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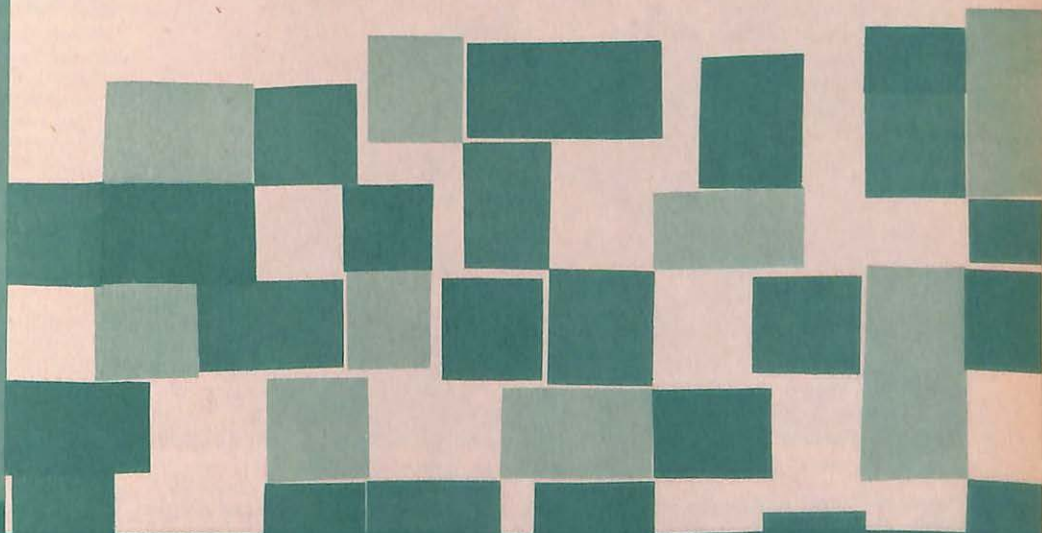
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## Before and After Retirement

By Dr. Wendell C. Bassett

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## Accent on Living

By Heever Rupert



## How to Handle a Hungry Python

A MINISTERIAL colleague, Dr. C.A. McClain, Jr., reports that he was handed recently a fascinating letter from two U.C.L.A. Peace Corpsmen serving in Brazil. The ending of the letter was a real grabber. "Before closing you might be interested in reading some instructions we received in case of attack by a hungry python: 'Remember not to run away, the python can run faster, the thing to do is to lie flat on the ground on your back with your feet together, arms at your side, head well down. The python will then try to push its head under you, experimenting at every possible point. Keep calm (that was underscored). You must let him swallow your foot. It is quite painless and it will take a long time. If you lose your head and struggle, he will quickly whip his coils around you. If you keep calm and still, he will go on swallowing. Wait patiently until he has swallowed up to about your knee. Then carefully take out your knife and insert it into the distended side of his mouth and with a quick rip, slit him up!'"

I don't know about you, but just writing those words on my typewriter got me so weak I had to take time off for a coffee-break!! The whole idea of playing footsie with a 300-pound, 60-foot snake in some far-off jungle, is not my kind of favorite outdoor sport. Particularly if he is hungry. There are so many different stages in that process at which I would lose my cool, that I probably would try running frantically in every direction upon sight of the hungry monster.

It reminds me of those instructions of how to deal with a 10-foot bear if he springs up in

your path. Let him grab you, it said, and lift you up face to face. Then spit in his eye! He will run away from you fast.

Well, my life is such that I do not anticipate meeting a hungry python in a Brazil jungle, nor a 10-foot bear in the Canadian wilds. Yet, somehow I feel I am confronting something like these in my everyday life. I have to sit patiently in many a meeting while the hungry pythons swallow my foot, trying not to struggle until just the proper moment. I become

## Annihilation or Reconciliation

By A. E. Dean  
Manistique, Michigan

IN THE June, 1974, issue of *Reader's Digest*, in the article titled "Are UFO's for Real?" the author, Ralph Blum, said, "Most scientists agree that our sun is middle-aged compared to some second- and third-generation stars, and that there could be beings in many places in the galaxy whose science and technology is far more advanced than ours."

Such a theory is of little concern to the true Christian. Without dwelling further on Mr. Blum's theory, our concern should be the advancement of our own so-called civilized world. Despite our great technological advances since we became a nation, our progress in civilization is not keeping pace with our technology.

Civilization means the cooperative use of culture and refinement, while the majority of the nations are concerned with military power. This is the direct result of greed for

power and possessions, which is contrary to our Christian teachings of not coveting.

angrier and angrier as the military moves further into the domination of civilian policy in our government. That hungry python is already up around the nation's chest as it swallows up two-thirds of our tax resources. Soon it will crush all the life there is left.

I live in a society where television and the movies seem dominated by sex and violence, and "they" keep telling me that this is what our people want. May be that python has made land-Jonahs out of all of us already. And I lose my cool early in confronting those irate citizens whose racial feeling of superiority have produced continuing hatred and conflict in my community and my nation.

So I guess I just have to pray harder for coolness, calmness and patience. The big problem is that the plagued python is almost to my knee already, and I forgot to bring along my knife!

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In truth, Christianity is the backbone of true civilization. However, Satan, the god of this world, has a death grip on the throat of the so-called civilized world. We cannot, in good conscience, point our finger at the atheistic nations as being the source of all the world's ills.

