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**PARTICIPANTS** in the Little Rock Conference Service of Commemoration were (from left) the Rev. Larry Powell of Markham Church, Little Rock; Dr. Marshall T. Steel, retired, of Hot Springs; the Rev. Clinton Atchley of First Church, Benton; the Rev. John B. Hays of Trinity Church, Little Rock, who gave the sermon; the Rev. John O. Alston of DeQueen, the worship leader, and the Rev. James Major of Conway, vice president of Hendrix College. Memorialized in the service were the Revs. P. D. Alston, William E. Brown, C. C. Hall, Robert L. Riffin, M. T. Rose, George W. Warren, Mrs. W. C. Onstead and Mrs. Braska Savage.



**AMONG PRINCIPALS** at the Little Rock Conference session were Bishop Eugene M. Frank (center) and host District Superintendent Dr. George W. Martin (right) and host pastor Dr. George Ivey.

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## Program, finances, 'self-examination' mark Little Rock Conference session

The adoption of an official program for 1977, the acceptance of new General and Annual Conference financial apportionments for a new quadrennium, and the approval of a resolution calling for a study of "the present tasks of the Conference Council Office" were among major items of business before the 123rd annual session of the Little Rock Conference held last week (June 14-17) at First Church, Hot Springs. In other major matters, the Conference received the announcement of pastoral appointments, heard a report from its delegation to General Conference, and struggled with the ethnic minority representation issue.

The newly-approved Conference program contains a statement of six purposes, six objectives and five priorities. It will form the basis of program emphases in the districts and local churches during 1977. The new program priorities are: alleviation of world hunger, strengthening ethnic minority churches, development of a Conference-wide program of relational evangelism, interpretation and promotion of the new quadrennial program, and "a Call to Prayer that ministers and other leaders will be raised up by the Holy Spirit and respond to the call to service."

The program was presented to the session during the report of the Conference Council on Ministries, the Rev. Alf A. Eason, director, presiding. A new video-tape system was utilized in the report, during which presentations were given by various Council members. Associate directors the Rev. Carr Dee Racop and the Rev. John H. Thompson and Mrs. John Tucker, director of children's ministries, assisted in the report.

### Financial And Other Matters

The Conference adopted a budget of approximately \$1,677,000, up 15.5 percent over the previous year. Askings for the two largest funds, World Service and Conference Benevolences, totaled \$394,480. The figure represents an increase of \$58,415 over the asking for 1976. The funds are the "basic missional dollar" of the General and Annual Conference programs.

Other major funds approved were \$285,000 for the fourth year of the eight-year pension program, and \$33,271 to fund the Conference's share of the new Missional Priorities approved by the General Conference — World Hunger, Ethnic Minorities, and Evangelism.

Among other agencies and causes funded were: Black Colleges, \$48,391, up \$2,245 over the previous year; Hendrix College, \$130,200, up \$18,600; Campus Ministries, \$61,200, up \$11,000; Ministerial Education, \$103,312, up \$32,716; Special Church Extension, \$20,000, same as last year; Christian Civic Foundation

of Arkansas, Inc., \$12,500, up \$1500, and **Arkansas Methodist**, \$51,000, up \$6000, with an emergency grant of \$6000 approved for 1976.

Unless otherwise determined by the Conference, the amounts approved in the first year of the new program quadrennium are generally the figures accepted for each of the four years of the quadrennium.

The resolution calling for a study of "the present tasks of the Conference Council" provides for the Committee on Review and Evaluation to make the study. The committee is requested to bring recommendations which would "shift as much of the responsibility as possible" for coordinating the program of the Annual Conference from the Council Office to the Council on Ministries and its boards and agencies, reduce the size of the Conference Council staff, and "redefine the basic responsibility of the Conference Council staff in terms of serving as resource persons to local churches and districts . . ."

The Rev. T. Nichols Evans, pastor of Hunter Church, Little Rock, who introduced the resolution, said its aim was to better enable the staff members to serve as resource persons. He said he did not envision the elimination of any professional persons in the Council Office, but that it was hoped that the study would find ways to better enable the staff members to serve as resource persons in specific areas of expertise. The resolution calls for a report on the results of the study to be brought to the 1977 session of the Conference.

### Other Major Actions

Among other matters of major importance, the Conference:

- Gave unanimous endorsement to Dr. J. Edward Dunlap, superintendent of the Little Rock District, for the episcopacy. In a statement to the session, Dr. Dunlap said "I could never be more honored in all of my ministry than you have honored me in this moment." (Four bishops are to be elected at the Jurisdictional Conference in Lincoln, Nebr., July 13-15.)

- Approved a recommendation of the Board of Evangelism that each local church set a goal for a net increase in membership for the year and that these figures be compiled as a Conference goal for 1977.

- Accepted with an amendment a recommendation which would reduce the cost of the Conference Journal by approximately 30 percent, about \$2000. (The amendment retains the List of The Immortals.)

- Elected members of 36 Conference boards, committees, commissions and agencies; and members of the

six District Councils on Ministries. (Names of officers of the agencies will be published in next week's issue of the **Arkansas Methodist**.)

- Gave unanimous approval to a resolution initiated by the Christian Civic Foundation of Ark., Inc., calling upon the Governor, the Legislative Council and the General Assembly, to oppose efforts that would exempt overnight recreational facilities in dry counties from laws banning the sale of alcoholic beverages. Heard CCF executive director, the Rev. Edward W. Harris, say the matter was "the most important issue concerning alcohol since the founding of this organization." (An identical resolution received unanimous approval last week by the North Arkansas Conference.)

- Approved a preliminary report of the Joint Committee on the Area Treasurer which would establish a new Office of Stewardship and Finance, with responsibilities to include, among other functions, administration of the Methodist Foundation of Arkansas and the providing of financial services for any agency of the two conferences requesting them.

- Heard Conference Youth Council president Michelle Campbell report on Youth Service Fund, Conference Camp, Summer Rally, Mid-winter Retreat and other ministries.

- Received a report from United Methodist Women president Mrs. James Nix, telling of a growing membership, with four new units added during the year, the financial pledge reached for the first time since the new organization was established in 1973, and an annual meeting attended by over 400.

- Accepted a report from the Board of Lay Men, hearing chairman W. M. Shepherd give five emphases for the year, including lay speaker training, utilization of trained laymen in worship services, and promotion of adult Church School classes using the Living Bible Series.

- Defeated a motion that the **Arkansas Methodist** be supported in the Little Rock Conference by \$5 subscription fee and advertising revenue.

- Adopted a report from the Committee on Review and Evaluation which included a study to determine whether "all the titles and functions of the Boards and Agencies of our Conference are in line with the legislation in the new Discipline," and a policy relating to lay employees of the Conference.

- Accepted an invitation from First Church, Hot Springs, to return for the 1977 session of the Conference.

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**MINISTERS WHO RETIRED** at the session were (from left) the Revs. David M. Dunaway, of Bismarck, O. D. Peters of Little Rock, Leonard D. Yates of Texarkana and Ralph S. Mann of El Dorado.



**NEW CONFERENCE MEMBERS** in Full Connection and ordained as Elders are (from left) James R. Brown, associate at First Church, Camden, Travis D. Langley of Horatio, Robert W. Robertson of Western Hills Church, Little Rock, Paul L. Lyons of Hope Circuit and Paul Barrington of Mt. Pleasant (Little Rock District). The Rev. Carl Diffie (right) of Springhill Circuit was elected an Associate Member.



## Three new superintendents, Council director named

Three new district superintendents and a new director of the Conference Council on Ministries were among the 47 changes in ministerial appointments announced by Bishop Eugene M. Frank at the conclusion of the 123rd annual session of the Little Rock Conference last Thursday at Hot Springs.

The new superintendents are Dr. Joe R. Phillips Jr., the Rev. Harold K. Davis and the Rev. Alf A. Eason. The Rev. Elmo A. Thomason, formerly superintendent of the Forrest City District in the North Arkansas Conference, is the new Council director.

Dr. Phillips, formerly pastor of St. James Church, Little Rock, becomes superintendent of the Arkadelphia District. He succeeds Dr. George W. Martin, who was appointed pastor of First Church, Hot Springs. Dr. George F. Ivey, former pastor of the Hot Springs church, was named superintendent of the Fort Smith District in the North Arkansas Conference.

Mr. Davis, who had been pastor of First Church, Crossett, becomes superintendent of the Hope District. He succeeds Dr. D. Mouzon Mann, who was transferred to the North Arkansas Conference as pastor of First Church, Russellville.

The Rev. Alf A. Eason, formerly director of the Conference Council on Ministries, was appointed superintendent of the Monticello District. He

succeeds the Rev. Everett M. Vinson, who was named pastor of First Church, Crossett.

A total of 260 appointments were announced. Two-hundred-and-eight ministers were named pastors of local churches, six as district superintendents, 24 to special appointments and 22 as students. Five pastoral charges were left To Be Supplied. Three ministers were transferred in from the North Arkansas Conference and three were transferred out to that conference. Wednesday, June 23, was set as moving day.

A complete list of the appointments may be found on page four.

### 'mini-Telethon'

KATV-Channel 7 in Little Rock has volunteered to donate three hours on Saturday, June 26, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. for a "mini-Telethon" to raise funds to complete the new chapel at Cummins Prison.

Construction, which began a couple of years ago, is nearing completion. Due to inflation and increased costs since the project began, another \$15,000 to \$20,000 is needed to complete construction and to provide the necessary furnishings.

Donations of any size will be appreciated.

**ORDAINED AS DEACONS** and elected as Probationary Members were the Revs. D. Edward McCulloch of Traskwood, Varnell Norman of White Memorial, Little Rock and Richard D. Justice of Norphlet, at right.



**AT LEFT:** new Probationary Members are (from left) the Revs. Michael Mitchell and William S. Briant of Perkins School of Theology, the Rev. Davis E. Thompson of St. Paul School of Theology, Thomas Haley of Perkins and John D. Darnall of Asbury Seminary.

## 'Black-white issues' still a challenge

How can the interests, concerns and needs of black United Methodists be kept before the Little Rock Conference? And how can equitable representation by blacks be assured on Conference boards, committees and agencies? These questions, of concern since the merger in 1972 of the former all-black Southwest Conference and the predominantly-white former Little Rock Conference, continued to be issues in the fourth annual session of the new Little Rock Conference, meeting last week in Hot Springs.

