

Schedule of Annual Conferences announced; action on amendments to United Methodism's constitution on agenda

- Little Rock Conference, May 28-31, Hot Springs
- North Arkansas Conference, June 4-6, Jonesboro

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — United Methodism's 73 annual conferences in the United States and Puerto Rico will begin their sessions in early May this year and conclude in late June.

According to a schedule released by Bishop Ralph T. Alton, Indianapolis, Ind., secretary of the Council of Bishops, the Red Bird Missionary Conference will be the first to be held, opening May 8 in Helton, Ky. The final sessions will be those of the Tennessee and Maine conferences, both of which are scheduled to close June 24, and the second part of the Kansas East, October 5-6.

A major item on the agendas of the ministerial and lay members of the conferences will be action on eight amendments to the denomination's constitution referred by the 1972 General Conference. To become effective, each amendment must be approved by an aggregate two-thirds majority of the votes cast in all the conferences.

Three of the proposed changes deal with deletion of masculine references in the constitution, two relate to the General Conference, two pertain to the annual conference, and one deals with jurisdictional boundaries.

Two of the three concerned with

masculine usage pertain to sections of the constitution using "he," "his," and "him" when referring to bishops. The other would substitute "persons" for "men" in a definition of the church in the constitution's preamble.

The proposals relating to General Conference would remove a 21-years-of-age qualification for delegates to that body, as well as jurisdictional and central conferences, and make it possible for it to hold regular sessions more often than each year years. At present, regular meetings of the church's top law-making body must be held quadrennially, although these ses-

sions may call adjourned or special sessions at more frequent intervals.

At the annual conference level, one proposed change would give a vote to laymen on such matters as ordination, character and conference relations of ministers. The other would permit an annual conference to elect as many additional lay members as necessary to equalize lay and ministerial membership.

The final amendment being referred to the annual conferences would provide for changes in the Northeastern Jurisdiction boundaries which would

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Seminar to train regional leaders announced

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI) — A national seminar to train regional leaders of "church and society" work in the United Methodist Church is scheduled for March 4-7 in Washington.

Some 200 persons, annual conference board chairpersons as well as staff and cabinet representatives working in church and society programs, are expected to participate. The event will help to orient and prepare them for action during the quadrennium just beginning.

In addition to several social issues, the seminar will focus on means that can be used to deal with either national or state or local issues, through strategies, priorities and processes. Although several regional training sessions were considered, response from the annual conferences was strongly for a stress on the national scene, according to the Rev. Warren R. Ebinger, coordinator, who is assistant executive secretary of the General Board of Church and Society.

Principal speakers for sessions at the National 4-H Center will include Bishop Roy C. Nichols, Pittsburgh, Pa., a vice president of the board; the Rev. Paul V. Church, Dayton, Ohio, general secretary of the General Council on Ministries, and the Rev. A. Dudley Ward, Washington, general secretary of the Board of Church and Society.

Beyond seven hours in small work groups, the participants will have opportunities to visit federal agencies, hearings and their own congressmen.

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FIRST CHURCH, WYNNE, will be host to an area training school, Feb. 26-28.

United Methodist Women to hear Bishop Frank

Bishop Eugene M. Frank will be the featured speaker when women of both Arkansas conferences formally organize to become the new "United Methodist Women." These **Services of Celebration** will be held during February, with members of the Little Rock Conference Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild meeting in First United Methodist Church at Benton on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 1:30 p.m., and North Arkansas Conference women holding a similar session in First United Methodist Church at Conway, Saturday, Feb. 24, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

A portion of both meetings will be devoted to a merger service, uniting women of the former Southwest Conference with the conference of their geographical area.

Hendrix installs new computer terminal

Hendrix College has installed and is operating a computer terminal system, which is on a leased hook-up to an IBM 360, Model 50 computer at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

The Department of Economics and Business, headed by Dr. Billy R. Humphrey, will be in charge of the operation of the terminal and will utilize it in several courses.

According to Eloise Raymond, Assistant Professor of Economics and Business, "The purpose of having the computer terminal is to give students an opportunity to have 'hands-on' computer contact." Dr. Humphrey believes that it will also give students the opportunity to explore ways of

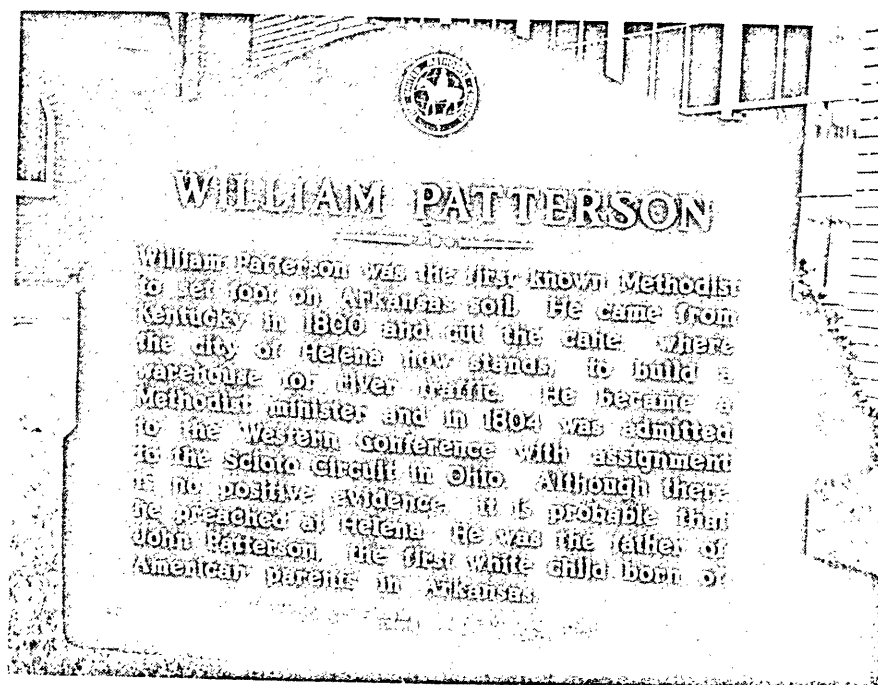
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Mrs. E. T. Davenport, conference WSCS president, Mrs. Gladys Icenhower, conference WSG chairman, and Mrs. Alice Preston, Southwest Conference president, will be presiding at the Benton meeting. Officers will be elected and installed. Mrs. Louise Pate is chairman of the Nominating Committee. Mrs. L. W. Blakley, treasurer, will direct the Pledge Service. Special entertainment will be provided by the "Now Singers" youthful singing group of the host church, directed by Marshall Townsend.

Presiding in Conway will be Mrs. Joe Crumpler, conference WSCS president, Mrs. Trumann Stephens, Conference WSG chairman, and Mrs. Preston, S.W. Conference president. Miss Mildred Scott is chairman of the North Arkansas Nominating Committee. Mrs. Lucille Nix will be in charge of the Pledge Service. Those attending will bring sack lunches.

Both meetings are open to all United Methodist women, officers or not, active or inactive.

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The above historic marker presented as a memorial by the family of the late Dr. E. J. Kurts and erected by the Commission on Archives and History at First United Methodist Church in Helena will be dedicated Sunday, Feb. 18. Bishop Eugene M. Frank will preach at a service of dedication in the sanctuary at 4:30 and will officiate at dedication ceremonies on the church lawn immediately following the service. Other participants will include Dr. Ethan Dodgen and the Rev. Jim Beal, pastor. A carry-in fellowship dinner will follow the dedication.

Concert organist to perform at Hendrix College

John Rose, organist and choir-master of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Newark, New Jersey, and a member of the music faculty at the Newark campus of Rutgers, will present a concert at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22, at the First United Methodist Church of Conway.

Rose will conduct an organ workshop from 9 a.m. until 12 noon on Friday. Rose will give a critical analysis of two student performances, and will discuss registrational problems which may be encountered with different organs.

Rose, 24, is said to be the youngest major concert organist in the United States. Performances have taken him into every section of the United States, and this season he will return to Europe for his third concert tour. He has studied at Indiana University, Wittenberg University and Rutgers, where he now serves on the music faculty.



John Rose

Donations of \$1 for the recital and \$4 for the recital and workshop are requested. Both events are open to the public.

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THE REV. MARTIN L. KAYLOR

The Rev. Martin L. Kaylor, 71, a retired minister of the North Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church, died Jan. 25, 1973 at the Van Buren County Hospital in Clinton. He was born Oct. 22, 1901 at Rosebud in White County to F. E. and Gertrude Kaylor.

Rev. Kaylor attended Arkansas College and began his ministry at Belfonte, Ark. He continued to serve in the North Arkansas Conference until his retirement in 1968, from the pastorate of Grace United Methodist Church in Searcy.

Funeral services were conducted Jan. 27 at the United Methodist Church in Leslie, where he had lived since his retirement. Officiating ministers included the Rev. Carroll D. Jackson, pastor; the Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Batesville District superintendent; the Rev. W. Frank Shell of Leslie, and the Rev. Barney Treece, pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Burial was in the Eastlawn Memorial Park at Marshall.

The family has requested that memorials be made to the church of the donor's choice.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES' ANNOUNCEMENT

A revision in the schedule of the Mid-Year Board meetings of the Little Rock Conference calls for a Council on Ministries meeting at 1:30 p.m., Feb. 21 at United Methodist Headquarters Building, following the 12:00 o'clock noon Area Dutch Treat Luncheon at First Church, Little Rock. Tickets are \$2 each. Remittances for the desired number of tickets should be sent to the Council on Ministries office before Feb. 13. The luncheon program will feature a panel on "Parish Development."

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Hendrix Brass Choir to lead service at Star City

The Hendrix College Brass Choir and Flute Ensemble will present a service of music at First United Methodist Church in Star City, Sunday, Feb. 11. The theme of the worship service will be: "The Use of Music in the Worship Service."

The Brass Choir is under the direction of Dr. Ashley R. Coffman, chairman of the Hendrix music department. Dr. Coffman has been associated with Hendrix for the past 27 years. He holds the bachelor of music degree from the University of Illinois, and the master of music and doctor of philosophy degrees from Northwestern University. The brass choir, under his direction, has played in six of the south central states and each year has been invited to make numerous appearances in the United Methodist churches of Arkansas.

Mike Mitchell, a Hendrix student, is the son of the Rev. Calvin D. Mitchell, pastor of the Star City church.

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BISHOP PAUL V. GALLOWAY, retired and living in Tulsa, will be guest speaker for a series of services in the Siloam Springs United Methodist Church, Feb. 11-14. The Rev. Merle A. Johnson will be host pastor.

CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN NOTE

It was necessary to close our subscription count for Report No. 2 on Friday, Feb. 2. On Saturday we received a number of first reports and additional supplementary reports. We are listing these churches following this week's Report No. 2 without giving their subscription count. They will be added to the regular district count next week.

Again this year, the smaller churches deserve recognition for an outstanding job. Considering their membership and proportionate subscriber lists they do better than many of the larger churches. We are deeply indebted to the ministers, church secretaries, and literature chairmen for doing the telephoning and legwork necessary for a good report.

Report No. 2 appears on pages 6 and 7 of this issue.

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A RALLY FOR THE CAMDEN Area of United Methodist Churches will be held on Sunday evening, Feb. 11 at 6 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church at Camden. Bishop Eugene M. Frank will be the featured speaker. Dr. Clint Burleson will be host pastor.

EL DORADO FIRST CHURCH will have as guest speaker Bishop Eugene M. Frank at the Sunday morning service, Feb. 11. He will also lead in the dedication of the organ and renovated sanctuary. Gordon Betenbaugh, minister of music, will present an organ recital at 5 p.m. on Feb. 10, preceding a dinner honoring Bishop and Mrs. Frank. Dr. Alvin C. Murray is the pastor.

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using the computer.

Hendrix may use the line from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and will be charged for rent of the terminal, use of the line and use of the central processing unit in Fayetteville.

Robert Baker, an Assistant Professor of Economics and Business at Hendrix, believes that the study and use of the computer should not be limited to just business and economics students. "It is important that we acquaint all students with this modern piece of technology that will have the most widespread ramifications," said Baker.

Two other colleges in the state have similar setups. Arkansas College at Batesville has been on the hook-up since September, and the University of Arkansas at Monticello has been connected since January 1.

The terminal is being financed by a Venture Fund grant from the Ford Foundation, whose purpose it is to supply monies to institutions to bring about innovations in education.

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Shown above are persons who attended the Feb. 1 Vacation Church School Administrator's Seminar for North Arkansas Conference. Leaders for the event were Mrs. Jim Beal (seated, right) of Helena, conference coordinator of Children's Ministries, and the Rev. Arvill C. Brannon (standing, left), associate director of the conference Council on Ministries. The purpose of the seminar was to train district teams - district coordinators of children's ministries and one other person from each district, who will in turn give leadership to district seminars for VCS directors in local churches.

Bishop Short to supervise Philippines Central Conference

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—Retired United Methodist Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, Tenn., has been asked by the church's Council of Bishops to provide episcopal supervision for the Philippines Central Conference.

The Conference has been without a bishop since early Dec., 1972, when delegates cast 23 votes but were unable to produce the required two-thirds majority for any one person. Delegates adjourned and voted to include episcopal elections on the agenda of an adjourned session of the Conference in 1974.

make several visits as needed.

Bishops in the Philippines Church are elected for four-year terms, not for life as is the custom in the United States.

The Conference asked the Council of Bishops to assign a bishop to exercise episcopal authority during the interim.

Bishop Short said he would not be moving to the Philippines but would

The Philippines Central Conference, with more than 100,000 members, is one of the largest United Methodist Church units outside the U.S.

Bishop Short retired from the Louisville Area in 1972. He was editor of *The Upper Room* from 1944 until he was elected to the episcopacy in 1948. He served the Jacksonville, Fla. Area and the Nashville Area before being assigned to the Louisville Area.

by Dr. Bentley Sloane, Pastor
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The United Methodist Church is always at the forefront of any ecumenical movement, be it local or national. It is our nature. It was Wesley who said, "Is thy heart right—Dost thou love and serve God? It is enough; I give thee the right hand of fellowship." Likewise our theology and Biblical interpretation are broad enough to include most other groups in the wide spectrum of Christianity.

In every community United Methodists are ready to cooperate in most interdenominational ventures. Whether it be the City Ministerial Association or the National or World Council of Churches the United Methodist Church is the first to come and the last to leave; and when the bills are past due it is usually Methodist money that comes to the rescue.

In recent years we have been obsessed with Church mergers. When membership begins to decline and church school enrollment plunges downward we hold our own by mergers. It looks more impressive in the national statistics to say there are now more than ten million United Methodists.

And now COCU comes on the scene. At first glance it appears to be right in the middle of the good old Methodist road to merger. Maybe this is the breakthrough and the One Holy Apostolic Church Universal will be achieved "in this generation" through the process of merger. It was dreamed up in the context of a sermon preached by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake in San Francisco, Calif., December 4, 1960. (Sometimes preaching does bear fruit!) Then the Presbyterians and Episcopalians went to work. In 1962 the Methodists moved in and immediately the Church set its vast system of communication to work and the band wagon was rolling. In 1970 the General Conference took more than notice of this new cloud on the horizon no larger than a man's hand and passed a resolution. (What would we do at Annual and General Conferences if it were not for resolutions?) It read as follows:

"... That this General Conference recommend the thorough **STUDY** of this draft of a **PLAN OF UNION**, whenever possible in company with Christians of the other participating churches; and, that following such study, responses are to be made through our commission on Ecumenical Affairs with a view to perfecting a **PLAN OF UNION** which would come before successive General Conferences for review and for appropriate further action—"

Pamphlets were printed, study guides prepared, packets and film strips were advertised and promoted. A General Commission on Ecumenical Affairs was created and in each local church

we have a chairman of ecumenical affairs who is a member of the Council on Ministries. On a conference, district and local church level study groups have been set up and resource people made available. Much of the literature and publicity have been slanted toward an endorsement of the COCU plan. What the General Conference does at its next session will depend on the slant of the delegates who are elected.

Because of all this drum thumping and fanfare we need to take a good hard look at the COCU plan itself and the ecumenical movement in general. When we look around us we find little enthusiasm for COCU among the Baptists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Disciples. The Methodists as usual are carrying the torch and the check book.

My evaluation and criticism of the COCU plan is not a negative criticism of the ecumenical movement or a denial of the critical need for church union in some form here and now. I am opposed to the COCU plan because I am convinced that it will further divide us by being rejected by the major member churches and discourage those who are working for closer church cooperation. In COCU we are asking member churches to vote themselves out of existence and enter into a "super church" — a radical step for which most church members are unprepared. Some form of correlation, federation or merger is desirable and even necessary, but the first steps must be taken before the last step into ultimate union is made. If by some miracle all the legislative bodies of the member churches were to vote to adopt this plan in 1973 or 1974 there would be general confusion and considerable exodus on the part of people and local churches.

Therefore, instead of opposing the plan on the basis of its intrinsic nature alone (and certainly there are some structural aspects that are unworkable), or because it is radical, or even because it dismantles the denominations, we need to oppose it because it will not bring about the desired results. We need to propose certain alternative steps and structures that are workable within the next decade to bring about cooperation, correlation and ultimate merger of some member Churches.

It seems to me that the first steps would be in the direction of mergers of some member churches in COCU that have most in common. There are three predominantly black churches with a combined membership of approximately 2,500,000, whose general structure and operation are based on those of the United Methodist Church. They could merge with each other and then merge with the United Methodist Church. The Presbyterian bodies could do the same and ultimately the Episcopal and other churches with Episcopal

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structure could merge. As these denominations merge they could follow guidelines that would ultimately be used in the final federation of all.

As we enter this new era of Church unity we need to consider the strength and weakness of the National Council of Churches, and its future. Certainly we have learned some lessons from this first major attempt at correlation by several large Protestant denominations. Its pronouncements and direct action in the political and social areas of American life have overshadowed its other programs and created division and hostility among the Protestant forces. It should be restructured and redefined in keeping with the aims of COCU.

The COCU study in general is timely and represents much study and work by dedicated churchmen. The first six chapters of the study booklet indeed give us the true dimensions of our need for unity, but the following chapters suggest the immediate dismantling of the present denominations, not by mergers, but by a radical step of creating a new entity. I would hope that the General Conference of the United Methodist Church will reject the plan as unworkable but recommend that all denominations involved proceed with other steps toward correlation, merger and union. Certainly we should keep our Committee or delegated members of COCU at work on this matter and cooperate in every way toward a correlated program.

To begin the steps of correlation each member church might adopt mandatory guidelines as follows:

Each member church shall create Committees at each level of structure to explore and experiment in the correlation of church programs. These Committees shall represent all local churches within a given area and shall be composed of lay and clerical persons.

Each member Church or denomination shall enact uniform legislation creating these committees on Church correlation and giving authority and guidelines to local churches for creation of parishes on an experimental basis.

The ruling and administrative personnel (Bishops, District Superintendents, State secretaries,

etc.) shall give encouragement and guidance to this program of correlation by local churches.

At each level of structure in the member denominations the COCU Committee shall continue to meet and recommend from time to time a uniform policy of correlation, merger or union to the legislative body of each denomination.

Correlation of programs beyond the local Church shall be inaugurated at once with similar guidelines from the member denominations. This would be done through districts and subdistricts, presbyteries, dioceses, state and conferences. This correlated program beyond the local church could include youth activities, camps, women's work, social action, retreats, experimental worship services, and leadership schools.

The member denominations shall develop a common basic curriculum for Church School and other study groups following guidelines already established through the National Council of Churches.

In addition to the Committees on church correlation at various levels of the member denominations, there shall be continued the present general COCU Committee to study the problems of ministerial orders, worship, creeds, mission, etc. looking forward toward some form of correlation, merger or union.

A series of preliminary steps and experiments in correlation must be taken by the member denominations before ultimate union into one body is consummated. Certain geographical areas in the nation where all the member denominations are represented, could be designated for experimentation in a given period of time with results reported to the national committee for evaluation.

Churchmen should continue to be open to changing concepts of structure and avoid commitment to any one form or organizational structure. Union and size do not always bring creative freedom. The present drive toward mergers does not always bring larger opportunities for creative differences. Instead it often brings oppressive bureaucracy and burdensome overhead costs. So let's slow down in our race toward mergers and move more toward correlation on the local level.

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., general secretary of United Methodism's Board of Global Ministries, issued the following tribute to internationally known missionary, evangelist and author Dr. E. Stanley Jones (not related), who died Jan. 25 in India: "Dr. E. Stanley Jones was the truly international evangelist of the 20th century. No Christian missionary or evangelist could match him in the scope of his world travels, the breadth of his understanding of the Christian faith, his personal friendships with Christians and with men and women of other faiths from every continent . . . It was fitting that his death take place in India, the nation where he began and concentrated so much of his life, and where he was so highly respected by Hindus, Muslims and Christians alike. In his personal life, one can see the very best of what the Christian church has to offer as a path of reconciliation in a politically and religiously divided humanity."

