recent years, the two associations actually started a form of structural cooperation when they joined to oppose postal rate increases affecting the church

press in the U.S., an effort which is continuing.

At the Banff meeting, James Doyle, executive secretary of the CPA, and Alfred Klausler, his ACP counterpart, both pointed out to delegates that structural cooperation will not be a financial panacea for either organization. But they said the limited savings made plus the ecumenical dimension in the new development made the venture a worthwhile one. However, both hesitated to say just how long full implementation of the intermediate stage of cooperation would take.

The convention assemblies mandated a start in full structural cooperation by the Fall of 1972, but left the details of that mandate to the two boards of directors. Mr. Doyle pointed out that while implementation will take some time, at least a tentative outline of future joint projects should be ready for the next joint convention of the two associations in May 1973, in Minneapolis.

The action toward more concentrated joint effort was heralded by members of both associations as "historic" and "ecumenically significant." While some proponents admitted "nuts and bolts" difficulties, most, if not all, agreed that "it must be tried" with the hope that it will result in "a great affirmation of faith and relevance to Christian unity."

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THE MYSTERY OF VANDALISM

Of all the many expressions of anger against our society today, the one that is hardest for me to understand is vandalism. I simply cannot find any explanation of the rewards or satisfactions which the vandal receives for his labors of destruction.

This was called to our minds shockingly last week when a man with a sledge hammer walked into St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City and began to destroy the "Pieta," one of the most valuable pieces of sculpture in the world. He was able to break off part of one arm of this great work by Michelangelo before he could be stopped.

Many of you will remember that this beautiful work of art was brought to this country and displayed at the New York World's Fair. During that journey it was insured for ten million dollars, and I believe it was exhibited behind a special shatterproof glass screen. Now it seems ironic that it was the victim of vandalism in its own niche in St. Peter's.

According to newspaper accounts, the man who made the attack was possessed by a charismatic delusion that he was the Messiah. Even so, we wonder what kind of message came to him to send him on his destructive mission.

There are some crimes that one can partially understand and in the presence of which a kind of sympathy can be developed—not that such an understanding in any way justifies the crime. But vandalism, especially of the variety demonstrated last week in Vatican City, is just beyond me. It seems the strangest possible way to seek to collect a debt that one feels some segment of society owes him.

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

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Included in the press corps accompanying President Nixon on his visit to the Soviet Union was the managing editor of Christianity Today, David E. Kucharsky, also a correspondent for Religious News Service. Kucharsky, a native of Pittsburgh, Pa. and of Ukrainian descent, covered the 1959 visit of Nikita Khrushchev in the U.S. He holds the master of arts degree in journalism from American University, and did graduate study in religion and philosophy at George Washington University and Catholic University. He served as a lieutenant in the Air Force during the Korean War.

Christian and Jewish spokesmen across the nation have called for prayers for the recovery of Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace since the May 15 assassination attempt on his life. "We see this vicious attack upon another distinguished American as reflecting a dark and frightening fact in American life," said United Methodist Kenneth Goodson of Birmingham.

A plea for "equity" in postal rate assessments came out of the recent joint Convention which drew more than 330 delegates from the predominantly Protestant Associated Church Press, the Catholic Press Assn. and the Canadian Church Press meeting in Banff, Alberta. In a joint resolution the group urged the U.S. Postal Service to reconsider mail increases for the non-profit religious press, which the CPA and ACP said, is already "suffering severe financial disabilities" due to present mail rates. Declaring that "moral and cultural damage" will result if many publications are forced out of business, the groups called on their members to appeal to Congress and "all men of good will" to inform the postal service of the urgent need for equity in this matter.

Two Southern Baptist Convention agencies have joined the national trend toward a four-day work week. Staff members of Southern Baptist Radio-Television Commission in Fort Worth work from 7:45 to 5:30 Monday through Thursday. This Summer, during June, July and August, the Brotherhood Commission will try a four-day week with staff working from 7:30 to 5:30.

In a new book, *Why Conservative Churches Are Growing* (published by Harper & Row), the Rev. Dean M. Kelley presents evidence that fundamentalist Churches and sects have prospered because of their exclusive natures and rigorous standards, while Churches with more "open-minded" attitudes have been declining. The Nat'l. Council of Churches executive writes, "Amid the current neglect and hostility toward organized religion in general, the conservative Churches, holding to seemingly outmoded theology and making strict demands on their members, have equalled or surpassed in growth the yearly percentage increases of the nation's population."

The Council for Church and Ministry of the United Church of Christ has declined to direct the denomination's chaplain's committee to provide no more clergy to the U.S. armed forces until the bombing of North Vietnam is halted. Such a cutoff in supply of chaplains would have no effect, according to the Rev. Henry Dunham of Webster Groves, Mo. "The military would merely fill all vacancies with men from other denominations," he stated.

"While science tries to learn more about the creation; religion tries to learn more about the Creator," said Dr. Wernher von Braun, as he spoke before the graduating students of Belmont Abbey College in North Carolina. The German-born space engineer, criticized scientists who can believe in the existence of electrons they cannot see but reject an unseen Deity. He said, "One cannot be exposed to the order and beauty of the Universe without conceding there must be a divine intent behind it. Must we light a candle to see the Sun?"

Evangelist Billy Graham announced that he would leave during the week of May 28 for a six-day visit to Ireland. He said he would not attempt to solve the Irish political situation, but would seek to carry a message of love, emphasizing the biblical message of reconciliation. The visit will include three days in Dublin, capital of the Republic of Ireland, and three days in Belfast, capital of Northern Ireland.

Monthly magazines of the United Presbyterian Church and the United Church of Christ will be combined in a new single publication to be called, "A.D.," according to an announcement from the 184th United Presbyterian General Assembly held in Denver. It will have sections designed for the members of the two respective denominations. And there will be a common section of interest to the general Christian reader.

Dale Francis, editor of the National Catholic Register, published in Ft. Worth, has urged Roman Catholics of the U.S. to make 1973 a year of "spiritual revival" and reported encouraging progress in getting Catholics to join with Protestants in a national evangelical program called Key '73. Citing the dynamism of Key '73, the editor observed: "... this is not so much an ecumenical movement as it is a movement of all the churches at the same time in the direction of spiritual renewal. And who, looking on the nation as it is, can doubt the necessity of it?"

The practice of handing out Bibles with diplomas at commencement exercises is being discontinued by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. A study committee has advised that the tradition would probably be declared illegal if challenged in court. In 1842, the university began giving Bibles to its graduates, and the practice was made an official part of the graduation ceremony in 1880, when the cost of the Bibles became a part of student graduation fees.

The president of the Evangelical Church of Vietnam, in a cable to the Washington office of the Nat'l. Assn. of Evangelicals, called on American Christians to pray for churches and Christians left in the path of the Communist drive into South Vietnam. The Vietnamese denomination has about 400 churches.

Controversy and conflict in the Southern Baptist Convention are "inevitable," according to the Rev. Carl E. Bates, who has been president of the nation's largest Protestant denomination for two years. "The sad thing is that we go over the same ground again and again," said Bates. In an interview with a Baptist Press staff member, he added that there are some positive aspects to conflict, in that "it makes us get down to basics. We are forced to reacquaint ourselves with our doctrines and history."