The issues surfaced on at least four occasions as various reports were given and the nominations were considered for membership on some conference agencies, commissions and boards.

The issues were first introduced as the report of the Conference Council Board of Missions was given. The Rev. William H. Robinson, newly appointed pastor at Sweet Home, inquired about making nominations from the floor for membership on the board of the Methodist Children's Home. When it was ruled that such was not in keeping with Conference procedure, Mr. Robinson requested the board to consider ethnic background when making nominations. Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, a member of the Home's board, reported that such consideration had been given and that a black person had been named to the board last week by the North Arkansas Conference, "in addition," he said, "to other black persons already on the board."

Basic issues concerning ethnic minorities were considered in the report of the Commission on Religion and

Race, which noted "little black-white cooperation" among local churches. The Commission recommended that each of the Conference's six districts hold, by June, 1977, a Consultation on the Black Church. The purpose of the consultations would be "to have conversation and interaction between members of the black and white churches . . . to express mutual needs and inspiration, and to trust the Holy Spirit to bring us together." The proposal was approved by the Conference.

### Discussion Ensues

The most extended discussion of the black representation issue came during the report of the Committee on Review and Evaluation, the major function of which is "to annually review and evaluate the work of the Conference Council, boards and agencies," and "to review the job analysis of our Conference employed staff and make recommendations for changes . . ."

The committee, stating it had been asked last year to bring a job analysis of the position of Associate Council Director of the Arkansas Area, noted "we found that the North Arkansas Conference did not have a committee to work with us in providing this job description . . ." Its report stated " . . . believing that we should bring in a more thorough job analysis than we have," the committee submitted a detailed, eight-point job analysis.

The analysis stated that among the duties of the Associate Director would be to serve as "an energizer helping to plan specifically for black participation in

conference programs," help develop pastoral leadership in and for black churches; keep the Conference aware of property needs of black churches; "be a liaison person to the Council on Ministries and to boards, committees, and commissions . . . and be available to the Cabinet for consultation and preach on invitation anywhere in the Arkansas Area"; aid in office duties, and, "along with other council personnel and staff, take on other assignments, as needed . . ."

The Rev. Harry Bass, pastor of Wesley Church, Little Rock, stated that such a detailed description was "already a full-time job" and noted that "now the position is filled with a person who has been assigned as pastor of a church." He said he did not see how the two jobs could be done effectively by one person.

Miss Brenda Norwood, lay member of the St. Paul-Maumelle Church, stated she thought the job analysis was good but expressed that "there should be something built into it that the person (filling the office) be directly responsive to the black constituency."

In the lengthy discussion Mr. Bass stated he felt "when we merged, we lost our clout as far as voting is concerned," and said "there's nothing the black folk can do" about assuring that persons placed in such offices will be representative of the black constituency. He noted that the national Black Methodist for Church Renewal would be meeting in Little Rock in March and said "I would hate to have them review what is

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## Black-white issues

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happening where this particular thing is concerned." He said "unless we give recognition to the black constituency, BMCR will take it and it won't be near as pleasant."

The Rev. Harold Davis, appointed at the session as superintendent of the Hope District, said, "We're talking about United Methodists. We're not talking about black or white." He said he hoped that the conference "would very prayerfully consider this relationship which is ours, which we have all voted on, including the blacks, and forget about the continuous battle that is coming up every year for representation . . ."

Mr. Davis said, "I've worked with them on the CFA and other committees and they've been represented so wonderfully by capable people. And I just feel that this is a very moot question," and that "in the near future we can look at each other as brethren and forget this business of arguing about who's going to be represented where."

The Rev. J. W. Lofton, graduate student at UCA, Conway, said he felt the job analysis was "beautiful," but said the concern was that the position of Associate Director be responsive to the needs of the black constituents.

### Other Dimensions

Another dimension of the issue emerged when it was discovered that the new Conference structure did not have provision for assuring ethnic minority representation on boards and agencies. Dr. Negail Riley of New York, assistant general secretary for minority con-

cerns of the Board of Global Ministries and a member of the Conference, moved that such a provision be adopted. It was. Bishop Frank called the omission "a grievous error, not intended by anyone."

In a major report concerning the ethnic minority churches issue, the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Merger, established in the closing moments of the 1976 session of the Conference, reported eight "Notations" and six recommendations. Assigned to "develop a strategy for ministering to the churches of the former Southwest Conference," the committee reported two meetings during the year.

Among its major observations, the committee noted that "blacks are members of all present (1976) boards and agencies"; agreed with the desirability of appointing a black superintendent but acknowledged "problems related to (this) matter"; observed that the 1976 General Conference had mandated a Commission on Religion and Race on the district level and a Task Force on Religion and Race in the local church; cited the continuing need for blacks to be "a part of the decision-making processes of the conference"; called attention to the "serious need for dedicated and qualified pastoral leadership"; noted the value of a person in the Conference Council as a liaison and enabling person among the black churches; lamented "the loneliness and frustration experienced by many blacks since merger," and affirmed the need for all persons to "have fellowship with those of longstanding traditions and mutual desires."

The committee made six recommendations to the effect that: the Conference "recommit itself to the inclusive church"; a capital improvement fund be initiated to aid qualifying ethnic minority local church proper-

ties; an urban ministries program be set up under district councils wherever such need is indicated; continuing education classes, with scholarships, be provided at Philander Smith College, and that a plan be devised for "official and legitimate opportunities for fellowship" and/or "a strong consciousness-raising effort be made to fulfill the need for identity and fellowship . . ."

In concluding the report, task force chairman Dr. George W. Martin, appointed at the session as pastor of Hot Springs' First Church, said he had "sensed and heard something" he had not been aware of before — that the white majority "looks at this issue from an entirely different vantage point" than the blacks. "I, too," he said, "want to see the day come when the issue of white and black is not an issue. But we've got to be realistic . . . ; we're not at that point now. But I think there are things we can do to speed our conference on toward the realization of that goal."

Speaking to the white members of the Conference, Martin said it was "awfully easy for us to paternalistic" in efforts to make progress in race relations. He said he had repeatedly heard blacks saying "We really don't want you saying it for us; we want the privilege of being able to say it ourselves."

Speaking to the black members of the Conference, Martin said, "many of the things that you genuinely want and legitimately have a right to expect and hope for, also are things that many of your white counterparts want. Because all of us are eaten up with the need and the hunger to belong."

The report was adopted, including a recommendation that the task force be continued for another year.

## General Conference delegation reports at Hot Springs

Among major reports at the Little Rock Conference last week was that of the delegation to General Conference. Six of the delegation's eight members reported on significant aspects of the April 27-May 8 session held at Portland, Ore. Highlights of those reports, paraphrased for brevity, are given below. Dr. George W. Martin, delegation head, presided at the presentation.

**The Pilgrimage of a Petition — Dr. John P. Miles.** The petition is the single most important influence United Methodists have on General Conference. Over 23,000 submitted. Each went through four-step review prior to action. Ten legislative committees handled petitions; real work of Conference done by these committees, whose work then went to plenary sessions.

**Actions on the Ministry — Dr. J. Edward Dunlap.** Study on the superintendency was most significant document in this area. Endorsed concept of superintendency, thus retaining uniqueness of connectional system. Approved life tenure for bishops; acknowledged that ministry is function of whole church, that leadership means servanthood. Established Board of Ordained Ministry; diaconal ministry established as way to set apart, recognize lay workers.

**Ethnic Minorities Priority — Dr. Negail Riley.** One of three Missional Priorities adopted; reflected crisis in ethnic minority churches. This crisis evident in Little Rock Conference, where attendance by minorities is decreasing, leadership aging, where questions being raised about closing or merging minority churches. This happening throughout nation.

UMC has largest number of ethnic minority members of all major predominantly-white denominations. Will we be able to hold, to be inclusive church? Will we affirm this inclusiveness? Only way that ethnic minority churches can be strengthened is for annual conferences to assume the major responsibility.

**Finances — John Blundell.** Conference delegations referred to as hardest working, best informed, most dedicated ever. Sixty-one million dollar budget per year (\$20 million more than collected in '75) for next quadrennium represents \$14 million more than in last quadrennium. Represents only six percent of total giving of United Methodists. Remaining 94 percent spent by local churches, annual conferences.

During quadrennium, apportionments will be made to nine separate funds, seven existing, two new — Missional Priorities (\$4.1 million) and Mass Communications (\$600,000 per year). World service will be \$25 million for each year, a 15 percent increase over amount received in '75. "There was a deep concern that

we had increases; but a deeper concern that the needs of people be met."

**Impressions — R. P. Meredith.** Both positive and negative impressions. Frustrations over "endless talk, wasted time, refusal of some groups to accept the will of the majority." Most impressed with "the utter dedication" of delegates, hours spent "because of love for our great church and for Jesus Christ. Despite frustrations, delusions, caucuses, apparent fragmentation, we are a United Methodist Church, working to bring about the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God . . ."

### Editorial Comment . . .

## Sharing two highlights

Certainly among the highlights of last week's session of the Little Rock Conference was the concert by the 140-voice choir of the Children's Choir Camp, being held during the week at Camp Tanako. The elementary children, along with their enthusiastic adult and youth leaders, provided an inspiration which was most easy to catch but difficult to adequately comment upon.

Their music was good. Its "theology" sound. The children's intense involvement, not only in the "singing of the words," but in the spirit of the message they sang, gave one a genuine thrill and a good feeling about the future — and a joy that these children could have such an opportunity afforded by their church.

We suspect it will be a long time before either the children or the adults present will forget that robust, delightful march which the children sang, and invited the Conference to join:

I want to join the great parade!  
I want to join the happy caravan  
Of God's people, God's own people,  
Marching 'round the world!

There are people of all times and places;  
People of all nations and races,  
A singing, swinging procession!  
And here am I, here am I, here am I!

## 'A special assignment'

Another high moment of the session at Hot Springs came at the conclusion of the Conference when, having distributed the printed pastoral appointments to the ministers, Bishop Frank gave them the following charge:

"The cabinet and the bishop have struggled as earnestly and honestly over these appointments as we know how. And we have prayed that God would guide our thinking and that God would guide the response of the local churches to your present appointment."