Protestant Churches across the nation peeled their bells as the Vietnam cease-fire went into effect on Saturday, Jan. 27 and held special services of thanksgiving the following day. The New York Ave. Presbyterian Church, near the White House, chimed hymns for over an hour, beginning at 7 p.m. The Rev. E. Raymond Shaheen told worshippers assembled at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Silver Springs, Md. that the service was not one of celebration so much as a time of "sober gratitude and dedication to the peace responsibilities which are at hand."

Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin of Wilshire Boulevard Temple in Los Angeles was one of three clergymen — Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish — who preached at a White House worship service on the first full day of President Nixon's second term. The rabbi said "Situational ethics are hardly an improvement over the Decalogue (Ten Commandments) since it makes every one of us judge and jury of our own acts." Society today "may be sick," he said "but it isn't dead; nor does the disease have to be fatal. There is still time to save ourselves, but we must have the will and intelligence to do so . . . We are children of God, imbued with intellect and the Divine Spirit."

Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, chaplain of the U.S. Senate, delivering a prayer before that legislative body prior to President Nixon's second Inauguration said: "Almighty God, Lord of history, may the taking of vows by the President and Vice President be a renewal of the vows for all. Make this day a new beginning for the nation when men rise above petty rivalries, irrelevancies and trivialities to a new unity of idealism, vision and purpose . . ."

Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, who wrote the 1967 Christianity Today editorial credited with leading to the continent-wide cooperative evangelistic effort, commented in a recent article that "Neo-Protestant theology and social demonstration have run out of fads." "Were evangelicals to rise out of their isolation and competitiveness into a cooperative witness, the blessings of a personal relationship to God and the rewards of a life committed to Christ could now be shared nationwide in a compelling way." Dr. Henry declared: "Evangelism is not self-propagating, nor is social justice, and the Christian needs to count both in the realm of grace and in the world of woe."

Religious organizations in the Washington, D.C. area maintaining tax-exempt property will have their tax-free status closely examined by Congressman Thomas M. Rees (Calif.), who succeeded in eliminating from tax exemption church-owned property not suited for religious purposes. As incoming chairman of the House District Committee's Fiscal Policy Subcommittee, the legislator has announced that the subcommittee will investigate all tax-exempt property in the District of Columbia—including the federal government's. "I'm looking into all charitable-type institutions and am not just singling out churches," Rees said.

Teenage response to a lengthy question survey published recently in the Washington Star-News revealed that 71 per cent of the respondents feel that religion is necessary to society. The survey which covered such areas as religion, sex, drugs, education, government and world affairs, drew such an unexpectedly overwhelming response, publication of the results had to be delayed six weeks. More than half of the nearly 2,500 youth indicated they are looking for personal happiness and self-improvement through religion. About 82 per cent said their religious affiliations were the same as those of their parents.

Six Methodist denominations are planning an evangelism congress early in 1974 for English-speaking persons in the U.S., Canada and the Caribbean, according to Dr. Raoul C. Calkins, an official of the Evangelism Committee of the World Methodist Council. Dr. Ira Gallaway of the United Methodist Bd. of Discipleship, is chairman of the planning committee.

A bill providing state loans to Virginia students attending private and church-related colleges has been approved unanimously by the Virginia Senate. Under the legislation, loans would be forgiven under certain conditions, such as working for state or local governments for one year or living in Virginia two years for each year a student accepted a loan. Students not meeting these conditions would have to repay the entire loan plus 3 per cent annual interest.

The board of managers of American Baptist Women took steps toward proposing the establishment of a Commission on Women for American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. during its annual meeting at Valley Forge, Pa. Study of the problems of the aging was commended to the women's organizations of local congregations, with the suggestion that the elderly have a part in planning and implementing all programs affecting them.

Yochiro Sacki of the Japanese Council of Cooperation, told leaders of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) that his country is entering a new era of "mutuality" in which financial support of missionaries from North America would be assisted by Japanese Churches and institutions. The Japanese church official said he sees continuing close ties with American Churches despite "missionary-gone-home" opposition.

Orthodox Rabbi Henry Siegman, a top executive of the Synagogue Council of America, has taken other Jewish leaders to task for criticizing Key 73, the cooperative Christian evangelism effort. Rabbi Siegman said in an article prepared for a forthcoming issue of Congress Bi-Weekly (Jewish publication): "A Christian understanding of Judaism can emerge only out of the Christian faith experience. There is, therefore, a certain irrelevance to suggestions made by Jews to Christians concerning the status of Judaism in Christian faith for no Jew can speak out of the Christian faith experience."

A cassette recorder, some push-buttons, and an imaginary character, assist the Rev. Roger Grummer, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Houma, La. in providing real-life lessons for the children in his congregation—in an area of the country with a rich French Arcadian or 'Cajun' heritage. When the phone rings during a sermon, Pastor Grummer answers it himself—without having to leave the pulpit. He just reaches down and picks up the receiver. Interestingly, the calls always come from a little French boy named "Pierre Pouceaux."

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MELBOURNE — The Rev. Denis Oakley, 34, a Methodist minister who has taken on a second job as a television advertising announcer to earn money for 100 underprivileged boys, has been chosen as Australia's Father of the Year. Well-known to Melbourne television viewers as the clerically garbed minister who delivers commercials for refrigerators, washing machines, vacuum cleaners and TV sets for a chain of electrical appliance retailers, Mr. Oakley earns \$16,000 a year from his TV appearances and it all goes to the Tally Ho Boy's Village which he runs in a Melbourne suburb. The father of three daughters, Mr. Oakley is also "father" to the 100 orphaned and underprivileged boys living at the Village. He is shown here with some of the boys as they head for the home's farm which provides most of the food needed for the orphanage. (RNS Photo)

Council Directors to Local Churches

KEY 73 — PHASE TWO

Bible distribution and simultaneous Bible study has been a significant part of the Key 73 planning from the very beginning. Accepting honestly that we are a Biblically illiterate people and that significant outreach can come out of full understanding of and commitment to the Christ of the New Testament, Phase Two plans include both intense study of the scriptures and making them available to every person in North America.

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION. The one event planned for Key 73 that most captures the imagination and most emphasizes the vast scope of the movement is the plan to distribute a copy of Luke and Acts to every home in North America before Easter, 1973. Imagine the excitement of individual Christians as they go door-to-door in their community, greeting persons in the name of Jesus Christ, giving them a copy of Luke-Acts, and knowing through it all that they are a part of a continent-wide movement aimed at touching the life of every human being in the United States and Canada.

BIBLE STUDY. Many of you have already studied "Key to Luke, Part I," as individuals, classes, or churches. Those of you who have not should consider entering into this important study. For the Lenten Study, March 7-April 22, United Methodists are requested to consider using "Key to Luke, Part II," available from your Cokesbury Regional Service Center. It consists of six study sessions guiding Christians into mission.

For continuing Bible study following Lent, groups or churches could use "The Church on the Move" by Robert Parker, available from Tidings. Other groups or churches might like to

move into a study of the book of Acts.

As you plan, provide options for personal study involvement in four levels of participation:

1. **PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY:** Tidings has prepared a study guide entitled "Adventure with Jesus Christ." This simple study guide, appropriate for examining any selection of Scripture, will help persons to discover the main teaching of the passage, and how to relate it to life in the here and now.

2. **FAMILY BIBLE STUDY:** Any suggestions made relating to personal Bible study can apply here. The same recommended materials may be used.

3. **GROUP BIBLE STUDY:** Here you may use existing groups such as church school classes, United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women, Youth Groups and other existing small groups. You may want to organize new groups such as neighborhood groups, age level groups, mixed age level groups. You may consider organizing ecumenical groups such as businessmen, neighborhood, youth, interracial and intercultural.

4. **CONGREGATIONAL BIBLE STUDY:** For Congregational study you might consider a series of "teaching-preaching" sermons on "A Call to Christian Mission" during Lent, based on "Key to Luke, Part II." Other suggestions are a series of expository sermons on Luke; or a Bible Study for the entire congregation during Sunday evening periods beamed toward a general public audience of members and visitors. You might want to provide each person attending with "Good News by a Man Named Luke," Key 73 Edition, available from the American Bible Society.

Phase II can be an exciting period of action and involvement for every member of the congregation.

Arkeology

by Gene Herrington



Some think I'm stubborn. Really I've just got strong convictions.

KENT MAY, BENTON County Juvenile Officer, was the speaker at the Jan. 24 meeting of United Methodist Men in the Bentonville Church. He told about "Our Farm" which is a home started in Benton County for juvenile delinquents. The Rev. Samuel B. Teague is the Bentonville pastor.

MRS. VEDA STUART SILLAVAN

Mrs. Veda Stuart Sillavan, 66, of the Sweet Home Community in Pike County, and wife of the late Cay C. Sillavan, died Nov. 27, 1972 at a Texarkana hospital. She was born Aug. 14, 1906 in the Sweet Home Community and was an active member of the Sweet Home United Methodist Church.

Survivors include four sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services were conducted Dec. 30 at the Latimer Funeral Chapel in Nashville with the Rev. James B. Swain and the Rev. Bruce Bean officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Little Rock Conference 1972 Youth Service Fund report

DISTRICT - Arkadelphia

Gurdon	\$ 12.00
Keith Memorial	25.00
Malvern First Church	194.70
Murfreesboro	25.00
Pullman Heights	15.00
St. Andrews	35.00
Shorewood	12.54

\$ 319.24

DISTRICT - Camden

Camden First Church	\$ 91.11
Magnolia First Church	120.00
Marysville	74.00
Smackover	24.12
Taylor	30.00
Vantreas	37.50

\$ 376.73

DISTRICT - Hope

Fairview	\$ 20.00
Hope First Church	95.00
Mineral Springs	30.00
Nashville	120.00
Prescott	100.00
Scott Memorial	10.00
Texarkana First Church	300.00

\$ 675.00

DISTRICT - Little Rock

Asbury	\$ 12.25
Benton First Church	150.00
Bryant	50.00
Capitol View	5.00
Carlisle	100.00
Geyer Springs	100.00
Hamilton	35.00
Henderson	75.00
Little Rock First Church	250.00
Lonoke	50.00
Mabelvale	52.96
Marks Chapel	10.00
Parkview	5.00
St. Andrew	63.85
St. Luke	78.22
St. Paul	350.00
Sardis	20.00
Sweethome	5.00
Trinity	29.20
Western Hills	100.00

\$1,541.48

DISTRICT - Monticello

Dermott	\$ 50.00
Dumas First Church	95.00
Eudora	75.00
Hampton	25.00
McGehee First Church	75.00
Scotts Chapel	1.00

\$ 321.00

DISTRICT - Pine Bluff

Carr Memorial	\$118.00
Grand Ave., Stuttgart	70.42
Lodges Corner	40.00
Pine Bluff First Church	157.69
Sheridan	50.00
Stuttgart First Church	50.00
Wesley	50.00
White Hall	71.95

\$ 608.06

TOTAL

\$3,841.51

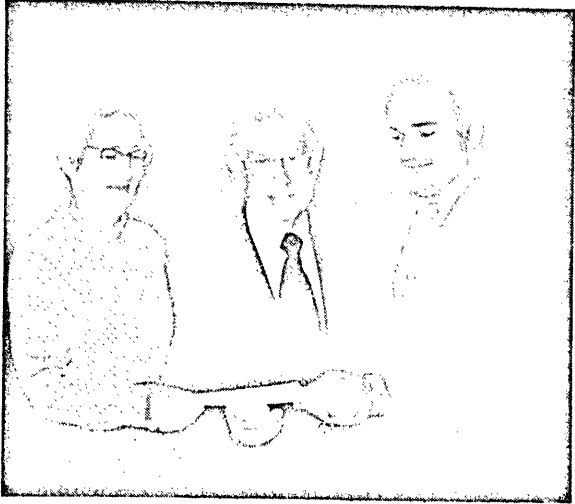
In the past, the Youth have retained only thirty per cent of the above total. With General Conference action, however, the Youth will now retain seventy per cent of YSF monies and send only 30 per cent to UMCYM in Nashville. This places the responsibility where it ought to be—on the youth themselves, and they must now decide how two-thirds of the YSF will be

used. Youth groups in local churches should have completed their pledges by now, and the results of those services should have been sent to the District Coordinator of Youth Ministry. The goal for a local church UMY should be based on ten cents per youth member per week.