Delegates from 100 countries, with 80 per cent of them high school and college students are among the 50,000 delegates who have registered to attend Explo '72, the international student congress on evangelism scheduled for June 12-17 in Dallas, Tex., under sponsorship of Campus Crusade for Christ. The largest delegation to date, which calls itself "Mason Dixon," has filled 96 buses from Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, West Virginia and North Carolina.

L'Osservatore Romano, Vatican City's daily newspaper, appealed to the developed and rich nations not to use ecology as a selfish excuse to refuse to help industrialize developing nations. The newspaper said "plenary fear" about the danger of pollution could lead some to wrong conclusions, adding that this "fear" position "could result in a sort of self-elimination of progress; uncertainty about the general consequences of global help to our poor brothers might lead the rich to pull back their helping hand, using the ecological alibi that if everyone becomes as industrialized as we are, we will all be polluted."

Apollo 15 astronaut James B. Irwin has been chosen to speak in place of President Nixon at the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Philadelphia, June 6-8. The White House told Convention officials the President would not be available because of a schedule conflict with his trip to Russia and other plans.

Dr. Edward L. R. Elson told his congregation at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. on May 14 that it was hearing his last sermon from the pulpit he has held since 1946. The 65-year-old clergyman, who is also chaplain of the U.S. Senate, gave health reasons for his decision. "By husbanding my resources, my physicians say I can continue as chaplain of the Senate, write and possibly preach again," Dr. Elson said.

"What can be more relevant than a reaffirmation of the need for the Ten Commandments in today's life?" asked Rabbi William Berkowitz, president of the N.Y. Board of Rabbis, as he urged a "rededication" to the 10 injunctions, which form the basis of Mosaic law.

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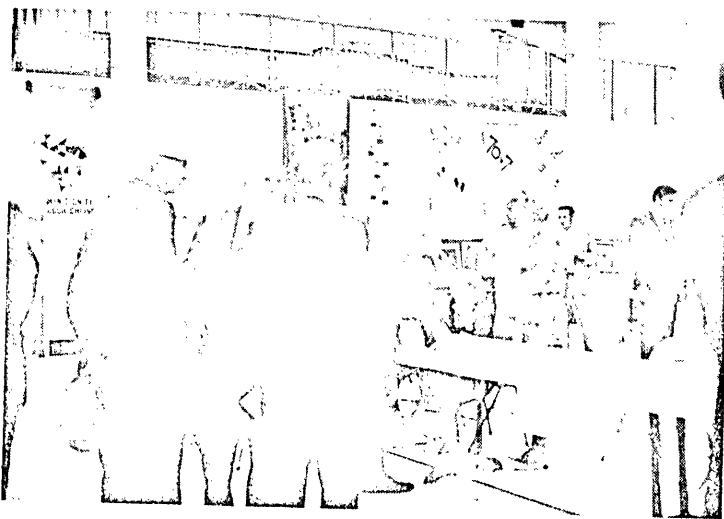
LANCASTER COUNTY, Pa. — Amish boys, dressed in the 'plain' clothes of their sect, eat ice cream on a stick, a product made by the Amish of Lancaster County, Pa., but considered 'fancy' by many of the older Amish. In a decision having potentially far-reaching implications, the Court ruled in Washington, D.C., that Old Order Amish do not have to send children to public high schools. The decision upheld the Wisconsin Supreme Court in finding that compulsory school laws violate the religious freedom of the small Amish community. While several states have special legislation making allowances for Amish practices, Wisconsin had refused to permit them to remove their children from school before the age of 16. A suit was filed in their behalf by the National Committee for Amish Religious Freedom.

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◀ Mrs. Paul V. Galloway and Mrs. D. L. Dykes, Jr., received corsages from the Courtesy Committee. The Rev. Robert Trieschmann, chairman of the committee is shown behind them. The corsages were pinned on by the Rev. Claire Elaine Smith, right, conference member who is on the faculty of Perkins School of Theology.

Competing with the book display as a gathering place for delegates between sessions was the Arts and Crafts display in the gymnasium.



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following recommendations were approved by the conference:

Retirements: Winston H. Hudnall, Everette C. Patton, Herston R. Holland, and John W. Rushing. The retired relationship was also granted to Bruce H. Bean, a lay pastor.

Voluntary Location: Granted voluntary location at their own request were Eugene Davis and Darrell Van Smith.

Supernumerary: L. Gary Goldman was granted the supernumerary relationship.

Admitted as Probationary Members: Received as probationary members of the conference were: G. Coleman Akin, W. Shelton Kilgore, Travis D. Langley, Eston H. Williams, Jr., and Larry R. Williams. Received as a probationary member from the Church of the Nazarene was Richard Jarrell.

Deacon's Orders: The following elected to Deacon's Orders: Course of Study: Guy J. Downing, W. Shelton Kilgore, Earl C. Mathis and Autrey J. Sirmon; Seminary Students: G. Coleman Akin, Travis D. Langley and Eston H. Williams.

MINIMUM SALARY: The Rev. Robert presented the report of the Commission on Minimum Salary and it was adopted, providing for \$6,000 for a full-time pastor.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: The Rev. Bryan Stephens, chairman, presented the report of the Board of Education. Special attention was called to the Conference Choir Festival and Conference Choir Camp. Also the conference was reminded of the work that is being done throughout the conference with churches of small membership under the guidance of Miss Jennie Youngblood of the General Board of Education.

The Conference Program Director serves as Conference Director of Education; the Associate Director serves as Conference Coordinator of Youth Ministries and Young Adult Ministries; Mrs. John L. Tucker is the Conference Coordinator of Children's Ministries; and the Rev. William A. Stewart, Jr. was elected Volunteer Conference Director of Adult Ministries.

CHRISTIAN CIVIC FOUNDATION: Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, who is retiring as executive director of the Christian Civic Foundation, expressed his gratitude for the support the conference has given to that organization, and introduced his successor, the Rev. Edward W. Harris.

BOARD OF PENSIONS: During the report of the Board of Pensions, which was presented by the Rev. George G. Meyer, the conference adopted a motion approving in principle the idea that student supply years of pastors be added to the years of service. It was referred to the Board of Pensions for study.

The report recommended an annuity rate of \$61 per service year be established for both retired members of the Conference and Special Conference Claimants.

BOARD OF MISSIONS: Dr. Edward S. Hollenbeck, chairman, and Dr. Alvin Murray, conference missionary secretary, presented the report of the Board of Missions. Special recognition was given to the achievement of the conference in paying more than \$17,000 on a \$12,000 goal for the construction of a pediatric wing for Pfeiffer Memorial Hospital in La Paz, Bolivia.

The conference adopted the recommendation of the board that an \$8,000 Advance Special be approved to go toward the construction of a Boys' School in Kathmandu, Nepal, where Mr. and Mrs. Delos McCauley of Pine Bluff are serving as missionaries. It is understood that the North Arkansas Conference will be considering a like challenge.