"It is a privilege and a joy to preach the Word anywhere. But you have been given a special assignment, a special appointment. And the cabinet believes that under God's guidance and under his purpose, the appointment that you have is the place where you can witness for Christ best this year."

"With God's help, and with God's blessing, will you accept this appointment and go to it with a commitment to be the best servant of God you can be during this next year?"

And the ministers, standing, responded, "With God's help, I will."

One lay member from each congregation, having been given a list of the appointments, was asked to stand, and the bishop gave them the following charge:

" . . . The church belongs to the laity, working together with (its) leadership. You are the church. And as such, do you willingly and gladly accept the pastor who is appointed and sent to your congregation for this coming year? If you will, praying God's blessing upon that pastor, you will say 'We do.' "

And the lay persons, standing, responded, "We do."

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# Little Rock Conference appointments for 1976

Bishop Eugene M. Frank announces the following pastoral appointments in the Little Rock Conference, effective with the adjournment of last week's June 14-17 Annual Conference session in Hot Springs. Numerals indicate year or years of service; appointments with figure one (1) are this year's pastoral changes.

## TRANSFERS IN

Earl B. Hughes, Elder, from the North Arkansas Conference (June 10, 1976).  
W. Shelton Kilgore, Elder, from the North Arkansas Conference (June 10, 1976).  
Elmo A. Thomason, Elder, from the North Arkansas Conference (June 10, 1976).

## TRANSFERS OUT

W. Shelton Kilgore, Elder, to the North Arkansas Conference (January 1, 1976).  
George F. Ivey, Elder, to the North Arkansas Conference (June 17, 1976).  
D. Mouzon Mann, Elder, to the North Arkansas Conference (June 17, 1976).

## ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

Joe R. Phillips Jr.,  
District Superintendent (1)

Amity Ralph E. Hemund (14)  
Arkadelphia: C. Ray Hozendorf (1)  
First St. Andrew-Hollywood Harold D. Hansford (2)  
Bismarck-Friendship David M. Dunaway (LP) (12)  
Dalark Circuit Royal S. Dodson (LP) (1)  
Delight Circuit (Richard F. Baker) (1)  
Glenwood-Daisy William A. Eason (2)  
Glenwood Circuit TBS  
Gurdon-Mt. Zion Joe E. Hunter (2)  
Hot Springs: George W. Martin (1)  
First Gerald F. Myers (1)  
Associate TBS  
Fountain Lake TBS  
Gardner-New Salem Vurl E. Bland (AM) (2)  
Grand Avenue Norris Steele (2)  
Haven Charge Tharnall E. Snow (4)  
Valley Grove, Murfreesboro (Owen Talley) (1)  
Oaklawn Carlos E. Martin (4)  
Pullman Heights James O. Robken (5)  
Tigert-Morning Star E. Stanley Wagner (AM) (4)  
Village James F. Richardson (3)  
Malvern: Charles G. Ashcraft (7)  
First W. W. Barron (4)  
Keith Charge  
St. Paul Charge V. Sanford Hankins (LP) (2)  
Mt. Ida-Oden J. Wayne Edwards (3)  
Mt. Pine-Gum Springs TBS  
Murfreesboro-Japan John T. Dill (2)  
Okolona Circuit-Wesley Foundation Robert W. Trieschmann (5)  
Piney Grove George C. Bailey (1)  
Shorewood Hills Circuit (Everette Dobson) (1)  
Sparkman-Macedonia Jeff E. Davis (2)

**Special Appointments With Annuity**  
Student, Asbury Seminary John David Darnall (1)  
Student, Perkins School of Theology David Deere (2)

**Special Appointments Without Annuity**  
Chaplain, U.S. Army Winslow Brown  
Chaplain, U.S. Army Billy Howard Cox  
Chaplain, U.S. Army Gerald K. Hilton  
Chaplain, U.S. Navy Rodney C. Wallace  
Deaconess On Leave Nancy Frank Hardy  
Faculty, Henderson State College William C. Gentry

## CAMDEN DISTRICT

Charles W. Richards,  
District Superintendent (3)

Bearden-Thornton Thomas J. Nation (1)  
Bradley William D. Haake (1)  
Camden: Robert O. Beck (2)  
Fairview Howard L. Williams (3)  
First James R. Brown (2)  
Associate (Larry D. Stoops) (2)  
St. Mark-Louann James Ford (AM) (5)  
Timothy-Buena Vista Arthur Terry (RS) (5)  
Westside Steven D. Barker (LP) (2)  
Chidester Circuit Steven D. Barker (LP) (2)  
Columbia Circuit Larry W. Martineau (LP) (3)  
Dumas Nolan Brown (LP) (5)  
El Dorado: Robert H. Jackson (LP) (5)  
Centennial Roy I. Bagley (3)  
First Ralph S. Mann (7)  
Associate J. Michael Campbell (1)  
Associate F. Gladwin Connell (8)  
St. Paul Bennie G. Ruth (1)  
Vantrease Leland Clegg (RS) (8)  
Emerson Myron C. Pearce (3)  
Greens Chapel-Kilgore (James W. Knight) (1)  
Harmony Grove-Lakeside (Clinton A. Jordan) (2)  
Huttig W. Kurt Boggan (1)  
Holly Springs Circuit Robert C. Ekberg (AM) (1)  
Junction City Circuit George G. Kerr (2)  
Lewisville-Buckner Winston D. Roden (LP) (3)  
Lisbon

Magnolia: Howard S. Ritchie (3)  
Asbury J. Robert Scott (3)  
First Robert M. Van Hook II (3)  
Campus Minister, Southern State College (John L. Lewis) (1)  
Magnolia Circuit Robert W. Johnson (2)  
Marysville-Silver Hill Richard D. Justice (LP) (3)  
Norphlet-Calion James B. Swain (8)  
Parker's Chapel-Bethel Veo E. Green (AM) (3)  
Pleasant Grove John F. Walker (5)  
Smackover James Shaddox (1)  
Stamps Parish Ray Burrow (2)  
Stephens Parish Oscar A. Haire (LP) (6)  
Strong-Rhondes Chapel John L. Prothro (AM) (2)  
Taylor-New Era Robert M. Van Hook II (3)  
Village Circuit Edward E. Warren (1)  
Waldo-Willisville Keenan Williams (3)  
Welcome Extension Churches:  
McDonald (Lewisville) John W. Hogan (LP) (2)  
Mt. Moriah (Chidester) Joe Hughes (LP) (1)

**Special Appointments With Annuity**  
Student, Perkins School of Theology David M. Barbaree (3)  
Student, Perkins School of Theology C. Robert Hasley (2)  
Student, Pacific School of Religion Gary W. Barbaree (3)

**Special Appointments Without Annuity**  
Faculty, Oberlin College Grover A. Zinn Jr.  
Faculty, Middle Tennessee State Donald A. Lau  
Cokesbury, Dallas, Texas Sam L. Albright  
Student, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary Robin M. McConathy  
Student, Chaplains School, Baptist Memorial Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. G. Coleman Akin

## HOPE DISTRICT

Harold K. Davis,  
District Superintendent (1)

Ashdown-Richmond William A. Cheyne (4)  
Bingen David B. Wilson (5)  
Blevins Circuit Jerry Don Roberts (LP) (4)  
Cherry Hill Dean Egger (LP) (3)  
DeQueen-Gillham John O. Alston (5)  
Dierks Circuit (Herbert F. Pekar) (2)  
Doddridge Circuit (E. A. Van Fossen) (2)  
Emmet Circuit Dorsie T. Caldwell (AM) (1)  
Foreman-Wade's Chapel Albert M. Elder (1)  
Hatfield Circuit Bun Gantz (LP) (4)  
Hope Circuit Paul I. Lyons (2)  
Hope First Church Ralph E. Hale (2)  
Horatio Travis D. Langley (3)  
Langley (Carl Zinn) (2)  
Lockesburg Circuit J. R. Callicott (AM) (16)  
Lockesburg EC William A. Scott Jr. (LP) (2)  
Babel Chapel John H. Oliver (RS) (2)  
Mena First R. T. Jarrell (2)  
Mt. View Circuit (Gerald W. Dewlen) (2)  
Mineral Springs-Wakefield Robert E. Woody (2)  
Nashville Circuit Bruce H. Bean (RAM) (5)  
Nashville First David B. Wilson (5)  
Ebenezer-Wiley J. T. Counts (4)  
Prescott First Charles O. Walthall (5)  
Prescott Circuit (Dale F. McKinney) (5)  
Rondo-Harmony Grove (Ellis Lloyd Posey) (1)  
Springhill-DeAnn Carl Dean Diffie (AM) (5)  
Texarkana: Fred R. Smith (AM) (4)  
College Hill-Garland City W. Darrel Bone (6)  
Fairview-Ogden William Joseph Head (LP) (3)  
Few Circuit Edwin B. Dodson (5)  
First Church John Wesley Hogan (LP) (4)  
Hall Circuit

Washington Circuit John Wesley Rushing (RS) (4)  
Williamson Travis D. Langley (3)  
Wilton (Charles T. Jackson) (1)  
Winthrop-Alleene (Kenneth Gabbart) (2)

**Special Appointments With Annuity**  
Student, Perkins School of Theology Thomas J. Haley (1)  
Student, Perkins School of Theology William N. Steele (3)  
Student, St. Paul School of Theology Roger E. Armstrong (2)  
Student, Candler School of Theology, Emory University Walter L. Smith (2)

## LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

J. Edward Dunlap,  
District Superintendent (5)

Austin Circuit (Byzie Parr) (1)  
Benton: Clinton M. Atchley (3)  
First New Hope-Mt. Carmel (L. E. Jolly) (2)  
Parkview Rayford L. Diffie (2)  
Salem-Congo William A. Stewart Jr. (1)  
Bryant Guy J. Downing (LP) (1)  
Carlisle-Hamilton Alfred DeBlack (3)  
Des Arc-New Bethel Donald L. Eubanks (3)  
Hazen-DeValls Bluff David Prothro (4)