Self-examination reveals shortcomings in our own society which contribute immeasurably to the global chaos we are witnessing today. Corruption and greed is evident among those we have elected to pilot our nation. Though we have chosen knowledgeable people, we are forced to admit that knowledge is not always wisdom. We have knowledgeable laws and courts, yet crime is rampant in our society.

God has graciously provided resources enough for the whole world to live in affluent luxury, yet mankind has chosen opposition over cooperation.

All foreign ambassadors, instead of seeking agreements on equal fire power, should be explaining the advantages that would be attained if all the money spent for the military was put into the development of enterprises which would benefit every citizen. In so doing we would be defeating Satan by applying wisdom and creating an affluent society for all mankind.

Police and courts within each society would still be necessary because of a few people that affluence would not satisfy, but the world in general would be more truly civilized.

God still offers us a choice of armaments and eventual annihilation or cultivation and eventual reconciliation with our Creator. ■



## TOO WEAK TO MOVE

SOMALI REPUBLIC — Suffering from dehydration, a child is too weak to move at a refugee camp in drought-stricken Somali Republic. More than half of the northeast African nation is currently devastated by drought. Livestock have died and some 200,000 people have been driven into relief camps. A large number of children are already in critical condition when they arrive at the camps. Many have been so dehydrated by diarrhea that their bodies are little more than skeletons and their stomachs are so shriveled that they cannot take solid food. —rns photo.

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**More and more people are finding retirement to be a normal fact of life. However, for many it is an adjustment that is not made easily. Here a leading United Methodist minister, who has been retired for a year, offers some helpful advice.**

# Before and After the Fact of Retirement

**I**N OUR SOCIETY we give great attention to preparation for the "productive" years of life, and very little attention to the "after-productive" years of retirement.

In fact, these latter years are of increasing importance for all of us. With earlier retirement schedules, and longer life expectancy, these years may make up a significant portion of our total life span. The potential of retirement years for enrichment, personal fulfillment, and productive services to others is great - if we are prepared to make the adjustment

**By Dr. Wendell C. Bassett**

required and to seize the new opportunities.

It is a "fact of life," the older we become the less adaptable we are to the changing times. For older persons to be forced into a particular pattern of living without consultation and their consent is a tragedy.

There are many reasons why major changes become difficult and sometimes impossible:

—We have become weary from the risks involved in major adjustments due to a competitive status society. This problem is experienced throughout middle life.

—After retirement there is always the problem of physical health. Changes may be gradual or very sudden. Be sure, they will come.

—When salary income and other resources have been *cut in half* and the heart yearns for a continuation of an active life, unchanged from the past; the whole spectrum of financial income over against the outgo, must be dealt with wisely. This takes real discipline.

—Often, the close knit family ties, the concern and responsibility for a former generation still living, and the cost of maintaining meaningful connections, become threats to the "best for the rest" of life.

With some help in understanding these inevitable circumstances of retirement years, it is possible to experience real adventure in reshaping living habits and activity programs for the future.

Over the past few years enlightened employers have gradually organized their responsibility to assist employees in using the years of retirement, just as they have taught them how to use the former years devoted to a corporate objective.

Such helpful guidance has ranged from a single individual interview to a series of carefully planned group sessions. The conference and district program councils can serve their constituency and further their own ministries by offering a "Guided Preparation for Retirement"



### Wendell Bassett. . .

. . . to many of us in the former Methodist Church was "Mr. Michigan EUB." He was the superintendent of the West District of the EUB Michigan Conference from 1955 to 1965. Prior to that he had served as the director of youth work for the conference as well as pastorates at Marcellus, Nashville, Blissfield and Detroit Calvary. He later became the executive secretary for the Michigan Council of Churches, and then until his retirement a national officer with the church's Division of Health and Welfare. Wendell and his wife, Wava, spend the summers in Hastings and the winters in Sebring, Florida. They have three daughters: Marlene Johns of Lansing; Donna Heck of Wauseon, Ohio; and Carol Panse of Otsego.

program.

Persons who are several years away from retirement, generally in their 50's and 60's will be eager to participate in forums or workshops in preparation for retirement. A seminar group size may be from 12 to 30 persons. The opportunity should be open to persons of the village or city where United Methodist ministries are known.

It is important that participants be involved in group interaction as issues are presented. There should be at least two or three 2-hour sessions. Some of the themes and issues to be covered are:

- Introduction to the meaning of retirement.
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- Work and retirement.
- Good health and retirement.
- Mental health in retirement.
- Financial planning for retirement.
- Income and money management in retirement.
- Activity and the use of free time.
- Family and friends in later years.
- Where to live after retirement.
- Legal affairs of retired persons.
- Using the community services and resources.
- A summary and retirement checklist.

Sessions for retirement guidance should be held at a time most convenient to those who register for the program. Opportunity and time should be given for reading, thinking, discussion and planning between the sessions.

The University of Michigan Institute of

Gerontology and the University of Chicago have fully developed resources for preretirement education. The Division of Health and Welfare, Global Ministries, 1200 Davis Street, Evanston, Illinois, 60201 will give staff counsel upon request.

A small planning committee with a coordinator can begin laying the plans for a seminar on "Pre-Retirement Planning." There may be some preliminary costs for postage, publicity, etc. The registrants may be asked for a small fee to cover the small expense items. It is important to have trained and experienced "guest leaders" such as: a doctor, a social security representative, a lawyer, a trust officer, a pensions representative, an administrator of a retirement facility, or other specialists. A local church, a district, or the local community can provide this counseling service.