1973 Arkansas Methodist Circulation Campaign

REPORT NO. 2

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total		New	Renew	Not Due	Total		New	Renew	Not Due	Total
ARCADELPHIA DISTRICT					Traskwood-Ebenezer:McCulloch	14			14	Jacksonville:Edwards	11	35	2	48
Amity:Hemund	2	23		25	Woodlawn Ct:Holland	5	13	1	19	Morrilton-First:Parsons	16	111	3	130**
Arkadelphia-First:Miles	2	30	9	41	Wesley:Bass	2			2	Morrilton Ct.-Cleveland:				
St. Andrews-Hollywood:					Totals	227	1868	16	2111	Anderson	2	2		4
Prothro	7	8		15	MONTICELLO DISTRICT					North Little Rock-Amboy:Curtis	2	16		18
Glenwood Parish:Smith		33		33	Dermott-First:Fair	7	17		24	First:Carter	17	61	3	81
Piney Grove:Botteron	2	3	1	6	Dumas:Simpson		20	1	21	Gardner:McSpadden		76		76
Hot Springs-Gardner-New					Eudora-First:Wilson	2	27		29	Rose City-Beacon:Madison	4	18		22
Salem:Woody	11	15		26	Fordyce:Sorrells		1		1	Lakewood:Hays	9	33		42
Tigert-Morning Star:Caldwell		1		1	Hamburg-Wallers:Bell	5	20		25	Levy:Hammett	4	11		15
Gum Springs-Mt. Pine		2		2*	Hampton-Harrell:Myers	6	19		25	Washington Ave:Renfro	6	36		42
Malvern-Keith-Butterfield:					Hermitage Ct:Claiborne	12	9		21	Indian Hills:Lanier	2	9		11
Mashburn	6	16		22	Lake Village-Montrose:Swift	11	88		99***	Perryville:Chaffin	3	22		25
First:Ashcraft	16	100	4	120	McGehee-First:Garner	7	163		170**	Oppelo-Wye:Gamble	2	7		9
Totals	46	231	14	291	Dermott-Wesley:Fair	2	2		4	Plummerville Ct:Brumer	4	13		17
CAMDEN DISTRICT					Monticello-First:Elliott	17	39		56	Russellville-First:Ramsey	12	51	1	64
Bradley:Jester		14		14	Monticello Ct:Mann	8	7		15	Wesley-London:McClurkin	4	8		12
Camden-First:Burleson	44	74	1	119	Portland:Riggin	2	10		12	Dover Ct:Wright	1	15	1	17
Fairview:Tanner	5	38		43	Watson:Arnold	6	20		26	Bell's Chapel:Peters	1	3		4
Timothy-Beuna Vista:Ford	4	19		23	Wilmar Ct:Abney	6	24	1	31	Totals	137	684	21	842
St. Mark:Averitt	7	6	1	14	Wilmot:Riggin	1	11		12	FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT				
Westside:Terry	6	13	1	20**	Totals	92	477	2	571	Bentonville Ct:Teague		6		6
El Dorado-First:Murray	44	117		161	PINE BLUFF DISTRICT					Berryville:Nixon	4	14		18
Vantrease:Shaddox		90	3	93**	Alzheimer-Wabbaseka:					Elkins:Cate		5		5
Junction City:Wagner		20		20**	Richardson	3	51		54**	Decatur-Centeron:Lee	3	20		23
Bethel:Wagner		5		5	Carthage Ct:Scott	5	25		30**	Farmington:Paysinger		4		4
Magnolia Ct.:Burleson		13		13	DeWitt:Masters	24	60	1	85	Fayetteville-Central:Cooper	29	52	2	83
Norphlet-Calion:Yates	8	31	1	40**	England-Keo:Sadler		11		11	Gentry Parish:Moose	4	22		26
Parker's Chapel-Bethel:Swaim	11	15		26	Glendale:Evans	3	8	1	12***	Goshen:Good		5	1	6
Pl. Grove:Mathis		18	1	19	Pine Bluff-Good Faith-Sulphur					Gravette-Sulphur Spgs:Waters	5	19	1	25
Stamps:Johnson	18	45		63	Springs:Williams	11	19		30	Green Forest-Alpena:Woods	1	57		58
Stephens:Ross	2	14		16	Humphrey-Humnoke:Barker	1	8		9	Harrison-First:McCormick	3	40		43
Waldo-Willisville:Hamm	7	17		24	Pine Bluff-Lakeside:Matthews	13	49		62	St. Paul's Ct.:Whitfield		1		1
Willisville:Hamm	5	8		13*	Whitehall-Redfield:Lea	5	28		33	Lincoln-Morrow:Hooker	30	17		47
Welcome:Green		9		9	Wesley:Regnier	1	25		26	Prairie Grove-Viney Grove:				
Totals	161	566	8	735	Roe Ct.:Richert	2	31		33**	Paysinger	7	8		15
HOPE DISTRICT					Rowell Ct:Lightfoot	2	2		4	Siloam Springs:Johnson	18	51	2	71
DeQueen:Alston	1	1		2	Sheridan:Wilson	15	39		54	St. Joe-Everton:Beck		3		3
Dierks:Block	3	45		48**	Sherril-Tomberlin-Tucker:					Yellville:Hestwood	3	18		21
Hatfield Ct: Fancher & Harbeson	2	29		31	Ratekin	4	21		25**	Totals	107	342	6	455
Lockesburg Ct.:Callicott	9	49		58**	St. Charles-Pl. Grove:Eagle	3	21		24	FORREST CITY DISTRICT				
Mena:White	10	24		34	Stuttgart-First:Beck	8	115		123**	Brinkley-Brasfield:Chapman	13	63	2	78**
Mt. View:Roberts		1		1	Grand Ave:Mulkey	38	131		169**	Aubrey:Haltom	2	13		15**
Mineral Spgs. Ct.:George	1	30		31	Totals	138	644	2	784	Clarendon-Shiloh:Gilliam	2	19		21
Nashville:Wilson	11	42		53	BATESVILLE DISTRICT					Cherry Valley:Price	6	50	2	58**
Prescott Ct:McKinney	3	3		6	Batesville-First:Kennedy	33	90		123**	Colt Ct:Davis	1	8		9
Rondo Ct:Armstrong		1		1	Central:Casteel		1		1	Cotton Plant-Hunter:Logan	3	30		33
Springhill:Diffie	7	10		17	Antioch Ct:Jones	6	9	1	16	Earle:Wilson	1	26		27
Texarkana-Fairview:Bone		1		1	Bald Knob-Hopewell-Russell:					Elaine Ct:Breazeale		9		9
Few Mem:Barron		6	1	7	Anderson	5	15	1	21	Helena-First:Beal		1		1
Washington Ct:Rushing	10	9	2	21**	Beebe:Cook	38	35	1	74**	Holly Grove:Piercey	3	12		15
Totals	57	251	3	311	Bradford Ct. - Pl. Plains:Holland	5	34		39**	Hughes:Johnson	2	18	1	21
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT					Cabot:Savage	3	38	4	45	Marianna-Haynes-Lagrange:				
Austin Ct.:Bailey	6	35	1	42	Calico Rock:Southerland	3	7		10	Byers	9	39	1	49
Benton-First:Hollenbeck		1		1	Clinton:Scott	6	39	2	47	Marvell:Moyers	4	14		18
New Hope-Mt. Carmel:Poss	2	6		8	Quitman:Strayhorn	4	12	1	17	McCrary-Fakes-Patterson:				
Carlisle:Martin	6	22		28	Concord:Woodall	2	10		12	Brewer		37		37
Des Arc-New Bethel:Ruth	10	33	1	44**	Denard-Shirley:Shell		4		4	Parkin:Rainwater	11	10	2	23
Hamilton:Martin	1	8		9	Cotter-Bull Shoals:Edwards	3	17	1	21	Tupelo:Couchman	3	5		8**
Little Rock - Western Hills:					Desha Ct:Holland	10	12		22	West Helena:Haltom	4	24	1	29
Robertson	2	26		28	Griffithville Ct:Matthews		30		30	West Memphis-First:Hines	19	91		110
Geyer Springs:Diffie	9	26		35	Judsonia:Hunter	5	19		24	Rosewood:Linam		3		3
St. James:Phillips	61	104		165****	Holiday Hills:Cowan	3	32		35****	Widener-Round Pond:Reed		3		3
Asbury:Arnold	8	62		70	Moorefield-Southside:Strayhorn	4	27		31**	Wynne:Wilder	20	63	1	84
Capitol View:Nation	2	22		24	Moorefield Ct.					Totals	103	538	10	651
First:Bearden		1116		1116****	A:Wilson		9		9	FORT SMITH DISTRICT				
St. Paul:Scott	4	22		26	B:Thomas	8	29		37****	Altus:Lancaster	2	10	1	13
Highland:Stephens	11	47		58	Melbourne Parish:Kelly	2	3		5	Ft. Smith-First:Nader	11	47	3	61
Hunter:Kerr	4	27	1	32	Mt. Home:Carter		1		1	Goddard:Boyd	9	96	1	106
Oak Forest:Hankins	1			1	Mt. View:Brumer		1		1	Wesley:Green	8	17		25
Pulaski Hts:Argue		1		1	Newark:Brent	10	22		32**	Lamar-Mt. Olive:Tackitt		2		2
St. Luke:DeBlack	6	26	3	35	Salem-Viola:McCammon	9	32	1	42	Central:Martin	1	10		11**
Trinity:Taylor	10	16	2	28	Searcy-First:Richards	45	94		139**	Lavaca-Vesta-Barling:Cook	3	16		19
Winfield:Hozendorf		120		120	Grace:Ernest	4	21	1	26	Magazine Ct:Rolland	4	16	1	21
Hazen:Hale	45	28	2	75**	Totals	208	643	13	864	Mansfield-Huntington:Hester	3	9		12
DeValls Bluff:Hale	6	7	1	14*	CONWAY DISTRICT					Mt. View:Byrd	4	17		21*
Lonoke:Clayton	11	31	1	43	Belleville-Havana:Hutto		13		13	Mulberry-Dyer:Brooks	9	12		21
Mabelvale:Fincher	12	23		35	Conway-First:Jordan	20	49	9	78	Paris-Coles:Hightower		1		1
Primrose:Kilgore		1		1	Wesley-Vilonia:Cordell	6	19		25	Van Buren-First:Lawson	5	31		36
Pride Valley:Hart		10	1	11**	Greenbrier:Wingo	7	26		33	Van Buren-St. Johns:Scroggin	7	10	1	18
Sardis-Bethel:Monroe	3	21	2	26	Salem:Mooney	1	9		10	Kibler:Scroggin	6	2		8*
					Dardanelle-First:Crozier	3	41	2	46	Waldron:Clemmons	1	44		45**
										Scott County Parish:Kleeb	1	17		18
										Totals	74	357	7	438