Hickory Plains Circuit (Clayton Harrison) (2)  
Little Rock: Fred H. Arnold (5)  
Asbury Don R. Williams (1)  
Capitol View-Galloway J. W. Lofton (2)  
Duncan Alvin C. Murray (3)  
First Louis L. Averitt (3)  
Associate Loyd A. Perry (1)  
Geyer Springs E. Eugene Efrid (3)  
Henderson Louis M. Mulkey (4)  
Highland T. Nichols Evans (4)  
Hunter Larry Powell (2)  
Markham Paul Barrington (2)  
Mt. Pleasant David M. Hankins Jr. (5)  
Oak Forest James B. Argue (13)  
Pulaski Heights Carl V. Matthew (3)  
Associate (Ben Harris Vanderford) (1)  
Associate Fred Haustein (5)  
St. Andrew John P. Miles (1)  
St. James Robert A. Regnier (3)  
St. Luke Palmer Garner (3)  
St. Paul John B. Hays (3)  
Trinity Verlin E. Mikesell (4)  
Associate G. Sam Jones (6)  
Wesley Foundation-Mt. View W. Harry Bass (5)  
Wesley Chapel Robert W. Robertson (8)  
Western Hills Varnell M. Norman (LP) (4)  
White Memorial Earl B. Hughes (1)

Winfield Michael R. Clayton (7)  
Lonoke: W. H. Piggee (4)  
First Gerald Fincher (5)  
St. James Elijah Morgan (6)  
Mabelvale Richard C. Magie (LP) (2)  
Mark Chapel TBS  
Old Austin Kirvin A. Hale (RS) (3)  
Pleasant Hill A. C. Madison (AM) (3)  
Pride Valley Harold Gene Rogers (4)  
Primrose John H. Thompson (2)  
Sardis-Bethel William H. Robinson (1)  
St. Paul, Maumelle Ed McCulloch (LP) (5)  
Sweet Home  
Traskwood-Ebenezer  
Woodlawn Circuit: (Frank Maples) (1)  
Providence-Smyrna (Thomas B. King) (3)  
Bethlehem

**Special Appointments With Annuity**  
Superintendent, Methodist Children's Home J. Edwin Keith (16)  
Director, Conference Council on Ministries Elmo A. Thomason (1)  
Associate Director, Conference Council on Ministries Carr Dee Racop (2)  
Associate Director, Conference Council on Ministries John H. Thompson (4)  
Executive Director, Christian Civic Foundation Edward W. Harris (5)  
Student, Perkins School of Theology Robert C. Armstrong (3)  
Student, Perkins School of Theology James E. Pledger (2)  
Student, Perkins School of Theology Henry A. Ratliff Jr. (3)  
Student, Gammon School of Theology Joy L. Thornton (2)

**Special Appointments Without Annuity**  
Vice President, Hendrix College James E. Major (16)  
Missionary to Japan William M. Elder  
Chaplain, Veterans' Administration James W. Workman (RS)  
Faculty, Western Illinois University Robert L. Moore  
Board of Global Ministries Negail R. Riley  
Director, Camp Aldersgate (Ray Tribble)  
Supernumerary Leland Gary Goldman (5)

## MONTICELLO DISTRICT

Alf A. Eason,  
District Superintendent (1)

Crossett Everett M. Vinson (1)  
Dermott-Wesley Morris Lee Smith (2)  
Dumas George A. Tanner (2)  
Eudora-Parkdale H. O. Richardson (1)  
Extra-Fountain Hill James R. Sewell (RS) (3)  
Fordyce, Mt. Olive-Bethel R. B. Brown (RS) (4)  
Fordyce Parish Arnold Simpson (2)  
Gould Parish TBS  
Hamburg-Waller's Chapel Cagle E. Fair (1)  
Hampton-Harrell Aultus M. Block (LP) (1)  
Hermitage Circuit Autrey J. Sirmon (LP) (4)  
Johnsville Circuit Joe Hughes (LP) (1)  
Kingsland Circuit Elam Turner (LP) (10)  
Lake Village-Montrose Clyde N. Swift (6)  
McGehee-Arkansas City Virgil C. Bell (3)  
Monticello William D. Elliott (7)  
Monticello Circuit Waymon Mann (LP) (5)  
Portland-Wilmet Kenneth W. Kinard (2)  
Star City-Gould Calvin D. Mitchell (6)  
Tillar Circuit Marion E. Fleming (LP) (2)  
Warren Parish Joe E. Arnold (4)  
Watson Fred L. Arnold (RS) (8)  
Wesley Foundation-Wilmar Circuit Thomas A. Abney (6)  
Zion TBS

**Special Appointments With Annuity**  
Superintendent, Mt. Sequoyah Assembly N. Lee Cate (8)

Student, Candler School of Theology, Emory University Charles F. Murray (2)  
Student, Asbury School of Theology David E. Swift (2)  
Student, Perkins School of Theology Michael C. Mitchell (1)

## Special Appointments Without Annuity

Faculty, Ecumenical Institute Frank V. Hilliard

## PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

Virgil D. Keeley,  
District Superintendent (5)

Almyra-DeLuce H. E. Ratekin (LP) (2)  
Alzheimer-Wabbaseka W. A. McLean (AM) (1)  
Bayou Meto-Lodges Corner Doyne Graham (2)  
Carthage Circuit W. Robert Irvin (3)  
DeWitt Daniel C. George (2)  
Associate Dorothy Claiborne (1)  
England-Keo Osborne E. White (4)  
Gillett-Campshed Therral E. Wilson (2)  
Glendale Mackey Yokem (1)  
Grady-Trinity Charles T. Settle (3)  
Humphrey-Humnoke Harold D. Sadler (RS) (4)  
Leola Circuit (William M. Nicholas) (2)  
Pine Bluff: Larry R. Williams (2)  
Carr John W. Lindsay (13)  
First Good Faith-Sulphur Springs John B. Ross (3)  
Hawley John T. Adkinson Jr. (1)  
Lakeside Edward G. Matthews (6)  
Associate Mackey Yokem (1)  
St. James W. H. Flowers (5)  
St. Luke-Center Grove Horace M. Grogan (2)  
St. Mark-Carthage-Hensley Lloyd Smith (4)  
Wesley Allen B. Bonsall (3)  
Whitehall Dale L. Diffie (2)  
Redfield Claude Clark (RAM) (3)  
Rison-Mount Carmel W. Shelton Kilgore (1)  
Roe Circuit (William H. Dowell) (2)  
Rowell Charge Curtis E. Monroe (RS) (2)  
St. Charles-Pleasant Grove Warren E. Eagle (AM) (4)  
Sheridan Donald F. Nolley (2)  
Sherrill-Tomberlin Robert A. B. Clanton (2)  
Stuttgart: Jack A. Wilson (3)  
First George G. Meyer (4)  
Grand Avenue

**Special Appointments With Annuity**  
Student, Perkins School of Theology Fred W. Hunter (2)  
Student, Perkins School of Theology Davis E. Thompson (2)

**Special Appointments Without Annuity**  
Student, Perkins School of Theology John R. Grigsby (5)  
Student, University of Arkansas School of Medicine, Little Rock Larry W. Pearce (3)  
Chaplain, U.S. Navy Withers B. Moore  
Chaplain, Veterans' Administration John W. Shafer

## Daily Proceedings of 1976 Little Rock Conference Session

(Not official minutes)

First Day, Monday, June 14, 1976

**OPENING WORSHIP:** Celebration of Worship, with Sacrament of Holy Communion and "Observance of America's Bicentennial," at 2 p.m., First Church, Hot Springs. Liturgist and celebrant, Bishop Eugene M. Frank; flagbearers, Gina and Lonny Glover; deacons, David Prothro, Harold Hansford, Nichols Evans, H. O. Richardson; organist, R. G. Morris Jr.; choirmaster, Lucy Cabe. Sermon by Bishop Frank, Three Fruits of the Spirit which result from Communion, as suggested in original prayer of Humble Access in Communion ritual: newness of life; growth in likeness to Christ; the eternal security of the believer, continuing life in Christ.

**BUSINESS SESSION:** Bishop Frank called session to order at 3:15 p.m. Agenda approved. James Major, Conference secretary, announced procedures for Roll Call; nominated secretarial staff: Therral Wilson, journal clerk; O. D. Peters, staff assistant; tellers, Lloyd Smith, Calvin Mitchell, Travis Langley, Bennie Ruth.

**PRIVILEGE:** Ed Matthews brought greetings from Clifton Rule, unable to attend because of illness. Announced that Harold Flowers absent because wife in hospital.

**MOTIONS:** Virgil Keeley, secretary of Cabinet, (Continued on page five)

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moved Standing Rule 7 (a) be suspended for new quadrennium to allow specific members to remain on Board of Pensions. Approved. Moved that District Committees on the District Superintendency be nominated at 1977 Conference. Ray Hozendorf offered substitute that District Nominating Committee make such nominations, the District Council on Ministries elect, and that the new committees become effective immediately. Substitute motion adopted.

Keeley moved that the June salaries go to present pastors. Ed Matthews asked how this would affect transfers and seminary students. After discussion, adopted.

**NOMINATIONS:** Lucille Nix gave Committee on Nomination's report. Elected (see Journal). District nominations presented. Elected (see Journal). James Major elected Conference Secretary; Cagle Fair, Conference Statistician.

**WELCOME:** George Ivey, host pastor, welcomed Conference.

**MINISTRY:** R. O. Beck presented David Wilson who gave Report #1. Approved after editorial change. John Ross reported that superintendents had examined pastors; found them faithful. Reported that by action of General Conference lay pastors have right to serve sacraments within bounds of pastoral charge, beginning Jan. 1, 1977. John Ross reported that superintendents had examined pastors, found them faithful.

**WELCOME:** Mayor Tom Ellsworth extended welcome to Hot Springs.

**PUBLISHING HOUSE:** Cokesbury Manager Sam Albright brought greetings, presented check to Pension Fund, \$3,499.39 (represents Conference's share of \$400,000 earnings of Publishing House for year).

**ARCHIVES AND HISTORY:** Ray Hozendorf and Fred Smith presented Dr. Walter N. Vernon, author of new history, *Methodism in Arkansas, 1816-1976*. Dr. Vernon expressed appreciation for being given a part in project. Fred Smith called attention to *Henderson College, the Methodist Years, 1890-1929*, by Dr. John Hall.