### After Retirement

**I**T'S A DIFFERENT kind of life! It may take some weeks or months to fully appreciate the blessings of a "turn in life's events." Some suggestions will be helpful:

—*Turn off the alarm clock.* The pressures of a normal weekday schedule known over the past forty years are no longer valid. Since there are more than enough hours in a day to do the elected activities, let the sunrise and the sunset be your time guide. At last, your time and schedule are your own. Use it wisely as a good Christian steward.

—*Action is for your pleasure.* There are no sales quotas to make or future

promotions in sight. Retirees have graduated from all of this. Activities in retirement must be to the choosing and liking of the individuals. Guide your efforts into channels of concern, love, understanding and service for others. Do those things you have always wanted to do, but didn't have the time. Activities such as hobbies, sports, ministering services are all important! There is no excuse for a living person to be negatively inactive! Find your interest focus *before* the time of retirement comes.

—*To be useful is to be wanted.* Every person wants to be wanted! Concern for others expressed in acts of love and ministry will pay big dividends. There is no need now to prove status or position. Don't try it. This has already been done over the years of vocational career. Turn now, to the many services in the community, where the crying need is constant and the financial budget is often totally inadequate. Seek out the agencies for public service in your community. Make yourself available for volunteer work. Adapt your time and energy to persons. It is quite obvious where retired people are gathered in community, (either an agency or adult retirement development) they live on a "one-to-one" basis. A person is known and wanted in this new kind of fellowship for what he is —a person among persons. This is good. It levels the strata of society to a genuine community of persons, all of them of equal worth in the sight of God.

—*Attitudes are what really count!* If your attitudes have been positive and hopeful toward life, they will be so now. If your attitudes have been congenial and friendly toward persons, they will be the same in retirement. To maintain healthy attitudes, a person must keep an alive interest in the events of the times, possess a mind that is open to change and maintain a *sure faith in God*. When the frame of mind is love, patience, kindness and concern for others, the generations to come will seek wisdom from the older citizens, and call them blessed.

This inevitable experience called retirement can be beautiful. It depends on the individual person, with the help of others, to keep identity with Life that is current and challenging. A scriptural admonition may be the basis of successful retirement living:

*"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thanksgiving in your hearts to God."* —Col. 3:16

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## Another Dimension

### Is There a Balm in Adrian?

**N**EEDLESS TO SAY the problems of Adrian College were sufficiently severe that it needs no added calamities at this moment in time. (See articles on firing and student reaction on page 7 of this issue.) Denominational colleges are struggling to keep alive in the face of shrinking enrollments and soaring costs. Adrian College is in a critical condition. Now with internal warring the situation might prove fatal.

**The irony of the potential tragedy is that all the parties concerned are able persons of goodwill; yet the inability and/or unwillingness to communicate threatens to undo them all as well as the college.**

The college's Board of Trustees is composed of people of honor and integrity, persons with proven good sense and business acumen. Yet, they have rarely listened to more than a single voice. They have chosen to stand removed from the concerns of the faculty, the students, and the second level of the administration. They have been entrusted with a governing responsibility which cannot be passed to any president or executive committee.

President John H. Dawson is one of the few persons of our time that will be assured a prominent place in the history of Michigan United Methodism. He is a skilled and industrious college executive. It is no exaggeration of fact to say that John Dawson built Adrian College. Indeed, the school would not be misnamed if it were called "Dawson-Herrick College." However, John Dawson is neither in temperament nor experience a proponent of democratic leadership. He has proven for 20 years to be the sole captain of the ship; consensus is foreign to his philosophy and style. A hard hand can build a college, but can it sustain a college in an age when faculty refuse to swear, "It is not ours to question why, it is ours to do or die!" or when students refuse to be seen but not heard?

In the last few years as Adrian College grew in brick and mortar, it also grew in the quality of its academic excellence. The Adrian faculty is as capable as any in the small colleges of Michigan. However, they blundered in calling for the resignation of President Dawson. A request for an inquiry into their complaints would have been appropriate; but a petition for resignation simply pushed people into corners where egos had to be defended and save-face had to be maintained. The faculty can be criticized for not following proper procedures, for poorly handling the media



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exposure of their concern, and for an unclear writing of their complaints. Nevertheless, they deserve to be heard. To say that their "complaints contained nothing of substance" is sheer folly and an open affront to the integrity of 53 outstanding educators.

**Surely, enough mistakes have been made. Trustees, president, faculty, all can share in fumbles of the past. The critical item before those who care for the future of Adrian College is not wasting time and energy in finding fault, but rather finding a way to reconcile the differences and mediate the tensions.**

One does not need to be a prophet with great foretelling powers to see that if the situation continues to be a struggle of egos, a battle of powers with the friends and supporters of one side against the friends and supporters of the other, all will lose. Adrian College might become another case of one more missing college — a beautiful campus with modern facilities, debt-free, with everything but students and teachers. It might then become the "Dawson-Herrick Community College of Lenawee County."

A strong president fighting with a strong faculty while the trustees passively sit "speaking no evil, seeing no evil, hearing no evil" is not the course for people of such high stature. Each is above such petty behavior. All are aware that they share a common no-win consequence and a mutually destructive future.

Is there a balm in Adrian? Is there some way out? Is there someone who can reconcile the tempers and mediate the grievances? What person or group of persons can build a link of communication?