MANY MINI MEETINGS FOR MINISTERS' WIVES

Ministers' Wives of the Little Rock District will meet on Feb. 15, the third Thursday this month instead of the usual second Thursday (due to Ministers' Week at SMU). An unusual feature will be many groups in "mini meetings," rather than the regular one meeting for the entire district.

Mrs. G. C. Bailey, Route 2, Box 29, Cabot, will be hostess to the Cabot and Lonoke area. The luncheon meeting begins at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Ed Hollenbeck, 520 Conway, Benton, will be hostess to wives in the Benton area for a luncheon.

Mrs. Sam Jones, #9 Coachlight, Little Rock, will have a brunch for a group.

Working wives will have a luncheon at the Capitol Club, Worthen Bank.

A Saturday meeting has been postponed from Feb. 17 to Feb. 24. Mrs. J. H. Thompson will be hostess to the group preferring a Saturday meeting at her home, 1922 S. Marshall, at 1:30 p.m.

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Dr. Ethan W. Dodgen superintendent of Forrest City District of the North Arkansas Conference and Mrs. Dodgen were honored guests of First Church, Parkin at a special church-wide dinner given in their honor on Jan. 28. Shown here the Dodgens receive a gift of money to be used in their honor for a missionary work of their choosing. Making the presentation is the Rev. Gerald K. Rainwater, Parkin pastor.

News in Brief

HICKORY RIDGE United Methodists held Family Night on Wednesday, Jan. 31. The men cooked the supper. Benny House showed film from his recent trip to the Holy Land. The Rev. James A. Barton is pastor.

LUIZ ROBERTO FUSER from Sao Paulo, Brazil, is living with the Rev. Jim Beal family in Helena for six months and attending the spring semester at Central High School in Helena.

THE MENA UNITED METHODIST Church has discontinued evening worship services for the rest of the winter in order to conserve the depleted gas supply of the Mena Area.

DR. JAMES UPTON, professor of religion at Hendrix College, is teaching the study of Romans in Wesley United Methodist Church, Conway, on Sunday evenings during February. The Rev. Britt Cordell is pastor.

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WIFE OF ARKANSAS MINISTER WRITES NEW LEADERSHIP RESOURCE

Dr. Rosalie Jenkins Lawson, wife of Chaplain Marvest A. Lawson of the North Arkansas Conference, was one of eight writers of the new Methodist guidance material, THE LEADER DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE SYSTEM. The set of manuals was planned to help the local church build a program to develop all of its leadership. It is available from the Service Department, P.O. Box 871, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

Chaplain Lawson is completing a three-year tour of duty at Naval Weapons Station, Concord, Calif. He is currently vice president of Golden Gate Chapter, Military Chaplains Assn., which includes Northern California and Nevada. His brother Arvest is pastor of First Church, Van Buren.

"Training Teachers and Group Leaders" is the manual written by Dr. Lawson. A trained director of Christian education, she has served as a missionary to Brazil, and has taught in a Jurisdictional workshop at Mt. Sequoyah. She has led retreats for church women and minister's wives in California, and recently made the keynote address at the annual regional meeting of Church Women United of northern California and Nevada.

Dr. Lawson is a certified adult laboratory school teacher, and this year taught in the conference school of missions at the University of Pacific, Stockton, Calif. On Jan. 5, her husband led the installation service as she began a second year as president of Central Contra Costa County Church Women United. Presently Dr. Lawson teaches sociology and world religions at John F. Kennedy University, Martinez, Calif.

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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.

Feb. 11—Sunday	Mark 1:1-11
Feb. 12	Luke 1:5-17
Feb. 13	Luke 2:25-38
Feb. 14	Matt. 18:1-14
Feb. 15	Gal. 4:4-7
Feb. 16	Hebrews 8:8-12
Feb. 17	Hebrews 9:11-15
Feb. 18—Sunday	Ex. 20:1-17

ROBERT ARTHUR TUSING

Lance Corporal Robert Arthur (Bob) Tusing was killed in a plane crash, Jan. 1, 1973, near Dell, Ark.

He was born March 5, 1952 in Blytheville, and was valedictorian of the 1970 Class of Dell. He was an Eagle Scout and was awarded his God and Country Award in 1969 in the Dell United Methodist Church, of which he was a member.

Bob was stationed at Quantico Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va., and had attended the University of Arkansas before entering the Marines.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tusing of Dell, one brother, Ed Tusing of Dell, and three sisters, Lois Ann Tusing of Memphis, Susan Tusing of Dell, Linda Tusing of Dell, and his grandmother, Mrs. J. C. Dobbs of Wilson.

Bob was an outstanding young leader in his school and church and will be missed by the entire community. A memorial fund for him has been started in the Dell United Methodist Church, of which the Rev. Joe Wilkerson is pastor.

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New Renew Not Due Total

JONESBORO DISTRICT

Blytheville-First:Watson	14	148		162
Lake Street:Reed	13	14	1	28
Dell-Christ:Wilkerson	1	8		9
Harrisburg-Pl. Valley:Weir	6	39		45
Joiner-Turrell:Feagan	5	36		41
Jonesboro-First:Gibson	80	536		616****
Huntington Ave.:Chandler	18	44	1	63
Fisher-Pl. Grove:Holifield	6	38		44
St. Paul-Mt. Carmel:Canada	3	11	2	16
Lake City-Lake View:Bailey		10		10
Leachville-Caraway:Weatherford	6	23		29
Lepanto-Garden Pt:Dyess:				
Van Cleve	3	23		26
Luxora-Keiser:Dorman	1	12		13
Manila -Comm.:Dorman	9	27		36
Monette-Macy:Hays	1	25		26
Tyroneza-Centerview:Yarbrough	2	27		29
Wilson:Linam	3	17		20
Weiner:Bruner	2	11	1	14
Fisher:Bruner	5	18		23**
Promised Land:Kirkland		9		9
Pl. Valley-Wesley:Randle		6		6
Totals	178	1082	5	1265

PARAGOULD DISTRICT

Corning:Clark	5	29	1	35
Hoxie-Clover Bend:Lawrence	12	17		29
Imboden-Smithville:Stahl	1	24		25
Eli Lindsey:Hance		2	1	3
Mammoth Spring:Jackson		1		1
Marmaduke Ct:Bounds	4	25		29
Paragould-Griffin:Gatlin	10	37		47
Paragould Parish 3:Southard		8		8
Piggott:Harris	5	24		29

New Renew Not Due Total

St. Francis Ct:Scrum		11		11
Swifton-Alicia:Luter	5	31	1	37*
Tuckerman:LeGrand	4	22		26
Walnut Ridge-First:Meadors	6	23		29
Walnut Ridge Ct:Hance		8		8*
Totals	52	262	3	317

- * Reached quota
- ** Exceeded quota
- *** Doubled quota
- **** Every family

Additional reports came from these charges over the weekend; however, they will not be posted until the next issue.

Little Rock Conference

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT: Okolona Ct.; Mt. Ida-Oden.
CAMDEN DISTRICT: Harmony Grove-Lakeside; Bearden-Thornton; Greer's Chapel-McNeil; Lewisville.
HOPE DISTRICT: Hope-First; Texarkana-Few Memorial; Prescott.
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT: L.R.-Pulaski Heights; L.R.-Galloway Memorial.
MONTICELLO DISTRICT: Parkdale.
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT: Pine Bluff-First; England.

North Arkansas Conference

BATESVILLE DISTRICT: Horseshoe Bend-Ash Flat; Judsonia.
CONWAY DISTRICT: Morrilton Ct.; Russellville-Wesley; Danville-Waltreak; Ola-Plainview; Conway-First.
FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT: Fayetteville-Trinity; Brightwater; St. Paul's Parish; Wesley-Mt. Hebron; Bentonville.
FORREST CITY DISTRICT: Forrest City-Forrest Hills; Brinkley-Brasfield.
FORT SMITH DISTRICT: Charleston-Branch; Fort Smith-Massard-New Hope.
JONESBORO DISTRICT: Blytheville-First; Marked Tree.
PARAGOULD DISTRICT: Cherokee Village; Hardy; Rec-
tor; Mammoth Springs.

Recapitulation

ARKANSAS METHODIST CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN REPORT NO. 2

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

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MONTICELLO DISTRICT	92	477	2	571
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT	138	644	2	784
Totals	721	4037	45	4803

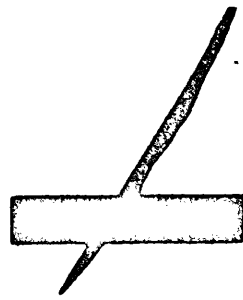
NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

	New	Renew	Not Due	Totals
BATESVILLE DISTRICT	208	643	13	864
CONWAY DISTRICT	137	684	21	842
FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT	107	342	6	455
FORREST CITY DISTRICT	103	538	10	651
FORT SMITH DISTRICT	74	357	7	438
JONESBORO DISTRICT	178	1082	5	1265
PARAGOULD DISTRICT	52	262	3	317
Totals	859	3908	65	4832

JOHNSON COUNTY Methodist Men met in First Church of Clarksville on Monday, Jan. 22. Dr. A. C. Bradford of Fort Smith was speaker at the dinner meeting. The Rev. J. Clarence Wilcox is pastor.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 18: More Than Human Power

SCRIPTURE BACKGROUND: Zechariah 1:1-6; 4

MEMORY SELECTION: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of Hosts. Zech. 4:6

AIM OF THE LESSON: To study Zechariah's message that humans under their own power are without power, and that they receive life-directing vitality only as they lean on divine guidance.