Town and Country Recognitions: The Rev. Robert M. Van Hook II, chairman of the Committee on Town and Country, gave citations to the following town and country Churches: Open Country Church: Glendale Church in the Pine Bluff District, the Rev. Gene Ratekin, pastor; Small Town Churches: Des Arc Church, the Rev. Bennie G. Ruth, pastor; Rison Church, the Rev. Louis L. Averitt, pastor; and Wilmar Church, the Rev. Thomas A. Abney, pastor.



Shown in front of old Cato Church and cemetery, located in northern part of Pulaski County, are some descendants of several charter members. FROM LEFT: Bill Clements, Bob Dawson, Estelle Spann Gray, Carnell Farris McGuran, and Herman Harrell. The present building was elected in 1880 after the first building burned.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY: Mrs. E. T. Davenport, president of the Conference Women's Society of Christian Service, reported for that organization, pointing out the changes that are being made in the new plan recently approved by General Conference.

She pointed out that on April 4, 1973 in Warren a program will be held commemorating the 100th anniversary of the organization of the first women's organization.

Mrs. Davenport also reported that the \$43,000 in the Taylor Fund was being turned over to the Women's Division of the Board of Missions with the proceeds to go to the purposes specified by the original donor. This would mean that the conference organization will no longer have an investment portfolio.

COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE: Dr. J. Edward Dunlap presented the report of the World Service and Finance Commission. Included in the report was the quadrennial apportionment of \$333,140 for World Service and Conference Benevolences. Of this amount \$178,075 is for the World Service Fund and \$155,065 is for Conference Benevolences.

The report recommended that the Capital Funds Campaign for Philander Smith College be completed by Dec. 31, 1972, and that \$45,400 be apportioned to the churches for the Black College Fund, beginning with Jan. 1, 1973.

The commission recommended the

re-election of Grafton Thomas as area treasurer.

BOARD OF THE LAITY: S. H. Allman, Conference Lay Leader for the past eight years, presented to report and announced that William M. Shepherd had been elected.

Other officers elected are: Associate Lay Leader: T. A. Prewitt, Sr.; Associate Lay Leader for Lay Life and Work: S. H. Allman; Associate Lay Leader for Stewardship and Finance: Richard P. Meredith; Associate Lay Leader and Secretary: B. F. Albright.

District Lay Leaders are: Arkadelphia District: Armin T. Dressel; Hope District: E. C. Cobb; Little Rock District: Dale Booth; Monticello District: R. P. Meredith; Camden District: Frank Thompson; and Pine Bluff District: Offie Lites.

ORDINATION SERVICE: Bishop Paul V. Galloway officiated at the Ordination Service on Wednesday evening, assisted by Bishop W. C. Martin and Dr. D. L. Dukes, Jr.

The following were ordained Deacons: G. Coleman Akin, Guy J. Downing, W. Shelton Kilgore, Travis D. Langley, Earl C. Mathis and Autrey J. Sirmon.

RESOLUTIONS: The Rev. Robert W. Robertson made the report for the Committee on Resolutions.

APPOINTMENTS: Bishop Galloway read the appointments at the close of the Wednesday evening session.

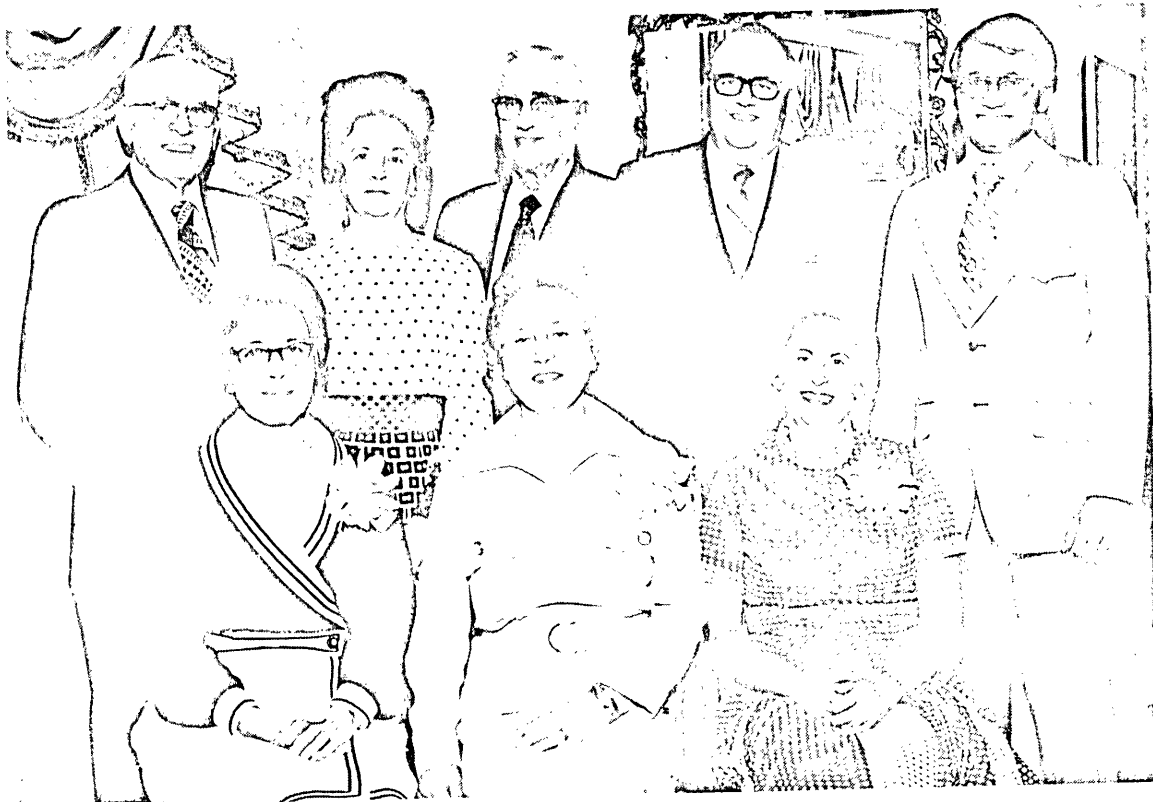
CATO HOMECOMING

The 100th anniversary of historic Cato United Methodist Church will be observed with the Annual Homecoming Sunday, June 4. The Rev. W. M. Womack, who pastored the church from 1944-46 will speak during the 11 a.m. morning worship, and S. H. Bill Burgin, chairman of the Board of Trustees will lead the singing. Herman Harrell, chairman of the Cemetery Committee will conduct Cemetery Committee business. A church history will be presented by Mrs. Ruby Spann Herman. A potluck dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m., and "The Singing Teens" of First Church of the Nazarine, North Little Rock, will present a concert.

The church, now inactive, and the cemetery are maintained by donations received at the annual homecoming and by mail. Individuals interested in contributing towards the maintenance of this historic landmark should mail donations to Doyne Henderson, treasurer, Route 3, Box 150, North Little Rock, Ark. 72116.



Richard Hoffland, associate professor of Music and director of Choral Activities at Millikin University, Decatur, Ill., will be the guest director for the fourth annual Little Rock Conference Children's Choir Camp which will be held June 5-9 at Camp Tanako. For the second time, there will be a two-session camp with some 250 choristers attending from June 5-7 and others from June 7-9. The Camp is planned for those choristers who participated in the recent Conference Children's Choir Festival. Registration deadline was May 15.