Soon both of Michigan's annual conferences will be in session. Is there any way that the collective wisdom of the most able in our church might help? Do the conferences have any guiding interests in the affairs of its institutions? Will they even inquire? Could the national Board of Higher Education and Ministry bring advice to a situation sorely crying for some cool thinking and cautious action?

**Most obviously this is not the time for the reign of the Sampson mentality. A spirit of revenge and a thrust for hasty decisions will bring no less than evil upon all houses.** This is the time for the best from all who love Adrian College and care about its continuing ministry in the name of Christian higher education.

—Keith I. Pohl



## What They Write

Comments for this column should be written briefly and bear the signature and address of the writer, which the editor reserves the right to print. What appears here does not necessarily represent the Advocate's point of view.

### Vote of Confidence

To the Editor:

During its recent meeting the Lansing District Council on Ministries directed that this letter be sent to you for publication in the MCA.

Because of the fine editorship of the Advocate, the education for churchmanship involved, and the editor's fair treatment of controversial issues, the Council on Ministries of the Lansing District wishes to commend Editor Keith Pohl. The Council is pleased to have the Advocate serve as the official publication of United Methodism in Michigan. The Council, composed of pastors and lay delegates from many of the 64 churches in the Lansing District, feels that the Advocate is promoting very ably the basic tenets of Christianity.

Through the publication of this letter, the Council wishes to urge all Advocate readers to help promote subscriptions to the *Michigan Christian Advocate* among their church friends and acquaintances. These additional subscriptions from churches throughout the state will help alleviate the economic pressures on the Advocate and will allow it to continue to operate in the fine manner to which we have grown accustomed. —Gerald Simmons, secretary.

### Let It Be Known

To the Editor:

Now and then I see and hear references to the volumes of printed material produced by the United Methodist Church and the remark is made, "They could save a lot of money if they didn't print all that stuff that ends up in the waste basket." I wonder how much more money would be received if, at the local level, there was someone who would see to it that the material got distributed. So much of it tells the story of the church's needs, and if the "right people" read it, they would respond.

I believe too often some very dedicated people make advance decisions for what their fellow church members would or would not do, and thus do a real disservice to the "causes" which the general church tries to support. What may turn someone "off" may turn someone else "on."

I don't think we need to worry about our people "robbing Peter to pay Paul" either, for I think for the most part our people have the money for the things they are interested in. If they heard the full story, they would just get interested in different things and, while it might mean one less suit or one less steak or one less night out that cost money, they would rearrange their priorities and increase their giving for the hungry and other urgent needs.

Also, some of that material which gets thrown away does not involve any outlay of money but would give some very valuable information to some potentially active laymen if it got into their hands. Just a case in point is

the many camping opportunities available for all ages and interests. The materials go out to the churches but how many really see to it that their total membership hears about them? After it is too late, someone may say, "Why didn't I hear about that?"

Along this same line, I wonder how many of our members know there is a Detroit Methodist Conference Credit Union? Here is a good place for savings investments and securing loans at reasonable rates for active church members.

I wonder how many of the 166,000 Detroit Conference members of local churches know there is a Credit Union available to them if they are in any kind of leadership position: member of choir, usher, class officer, etc.? I believe if the word got around, we would have more than 1,000 new members.

Enclosed is my check for \$25.00 for your Capital Funds drive. I wonder how many non-subscribers have heard about that? I'm grateful for this publication. I don't always agree with what I read but I'm always glad for the mental and spiritual stimulation. Keep up the good work. —Elizabeth Dunlap, Detroit.

### Leisure and "Wreck-Reation"

To the Editor:

Thank you for Clyde Smith's article (May 15) "Faith and Leisure." Certainly Clyde has cracked open an issue which we need to wrestle with. Unfortunately, the last half of the article fell into some confusing jargon that obscured rather than clarified what he meant by the "religious significance of leisure" and the perfunctory pass at Christian vocation as "ministry."

May I suggest that any discussion of work and leisure must address itself to the issue of recreation. Indeed, how can we put the label of "recreation" on the frantic antics of the weekend dash to ski slopes, woods, and lakes to use the machinations of "joy" (boats, snowmobiles, dune buggies, campers, trail bikes, etc., etc.) and the dash back home which leaves most people exhausted. Worse yet, the television weekend, the weekend af-

### Making It Perfectly Clear

**Recently the question of ordination for known homosexuals has often been discussed. Frequently considerable misinformation and alarm has been involved. In an attempt to clarify the matter the following statement has been issued by the Division of Ordained Ministry of West Michigan Conference.**

**The Division of Ordained Ministry of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the West Michigan Annual Conference has never recommended and does not intend to recommend ordination of known homosexuals. This is in accord with the Division's understanding of the existing provisions of the 1972 Discipline.**

—David L. Crawford,  
Chairperson  
Conference Relations Section

fair, and the weekend bender. What is re-creating about these? In many cases our so-called leisure is anything but leisurely and is spent in something more properly called "wreck-reation."

Perhaps Clyde's emphasis on Christian vocation as "ministry" means that we will have to redefine goodness, not in terms of personal morality, but as being good for good for others. Perhaps involvement of the whole family in weekends of study to improve knowledge of the world and to be equipped with skills in dealing with others and weekends of planning and implementing

### An Open Letter From Bishop Loder

Last week I dropped by the *Michigan Christian Advocate* office. While there I made an interesting discovery. I was so pleased about it that I want to share it with you.