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In young boyhood days the writer was guilty of some boyish prank as the family was traveling toward home. He was promptly admonished by his father who at the time was busy driving the car. After criticizing our behavior he said, "So, I'll deal with you when we get home." After we arrived home the son remained outside for a few moments longer than the others. Then he went meekly inside and straight to his father. Holding forth in his hand a length of a small tree branch, he said: "Well here it is Daddy. Let's get it over with." Memory is faulty regarding immediate developments. We recall that some years later, however, in conversing with him about the episode, he remarked that it had taught him not to promise discipline which could not be immediately administered. He had made, he said, a rash promise on the spur of the moment and wouldn't do it again!

Rash promises! We've all made them. Under pressure at the time, we spoke out too impulsively and unthinkingly. Such ill-timed promises often backfire in some inconvenient or disconcerting fashion.

God's promises are different. They come from one whose nature is love and goodness. They all "add up" to a furthering of his good will and purpose. They don't misfire. They can be depended upon. Our scriptures record hundreds of instances in which God in his love has promised relief from anguish and pain, understanding when confused, hope to relieve despair, freedom to replace bondage, redemption from sin. His promises are sure, "from everlasting to everlasting," (Psalms 103:17) and his faithfulness "endures to all generations." (Psalms 119:90)

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THE PROPHET SPEAKS

It is an interesting exercise for us to find the book of Zechariah. It is positioned between Haggai and Malachi! Ahead of Haggai are Obadiah, Jonah (This one we know about!), Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, and Zephaniah. Some may casually assume that since these works are little known, they are therefore of small significance. Of them, only Obadiah came from a period after that of Haggai and Zechariah; the others from roughly the time of Isaiah or even later. In each instance, the message of these writings has a special relevance to the writer's own time. In Haggai and Zechariah, the central feature is their insistence that the people must rebuild the temple forthwith. The project is not incidental to the hope of the people, for their dalliance reflects unfavorably on their responsiveness to God. And this, God cannot overlook. There is a built-in alert to the people in the meaning of Zechariah's name: "God remembers."

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THE MYSTERY OF IT

The prophetic message was often couched in allegory and other forms of word pictures. The plainly stated message might have been ignored and forgotten, but not the enriched descriptions adorned with dramatic expressions. Poetic in form and profound in meaning, that message was declared in a powerfully appealing way which could not be easily turned aside nor forgotten. The style of the message added the dimension of the prophet's sincerity and earnestness. It was as if the Lord was speaking, as in fact he was through the words and spirit of his spokesmen.

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The message was often clothed in mystery but only to intensify its meaning and not to obscure it. This is a fundamental principle of interpretation we must remember. The primary "audience" was the people there before the prophet. The truths proclaimed to them, though, are infused into the thoughts of the devout person whatever his time or circumstance. The prophet's message thus has a universal, timeless application. It would have been a ludicrous exercise if the message didn't have primary significance to the immediate scene. It would not represent the eternal verities of God if it didn't have reference to some given point in the future.

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PROPHETIC POWER

The prophet stands as an eloquent example of the person whose inner strength and assurance is coupled with a sense of mission to others. Underlying his message was the theme of God's person and power, and he was allied with him in the attempt to proclaim God's purpose and will. He taught that pure goodness and deep spirituality are the panacea for man's evil—and there is real thrust in that truth!

He was most demanding and most clearly pointed in his observations when the days were darkest. The darkness of oppression, stubborn falsehood, cruel exploiting of men by men, gross and widespread sin, and adherence to principles of living which were lower than the expected ones—these were his points of attack during particularly trying times.

He could discern the clever disguises and rationalizations of those who sought to justify their waywardness and self-interest, and compared these relentlessly with the divine standards.

He acknowledged that the frustrations of faltering men must be relieved by the undergirding and reassuring presence and aid of the Lord.

He emphasized spiritual principles which have permanent validity, despite an easy tendency by some to regard them as having meaning in ancient times but somehow not being applicable today.

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THE GREAT ASSURANCE

Unrealized hopes are a common part of our living. There is a lesson in them for us. A promise to pay over many years the purchase price of a house is based on such an attitude. The marriage vows two persons exchange before God attest to such a hope. Even the casual parting word, "I'll be seeing you!" seems to evidence the same idea. Such experiences viewed in a solemn vein assure a precious dividend in our living that often we don't deserve, yet it comes though often unnoticed. Note the teaching in I John 5:14—"And this is the confidence we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us." The apostle writes with a similar emphasis when he states that believers "have all the riches of assured understanding." (Col. 2:2)

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THE FUTURE IS GOD'S

So long as humans think dark thoughts of each other, breaches of the peace are a constant threat. When their aim is economic or other individual gain at whatever human expense men will endure, tranquil living is precariously balanced. When people live in the shadow of mutual suspicion and distrust, an unsettling truce at best is likely. When personal ambition obscures faith in the ultimate necessity, God, there can only be hollow achievement and angry grasping. Life becomes a "holding" action instead of hallowed action.

The prophets often used the expression, "In that day," to draw attention to the inevitable and ultimate working out of God's design. The term is mistakenly interpreted by the cynical one as either indicating the writer's lack of faith that the promised future event would even actually happen, or that his writing was an obvious pious fraud. He could not safely promise good things now but dangled the "hope" of something better generations or

centuries later. We of more confidence in the rightness of God's way of doing things must also make our peace with the "In that day" principle. We must draw expectantly and gratifyingly on the realization that the God of history persists in his purposes through generation after generation of men. We are spurred to vitalizing service as we consider that we can be partners with him and we can hasten the day of God's peace for all.

The writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews states the case for faithfulness even with that faith resting upon a fulfillment yet to come. In referring to the spiritual leaders of the ancient era, he wrote: "These all died in the faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them." (Heb. 11:13)

Our business is not to know the ending any more than we know the beginning, but to make each present part of that continuing unfolding a moment in God's favor and a mark against the working of evil.

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ON A SOLID FOUNDATION

Now let us review the content and intent of the prophets Haggai and Zechariah as they addressed themselves to the needs of their countrymen. The central feature is the rebuilding of the temple both as a place of worship and as an act of renewed devotion to the Lord.

A house of worship was clearly needed. Hard work and a good home for the children were not enough to preserve faithfulness to the Lord, but actually engendered self-concern and self-approved standards. Morality doesn't ever supplant spirituality. The Lord wants our worship, and our living requires it. This is simply and unequivocally stated in Haggai 1:3—"Return to me, says the Lord of Hosts." Centuries later the apostle Paul restates the principle in Christian terms: "For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 3:11) This is not excessive deference to the past; it is a needed accent upon the base for spiritual development. The cross and the open tomb were landmarks of the past, but each life in its own time must build on the faith which accepts that sacrifice and that triumph. We "stand on the shoulders" of those who earlier witnessed to such a faith.

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"SEVEN"

A recent televised service of thanksgiving and worship was held in response to the signing of the cease-fire agreement in Southeast Asia. Viewers over the nation heard seven peals of a bell as the service began, symbolizing "completion" of that agreement to a hoped-for cessation of hostilities. What emotion those bell-tones evoked! Peace was hopefully at hand! It is yet to be fully achieved, but an important step has been taken. Our prayers and wills must back up these beginning weeks of trembling, tentative forward steps of all who fervently want hostilities to be permanently stayed.

The number "seven" in Zechariah Chapter 4 also symbolizes completeness. The prophet's message here refers to an event equal in significance, we can guess, to that of January 27. It tells of the time when the temple rebuilding is completed and the place of worship is ready for meditation and prayer again. We can imagine that when worshippers were guided by their leaders in rededication of the temple there were shouts of joy and quiet throbs of exultation. The climax of some seventy years of distress and despair came to an end. Completion and exultation were joined in a memorable event!

Consider also a third scene. Its setting is a rocky hill at Jerusalem five centuries after the temple was restored. Jesus the Son of God is there on a cross. After many hours there in racking agony, John reports his final words before death released him: "It is finished." (19:30) We often interpret this statement as signifying completion of his ministry of redemption for mankind, and the plan of salvation is completed in the sacrifice of Jesus for the sins of all men.

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NEXT WEEK

We conclude this quarter's study of the message of hope and judgment as viewed through the prophecies of four men of God: Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Haggai, and Zechariah. Our lesson next week will concern "The Shape of Things to Come," and is based on Zechariah's message in portions of three chapters.

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United Methodist Musicians plan unique convocation

LAKELAND, Fla. (UMI) — Fourteen years after his death, world-famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright will serve as a key resource for the biennial convocation of the Fellowship of United Methodist Musicians as they meet at Florida Southern College August 5-11.

The College's west campus, designed by Mr. Wright, comprises the world's largest complex of his architecture.

During a special session on "Music and Architecture" Monday night, Aug. 6, the participants will be treated to a walking tour of the six major buildings Mr. Wright designed. The architect's taped voice will describe each of the facilities. Also, live music appropriate for each of the settings will be provided.

Before the tour, the participants will hear Nils M. Schweizer, an apprentice to Mr. Wright who came to Lakeland in 1952 to supervise the construction of the Florida Southern buildings.

Head of an architectural firm known as "The Environmental Design Group", Mr. Schweizer is concerned for the psychological, social, and aesthetic aspects of architecture. He has become an active proponent of in-depth programming, team approach to design problems, and describes himself as a firm believer in "design as a process that is concerned with the total created environment of man."

In addition to a long list of professionally related activities, Mr. Schweizer is deeply involved in civic activities.

Florida Southern College, founded by Methodism in 1885, is the state's oldest private college. Mr. Wright once said of the campus, "Every building is out of the ground, into the light, a child of the sun . . . the first truly American campus."

Chairman of the Convocation planning committee is the Rev. Robert Scoggin, president-elect of the Fellow-

ship of United Methodist Musicians. He is minister of music at Christ United Methodist Church, Rochester, Minn.

President of the 1400-member Fellowship is Howard Coble, director of Music at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, High Point, N.C.

The Fellowship is administratively related to the Section of Local Church Education of the United Methodist Board of Discipleship based in Nashville. Executive director for the fellowship is the Rev. Glenn S. Gothard who also serves the Board's Section of Local Church Education as Consultant on Buildings and Equipment.