Bishop Paul V. Galloway delivered the morning sermon and dedicated the parsonage at First Church in Clarksville on Sunday, May 7th. The special occasion was planned as one of the highlights for the 100th anniversary of the Clarksville Church as a Station church. Bishop Galloway joined the Clarksville Church on Profession of Faith on Sept. 26, 1911, while his father was pastor there. Others shown here are: (standing, left to right) The Rev. Clarence Wilcox, pastor; Mrs. John Taylor, W.S.C.S. president; (Bishop Galloway); the Rev. Charles McDonald, Fort Smith District superintendent; Jim Tom Wilcox; (seated) Mrs. Wilcox, Mrs. Galloway, and Mrs. McDonald.

Arkansas Mother 1972 honored in New York

Mrs. Edward J. Holmann, Arkansas Mother 1972, a Little Rock business executive, church and civic leader, was chosen among the top 14 state mothers in New York recently when she represented Arkansas at the American Mother's Awards Week at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

Mrs. Holmann is an active member of First United Methodist Church, Little Rock, where she is a member of the Administrative Board. She has one daughter, Mrs. Ann Brown Helverston, and three sons, Joseph Lee Brown, and twins Garrett and Stephen Brown, and eight grand-children, all of Little Rock.

She became a successful business woman when she was widowed and took over the family enterprise while her children were very small. She is an accomplished musician on both organ and piano and is always interested in fine arts and education. She has given scholarships to the University of Arkansas and to Hendrix College. Her interests range from Chamber of Commerce Committees, YWCA, Boy's Club Auxiliary, through music

societies and book clubs. She is currently serving on the Board of Directors of Downtown Little Rock Unlimited.

Mrs. Holmann was accompanied to New York by Mrs. Tullie Wyrick of Magnolia, president of Arkansas Mothers Committee and a member of the national board, who received a gold pen for her years of service to the organization.

Lowell Eaton,
District Youth Coordinator

AT MARKED TREE, 19 couples, representing a total of 496 years of marriage, re-enacted their marriage vows at the altar of First United Methodist Church following a sermon by the Rev. Bob Orr on the Christian Home, May 7. The UMY sponsored a surprise reception following the ceremony.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

June 4—Sunday	Job 8:11-18
June 5	Psalm 22:1-11
June 6	Psalm 52:1-9
June 7	Psalm 77:1-9
June 8	Psalm 83:1-18
June 9	Psalm 137:1-9
June 10	Eccles. 6:1-12
June 11—Sunday	Job 14:1-19



Shown above are United Methodist ministers who attended the sixth annual Arkansas Economic Education Conference for the Clergy, May 7-11 at Avanelle Motel, Hot Springs. Present also were economists, respondents representing business, labor and agriculture. The program is directed by Dr. Bessie B. Moore, coordinator of Economic and Environmental Education in the Arkansas Department of Education in Little Rock.

Forrest City District youth hold Rally, elect new Council

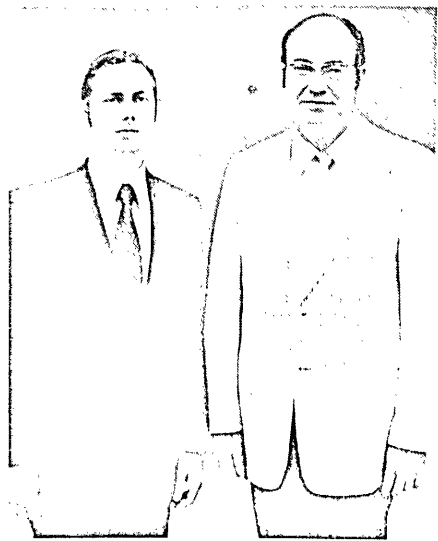
One hundred and twelve youth from across the Forrest City District attended The Youth Rally in First United Methodist Church Forrest City May 12-13. Ninety-three youth registered for the event and most of them were quartered in homes of The Forrest City United Methodist people, thanks to Mrs. Warren Faupel and many others.

A temporary youth council was organized sometime before the Rally because of the reaction we received to The District Youth Workshop on resources. People across the District were given an opportunity to express their interest in a District-Wide Youth Program. The results of the Rally proves there was a real interest in fellowship and establishing a permanent Youth Council.

Jeff Reddig and Ben Allen, Jr. from Little Rock First United Methodist Church highlighted the program Friday night. The rest of the Rally was a mixture of fun, fellowship and intense work on the part of all to rework the Sub-Districts and elect a Council along with other items of interest. The following persons comprise the new council.

Chairman — Sam Beard, Augusta; Vice-Chairman—Roger Beal, Helena; Secretary — Amy Claxton, Wynne; Treasurer—Clarke Mixon, Marianna. Other members are: Suzanne Hughes, Forrest City; Tom Conner, Helena; Susan Gladin, Helena; Mary Wilder, Wynne; Sharon Brawner, Wynne; Janice Hamrick, Wynne; Jane Ann McClintock, Helena. The first meeting of this council will be held in Wynne on July 8 from 10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

NEWS AND NOTES



To introduce cooperating pastors to their functions as Field Instructors in the new Intern Program of Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, the seminary is holding a series of week-long intensive training workshops. Attending recently from the Little Rock Conference was Howard L. Williams, Magnolia First Church, shown here (right) with James A. Gwaltney, associate director of the program. Additional workshops will be conducted for other pastors in June and July. It is anticipated that seventy different congregations will be participating in the Perkins Internship Program by the latter half of 1972.

A THREE DAY REVIVAL will be held in St. Andrew Church, Little Rock, Sunday through Tuesday, June 4-6. The Rev. Benny G. "Buddy" Jester from the Camden District will be guest preacher. The Rev. Charles O. Walthall is pastor.



Mrs. B. C. Hyatt recently retired after 50 years as church organist, the last 34 being spent at First United Methodist Church of Hope. In appreciation, she was presented a plaque and named Organist Emeritus by the Rev. Norris Steele on behalf of the congregation. Mrs. Hyatt, the former Florence Spragins, started on a little reed organ at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Hope. She recently attended the 50th anniversary of her graduation class at Randolph Macon Women's College in Lynchburg, Va., where she recalled serving as organist at Rivermont Methodist Church.

JUNE 1, 1972

IN CAVANAUGH CHURCH, Fort Smith, United Methodist Men elected officers at the May meeting. Verne Olson begins a term as president, Dennis McKinzie as vice-president, Bob Stephens will be program chairman, and Goff Coleman, treasurer. The Rev. Larry Powell is pastor.

THE TRI-COUNTY (Faulkner, Conway and Perry Counties) unit of United Methodist Men met in the Oppelo Church, May 11, with Bishop Paul V. Galloway bringing the message. The Rev. Carroll Jackson was host pastor.

THE WEST HELENA Church was host to the Forrest City District meeting of United Methodist Men, Thursday, May 25. George Kell, Methodist layman from Swifton, former baseball star who is now sportscaster for the Detroit Tigers, was the guest speaker. The Rev. William Haltom was host pastor.