Our editor, Keith Pohl, had just returned from the national convention of the Associated Church Press. Among other things that happened there, church periodicals of all denominations are evaluated by a panel of judges chosen by the Association. Last year you will remember the Advocate was given a third place award for "general excellence." This was a remarkable honor and achievement. This year, however, all except first place awards were eliminated.

Now the exciting discovery. The Advocate was given the 1975 Associated Church Press Award of Merit for best editorial writing among regional news journals. This is an honor in which we all delight. We congratulate Keith Pohl, and ourselves as well.

This does not mean we necessarily agree with every editorial he writes, but it does mean he is dealing with proper issues, that he is being fair, and that his writing is recognized for its excellence. This means we are being exposed to a keen mind and a committed Christian spirit in our editor.

This is another good reason why we should urge our friends to subscribe to this superb publication. Every member of every church should take it and read it.

I have requested our editor to print this letter; and though he will resist the request, I have reminded him that an editor does not refuse to print an open letter from me to the people of Michigan. I know you will join me in this expression of congratulations and great happiness that a proper award has come to the Advocate and indirectly to all of us.

Sincerely,  
Dwight E. Loder

programs which care for human need (concrete love) is the most re-creating activity that anyone could engage in.

One step further might be to see our Christian vocation of caring for others as our true work and our choice and amount of job time determined by how much money was needed to sustain the basic needs of the family and how much money the church needed to accomplish its programs of ministry. Maybe

then leisure will cease to be a problem at all and our true work will become that which re-creates us. Then, maybe, just maybe, we will understand the New Testament image of the Church as a priesthood of believers, and clergy will be seen as enablers and equippers of the congregation engaged in ministry rather than as the minister who is paid to try and be everywhere that the congregation should be. —Harold J. Slater, Calumet.

## Adrian College Student Leaders Protest Firing, Hiring

In a letter mailed to 950 fellow Adrian College students Mark Knapp of Osseo, student government president, and Mark Courtade of Detroit, student government vice president for academic affairs, called President John Dawson's firing of Dr. Darrell Pollard and Dean William Simmons as "uncalled for and deplorable at best."

They said, "Dr. Pollard has contributed immensely to the college in his 11 years as vice president and has worked hard to further the interests of the student body and the college as a whole." They added, "Deans Simmons and Beaver have always been willing to listen to students" and commended them for their work with the student government.

Knapp and Courtade continued in their letter to criticize Dr. Dawson for his new appointment of Dr. Robert Gillis and Donald Kleinsmith. "This is, in our opinion, a giant step backward," they said. "We are turning from a college with liberal possibilities (the hope of adapting to changing times)," they went on to write, "to an institution in the penal sense, run with an iron hand with little or no consideration given to the needs and desires of faculty and students."

They called upon students, who are not on campus during the summer recess, to "let our feelings be known" in letters to the president and the student government office.

## United Methodist Magazines Forced to Make Changes

NASHVILLE, Tn. (UMC) — Because of increasing production costs and decreasing circulation, three United Methodist educational magazines will be changing their formats and another will be looking for a larger ecumenical audience this September.

*The Church School*, a 40-page monthly mailed to church school teachers and leaders, will be reduced to 32 pages and will use only a two-color cover. Research is being conducted to help the magazine more effectively meet the needs of the one-pastor churches that do not have paid educational staffs. *The Church School* has a circulation of 24,072.

*The Christian Home* will have its pages reduced from 48 to 32 but the usual four-color cover will be retained. The monthly magazine has a circulation of 70,186.

*Face to Face*, a monthly publication for youth, will be changed from a 32-page monthly to a 48-page quarterly. Circulation is 34,443.

*Music Ministry* will be continued as a 40-page monthly but the United Methodist Publishing House is exploring the possibility of aiming the content of the magazine at a more ecumenical audience. It has a circulation of 11,154.

The decisions to change the publications were made by the advisory Council on Evaluation of Resources composed of the editor and associate editor from the Section of Curriculum Resources of the United Methodist Board of Discipleship and representatives from the Publishing Division of the United Methodist Publishing House.

## Dawson Uses Trustee "Mandate," Fires Two, Third Resigns

ASSUMING "full support" for his "type of leadership," Dr. John H. Dawson, Adrian College president, fired Dr. Darrell Pollard, vice president for academic affairs, and Rev. William Simmons, dean of students. Miss Bonnie Beaver, associate dean of students, submitted her resignation upon Dr. Dawson's demand.

When the college trustees met on May 16 they voted a "complete and unanimous confidence in his (Dawson's) administration of the college's affairs" and they expressed a "mandate that he carry on the affairs of the college in the same outstanding manner as he has for the past 20 years."

Dr. Dawson was quoted in *Adrian's Daily Telegram* as saying, "The Trustees unanimously, and the college's supporting publics overwhelmingly, have evidenced their confidence and pride in me as president of Adrian College. They have advised me to continue to provide my own strong brand of leadership to the college."

The resolution by the Board of Trustees came after a 54-13 vote on May 5 by the faculty calling for Dr. Dawson's resignation. Within four days after the trustees met, President Dawson demanded Dr. Pollard's resignation immediately, and ordered Pollard to remove his personal effects from his office and return all keys and other college property in his possession within the day. Dr. Dawson gave no reason for his demand. He warned, however, if Pollard refused to resign, he would be dismissed within 24 hours. Both Pollard and Simmons rejected Dawson's demand without a statement of cause for the president's action. They were dismissed; Miss Beaver resigned.