**RECESS:** Benediction by Arthur Terry; adjournment for afternoon.

## Monday Evening

**WORSHIP:** Pre-service concert given by The Handbell Choir, Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff, Mrs. Pat Matthews, director. Worship leader, Alvin C. Murray; preacher, Bishop Robert E. Goodrich Jr.; associate leaders, Roy I. Bagley, Bishop Frank. Choir, First Church, Magnolia, Harold J. Sweitzer, organist and choirmaster. Sermon on Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-7): Jesus saw Zacchaeus; he identified with him; he wanted to know him.

## Second Day, Tuesday, June 15 — Morning Session

**WORSHIP, 8:30:** Worship leader, Don Eubanks; preacher, J. W. Lofton. Sermon, "The Samaritan Spirit" (Luke 10:29-37). World needs to relearn the principle of the Samaritan spirit. Neighbor is not just the person next door; world is one big neighborhood. We find opportunities to be neighborly in unlikely places. Need a continuity of caring. Dare to have the Samaritan spirit.

**BUSINESS SESSION:** Dale Diffie reported that Minutes of Monday's session had not been completed.

**RESOLUTION:** Nick Evans moved adoption of unsponsored resolution calling for Committee on Review and Evaluation to study tasks of Council on Ministries, recommend changes. Resolution to lay on table overnight.

**MOTION:** John Miles moved that Standing Rule 3 be reconciled with Discipline Par. 1413; referred to Committee on Evaluation and Review.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:** Ray Hozendorf gave report, aided by Gerald Fincher and John Miles. Recognized Treasurer Grafton Thomas and staff members, Hazel Alexander, Ernestine Martin. Norris Steele offered amendment that beginning with 1977 the *Arkansas Methodist* be financed in Little Rock Conference by the sale of subscriptions and advertisements, with subscription price being \$5. Ed Matthews spoke against the amendment. Ed Dunlap called for previous question. Amendment defeated. Jack Wilson asked percentage of increase of all askings. Hozendorf reported it was between 17 and 20 percent. Report #1 adopted.

Roy Bagley gave Report #2, suggested guidelines for proposed Office of Stewardship and Finance. Bob Scott questioned wisdom of creating a new agency. Report adopted.

**CHAIR:** Bishop Frank left floor briefly. Ed Dunlap presided.

**COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES:** Alf Eason introduced report; Carr Dee Racop told of new video tape system. Council's Purpose, Objectives and Priorities given by video tape presentation. Report adopted.

**ADJOURNED** at 11:00 a.m.

**SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION, 11:15:** Worship leader, John Alston; preacher, John B. Hays; assisting leaders, James Major, Larry Powell, Marshall Steel, Clinton Atchley. Choir director, Lucy Cabe. Sermon, "Are Our Walls Plumb with Our Foundation?" (Amos 7:7-9). Our heritage is not only the past; it is the present and

future. The Christ event is the plumb line by which our faith is tested. Those whom we remember today are part of our living heritage; their contribution will never disappear.

Ministers memorialized: P. D. Alston, William E. Brown, C. C. Hall, Robert L. Riggins, M. T. Rose, George W. Warren. Wives and widows of ministers memorialized: Mrs. W. C. Onstead, Mrs. Braska Savage.

## Tuesday Afternoon

**BUSINESS SESSION:** Bishop Frank called session to order at 2 p.m.

**PRIVILEGE:** James Workman announced that John Hall, author of *Henderson College, the Methodist Years, 1890-1929*, would be in book room to inscribe volumes.

**MISSIONS:** George Tanner presented nominations to Board of Lydia Patterson Institute, Charles Richards and Martha Faulkner. Elected. Robert Van Hook II presented Report 1 and 2; adopted. He nominated as trustees of Children's Home, John Jacobs, Rowe Hill, C. Ray Hozendorf, Edwin B. Dodson, for three years. Elected. Home superintendent Ed Keith spoke on Home; 237 children served.

Bill Robinson inquired about making nominations for board membership from the floor. Bishop ruled that such procedure not in keeping with proper procedure under structure requirements. Robinson requested board to consider ethnic background when making nominations. Ray Hozendorf noted that such had been done; that Black person had been named to board by North Arkansas Conference last week, in addition to other Black persons already on board.

Tom Abney, Conference missionary secretary, recommended Conference accept \$3000 Advance goal for special African Medical Program. Noé Gonzales, superintendent of Lydia Patterson Institute, spoke; last year's class largest in Institute's history. Presented plaque of appreciation to Bishop Frank. Board report adopted.

**CHURCH AND SOCIETY:** John Alston presented Mrs. Jennings Shaw who gave report. During new quadrennium, board will function as program agency and not as funding source. Will work closer with state Office of Drug Abuse Prevention. John Atkinson spoke to report. Alvin Murray spoke on ministry to deaf. Report adopted.

**CHRISTIAN CIVIC FOUNDATION:** Ed Harris, director, expressed appreciation for Conference's support of CCF and gratitude for contribution of Dr. Wm. E. Brown, Bishop Frank and others. Presented Raymon Hillis, CCF board president. Harris reported on alcohol and narcotic education program in schools and on efforts to improve communication with board and constituency. Presented John Miles who introduced resolution on behalf of CCF requesting the Governor, Legislative Council, General Assembly to "oppose as economically unnecessary and morally indefensible any legislative attempt to exempt public or private recreational facilities in dry counties from compliance with existing statutes governing alcoholic beverages on the State of Arkansas." Adopted unanimously.

**PENSIONS:** Sidney L. Good announced that Special Gifts Drive passed \$800,000. Read greetings from retired members J. L. Criswell and Clifton Rule. Osborne White expressed appreciation to laity for support of pension plan. Howard Williams spoke on service records of ministers. Good completed report, told of \$70 annuity rate to begin July 1, '76. Report adopted.

**PRIVILEGE:** Ed Matthews presented check in amount of \$2000 from Alphonse Brewster Estate to Board of Pensions. Osborne White presented the list of Full Time Lay Pastors due annuity credit for 1975-76 year. Adopted.

**PRIVILEGE:** Otto Teague brought greetings from Ed Galloway, who missed Roll Call for first time in 56 years. Absent due to illness.

**EDUCATION:** Charles Ashcraft presented Virgil Bell who gave report, including nominations of Harold Davis and John Hays as trustees of Hendrix College. Elected.

**Hendrix:** President Roy Shilling gave review of Hendrix' current status, noting strengths, needs for continuing support by churches, laity. Ray Hozendorf presented inscribed copy of new history of Methodism in Arkansas to Hendrix library in appreciation of assistance of staff and faculty.

**Perkins School of Theology:** Professor Leroy Howe reported on growth in student body at Perkins; expressed appreciation for continuing support.

**Scarritt College:** Assistant to the president, Robert Gentry, told of school's growth, largest class in history, contribution to local churches. Noted presence of alumni in Arkansas.

**St. Paul School of Theology:** President Wm. McElvaney noted contributions to Ministerial Education Fund, sacrificial service of St. Paul's faculty, and significance of the past year at the school — largest class in its history.

**Presentation:** Warren J. Hartman of General Board of Discipleship presented certificate of recognition to First Church, Little Rock, as one of 12 most outstanding church schools in United Methodism. Certificate presented to Mrs. Charles Robinson, Mrs. Allen Bullard, Alvin Murray. Board report adopted.

**COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES:**  
**Campus Ministry:** Thomas Abney, Robert Van Hook presented report. Gave five recommendations as contained in Pre-Conference

Report. Report adopted.

**Ecumenism:** Louis Averitt spoke of work of Arkansas Council of Churches, noting significant programs in year ahead.

**Stewardship:** Allen Bonsall gave report. Noted need for more persons in fulltime ministry and other church-related vocations. Encouraged seminars on estate planning, Every Member Visitation programs, encourage tithing.

**Evangelism:** Fred Arnold gave Report #1; cited emphases during current year and for 1977. Alvin Murray spoke of New Life Missions. Richard Meredith spoke on General Conference's designation of Evangelism as missional priority for 1977-80. Arnold presented report #2. Adopted.

**Worship:** Ralph Hemund presented report. Mike Clayton spoke to report, citing work of past year, goals for 1977. Bishop Frank expressed appreciation for board's work in Conference worship services.

**Communications:** Tom Nation, Larry Williams gave report, noting seven priorities; plan for workshop on communications as requested.

**COURTESIES:** Bennie Ruth presented visitors: Elmo Thomason, Clint Burleson, Arvest Lawson, Marvest Lawson, Arvill Brannon, Ralph Hillis, Ralph Clayton, Charles Ramsay, Fred Roebuck.

**ADJOURNMENT:** After announcements, session adjourned at 4:30.

## Tuesday Evening

**WORSHIP:** Pre-service organ concert at 7 p.m. by James Campbell, organist, Lonoke Church. Worship at 7:30. Leader, Carr Dee Racop Jr. Other participants, Bill Fuller, Mrs. Varnell Norman, Kathy Fadick, Curtis Westbrook, Chris

Fitzsimmons. Choir, Genesis Sound Company, Trinity Church, Little Rock, Dr. and Mrs. Fallon Davis, directors. Sermon by Bishop Goodrich: World today needs vital, visible, vocal, valid Christians.

## Third Day, Wednesday, June 16 — Morning Session

**WORSHIP, 8:30:** Under direction of Conference Youth Council. Participants, Michelle Campbell, Stephen Coburn, Karen Watson, Kim Edwards, Steve Goff, Jana Bell, Karen Nix, Buddy Boyd, Tom Weller. Dialogue parable, "The Lord's Prayer."

**BUSINESS SESSION:** Bishop Frank called session to order, 9 a.m. Announced Order of the Day at 11:30, Choir Camp concert. Announcements.

**MINUTES:** Dale Diffie reported minutes read and corrected. Adopted.

**RELIGION AND RACE:** Bill Eason introduced report. Noted other groups working in same area: Blue Ribbon Committee, Urban Ministries Consultation, Urban Council. Noted strengthening ethnic minority churches one of General Conference approved quadrennial priorities. Ed Dunlap reported on Urban Ministries Consultation in Little Rock metropolitan area. Mrs. Edwin Horton presented recommendations for district consultations on the Black church, to be held by June 1, '77. Report adopted.