CHRIS MEYER of Russellville, who is Conway district director of Youth Ministry, met with Jacksonville youths and their parents two evenings in May to evaluate the youth program. The Rev. Bob Edwards is the Jacksonville pastor.

THE CABOT UNITED Methodist Church observed Family Night on May 9, the dinner program being sponsored by the Women's Society. Mrs. Sybil Reasoner of Russellville presented the program. The Rev. Braska Savage is pastor.

THE REV. FELIX HOLLAND, pastor of Shiloh, Pruett's Chapel and Woods Chapel, was devotional speaker on Radio Station KDRS, Paragould, the week of May 15.

MRS. IZA STOCKTON, celebrating her 99th birthday, was the honor guest at the Asbury WSCS meeting in Little Rock on May 2. The event was featured on Channel 7 six o'clock news.

ELIZABETH McHENRY, who was associate professor of Mathematics at Hendrix College at the time of her death in July, 1971, was memorialized by the Board of Trustees at First Church, Conway. Raymond Price, chairman, announced that fellowship hall of the new Youth Building has been designated the Elizabeth McHenry Hall.

THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY of Vantrease Church, El Dorado, entertained nine members of the high school graduating class, their parents and counselors at a banquet recently. Table decorations were by Mrs. A. H. Wood. Don Williams of Hickory Hill spoke on "Present and Future Responsibilities." Mrs. Paul Novack, WSCS president, gave each senior a prayer book. The Rev. Kirvin Hale gave the invocation and Miss Ruby Ford pronounced the benediction. Entertainment was by John Smith, with accompaniment by Mrs. Bynum Blackmon.

Program Directors to Local Churches

MINISTRY TO THE AGED

There is a growing recognition across the United Methodist Church that we need to give serious consideration to the local church's ministry to the elderly. In a recent conversation with Dr. Murdock of the General Board of Health and Welfare, it was learned that more than 90% of the aged do not live in institutions. This says something to the local church. Here is a substantial segment of our membership needing a fuller ministry of service.

Pastors and local church Councils on Ministries would do well to consider a well-planned ministry to the aged, including the 'meeting of the needs of those older adults who are in nursing homes and other institutions, as well as those who are living in private residences.

Recently, the Rev. Shelton Kilgore, Primrose United Methodist Church, shared a ministry provided by that church for nursing home residents. The people of the Primrose Church made an in-depth study of basic needs of nursing home residents. This study showed some interesting facts.

First, there is the need of the nursing home residents to know that people do care about them and are interested in them. Of course regular programs of group visitation, group singing, and worship, coupled with the little gifts at Christmas time, help to communicate this, but something further is needed.

In addition to the group-to-group meetings there needs to be person-to-person involvement. Many nursing home residents are truly lonely even though they live in the midst of others.

One great need, therefore, is for personal friendships—a friend who comes to see the specific person; one who sends a card on special occasions and holidays or brings little gifts.

To meet this need, Mrs. Calvin P. Kaufman of Primrose Church has started a plan which is called "Adopt A Grandparent" or "Adopt A Friend". Nursing home administrators point out that the danger in this plan is "short-term" participation. The emphasis on "adopt" must be stressed and persons wishing to take part in this program must be dependable and prepared to commit themselves to a lifetime relationship. Visiting often for two or three months, and then forgetting, ignoring, or dropping the project will create grave emotional problems in the nursing home resident.

Everyone within a local church can take part in a program of ministry to the elderly, especially in nursing home ministries. Elderly people need the freshness of youth in their lives, and the youth, or children, can present a few songs at a program. In the Primrose Church the Morning Circle of the W.S.C.S. has emphasized service. Using their talents of sewing, coupled with cloth donated by Mr. Arthur B. Sanders of the W-R Flour Company, and buying thread and binding with proceeds from a bazaar, these women have made very attractive lap robes for the residents of three nursing homes.

We have outlined briefly a part of the program of one local church as they minister to the elderly! What is your church doing? What should your church be doing?

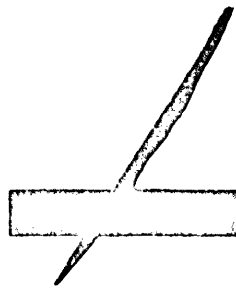
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Little Rock Conference students at Perkins School of Theology are shown at recent Senior Retreat held at Lakeview Methodist Assembly, Palestine, Tex. Pictured left to right are: Elaine Smith, Sam Albright, Kenneth Kinard and Michael Velchoff.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR JUNE 11: Meeting God Through the Scriptures

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BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Psalms 119:9-18, 97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-17

MEMORY SELECTION: With my whole heart I seek thee; let me not wander from thy commandments! (Psalms 119:10)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To give guidance in how the Bible may be more effectively used in our individual and group devotional lives.

On a visit to modern Jerusalem there is no more impressive spot than the Shrine of the Book, the lovely contemporary museum on the grounds of Hebrew University where the Dead Sea Scrolls are enshrined. Everything about the priceless antiquities that are housed there and the atmosphere of reverence about the way they are displayed and guarded suggests the highest type of regard for the Bible. Such an attitude is to be admired, and yet it is possible for this book to be a barrier instead of a useful tool of the devotional life.

Some years ago I heard a great scholar discussing the proper use of the Bible. He compared it to a hymnal, pointing out that a songbook contains no music, but only the visible symbols of a music inspiration that came to some individual in the past. This inspiration does not become alive until we take those symbols and use them in recreating the melody that once was alive in the heart of another. Just having the Bible in view or picking it up does not bring us closer to God. We must endeavor to find what the authors experienced in their own time and then find a way to make those same words inspire and instruct us so that we may truly meet God through the Scriptures. The way we use the Bible determines whether or not it will make us stronger.

However, one thing is sure. Unless we develop some regular system of using the Bible, we will not be strengthened by it. There is an interesting verse in the Old Testament (II Kings 22:13). "Go, inquire of the Lord for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that has been found." We found these interesting observations about the use of the Bible in a new book that has come to our desk: "Despite its place of honor in countless homes, it annually collects more dust through disuse than any other book. Opposing sides of the same issue proudly brandish backing for their viewpoint." (Hubbard, *Does the Bible Really Work?*)

The very question in the title to that book starts us in the right direction as we seek to discover just how we ought to be using the Bible as an aid to our devotional life. Some of the recent translations and the inexpensive paperback editions of the Bible have opened this door to millions of people who have not been using this devotional aid previously. We should be concerned to find for ourselves the greatest aid and encouragement that the Bible affords.

WHAT'S THE BIBLE ALL ABOUT?

There are many people, reared on a tradition of unquestioning belief in the Bible who are not really sure what this book is all about. Seen as a single book it often proves to be a stumbling block, and because of its difficulties many lay it aside and say it has nothing to offer me. Only when we see it as a collection of books does its riches open up to us.

The Bible should be the Christian's chief source of knowledge concerning the nature and the will

of God for our lives. Many have discovered through inadequate guidance in its use that it has not worked that way for them. As Dr. Charles M. Laymon has said in *The International Lesson Annual*, "While tradition still demands that we tip our hat reverently to the Bible, to many it is a closed volume." If you are one of those who have lost the knowledge concerning how to use the Bible, nothing should be more vital to your devotional life than the rediscovery of its real possibilities.