Dr. Darrell Pollard has served in higher education for Michigan Methodism for 24 years. From 1951 to 1964 he taught at Albion College. He left Albion as the chairman of the political science department to accept the position of college dean and professor of political science at Adrian in 1964. Later he was promoted to the post of vice president of academic affairs. Pollard says he still held a dual appointment as a fully tenured faculty member and vice president.

Dr. Dawson claims that Dr. Pollard's status as a tenured professor "is without foundation in fact." A tenured faculty member cannot be dismissed without a hearing and statement of cause. Tenure also requires a one-year notice upon dismissal with full pay.

The *Adrian Telegram* quoted Pollard as saying, "It is almost unbelievable that you could serve a college for 11 years and be fired by a delivered note without the courtesy of any reason being given."

Since there was conjecture that the reason

for dismissal was connected to the faculty's resolution that President Dawson resign, the Faculty Senate met on May 22 and issued the following statement: "Vice President Pollard was not involved in any way with the resolution passed by the Faculty Senate on May 5 . . . We wish to formally voice our appreciation as a Faculty Senate to Dr. Darrell Pollard for his leadership during his 11 years of Adrian College life."

The firing of Rev. Simmons and the demanded resignation of Miss Beaver seemingly was based upon their yielding to the students' demand for a change in the college's alcohol policy, which was approved by the trustees in an earlier meeting. However, Dr. Dawson gave no reason for their termination. He did say in the *Telegram* interview: "I have a mandate from the trustees to do what I believe is required to get the operating budget in balance in May, 1977. I have a further mandate from them, as well as from the college's many friends and supporters, including a great cross section of alumni of all ages, to get this college back into the mainstream of its historical commitments to Christian values, goals, and purposes."

He went on to add: "Those responsible have determined that we can do better in accomplishing this mandate with persons other than the recent incumbents in key administration posts on the campus. That is the truth of the matter in its entirety," President Dawson concluded.

Simmons, however, said he felt that Dr. Dawson's action was unjustified and that he had always been loyal to both the president and the college. Rev. Simmons had served nine years as a pastor in Ohio and Colorado before coming to Adrian. In discussing his dismissal with the *Telegram* he said: "I feel sorry for the students in this situation. They cannot help but lose."

President Dawson announced the following day that he had appointed Dr. Robert Gillis as acting dean of the college and Mr. Donald Kleinsmith as acting dean of students. Dr. Gillis was the chairman of the department of physical education and director of intercollegiate athletics. Kleinsmith was the director of housing, conferences, and college services. Gillis is an Adrian College graduate in the class of 1949; he joined the faculty in 1956.

Mr. Tom Heckert and Mrs. Nancy Walsh have been appointed to assume the former duties of Dr. Gillis. Heckert came to Adrian in 1973 and Walsh in 1964.

**Making a Will?**  
Why not include the  
*Michigan Christian Advocate?*

## Advocate Takes First Step Toward Modernizing Its Production

**T**HE first phase of the Advocate's attempt to create a more efficient production process has been completed with the purchase of a Compugraphic photo-typesetting machine. The Advocate's Board of Directors decided that the first receipts of the Capital Funds Campaign would be used to enable the Advocate staff to set its own type and to complete its own composition.

The purchase of the photo-typesetting equipment places the Advocate in the advantageous position of not only composing the weekly issues of the magazine, but also of typesetting for the two annual conferences, Michigan United Methodist institutions, as well as local churches at cost. This will save the Advocate approximately \$200.00 a week plus making it possible for it to serve United Methodism in a new area of needed ministry.

It also has made possible the expansion of the experimental "local church editions" of the Advocate. During the last five months the United Methodist Church of Utica and the Advocate have been cooperating in a pilot program with the first local edition. The early costs have been reduced from \$141.00 for 700 copies to \$80.00 which includes typesetting, proof-reading, composition, printing, handling, and mailing. Hopefully other churches will soon be interested in joining this venture in total news coverage for their families.

The Advocate now has available five different type styles in nine sizes and four faces (regular, italic, bold, and bold italic). This capacity permits the Advocate to encourage local churches, conference boards and agencies to explore with the Advocate staff their type-setting needs in printing pamphlets, reports, and other literature. This service can now be offered to Michigan United Methodism at the Advocate's costs only.

Although this equipment falls short of the projected goal in the Advocate's attempt to modernize its composition ability, it is a helpful beginning. The total cost of the Compugraphic machine and all the accessory equipment cost less than \$12,000 or about half of the monies received from the Capital

Funds Campaign. The next phase will require the purchase of new mailing and addressing machinery to replace the badly worn equipment that has been used over the past 15 years. Mailing the Advocate is frequently delayed because of breakdowns in the addressing machinery.

Additional equipment for composition and billing along with repair of the Advocate house-office will have to be delayed until funding can be obtained. Nevertheless, a new direction has been set and the first step has been taken. □

**Every annual conference across the United States faces severe problems in the funding of ministerial pensions. Here is a proposal for solving the problem in the West Michigan Conference.**

## West Michigan Task Force Submits New Pension Program

By Dr. Carlos Page

**A**CKNOWLEDGING THE REALITY of our inflationary spiral and the importance of maintaining adequate pension support, the West Michigan Annual Conference Board of Pensions in their report to the 1973 Annual Conference requested Bishop Dwight E. Loder to appoint a Pensions Task Force to "assist the Conference Board of Pensions in determining the immediate planning and course of action toward providing for the pension responsibility of the West Michigan Annual Conference." This Task Force has diligently met, spent a great deal of time in analyzing our situation, exploring options, and finally submitting recommendations. The Task Force was blessed with exceptionally competent individuals from the actuarial field and with knowledge of the annual conference pension program. The General Board of Pensions placed at our disposal their computer and actuarial staff.