**YOUTH MINISTRIES:** Fred Haustein presented Michelle Campbell who reported on Youth Service Fund, Conference Camp, Summer Rally and Mid-winter Retreat. Charles Settle reported for Fellowship of Adults in Youth Ministry;

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# From Our Readers

## Some thoughts on serving

### ON SELF-EMPTYING SACRIFICE

To the Editor:

During the just completed session of the North Arkansas Annual Conference there was an issue before the conference which had to do with a recommendation to the Churches that the personal expenses of lay delegates (and lay delegates-at-large) be paid by the delegates' local church. The motion carried; however I voted against the motion (possibly the only dissenting vote). I was asked later by a clergy delegate why I voted against the motion; therefore I would like to take this opportunity to express to the entire conference my personal convictions on the matter.

My vote against the motion was not a judgment on whether or not any one individual should have help from their church in bearing the expenses inherent to attending as a delegate to Annual Conference. This is a matter that should be confronted and decided by each local church based on their delegate's desires or needs in this matter.

My vote on this motion was a vote of principle and conviction. The professional ministry (just like any other profession) is fully and legally justified and morally correct in providing for and accepting payments for mileage, per diem, and other expenses which are incurred as a result of performing the tasks and functions of that profession.

In my opinion, however, the practice of lay people of submitting statements to the church for the personal expenses of mileage, lodging and meals (and laboring over which Board or Agency to charge it to) is a rejection of the call to self-emptying sacrifice of self and substance Christ has called us to. The scriptural call to cross-bearing and sacrifice refers to rewards; however I have never thought of them as monetary.

One very effective way we lay people can sharpen up and bring into focus our focal point of life — the Cross of our Christ — is through a life of self-sacrifice and self-denial.

James W. Lane  
District Lay Leader  
The Conway District  
(Lay Delegate at Large)  
North Arkansas Conference  
8 Sierra Court  
North Little Rock, Ark. 72118  
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### WAITING AND WILLING

To the Editor:

In the recent session of the North Arkansas Annual Conference, I feel one very important part of The United Methodist Church was overlooked. The youth of our conference are very active and are very much a part of the development and continued education of the leadership of The United Methodist Church. This year when the boards and agencies were established, only three of these boards had youth representation. To keep involved in our church, it is essential that we be included.

The Council on Ministries printed their priorities in the Special Conference Edition of the *Arkansas Methodist*. Under each priority, there were implementors of these priorities listed. The Conference Council on Youth Ministries was not listed as an implementor on any priority. We could be very valuable in helping with these projects — if only asked.

We were also overlooked when the agenda was printed. The youth had a prepared report to be presented but it was never called for. In the printed agenda for the Little Rock Conference, the youth report was included in the agenda along with a morning worship service to be presented by them.

If we continue to be excluded from the workings of our church, the whole purpose of our church will be defeated. I would like to challenge the North Arkansas Conference to not only support us with your leadership and money, but also to help us become a working part of our conference.

Vicki Van Poucke, Chairperson  
North Arkansas Conference  
Council on Youth Ministries  
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### A 'THANK YOU'

This is to thank each one of you who have been so kind to me during my illness and retirement. The dinner; each greeting; each personal message and prayer; and, your gifts are very much appreciated. I do thank you sincerely.

James S. Upton,  
Hendrix College  
Conway, Ark.



# The Spread of the Church

By DR. WILLIAM C. GENTRY  
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Henderson State University  
Arkadelphia, Arkansas

Scriptures: Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 10:1-24;  
Acts 1:6-8; 2 Corinthians 5:16-20;  
Ephesians 2.

## The Commission to Witness

Jesus commissioned his followers to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20). After the Pentecost experience, Spirit-filled followers of Jesus fanned out through the Roman world to convert persons to the new faith. They were remarkably successful.

The church has always grown through its missionary efforts. But never have these endeavors been more successful than in its earliest days. The early Christians were fired with an enthusiasm rarely paralleled in the subsequent history of the church.

Even in those first years, however, the commission was interpreted in somewhat different ways. Matthew's view of it has a different emphasis from Paul's. Whereas Matthew stressed the importance of communicating the apocalyptic teachings of the historical Jesus, Paul emphasized the existential reconciling work of the resurrected Christ of faith. But however the commission was understood, it served to inspire Christians to bring other people into fellowship with them in the love and service of Christ.

The church today lives a life of mission. Kenneth Kinghorn in the student's quarterly (p. 35) quotes Emil Bruner, "The church exists by mission as fire exists by burning." The implication of this is that if the church ceases to reach out with its saving message of Christ, it ceases to exist as the Church of Jesus Christ. There are conflicting views of how the church should carry on its missionizing work today, but there is little question but that the church must be continuously engaged in mission.

## The Spread of the Church

With the last lesson we completed our study of the Patristic Era of the church's history and this week turn our attention to the Medieval Period. By the end of the fourth century at the latest the Roman Empire was formally Christianized. But the Empire was in deep trouble. Internal disruptions grew alarmingly; and the barbarians were almost everywhere overrunning the borders. Even as the Empire weakened, however, the new faith grew and spread. "By the time of Constantine (Christianity) had stretched from the coast of India in the east to the Straits of Gibraltar in the west and from the Sahara in the south to the midlands of Briton in the north" (*Adult Leader*, p. 45).

The barbarian tribes constituted the new mission field for Roman Christians. And the barbarians responded. The Roman culture, with its vibrant new

faith, was markedly higher than that known by the Franks, Visigoths, and Anglo-Saxons. And the barbarians were often not so interested in destroying Roman culture as they were in adopting aspects of it which they found attractive. They were superstitious, animistic (fearing supernatural spirits in nature), and polytheistic (worshiping many gods). Many of these barbarians came to see in Christianity a power which did not exist in their primitive faiths.

Roman Christians knew that if the Christian faith was to survive, it had to be carried to the barbarian world. The barbarians sacked Rome in A.D. 410 and again in A.D. 476, the date usually associated with the downfall of the Roman Empire. The strongest administrative, educational, and cultural force left in the Empire was the Christian Church. The church thus stepped into the vacuum left by the fallen Empire. It served as the principal agency for civilizing the hordes of primitive peoples who now held the key to the survival of Western culture and religion. At best only remnants of this culture would survive through the period we call "the Dark Ages" (A.D. 500-800).

Largely under the direction of the Bishop of Rome and through the agency of the monastic orders, the barbarians were Christianized. The Christian missionaries followed a strategy which usually involved their seeking out the barbarian chieftain and trying first to convert him. Not infrequently a missionary would gain access to the chieftain and his interest through the chieftain's wife.

King Clovis of the Franks, for example, was persuaded to pray to his Christian wife's (Clotilde's) God. King Ethelbert of Kent received the missionary Augustine (of Canterbury, not Augustine of Hippo) because of the influence of his Frankish Christian wife. Once the chief's conversion was accomplished, the conversion of his followers was usually assured. Sometimes this latter was achieved under threat of punishment if someone refused baptism. It must be admitted that on occasion, at least, Christianity was spread by the sword rather than by loving persuasion.

The depth of the conversion of many of the barbarians can also be questioned. There were, it has to be remembered, a primitive people with an animistic, superstitious outlook. They shared neither the strong ethical-monotheistic background of the Hebrews nor the rich intellectual-philosophical background of the Hellenistic peoples. They were, and remained for a long time, theologically and philosophically illiterate. The elements of superstition were often incorporated into their new Christian beliefs.

The example of the prayer of Clovis is a good one. In A.D. 496 he was threatened by the Almanni who were about to destroy his army in a bloody battle. He was persuaded to pray to Clotilde's God for aid. He prayed:

"Jesus Christ, whom Clotilde declares to be the son of the living God, who it is said givest aid to the oppressed and victory to those who put hope in thee, I beseech the glory of thy aid. If thou shalt grant me victory over these my enemies . . . I will believe in thee and be baptized in thy name. For I have called upon my gods, but as I have proved they are far removed from my aid . . ." (*Adult Leader*, p. 47)

This prayer is really not much different from that of a

contemporary person who prays to the God of Jesus Christ for business success or for relief from some sort of distress. Faith which is based on such a *do ut des* ("I'll do this if you'll do that") outlook is superficial at best.

However shallow may have been the conversion of multitudes of the barbarians, there can be no doubt that in terms of numbers the early medieval missionary activities of the church were most successful. Europe became Christian with rather dramatic speed. So much so, in fact, that the entire period which we call the Middle Ages (roughly A.D. 500-1500) is also called the "Age of Faith" or simply Christendom.

## The Church's Mission in the Contemporary World

Christians live today, as they did in the first century or the fifth century, under Christ's commission to "Go and make disciples of all nations." But, in a world grown small via revolutions in communications and transportation and in an age in which we have a better understanding than ever before of the genuine values of non-Christian religions, how are we to understand and to implement this mission?

East and West are not nearly so far apart economically, culturally, and intellectually today as were the Italians and the Anglo-Saxons of the fifth century. Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, and Shinto teach rich human values. Are we to try to persuade the adherents of these faiths that our religion offers deeper ethical insights and greater metaphysical truths than theirs?

Careful study of these religions should make us cautious about these claims. Should we try to convince them that only in and through explicit belief in Jesus Christ can a person come to authentic self-understanding and integrity of life within himself and with his fellowmen? Our enhanced understanding of human personality and human community may give us pause.

Some adamant Christian evangelicals will argue that these are the things we precisely ought to do: confront the non-Christians with the absolute claim that our faith alone is true and adequate for all persons regardless of their cultural backgrounds or historical-social perspectives. Other Christians disagree and contend that the principal responsibility of the Christian in mission is not to change persons' minds so much as it is to share with them in practical ways the love of God which has been shown to us through Christ. We should not be interested, they say, in seeing that non-Westerners adopt our culturally conditioned ways of belief and worship but in seeing that those who are in need are relieved of hunger, pain, and ignorance of the world in which we all live.

Obviously, there is an element of truth in both perspectives on the nature of the Christian mission today. The writer of the *Adult Leader* put the answer about as clearly as it can be put. He writes that the Christian who goes out to the non-Christian to bear witness to his faith in Christ says through his acts and his words, "This is what I, in my experience, have found good. I would share it with you because it is the most precious thing that I know" (p. 47).