Mr. Gothard said details of the 1973 Convocation would be released in several weeks. The last convocation for the Fellowship was held in 1971 at the University of Houston.

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United Methodist leaders respond to Court ruling on abortion

● Dr. Outler raises question:

"When does legal personality begin?"

NEW YORK (UMI) — Reactions varying from firm though tempered approval to strong reservations were voiced by United Methodist leaders in response to the historic decision January 22 by the Supreme Court ruling invalid state laws that prohibit or restrict a woman's right to obtain an abortion in the first three months of pregnancy.

Several who commended the decision pointed to what they believe is its general consistency with the position of the United Methodist Church as set forth by the 1970 General Conference and more extensively in two documents adopted by the 1972 General Conference. That position basically is that abortion is a matter not for the criminal code but for decision by a woman, in consultation with doctors or others with whom she may counsel before making a decision.

Those who had questions or objections pointed to problems and pitfalls of making moral decisions by judicial or legislative action and emphasized the importance of respect for human life. One said by implication that if "restraint" had been taken by Protestants, in addition to Roman Catholics, the Court might not have ruled as it did.

Those commenting on both sides of the issue, which has been controversial in the United Methodist Church as in society in general, agreed that the decision places heavy responsibility on the church. Some reactions and comments of United Methodist leaders follow.

The Rev. Dr. A. Dudley Ward, general secretary of the Board of Church and Society, and Miss Joyce Hamlin, secretary for legislative affairs of the Women's Division, both of Washington, said in a joint statement: "In declaring invalid those state laws which deny or limit the availability of abortions during the early weeks of pregnancy, it (the Court) establishes the much-needed national standards of protection in law for the personal liberties and right to privacy of women."

It is no business of law to force women who "are experiencing unacceptable pregnancies into undesired child-bearing."

"We do not view this decision as a rejection of the value of human life. Rather it is an acknowledgment that decisions regarding abortion are essentially moral and medical, not legal; decisions which must be made by the individuals most directly involved . . . While the Supreme Court decision is a landmark decision in abortion law reform, it cannot be seen as an end to the abortion debate or to the concern of the church in this issue . . . There is a deep need for reconciliation within the religious community and for increased understanding on the part of society and individuals of the social and personal circumstances which lead women to seek abortion."

"In affirming the right of women to obtain safe legal abortions, we do not recommend reliance on abortion as a method of family planning . . . It is our profound hope that the Supreme Court decision will serve to stimulate renewed efforts on the part of institutions, both public and private, to encourage the research needed to develop more effective, safe and easy-to-use contraceptives, and to make quality family-planning services available to all persons desiring them."

The Rev. Dr. Albert C. Outler, noted theologian and ecumenist, professor at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex.: "The Supreme Court has decided it knows when human life begins and when it can and cannot be taken with impunity. I thought this was more than anybody knew and could afford to decide as arbitrarily as this . . . This is a momentous thing . . . In the resulting confusion, it is clear the Court thought it knew what it was doing. That is what I want to stress. I doubt that the Court could know. How anybody knows what the Constitution really means on the question of when legal personality begins is more than I can imagine."

"I would suppose that the single advantage is that it moves the issue from the criminal to the medical domain . . . The decision puts us in a position now where churches must try to make impact on the question of tenderness for life, or the right of the fetus to live. But unfortunately the churches are in a demoralized state, and I wouldn't expect them to do much in the immediate crisis. In the long view, it puts us all in the dilemma of being sensitive to the rights of infants and other living beings and insensitive to the rights of the unborn."

Dr. Louise Branscomb, Birmingham (Ala.) gynecologist who introduced the abortion amendment into the United Methodist Social Principles statement at the 1972 General Conference: "My reaction to the ruling is favorable. I believe it is the situation we should have had all the time. The ruling, however, does not relieve the physician and the mother of the responsibility of considering all the values involved. A decision about abortion requires taking into account the quality of life for all concerned — for mother, child, family and society. Sometimes social and mental factors can be as important as physical in making a decision. I believe the Supreme Court ruling is generally in harmony with the position of the United Methodist Church in placing the decision, at last for the first three months of pregnancy, in the hands of mother and doctor."

The Rev. Dr. J. Robert Nelson, dean of Boston University School of Theology who has often spoken out on the abortion issue: "The decision represents a cheapening of human life and may have dire consequences in the future . . . No answer has been given to the moral problem, but the Court has set limits on when states may deal with the morality of abortion. What this shows is the dilemma of a society which tries to decide what moral issues can be decided by legislation. What it means is that restraints on early abortions depend on the moral sensibilities of women and others con-

cerned. The physicians become the moral arbitrators."

"The Court would not have reached the decision, I believe, had it not been for the permissive positions taken by various Protestant churches, positions with which, for the most part, I disagree. Had there been strong positions of restraint taken by Protestants, in addition to Catholics, I think the outcome would have been different. I am disappointed that one *amicus curiae* brief supporting abortion came from the Board of Christian Social Concerns of my denomination."

Dr. Katherine Wilcox, Traverse City, Mich., a psychologist who was active in an unsuccessful campaign to liberalize abortion in Michigan last fall and who served on the 1972 General Conference Christian Social Concerns legislative committee which produced a statement in which abortion was dealt with: "The Supreme Court decision on abortion takes into account both rights of the pregnant woman and the rights of the fetus. Neither is absolutized. It recognizes that the state should make mandatory laws only when the state has compelling interest. Otherwise laws should be permissive, subject to the judgment and decision of persons concerned . . . This decision limits laws to areas where the state has a compelling interest. It does not legislate ethical standards. It still leaves people free for the responsible exercise of their own conscience. It also means that groups (including some churches) that disagree may still influence the decisions of their people on the basis of education and persuasion but not on the basis of legal compulsion."

The National Association of Health and Welfare Ministries of the United Methodist Church (comprising hospitals and other institutions and agencies) in a 1971 statement said, in part: "Abortion and sterilization should be available only upon the request of, and with the informed consent of, the person most directly concerned, and

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be necessary if the Puerto Rico Conference votes to become an autonomous church, or an affiliate of a united church in Puerto Rico.

Copies of the proposed amendments have been sent to annual conference secretaries by the Rev. J. B. Holt, Dallas, Texas, secretary of the General Conference. The official result of the balloting will be announced in the autumn by the Council of Bishops.

The sessions of the Mississippi and North Mississippi conferences in late May will mark consummation of the merger between black and white units in the state.

Some two-thirds of the conferences will have a new presiding bishop for a regular session. For 19 of the bishops, it will be the first time they have presided over such a meeting since their election to the episcopacy at the 1972 jurisdictional conferences.

The complete schedule, by jurisdiction, includes:

NORTH CENTRAL

North Indiana, May 24-27 at W. Lafayette
Southern Illinois, May 30-June 4 at Lebanon
North Dakota, June 1-5 at Grand Forks
Northern Illinois, June 3-7 at DeKalb
Central Illinois, June 4-8 at Jacksonville
South Indiana, June 5-8 at Bloomington
Detroit, June 6-10 at Adrian, Mich.
Wisconsin, June 7-10 at Green Lake
Iowa, June 8-12 at Des Moines
South Dakota, June 9-12 at Mitchell
West Ohio, June 10-15 at Lakeside
Minnesota, June 11-14 at Northfield
West Michigan, June 13-17 at Albion
East Ohio, June 18-22 at Lakeside

NORTHEASTERN

New Hampshire, May 10-13 at Lebanon
Baltimore, May 16-19 at Washington, D. C.
Peninsula, May 22-25 at Dover, Del.
Puerto Rico, May 23-27 at Ponce
Northern New York, May 30-June 2 at Malone
Troy, May 30-June 3 at Poultney, Vt.
Northern New Jersey, June 4-6 at Madison
Western Pennsylvania, June 6-9 at Grove City
West Virginia, June 6-10 at Buckhannon
Wyoming, June 6-10 at Scranton, Pa.
Western New York, June 7-9 at Houghton
Southern New England, June 7-10 at So. Hadley, Mass.
Southern New Jersey, June 11-14 at Ocean City
New York, June 12-14 at Bridgeport, Conn.
Central Pennsylvania, June 14-17 at Selinsgrove
Central New York, June 17-19 at Ithaca
Eastern Pennsylvania, June 19-22 at Annville
Maine, June 21-24 at Waterville

SOUTH CENTRAL

Missouri West, May 24-27 at Fayette

North Texas, May 27-30 at Dallas
Little Rock, May 28-30 at Hot Springs, Ark.
Louisiana, May 28-June 1 at Shreveport
Southwest Texas, May 28-31 at San Antonio
New Mexico, May 29-June 1 at Portales
Kansas West, May 29-June 1 at Wichita
Oklahoma, May 30-June 1 at Tulsa
Missouri East, May 31-June 3 at Fayette
Nebraska, June 1-3 Lincoln
Central Texas, June 3-6 at Ft. Worth
Texas, June 4-7 at Houston
North Arkansas, June 4-6 at Jonesboro
Northwest Texas, June 5-8 at Abilene
Indian Missionary, June 8-10 at Anadarko, Okla.
Kansas East, June 8-10 at Baldwin
and October 5-6 at Emporia
Rio Grande, June 8-11 at Georgetown, Texas

SOUTHEASTERN

Red Bird Mission, May 8-10 at Helton, Ky.
Louisville, May 22-25 at Owensboro, Ky.
North Mississippi, May 23-25 at Tupelo
Mississippi, May 28-31 at Jackson
Alabama-W. Fla., May 28-31 at Montgomery, Ala.
Memphis, June 3-6 at Jackson, Tenn.
South Carolina, June 4-8 at Spartanburg
North Alabama, June 4-7 at Birmingham
North Carolina, June 4-7 at Fayetteville
Florida, June 5-8 at Lakeland
Kentucky, June 5-8 at Richmond
South Georgia, June 6-9 at Columbus
Western North Carolina, June 6-10 at Lake Junaluska
Virginia, June 11-14 at Roanoke
North Georgia, June 13-16 at Atlanta
Holston, June 13-17 at Chattanooga, Tenn.
Tennessee, June 20-24 at Murfreesboro

WESTERN

Alaska Mission, May 31-June 3 at Anchorage
Oregon-Idaho, June 5-8 at Salem, Ore.
California-Nevada, June 6-10 at Stockton, Calif.
Pacific Northwest, June 6-10 at Spokane, Wash.
Rocky Mountain, June 11-14 at Denver, Colo.
Southern California-Arizona, June 15-19 at Redlands
Yellowstone, June 18-22 at Billings, Mont.