Our "Crisis in Pensions" simply stated is

that as of January 1, 1976, the total unfunded liability of our pension program will be approximately \$8,581,500. The recommendations of the Task Force are designed to liquidate this debt and provide a plan that we will not have this recurring crisis.

The underlying principle of our plan is that pensions be considered as deferred ministerial support. That is pensions are not a gift but a way of paying salary over the entire life span. In essence we take a part of our salary now and "reserve" it for our retirement years. Pensions defined in this manner are what have been earned by each year of service.

We then needed to explore the standards used and our history of participation in the pension system. This included a survey of the anticipated impact of the ever-changing Social Security program. The recommended standard as set by *The Discipline* (Para. 1259.7) of "one percent of the average salary of the conference became our norm. By setting the rate annually at this level the pension income of pensioners is kept in line with the changes in salaries paid to active ministers. Our Board of Pensions will recommend an annuity rate of \$121 per year of service for 1976. This means the projected average salary for ministers in the West Michigan Conference for 1976 will be \$12,100. Further, that a pensioner who served 40 years would receive \$4,840 in 1976 as a pension (40 years of service multiplied by \$121 per year).

Other options such as lowering the one percent standard were explored but abandoned in favor of continuing our present level of support.

Our total unfunded liability of approximately eight and a half million dollars is needed. That is the reality with which we must begin. Therefore, we propose to refinance this amount for 30 years. Refinancing will enable us to continue our present level of support without undue increases in pension monies. Monies from trusts designated for this purpose will be used to shorten the refinancing period. It is anticipated that we can refinance in the future for a shorter period.



The Compugraphic Compuwriter II is the first piece of equipment purchased from the Capital Funds Campaign. It enables the Advocate to set its own type and furnish the printer with camera-ready copy.

of time, thus saving some interest.

With these decisions made we now can calculate our pension costs for 1976. Our first payment on our refinanced 30 year plan is \$547,212. We further need to fund the current years of active service by ministers so we do not increase our liability. This amount for 1976 is \$359,370. Total cost for 1976 will be \$906,582.

Now we must supply a plan for payment of these monies. Who not a capital funds drive for pensions? The largest fund drive West Michigan ever had produced less than \$500,000 over a three-year span. Our current pension liability is in excess of \$8 million. Furthermore, simply paying the debt would not solve our problem: if inflation continues we'd be faced with a similar deficit in the near future.

After thorough investigation and discussion we were convinced that the prime item affecting pensions is the salary of the pastor. The inflation spiral is the basic culprit but it manifests itself in the need for increased salaries for active ministers. Pensioners face

these same problems. Therefore we determined it most equitable to link pension support (earlier defined as deferred ministerial salary) to the salary. Calculations have been made to determine a percentage of the ministerial support needed to provide these monies. The percentage necessary to meet this need in 1976 is 21%.

This plan will be a hedge against inflation and will be flexible enough in that as salaries increase or decrease, reflecting the current economy, our pension support (deferred salary) will likewise be more adequately financed.

You can determine what your local church or funding agency pension share will be. Your 1976 Minister's Reserve Pension Fund apportionment will be 21% of your pastor's support as defined by the council on Finance and Administration.

Many of you will be interested in how this compares (if it had been in use in 1975) with the current manner of computing your MRPFP apportionment. In the following examples, actual churches or charges were used.

	1975 base figure	1975 MRPFP apportionment	1975 salary	21% of salary
A parish (three churches)	.00078	\$ 612	\$ 2,695	674
	.00127	997	3,850	963
	.00028	220	1,155	289
A minimum salary church	.00060	471	5,430 (2630 minimum salary payment)	700
Another	.00114	895	6,400 (1630 minimum salary payment)	1,192
Medium size church	.00460	3,611	14,300	3,575
Large church	.01048	8,227	14,600 Assoc. 8,900	3,650 2,225

Two items must be candidly shared. Linking pension support directly to pastoral support may in effect cause a local church to hesitate about increasing the salary. We believe this assumption lacks historical justification. The West Michigan Conference's "track record" is an enviable one. Our pension support is one of the highest in the connection precisely because our average ministerial salary is one of the highest. This proposal is an attempt to maintain both of these at best, but at least have the pension support reflect the salary changes. This seems only fair to our retired clergy if we really believe in the peer-group concept.

The other item is that the change in manner of paying for pensions will mean an increase for the smaller church. This will be true in most cases, but again it seems more fairly to reflect our common responsibility. If, in fact, pensions are related to salary, why shouldn't the payment for pension support be shared in similar manner? If there is an undue increase that will endanger a church's financial solvency, there have been adequate funds provided in the "Minimum Salary, Supplemental and Sustentation Support" fund. A

local church's portion of pension is based only on the amount of salary they pay to the pastor.