In our first Bible passage today, Paul was instructing his young protege, Timothy, concerning this important part of his devotional life. He said: "Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." (2 Timothy 3:14-15)

Many of problems in the use of the Bible result from its rich diversity. Some people are unprepared to open it and hear it speak to them. This is why it is so important that we approach a lesson like this with a feeling of our own deep need. Of course, in many instances we understand the Bible more than we want to admit. It was Mark Twain who said: "Many people are troubled about the scriptures which are mysterious and hard to understand. I am most troubled about those which I can understand."

It may be that the crises of our time are conspiring to bring us back to a discovery of what the Bible is all about. Dr. W. A. Visser 'tHooft of the World Council of Churches said: "In Holland the people thought that the Bible must contain dynamite since the Nazis were so anxious to destroy it. So they reopened its pages to find the dynamite—and they found it."

DOES THE BIBLE POSSESS US?

One important question we need to ask concerning the Bible is, Does the Bible possess us or do we possess it? Dr. Laymon makes reference to the widespread use of memorization of Bible verses which was once very characteristic of children's Sunday School classes. He tells of visiting a small church in which the children recited an amazing number of verses which they had memorized. He commented on this ability to a woman sitting near him, and she said, "But they don't know the meaning of a single verse."

The evangelist Gypsy Smith used to tell the story of a woman who came to him at the close of his opening service in a series of meetings and said, "Brother Smith, I want you to know that I've been through the Bible a dozen times." Very quickly, he replied: "I don't care how many times you have been through the Bible. What I would like to know is how many times has the Bible been through you."

Paul called on Timothy, as a church leader, to maintain his own devotional practices and to recognize their value. The apostle understood that there would be no cessation in the war between truth and error, even within the church. This was why he challenged him to nurture his faith and that of others by constant attention to the Scriptures.

The Bible is filled with promises from God, and a disciplined regular use of it in our own devotional lives will keep those promises fresh within us when so many things seem to be falling apart.

WHAT CAN THE BIBLE DO FOR US?

In the Phillips translation of 2 Timothy 3:16 we read that the Bible is "useful for teaching the faith and correcting error, for resetting the direction of a man's life and training him in good living." So we see that there are many things the Bible can do for us—instruction, correction, guidance, and discipline.

In fulfilling its teaching function the Bible points the way to the nature of God and the nature of man, and indicates the relationship which should exist between them. As one has said, "It teaches us to think the thoughts of God after him."

Scripture holds up the will of God as a plumb-line by which we may measure our lives. When we measure our lives by biblical teaching, we discover where we have missed the Christian way of life. Thus we are prepared to get back on the right track. This is not a matter of underscoring the "Thou shalt not" statements, but focusing on the more positive guideposts which affirm "This is the way."

As we seek for these guideposts, we ought not to listen to those who would tell us the Bible is entirely irrelevant. Instead we may discover that the ancient laws have been fulfilled by a new and deeper ethic of love of God and love to man as set forth in the Sermon on the Mount.

The story of salvation indicates how the Scriptures have been used for basic instruction in doctrine, attitudes and faith since the beginning of the church. As Dr. Laymon points out: "Today there is a renewed interest in biblical theology. 'What does the Bible say?' has become the pertinent question. Here men are finding the touchstone and dependable guide for learning the basic things a Christian must know if his faith and his practice are to be meaningful."

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY INSPIRATION?

"Inspiration" is a word which is used to describe many varieties of experience. We look upon a great work of art and we say that it is inspired. We use the same word to describe an outstanding musical performance or an unusually well-played athletic contest. In many fields of endeavor people are caught up in those moments that we call inspired, and the result of their genius is recognized by sensitive persons.

In a very special way, God has spoken to the lives of men throughout the centuries, and they have been able to communicate that fellowship with God. One does not have to believe that God dictated every word in the Bible to believe that it is inspired. However, we do find our richest meaning and our greatest help in the recognition that the Bible is unique in the intensity of the inspiration of God.

READING THE BIBLE REGULARLY

We have discovered from the Daily Bible Reading suggestions which we print each week that many people are disciplining themselves to regular Bible reading. We discover that this is the only kind of reading that aids our devotional life.

We do not store up the nurture that comes to us through the regular and serious effort to learn more about the Bible. The daily discipline of a program of regular reading will truly feed our souls. Work out the best time to fit your own day and try to stick with it whatever may come along to interfere.

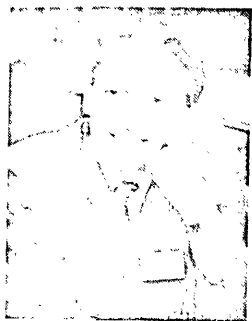
READ WITH HELPS

There are a number of questions we want to ask as we follow a schedule of daily Bible reading. First, we want to discover what the passage said to the day in which it was written. Next, we want to discover what it says to me now. Finally, we want to find out what it tells me to do in my life and world today.

We will need some kind of helps as we read. Many of you have already discovered *The Interpreter's Bible* and have it in your library. If you feel the 12 volumes of this excellent work is a little too much for you, then we would recommend that you invest in the *Interpreter's One-Volume Commentary on the Bible*. We feel it will make your Bible study much more meaningful. Also recommended for your use are: *Toward Understanding the Bible*, by Georgia Harkness, and *The Bible and Modern Doubt* by Mack Stokes. Both of these may be ordered from the United Methodist Publishing House at Dallas.

God wants to come into your life and help you to discover strength for the facing of these days. If we are serious about developing a devotional life, then we must begin with a regular searching of the Scriptures.

the British scene



by the Rev. Leslie M. M. Timmins
Director of the
Churches' Television Centre,
British Isles

Reactions to the Unity decision, or non-decision, have been pretty even all round. All those who were in favour — and it must be remembered that this was a great majority in both the Church of England and the Methodist Church are now convinced that more and more action will take place where it matters most, at grass level, and although the credibility of the

Establishment has not been enhanced, the real work of real religion will progress whatever the solemn Church courts may or may not do.

This tiny postscript to a discussion which has been alive since 1946 underlines the pity of it all.

USA HEARTBREAK

The sympathy of great numbers of people in this country is with Governor Wallace and his family as well as with you all following the shocking shooting which has made such an impact upon us. This mindless violence is something which we all find it increasingly hard to deal with, and which puts a special responsibility upon the forces of law and order.

In our own particular trouble-spot in Ireland, as well as in noteworthy but seemingly more minor happenings like the schoolchildren's outburst in London this week, the pattern seems the same.

Attitudes and acceptances in such situations become twisted, and we need to get things back in their right

perspective. For example, to call a headmaster a "dictator" because he has the right of order in his school is to make nonsense of the meaning of words. To call gunmen on the streets of Ireland fighters for freedom, and the Army, who are only doing their duty, "killers" is to stand reality on its head.

To assume that policemen are "pigs" when they are actually family men, doing the job we pay them to do, and standing for some kind of society in which men may walk safely, is to distort fact, and bring us all into some kind of nightmare thinking.

It is time that the great mass of Christian-minded people said as loudly as possible that the tricky political boys are trying to lead us into a world of unreality where the truth is turned into lies, white becomes black, light, darkness.