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their legal guardian if the person is under the age of consent. No person should be compelled to undergo, nor a physician compelled to perform, a procedure that would interrupt a pregnancy or effect sterilization if either has ethical, religious or any other objections to such a procedure . . . All abortion and sterilization procedures

Dr. E. Stanley Jones dies in India where he entered mission service in 1907

NEW YORK — Dr. E. Stanley Jones, 89, United Methodist clergyman, one of the best known Protestant missionaries of the twentieth century, advocate of church unity and author of 28 religious books, died early in the morning of Jan. 25 at Clara Swain Hospital in Bareilly, India, the country where he had given much of his life.

The popularizer of the Christian ashram (retreat) movement and international evangelist was taken seriously ill about January 22. He had suffered a stroke in Dec. 1971, from which he had been reported recovering. In the early summer of 1972, he returned to India where he first went as a missionary in 1907. Since his stroke, he had preached, conducted ashrams and was at work on his 29th book at the time of his death. His most popular book today is "Abundant Living."

Dr. Jones met with presidents, congressmen, and judges, statesmen and the military as he tried to bridge the gap between Christian profession and Christian conduct in national and international affairs.

Eli Stanley Jones was born in Baltimore, Md., Jan. 3, 1884. He was educated in Baltimore schools and at Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky. He was on the faculty of Asbury College when called to missionary service in India under the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church. As did most missionaries to India, he began his work with the outcasts and the members of the very low castes of that country. But his message—in which he did not make frontal attack upon Hinduism and Islam, and in which he disentangled the Gospel of Christ from western culture and that culture's sometime non-Christian expressions—attracted wide attention among high castes, the intelligentsia, and students.

Soon he was set aside by his Church to interpret the Christian Gospel especially to educated men and women. He

not only conducted great mass meetings in leading Indian cities, but he inaugurated "round table conferences" at which Christian and non-Christian sat down as equals to study the essence of all religious faith. He helped to re-establish the Indian "ashram" (or forest retreat) as a means of drawing men and women together for days at a time to study "in depth" their own spiritual natures and quest, and what one or another faith offered individuals and offered mankind. Hindus, Moslems, and many from other Indian faiths or with no faith, came to his meetings. Some came to refute the Christian Gospel, or extoll their own, or to accept Christ's way of life.

One of the few men ever elected to the Methodist episcopacy who refused the honor, Dr. Jones was elected a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1928. After a night of prayer and consideration, he returned to the conference the next morning and thanked the assembly for the honor bestowed on him but said that he had surrendered his life to the cause of Christian evangelism.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mabel Lossing Jones, Orlando, Fla.; a daughter, Mrs. Eunice Jones Mathews, wife of the United Methodist Church's Washington Area Bishop James K. Mathews; two granddaughters, and a grandson.

A memorial service is to be held in Dr. Jones' native Baltimore, with a date and place yet to be announced. Dr. Jones is to be cremated in India and the ashes returned for burial in the Bishops' Lot in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Baltimore.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to Clara Swain Hospital, founded by one of the first two Methodist women missionaries. A spokesman said contributions may be sent in care of Bishop Mathews' office, 100 Maryland Ave., N.E. Washington, D.C. 20002.

should be performed by licensed practitioners of medicine and in a facility meeting acceptable standards of organized medicine and hospitals. The National Association . . . encourages its member hospitals to take initiative in eliminating hospital administrative restrictions on voluntary sterilization and abortion. Suitable counseling services should be made available to the person."

In the United Methodist Church, as in the nation and in many states, abortion has been a subject of continued, sometimes intense, discussion in recent years.

The issue surfaced most dramatically first at the special 1970 General Conference in St. Louis, Mo. After extended debate with emotion expressed on both sides, a resolution was adopted which included this section: "That states remove the regulation of abortion from the criminal code, placing it instead under regulations relating to other procedures of standard medical practice. Abortion would be available only upon request of the person most directly concerned."

Another major step for the church came at the 1972 General Conference in Atlanta when two major documents

set forth the official position of United Methodism. In contrast to the 1970 debate, there was little discussion of either 1972 reference to abortion, and both statements were overwhelmingly adopted.

The landmark Social Principles statement says in part: "Our belief in the sanctity of unborn human life makes us reluctant to approve abortion. But we are equally bound to respect the sacredness of the life and well-being of the mother, for whom devastating damage may result from an unacceptable pregnancy. In continuity with past Christian teaching, we recognize tragic conflicts of life with life that may justify abortion."

A comprehensive statement on "Responsible Parenthood" says in part: "When an unacceptable pregnancy occurs, a family, and most of all the pregnant woman, is confronted with the need to make a difficult decision . . . Good social policy, it seems to us, calls for the removal of abortion from the criminal code, so that women in counsel with husbands, doctors and pastors, are free to make their own responsible decisions concerning the personal and moral questions surrounding the issue of abortion."

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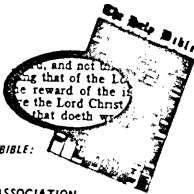
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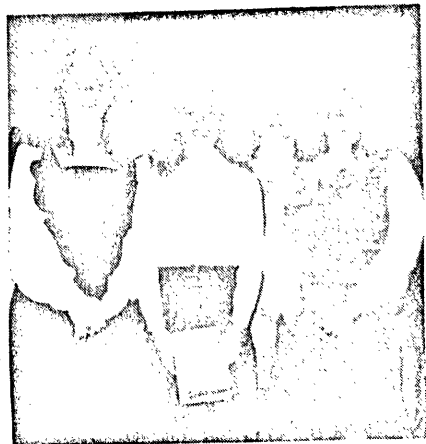
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Poetry Panorama

By Barbara L. Mulkey

"Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God." Psalm 43:5.



Shown above are young folk who had charge of the worship service at Roe United Methodist Church on Student Recognition Day. The Rev. Hursel Richert is pastor of the Roe Charge in Pine Bluff District.

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QUOTABLE QUOTE

"Evangelism is calling people from the worship of idols, and that's tough. I honor the people who are willing to name the idols — we need more of them. But evangelism is also calling people to the worship of the living Christ and the tragedy of so many social actionists is their strange silence about our Lord. Because they're willing to denounce the idols, but are afraid to name the name of Christ, they produce not liberation but guilt. They end not with love but hostility."

—Dr. Eugene L. Smith

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Breath of Life

Vain image of my God am I, a man,
Stumbling over the clay from which I came,
Trying to fulfill my role in His plan.
Erring through the sunshine, calling His name
When afraid, my weaknesses often gain
Control of me, and darkness closes in.
Why is it that I often feign disdain,
Knowing in my heart I can only win
This fight with His strong guidance from above?
Why does the voice of conscience bother me
When I drive nails into somebody's love?
Why the distant call of eternity?
The answer girds this orb from pole to pole —
He breathed on me and gave to me a soul.

—by Deener W. Wardlow

Within the Heart of Me

This earthen vessel that I am, was made
By the Father who said: Let there be light...
And though I am but clay, a price was paid
To raise me to a plane of untold height.

When He created earth and all I see
He put this faith within the heart of me.

There is a reason and a use for me
Within His plan, for He does what is best...
And He has set a light to help me see
The way to take so I can meet the test...

And He who made the earth and all I see
Is living now within the heart of me.

—by Etta Caldwell Harris



Shaun McCaffrey, a member of Pack 6, sponsored by First Church, Camden has done what few Webelos Scouts do — he has earned all of 15 possible activity badges. Shaun, who entered the Cub Scout program when eight years of age is in the fifth grade and received his Webelos Award in November, 1972. He has earned the following Activity Badges: Athlete, Citizen, Outdoorsman, Showman, Sportsman, Aquanaut, Traveler, Artist, Scholar, and on Jan. 25 completed the list by adding Craftsman, Engineer, Forester, Geologist, Naturalist, and Scientist. Mr. J. Floyd Bullock is Webelos Den Leader for the Pack.

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WORLD SERVICE BULLETIN

COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

R. BRYAN BRAWNER Treasurer 1200 Davis Street, Evanston, Illinois

BENEVOLENCE FUNDS	MONTH			FISCAL YEAR		
	December 1971	December 1972	Percent Increase (Decrease)	Thru December 1971	Thru December 1972	Percent Increase (Decrease)
World Service.....	6,589,215.43	6,266,151.02	(4.90)	21,450,642.28	21,956,797.54	2.36
General Advance Specials						
World Missions.....	764,494.02	717,189.46	(6.19)	6,245,104.91	5,736,414.73	(8.15)
National Missions.....	212,876.36	184,825.40	(13.18)	1,689,448.86	1,698,818.03	0.55
UMCOR	128,246.88	143,891.69	12.20	1,192,612.01	971,274.78	(18.56)
One Great Hour of Sharing	73,992.85	63,235.81	(14.54)	953,047.29	898,247.02	(5.75)
World Communion	385,199.53	330,412.62	(14.22)	791,447.86	806,283.28	1.87
World Service Specials.....	25,558.78	15,373.36	(39.85)	83,962.21	58,597.03	(30.21)
Temporary General Aid	228,851.31	179,841.96	(21.42)	769,763.39	711,587.27	(7.56)
Fund for Reconciliation.....	482,966.75	151,980.16	(68.53)	1,389,130.47	813,834.58	(41.41)
Ministerial Education	1,362,585.18	1,382,556.88	1.47	4,432,691.89	4,454,821.53	0.50
Race Relations	63,411.94	97,734.00	54.13	834,498.92	887,411.97	6.34
U. M. Student Day.....	42,023.23	38,238.09	(9.01)	226,155.31	205,231.26	(9.25)
Youth Service Fund	84,867.41	74,595.77	(12.10)	253,827.34	216,319.00	(14.78)
Bishops' Appeal for Pakistan		13,333.59			1,441,893.90	
National Disaster Relief		58,255.38			1,301,861.19	
ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS						
Episcopal Fund Receipts	816,678.65	740,546.27	(9.32)	3,024,828.11	3,081,873.24	1.89
General Administration						
Fund Receipts	403,792.16	367,796.13	(8.91)	1,437,206.36	1,395,354.08	(2.91)
Interdenominational						
Cooperation Fund	173,397.43	154,700.21	(10.78)	594,064.49	580,621.35	(2.26)

With this report, we complete the record for 1972 of your support of the General Funds of the Church.

There is both encouragement and disappointment in any review of our record of giving for 1972. World Service for 1972 increased over 1971. Historically, giving to World Service in the fourth year of a quadrennium has been less than during the third year. This reversal of a trend is real encouragement. When we consider, however, that some of the other funds so vital to the ministry of the church continue to decline, we experience a keen sense of disappointment.

The total or over-all increase in giving (4.08%) is most encouraging and signals a brighter future in 1973. Nineteen seventy-two is now history, and the record will not be changed. Our responsibility now is to fully implement the actions of the General Conference last April as they pertain to 1973, the first year of a brand new quadrennium.