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## NEWS and opinion

summary by Doris Woolard

The *Los Angeles Times* has reported an archeological excavation in northern Syria which uncovered 15,000 tablets from an ancient Semitic civilization that may throw new light on much of Old Testament history. Among the references to Biblical places and persons in the tablets is one that mentions "urusalima," thought to be Jerusalem. It predates any other known reference to that city by some 1,000 years. Two tablets deal with case law and predate the famous Code of Hammurabi, previously thought to be the oldest legal code in the world.

"More people are going to church than

ever. Forty percent of Americans are in church every Sunday," said Billy Graham at an airport press conference in London as he stopped en route from Seattle to Germany where he recently completed an evangelistic campaign. The American evangelist noted that in the U.S. Presidential campaign, "Carter, Reagan and Ford are very outspoken in their Christian faith." "If we want moral reform it is going to have its roots in spiritual awakening. It has happened in the past and I believe it can happen again," he said.

In the United Church of Canada a shortage of ministers will leave about 140 pulpits unfilled this year. The United Church Observer reported that 65 ordinands and four others are available for 209 positions. The report said "the Church is coping with the situation, with some relief in sight," as the number of new candidates for the ministry has been growing over the last two years.

The Minnesota United Methodist annual conference has adopted a plan to enlist its 442 congregations in the fight against world hunger. The conference has urged each congregation to select at least one action program from a variety of proposals to be presented.

Dr. Franklin H. Littell of Temple University has written a major reference work featuring maps and text that cover developments in every major phase of the history of Christianity. In the foreword of the volume, published by Macmillan, Dr. Littell writes, "The scheme is to highlight those times and places of crisis and decision — either internal or external or both — in which the shape and direction of the Christian movement was determined."

Dr. Gerald Knight, former organist and choirmaster of Canterbury cathedral in England, commenting on the reluctance of some congregations to use recently

written church music, said "We can't assume, as older hymns did, a society more agricultural than industrial, untroubled by questions of race relations and human rights. Nor can we presuppose a church untouched by the fierce conflicts of the century." Dr. Knight, now overseas commissioner for the Royal School of Church Music, cautioned against using contemporary hymns which lack musical quality or are likely to be quickly dated.

Dr. Bernard Boelen, a philosophy professor at DePaul University, Chicago, told a newly formed Young Adult Ministry Board meeting in Washington, D.C., "The great personal problem faced by those working with young adults is to strike a balance between structures on the one hand and their own personal life and influence on the young adults on the other." Dr. Boelen said those who work with young adults "would miss their chance, perhaps permanently, if they became too organized and structured."



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suggested each church sponsor membership in FAYM for youth counselor. Report adopted. **JOURNAL:** Special Committee on Journal; Tom Abney, John Alston, reporting. Presented list of items recommended for omission from Journal because of cost increases; noted cost increased from \$4600 to \$7000 in last four years; would reach \$10,000 within two years. Said adoption of report would save 30 percent, or approximately \$2000. After lengthy discussion and debate, report adopted after amended to retain List of Immortals in the Journal.

**REVIEW AND EVALUATION:** Bill Cheyne, Bill Elliott presented report. Committee named to review structure to see if meets requirements of new General Conference legislation. Offered proposed change in Standing Rule in regard to equalization of laity and clergy on Nominating Committee membership.

Job analysis for Associate Council Director evoked lengthy discussion in regard to ability of person, with so many responsibilities, to adequately represent interests of Black membership. Harry Bass, Brenda Norwood expressed concern that Black membership needed a channel to express viewpoints. Harold Davis spoke, expressing "hope that Conference forget about continuous battle coming up every year" about who going to represent who; that "we're not talking about Black or White, but about United Methodists." J. W. Lofton noted it is important to Black constituency that representation be valid.

Report adopted with substitution of Committee on Episcopacy for the suggested committee to welcome new bishop. Recommended a state-wide service, in cooperation with North Arkansas Conference, for such welcoming.

**COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION:** Bishop Frank announced recess in order for boards and committees to organize. Recess for 45 minutes.

**RECONVENE:** Bishop Frank called session to order.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:** Lucille Nix gave report, citing work of past year, projections for future.

**ARKANSAS METHODIST:** Ed Matthews introduced report, noting role played by Board of Managers; expressed appreciation for response to new apportionment program; asked pastors to be diligent in adhering to plan's stipulations on sending names. Presented John Workman who reported on circulation increases under new plan, traced history of development of the plan, expressed appreciation for response to it. Jim Lane presented. Offered amendment to report, setting request from two Conferences for total of \$102,000 for 1977. Brought nominations to Board of Managers, James H. Rice, William Cheyne, Joe Phillips. Elected.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONCERT:** Conference entertained with concert by 140 children from Tanako choir camp. Directed by Richard Hunter, Mary Lib Lowry, Ron Ballard. Conference gave standing expression of appreciation.

**CHAPLAINS:** Verlin Mikesell presented Chaplain Edward Jones, associate secretary, Division of Chaplains, who spoke on work and contribution of military, hospital, institutional chaplains. Presented chaplains, John Schaffer, Bob Diamond, James Workman, Tom Nation, Eugene Efrid.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Bishop Frank called on Mike Mikesell to pronounce benediction.

## Wednesday Afternoon

**OPENING:** Bishop Frank opened session with prayer at 2 p.m.

**RESOLUTION:** Bishop Frank called for consideration of unsponsored resolution which had lain on table overnight. Presented by Nichols Evans; would direct Committee on Review and Evaluation to "study present tasks of Conference Council Office" and make recommendations to the 1977 session which would shift "as much of the responsibility as possible" for coordinating Annual Conference's program from the Council office to the Council and its boards and agencies, reduce the size of the staff, better enable staff members to serve as resource persons to local churches and districts, and "revise job descriptions accordingly." Evans spoke in favor of resolution. Adopted. (See article, page one.)

**PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE:** President Walter Hazzard spoke of work of college, giving six elements unique about the institution. Expressed appreciation for interest in the college and presented certificate, on behalf of staff of Black College Fund and Division of Higher Education, Board of Discipleship, in appreciation for Conference's participation in the Fund.

**LAY WORKER:** Ernestine McKinney presented report recommending renewal of certification of Ministers of Christian Education, Directors of Christian Education, Ministers of Music and Directors of Music. Fifteen persons approved. Approved ten persons as Educational Assistants. Recommended continuation of one person as Lay Worker, and recommended one person be consecrated as Director of Music (see Journal for all names).

**ELECTIONS:** To secure Black representation on Board of Evangelism, Fred Arnold nominated J. W. Lofton, Brenda Norwood to board; moved

to suspend the Standing Rules concerning number of members on the board and number of boards on which one may serve. Approved; were elected. Tom Nation moved to suspend rules to enable Brenda Norwood, Wilma Storey to serve on Commission on Religion and Race. Approved. Negail Riley moved to add a Standing Rule to make all boards and agencies of Conference inclusive of representatives of ethnic minorities. Ed Dunlap moved to suspend rules requiring 24 hours on table for this motion. Approved. Motion passed.

**TANAKO:** Gladwin Connell, Carr Dee Racop, gave report. Ralph Hale presented Articles of Incorporation, Little Rock Conference United Methodist Camp; asked that they be printed in Journal if approved. Harold Cabe, Michael Clayton, Mrs. E. T. Davenport nominated to Tanako board. Elected. Report adopted.

**BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE:** George Martin presented report containing eight "Notations" and six recommendations (see story, page two). Adopted.

**MT. SEQUOYAH:** Superintendent N. Lee Cate spoke, noting improvements to buildings; reviewed schedule of summer events.

**LAYMEN:** Bill Shepherd reported. Expressed appreciation for work of the late Herb Allman, former lay leader. Spoke of new Board of Laymen; told of past and coming events, reported five-point emphasis for year.

**MINISTRY:** R. O. Beck, Gladwin Connell, gave Report #2. Recommended as Probationary Members: William S. Briant, John D. Darnall, Thomas Haley, Michael Mitchell, Davis E. Thompson. Bishop Frank examined candidates; were elected to Probationary Membership and Deacon's orders. Also elected to Deacon's orders: Richard Justice, Waymon Mann, Varnell Norman, D. Ed McCullough. Recommended for Full Connection were James R. Brown, Travis D. Langley, Robert W. Robertson, Paul R. Barrington, Paul Lyons. Bishop Frank examined candidates; were elected to Full Connection and Elder's orders. Carl Diffie recommended for Associate Membership; elected. Report #2 adopted.

John Ross gave Report #3. Adopted. Ross gave report for Committee on Disability. Adopted.

Ministers granted Retired Relationship: O. D. Peters, Ralph S. Mann, A. J. Lightfoot, Leonard Yates, David M. Dunaway, Earl Mathis.

**TRUSTEES:** George Kerr reported status of various church properties throughout Conference. Adopted.

**PRIVILEGE:** W. D. Lester reported that new history of former Southwest Conference prepared but funds needed to complete project.

**INSURANCE:** Thomas P. Williams Jr. reported, giving details on insurance program.

**RETIREMENT:** Bishop Frank presented ministers who are retiring; thanked them for their work. Each addressed Conference briefly: O. D. Peters, Ralph S. Mann, David M. Dunaway, Leonard D. Yates.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Bishop Frank adjourned session with benediction.

## Wednesday Evening

**ORDINATION SERVICE:** Worship leader, Bishop Frank; lay assistants, Mrs. Peter Coley Jr., John Dawson, Mrs. Ben Burton; clergy participants, F. Gladwin Connell, Robert O. Beck, O. D. Peters, the District superintendents, Marshalls, Therral Wilson, David Wilson, William Elliott, John Walker. Choir, Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs; director, Alice Faye Kuyser accompanied by Ruth Braughton. Organist, R. G. Morris Jr.

Sermon by Bishop Goodrich, "If I Were a Layman," Ezekiel 3:15. Would want a pastor: With whom I could relate; who is for the Church, who could preach, who would lead me to a personal experience with Jesus Christ.

Ordained Deacon: William S. Briant, John D. Darnall, Thomas Haley, Michael Mitchell, Davis E. Thompson, Richard Justice, Wayman Mann, Varnell Norman, D. Edward McCullough. Ordained Elder: James Brown, Travis D. Langley, Robert W. Robertson, Paul R. Barrington, Paul Lyons.