The problem is, that even to say such things puts one in danger of being illiberal, and that is rubbish too. I believe in freedom—the freedom of speech, the freedom of the Press, the

freedom to express my opinion—that is precisely the point. I don't want to deny these dangerous fanatics their right to speak—but I reckon I ought to have the freedom to tell them they are talking nonsense and worse without being accused of suppression. Let a little light and sanity in.

HER MAJESTY

The Queen has just completed a tour of France as a kind of royal imprimatur on the Common Market negotiations. Looking as elegant as ever, she excited a quite formidable amount of favourable comment. Without complacency, we can believe that in the monarchy, we have in this country, a very wonderful and valuable contribution to the meaning of international society.

The dedication and, one might almost say, the professionalism with which our Royal Family do the very demanding task they are set is something of which every Briton can be really proud—and I am not often as chauvinistic as that!

Little Rock Conference Appointments

TRANSFERS IN:
T. Nichols Evans, Deacon, from North Arkansas Conference, Dec. 1, 1971
Clint D. Burleson, Elder, from North Arkansas Conference, May 24, 1972
Ray Burrows, Elder, from North Arkansas Conference, May 24, 1972
Virgil D. Keeley, Elder, from North Arkansas Conference, May 24, 1972
Charles E. Watt, Elder, from North Arkansas Conference, May 24, 1972

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Harold W. Brent, Elder, North Arkansas Conference, May 24, 1972
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Ralph Hillis, Elder, North Arkansas Conference, May 24, 1972

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Ralph E. Hale (4)
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(With Annuity)
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Social Principles and basic belief guides to be available this Fall

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—Leaders' guides to help United Methodists study two of the major documents approved by their 1972 General Conference will be available this fall.

Plans for the guides were approved to accompany the new Statement of Social Principles which received more than six hours of discussion and debate at the Atlanta General Conference in April.

The 4,000-word statement, which replaces two earlier such documents of the church, includes many hotly-debated subjects such as abortion, homosexuality, private property, conscientious objection, and civil disobedience.

The second guide is to be used with a new formulation of basic beliefs overwhelmingly adopted by the Gen-

eral Conference delegates. The doctrinal statement is described as helping church members understand their faith in the context of the kind of world in which they live today.

It does not replace any existing formulation of Christian beliefs. Rather than prescribing a precise "creed for confession of faith" to which all members of the church must subscribe, the new statement sets forth a four-fold set of guidelines for Christian belief: Scripture, Christian tradition, experience and reason.

In other action the 35-member Committee heard reports from three groups: a Committee on the Hispanic-American Experience and Concerns, a Committee on the Black Experience and Concerns; and a Task Force on the Status of Women.

Lay Witness Convocation, June 26-30

A Lay Witness Convocation on the theme of "Discovering the Love of God" will be held in St. Louis, Mo., June 26-30. All sessions will meet in the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel.

This is a cooperative school of the Department of Koinonia Ministries of the General Board of Evangelism, the Board of Evangelism and Board of The Laity of the Missouri East Conference, and the Program Council of the Southern Illinois Conference.

Leadership will include Ben C. Johnson, Henry Bullock, Walter Albritton, Neil L. Stein, Maxie Dunnam, Vance Archer, Rosalind Rinker, Bill Hestwood, and Bishops Eugene Frank and Roy C. Nichols, among others. The Convocation will deal with such

subjects as "Witnessing with Confidence," "The Coordinator and His Task," "Equipping Persons for Ministry," "The Youth Witness," "Being a Christian in Today's Society," "A New Face For The Church" and "The Work of The Holy Spirit."

Registration is \$10 per person, \$15 for husband and wife, and \$5 for youth. Hotel rates at the Sheraton-Jefferson are \$13 single and \$19 double per night. When registrations are received a hotel reservation card will be sent to registrant. Mail registration requests to: Mrs. Helen Holland, Department of Koinonia Ministries, General Board of Evangelism, 1908 Grand Ave., Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

The Committee which will become a part of a new Board of Discipleship January 1 is charged with formulating "the philosophy and design for a cur-

riculum for The United Methodist Church and for elements of program related to this curriculum."

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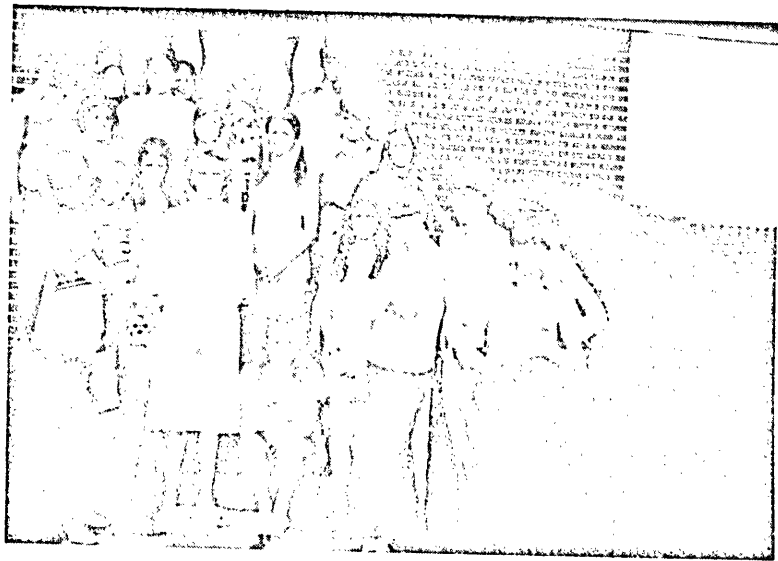
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The following people gave memorial gifts to the Methodist Children's Home in April as a tribute of their love, sympathy, and respect for a loved one or friend. A memorial card has been sent to the family notifying them of this remembrance.

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On Sunday afternoon, April 30, Miss Edith Martin, shown standing center front, was honored on her birthday at the parsonage by the UMYF of the First United Methodist Church of Harrison. About 50 youth and adults gathered. The youth furnished the birthday cake and punch. Miss Martin grew up in First Church of Harrison and went as a Methodist missionary to Africa and gave about 40 years. The youth joined hands in a big circle and sentence prayers closed the meeting. One senior youth prayed "Dear Lord, thank you for Miss Edith, she has been such a great inspiration to all of us. She has served you and loved your Church and people. Now help us to be as responsive to your Call as she was. Amen."

EARL R. BOGAN

Funeral services were conducted on May 11 for Earl R. Bogan, 81, a member of the Luxora United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Raymond A. Dorman, his pastor officiating. Bogan, a retired druggist, had been a member of the Luxora Church for 49 years. He taught the Men's Church School Class for more than 25 years until his retirement from the responsibility about a year ago. He was the chairman of the Board of Trustees and a member of the Administrative Board at the time of his death. He was mayor of Luxora for a number of years.

He is survived by his wife, the former Frances Sykes, whom he married in 1923 in Andrews Chapel Methodist Church, Jackson, Tenn.

Burial was in Mississippi County Memorial Gardens in Osceola, Ark.