## Fourth Day, Thursday, June 17 - Morning Session

**WORSHIP, 8:30:** Leader, Charles W. Richards; preacher, Bishop Frank. Sermon, "Guard Your Heritage," II Timothy 1:1ff. United Methodist Church has sacred heritage. Guard it: The experienced assurance of God's grace; the heritage of the "sent" ministry; the concept of a relational church; the passion to reach the lost.

**BUSINESS SESSION:** Bishop Frank opened the session at 9:00.

**EQUITABLE SALARIES:** H. O. Richardson thanked Conference for support during his illness; gave report. John Miles moved amendment to increase by \$300 the minimum salary for full-time ministers. H. O. Richardson, Mouzon Mann spoke against amendment. Amendment failed. Report adopted.

**GENERAL CONFERENCE:** George W. Martin introduced report of General Conference delegation. Sharing in report were John Miles, on petitions; J. Edward Dunlap on the ministry, Negail Riley on ethnic minority priority; John Blundell on finances; Richard Meredith on impressions.

**Endorsement:** Richard Meredith reported delegation's endorsement of J. Edward Dunlap

for the episcopacy; moved adoption of Conference resolution to that effect. Unanimous approval given with standing ovation. Dunlap spoke, saying he "could never be more honored than you have honored me this morning."

Bishop Frank expressed pride in the delegation, thanked them for their work. Called the Portland session "a mature and poised" one which worked for good of the church.

**PRIVILEGE:** Fred Haustein expressed appreciation for concern which General Conference delegation had shown for issues relating to youth. Mrs. Jennings Shaw suggested conference stand in appreciation for delegation. It was done.

**MOVING DAY:** Everett Vinson reported the Cabinet recommended Wednesday, June 23, as moving day. Approved.

**STANDING RULES:** Bill Elliott moved that Standing Rules be revised as required by new General Conference legislation. Approved.

**PRIVILEGE:** Tom Abney presented Helen Wilson, Conference missionary to Bolivia. She brought greetings from Bolivia Evangelical Methodist Church; reported on various aspects of work there. Said "You commissioned me to take God's love to Bolivia; I bring it back to you from Bolivian Christians."

**ELECTION:** Ray Hozendorf nominated Grafton Thomas as Conference Treasurer until his retirement in Feb., 1977. Elected. Hozendorf offered resolution expressing appreciation for Thomas' 14 years service. Conference gave Grafton and Marie Thomas standing ovation of appreciation.

**TREASURER:** Grafton Thomas expressed gratitude for Conference's action, gave report on receipts during year and noted new data processing equipment.

**STATISTICIAN:** Cagle Fair reported, calling attention to statistics in Pre-Conference Report, pages 37-39. Report adopted.

**ELECTION:** Edward W. Harris nominated to Commission on Religion and Race. Elected.

**COURTESIES:** Bennie Ruth reported attendance on previous day of George W. Harper of Louisiana Conference and R. E. L. Bearden, Harold Eggensperger of North Arkansas Conference. Mrs. Eugene Frank presented to Conference, which gave standing ovation to her and Bishop Frank. Everett Vinson read statement of appreciation for the Franks; endorsed by Conference. Bishop Frank expressed gratitude for Cabinet. Recognized three members leaving cabinet, three coming on.

**NEXT SESSION:** Gene Harwood, Board chairman of host church, invited Conference to return next year. Accepted. James Major urged Conference not to take host church for granted.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Charles Settle gave report, expressing appreciation for all who helped make Conference a success.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Bishop Frank asked ministers to stand to accept their appointments. Lay members stood, accepted their pastors.

**ADJOURNMENT:** James Major moved the session adjourn. Bishop Frank gave benediction. Adjourned at 11:20 after singing "A Charge to Keep I Have."

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## From the Churches

A BICENTENNIAL picnic and program, sponsored by Pride Valley United Methodist Church, will be held at Walnut Grove Methodist Church on Sunday, June 27. The program in conjunction with the noontime picnic will include a history of the community, to be presented by Dr. Fred Henker; a brief history of the church which had its beginning some 50 years ago, by Mrs. E. D. Galloway; old time congregational singing, and music by a group from St. Mary's Academy. Former ministers and friends of Walnut Grove Church are invited to take part in the day's activities. The church is located about 12 miles out from Little Rock on 12th Street Pike.

ST. ANDREW'S United Methodist Church, Little Rock, announces a revival to be held June 27-July 1st in the new sanctuary at 4600 Baseline Road. Dr. Andrew Gallman, evangelist of the Mississippi Conference, will be the revival preacher for the 7:30 p.m. services, Sunday through Thursday. A Bible Study will be conducted at 10 a.m., Monday through Thursday. Ed and Wanda Sipe, evangelistic song leaders, will be in charge of music. The Rev. Fred Haustein, pastor, and the congregation extend an open invitation to attend.

THE REV. and Mrs. Cyril Wilson, who have moved from the pastorate of the Imboden and Smithville Churches to 1485 Byers Street in Batesville to make their home, were honored by the two congregations with a Sunday dinner. They were presented a silver tray and matching candlesticks. Mr. Wilson will serve as pastor at Oil Trough following his retirement from the full-time ministry in North Arkansas Conference.

FRIENDS of Dr. Virgil Keeley, superintendent of Pine Bluff District, will be interested to learn that his appointment at Methodist Hospital in Houston, Tex., has been postponed for two weeks due to the recent flood there.

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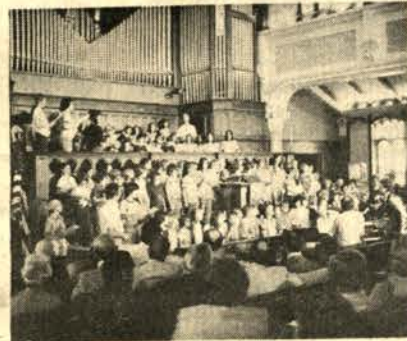
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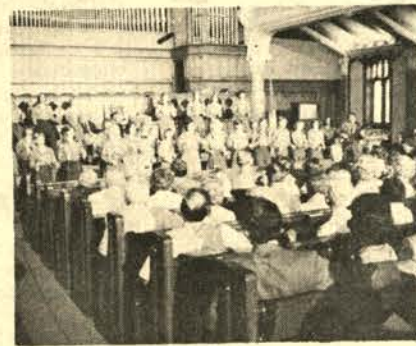
**YOUTH** of the conference who participated in Wednesday morning worship: (l. to r., standing) Kim Edwards, Karen Nix, Karen Watson, Michelle Campbell (Conference president); (front) Buddy Boyd, Steve Coburn, Tom Waller.



**A PRE-SERVICE CONCERT** was presented by The Handbell Choir of Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff, on Monday evening, under the direction of Mrs. Ed Matthews (right).



**A CONCERT** was presented by 140 children from the Tanako Choir Camp, under the direction of Richard Hunter, Mary Lib Lowry and Ron Ballard during the Wednesday morning session.



**THE GENESIS SOUND COMPANY** of Trinity Church, Little Rock, under the direction of Dr. and Mrs. Fallon Davis, presented special music for the Tuesday evening worship service.



**J. W. LOFTON** preached at the Tuesday morning worship service on "The Samaritan Spirit."



**DR. WARREN G. HARTMANN** of United Methodism's Board of Discipleship presents certificate of recognition for First Church, Little Rock, as one of 12 most outstanding church schools in United Methodism, to Mrs. Allen Bullard, as Dr. Alvin Murray, pastor, and Mrs. Charles Robinson, look on.



**VERLIN MIKESELL** (left), coordinator of United Methodist chaplains of Arkansas, introduced Chaplain Edward Jones (second from left), associate secretary of Division of Chaplains, and Arkansas chaplains attending the conference.



**JOHN BLUNDELL**, a lay delegate to recent General Conference, reported on financial aspects.



**CONFERENCE** Board of Pensions officers: Ernest Matkin, Osborne White, Sidney Good, Howard Miller of United Methodism's Board of Pensions and Howard Williams.



**BOB GENTRY** (left), assistant to the President, Scarritt College, presented Arkansas alumni trained at that institution. From left, Daisy Cabean, Helen Wilson, Kate Cargile, Dr. Pearle McCain, Joy Barbaree and Wendell Barbaree.



**CONFERENCE** Lay Leader William Shepherd introduced Dr. James Argue, the speaker for Lay Delegates' luncheon.



**DR. WARREN G. HARTMANN** (left) with Dr. Noe Gonzales, Lydia Patterson Institute president and Dr. William McElvaney, president of St. Paul School of Theology.



**DR. J. EDWARD DUNLAP** (left), a member of the Board of Trustees of Philander Smith College, visits with Dr. Walter Hazzard, the school's president.



**REPRESENTING** their institutions of higher learning at the conference were Professor Leroy Howe of Perkins School of Theology and Dr. Roy Shilling, president of Hendrix College.



**DR. NEGAIL RILEY**, member of the conference serving with the Board of Global Ministries, reported on ethnic minority priority.



**CONFERENCE** UMW President Lucille Nix reports on year's work of that organization.



**LEFT** to right: the Revs. Ed Harris, director of Christian Civic Foundation, and Edwin Keith, superintendent of the Children's Home, spoke of the work of their respective agencies.



**DR. DUANE BRUCE** (left), executive secretary of the South Central Jurisdiction, and Dr. Matt L. Ellis, a former president of Hendrix College, visit.



**W. D. LESTER** reports that history of former Southwest Conference has been prepared; funds needed to complete project.



**VISITING IN BOOKROOM:** Eugene Cobb of Ashdown, Dr. Neill Hart, retired member of Little Rock Conference, and the Rev. Lee Cate, Methodist Assembly at Mt. Sequoyah.



**SAM ALBRIGHT**, Cokesbury manager, Dallas, visits with ministers as they browse through bookroom.



**JAMES CAMPBELL**, organist at Lonoke, presents pre-service concert.



**BISHOP** and Mrs. Eugene M. Frank receive standing ovation from the Conference.



**DR. JOHN HALL** (second from right) is the author of new volume entitled "Henderson College, the Methodist Years, 1890-1929." Shown with him, left to right, are Don Nolley, Curtis Monroe and Gene Rogers.