ODIE YOUNGBLOOD

Mrs. Odie Thompson Youngblood of Highland, wife of the late Rev. A. N. Youngblood, a Methodist minister, died recently at a Murfreesboro hospital. She was born Jan. 19, 1887 at Highland. Funeral services were conducted with the Rev. Freeman Henderson, the Rev. Penn Moran and the Rev. Harold Brent officiating. Burial was in Mt. Tabor Cemetery.

Survivors include two sons, Keener Youngblood and Clyde Youngblood, both of Murfreesboro; five daughters, Mrs. Edith Pellow of St. Austell, England, Mrs. Ruby Rowland of Norman, Mrs. Nona Jones of Lancaster, Calif., Mrs. Othell Ward of Murfreesboro, Mrs. Joyce Zills of Brawley, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Maggie Stewart of Murfreesboro; 22 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

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Mileage

Some people
will go the second mile,
and others
will throw you
for a ten-yard loss every time.
Increase my mileage, Lord.

—by Robert Hale

Memories

Memories that bless or burn —
Which kind will you acquire?
Those that give a pleasant turn,
Or those that sear like fire?

—by Marie Thomas

Within Our Hearts

If men would only turn to their hearts,
Then they could find the way
To parry the thrust of the hatred
Which stalks our land today.

For in our hearts is love unending
And if we set it free,
We can stand united once again
For all the world to see.

—by Deener W. Wardlow

P. K. KORNER



Sharon Brannon and Robert Lewis were married in the First United Methodist Church of Osceola on May 14. She is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Arvill Brannon of Osceola, and he is the son of Mrs. Virginia Lewis of Searcy. Sharon's sisters were bridesmaids — Mrs. George O'Brien of Boston who was married in the same church last month, and Mrs. Sue Rakestraw of Osceola. The Rev. Garland Taylor assisted the bride's father in the ceremony. The couple will live in Fayetteville where the groom is a pharmacist.

Elizabeth Ann Sisco was born on May 8 to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sisco of Clinton. Mrs. Sisco is the former Katala Ann Woods, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Woodrow Woods of Green Forest.

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PRAYERS, CONCERN VOICED IN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI) — Concern for the nation and prayers for the recovery of Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace were voiced by United Methodist leaders May 16 after the shooting of the presidential candidate in nearby Laurel, Md., May 15.

"The tragic shooting of Gov. Wallace is but another revelation of the deep sickness in our society," said Bishop John Wesley Lord of the Washington Area. "It is a sickness which we all share and for which we must bear responsibility . . . we express our love to Gov. Wallace and members of his family and offer our prayers for his complete and speedy recovery."

Noting that the governor is a United Methodist, Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson of the Birmingham Area and his cabinet offered prayers "for recovery of this native son of our church, our state and our region. . . ." "We see this vicious attack upon another distinguished American as reflecting a dark and frightening fact in American life," the statement said.

Bishop O. Eugene Slater, San Antonio, Texas, president of the United Methodist Council of Bishops, joined in prayer for Gov. Wallace and added: "We are obligated to speak and act with restraint, particularly as we evaluate the opinions and positions of persons with whom we differ."

United Methodist's Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill., has received a gift of \$50,000 from a trust established in 1956 by Dr. and Mrs. Harris Franklin Rall.

Bangladesh/Pakistan aid appreciated

NEW YORK (UMI) — In recent news of United Methodist mission work, a missionary son has been chosen one of three foreigners on a Japanese work team in Bangladesh, bishops expressed appreciation for Bangladesh and Pakistan relief aid,

and a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) mission executive cited a Methodist doctor, as one of the "authentic Asian voices" he heard on a recent trip.

In a letter to the United Methodist Board of Missions, missionaries Neva and Javan Corl (U.S. home: Fostoria, Ohio) told of a witness being made by their family through eldest son Daniel, 19. He was selected by the Japan National Christian Council as one of 50 young men to spend four months in disaster-torn Bangladesh, doing agricultural relief and rehabilitation. Daniel was one of three non-Japanese personnel in the group. Since April 1 he has been in a town southeast of Dacca, teaching rice-planting and harvesting, and operation and maintenance of Japan-built tractors. The Corls' letter said their son was expected to return to Tokyo in July or August.

Another reminder of United Methodist concern for Bangladesh came in a different way. When asked to give the benediction at a session of General Conference in Atlanta April 16-18, India's bishop Joseph R. Lance preceded his prayer with an expression of gratitude for more than \$1,000,000 given by United Methodists in a 1972 churchwide offering. The bishop, who heads the Lucknow Area, coordinates United Methodist participation in Bangladesh relief.

Bishop Ensley heads new United Methodist agency

EVANSTON, Ill. (RNS) — Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Columbus, Ohio, is the first president of a new United Methodist Council on Finance and Administration.

The unit here replaces and somewhat re-defines a former Council on World Service and Finance and is the Church's top budgetary agency. It was approved as part of a general restructuring of the denomination approved by a legislating General Conference in April.

Bishop H. Ellis Finger of Nashville was elected vice-president of the new council at its organizing session.

Worship Ministries director appointed

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — The United Methodist Church will soon have its first full-time national staff member working in the field of worship.

The Rev. Hoyt Leon Hickman, a pastor from Erie, Pa., has been appointed Director of Worship Ministries in the United Methodist Board of Evangelism.

Announcing the new appointment, effective July 1, were Dr. Joseph H. Yeakel, general secretary of the Board, and Pittsburgh Area Bishop Roy C. Nichols.

The Church has had elected groups charged with providing assistance and resources in the field of worship but heretofore no staff has been employed. Mr. Hickman has served as secretary of the General Commission on Worship since 1968.

He is also a member of the worship Commission of the World Methodist Council and is a member of the steering committee of the Evangelism-Celebration Section of the National Council of Churches.

Among the responsibilities of his office will be providing resources and training opportunities for local church leaders across the nation.

Beginning January 1, 1973 the office, along with the entire Board of Evangelism, will become part of a new Board of Discipleship mandated by the recent General Conference of the church meeting in Atlanta, Ga.

Central Methodist Church in Oslo, Norway, recently became the first non-state church to have a Sunday morning worship broadcast by Norwegian radio. Heretofore, services of the state Lutheran church have been broadcast Sunday mornings and free church services have been aired Sunday evenings.

Kyodan affirms support for missionaries

NEW YORK (UMI) — North American agencies which send missionaries to work with the Kyodan (United Church of Christ of Japan) are being told that missionaries are not to be lost to service in Japan because of a lack of funds by sending agencies.

They are being told support will be sought in Japan of personnel who might otherwise have to leave, according to Japan Christian Activity News, newsletter of the National Christian Council of Japan. Notification is being provided by the Council of Cooperation, which is responsible for assignment of North American missionaries to the Kyodan.

Involved are some 275 missionaries of six denominations related to the Kyodan and its work, including about 100 missionaries of the World Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions.

The report in Japan Christian Activity News says a recent statement of the Council of Cooperation affirms the need for missionaries in Japan "both as a witness to the nature of the church as transcending nation, race and class and as an implementation of mission in Japan." The statement notes that not only are missionaries sent to Japan but that the Kyodan sends both foreign and home missionaries into Japanese society. The work of missionaries is determined on the basis of "mutuality" by the sending churches and the Kyodan.

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