The recommendations of the task force are: 1) We recognize pensions as being "Deferred Ministerial Support." 2) 1% of the Average Cash Salary (as computed by the General Board of Pensions for the West Michigan Conference) continue as the Pension Annuity Rate for payment per year of service. 3) We refinance for 30 years beginning January 1, 1976, the amount of our total unfunded liability as of that date. 4) The amount apportioned to the local church and funding body shall be determined on a percentage of the current ministerial support as set by the local church or funding body as of July 1 of the current year; the Board of Pensions shall be charged with the responsibility of administering this item. Each local church and funding body contributing to salary shall carry its portion of the total apportionment. Ministerial support shall be as defined by the Council on Finance and Administration.

In summary: Keep the recommendations separated in your evaluation.

Recommendation (1) is a philosophy of pension support. If you do not buy this, that which follows is inconsistent.

Recommendation (2) sets the standard and level of our pension support. It enables us to pay retirees support that is commensurate with active ministerial salaries.

Recommendation (3) enables us to continue our present level of support without paying our total indebtedness at one time. We spread it out and continue to be responsive to other ministries and the mission of the church.

Recommendation (4) proposes a manner of paying the bill that seems more consistent with proper accountability concepts but, more important, it will more accurately serve us for the future.

Pension support is a vital responsibility of an annual conference. West Michigan has been responsible. The above plan will enable it to continue to be responsible. The full report of the Task Force appears in the pre-conference minutes. You are invited to study it carefully. We are at the crossroads of decision on our pension support. The option to go on as before is no longer available. But there is a way.

Chairman, West Michigan  
Conference Pension Task Force

## Camp for Mentally Retarded to Be Held At Crystal Springs

This year, for the first time, the West Michigan Conference is providing a camp for the mentally retarded. This will help meet some needs of these persons that are not met in other ways. This camp is designed to help youth from 9-20 (approximately) who may make a more successful adjustment to camp, be more comfortable, and make more progress in a camp with others of similar mental and social levels.

The camp will be held at the Crystal Springs campgrounds, July 13-19. Youth will participate in both indoor and outdoor activities of learning and recreation. At times they will be grouped by age and ability, at other times the camp will function as a whole group.

The plan is to do in camping what can best be done in the camp setting. Some learning activities are more appropriately done in a classroom but the camp situation offers a distinctive setting for other kinds of learning. The intimate relationships of the small group and the outdoor resources provide possibilities for program activities not found elsewhere. The camping experience will provide the maturing experience of being "on your own" away from family. Although adults at camp take responsibility for camper's general welfare, it is a new experience in independence and self-identity.

Camp also will encourage youth to make contributions where necessary and able, thus improving his ability to relate to others in a helpful and meaningful way. The intimate relationships and the acceptance he/she finds at camp helps to put meaning into the concept of a God who loves and accepts them. Persons who find it hard to deal with abstractions need this firsthand experience.

Living in the outdoor setting helps the

camper to be aware of the beautiful and wonderful things found in nature.

For parents and retarded persons who are able to understand, this camping experience may heighten appreciation of the church. This project is an outgrowth of the church's love and concern for all people.

Anyone who would like more information about this camp, or would like to help or know of a possible camper, should see their pastor who has brochures on hand or contact Mrs. Jack R. Smith, Director, 1789 Commonwealth, Benton Harbor, Mi. 49022. Phone — 925-8430.

The camp limit for 1975 is just 25 so registrations should be made early. The total cost is \$39.00. Pre-registration fee is \$14.00 with the \$25.00 balance due at camp.

## DETROIT CONFERENCE DELEGATES WILL STAY IN THE BACK

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMC) — Delegates from a dozen states and four foreign countries will have front-row seats when the 1976 United Methodist General Conference opens April 27 in the Portland, Ore., Memorial Coliseum.

The seating plan for the 984 voting members was determined in a random drawing conducted by the Commission on the General Conference. The delegates are being elected at annual conference sessions this year, most of them in May and June.

Drawing front-row locations were delegations from Norway, New Hampshire, Yellowstone, Mid-Philippines, North Dakota, North

India, Denmark, Western New York, Southern New England, North Arkansas, Bengal, Maine, North Texas and Tennessee annual conferences. Joining them on the front row will be non-voting representatives from the Alaska, Red Bird and Oklahoma Indian missionary conferences.

Not so fortunate in the drawing and ending up on the rear row of delegates will be representatives of the Detroit, Central Illinois, Southwest Texas, Lucknow, Northwest Philippines, Southwest Germany and Minnesota conferences.

For the Denmark, New Hampshire and Yellowstone delegates, seats in the first voting row will be a repeat of their 1972 location. Likewise, the Detroit and Minnesota delegates were on the last row four years ago.

The random drawing also means that all five U.S. jurisdictions will be represented on the

## NOTICE:

To those attending West Michigan Annual Conference at Albion. Please bring your Discipline to use in studying proposed petitions to the General Conference.

front row.

Rev. Norman L. Conard, director of facilities for the denomination's top law-making body, said that bishops and Judicial Council members will be seated on the assembly's platform, as is customary. Representatives of related autonomous and united churches, provisional annual conferences, general secretaries of denominational boards and agencies, and the Commission on the General Conference will be seated at the rear of the voting delegates.

## News Bits 'n' Pieces

from the Religious News Service

**Rev. Marie E. Moorefield, one of 11 Episcopal Women ordained to the priesthood in an irregular service last year, is shifting to the United Methodist Church.** She is, however, being transferred into the Kansas East United Methodist Conference as a deacon, the level of ministry she holds in the eyes of her Episcopal bishop, rather than as a fully ordained minister. Ms. Moorefield, 31, will be eligible for elder's orders — the highest United Methodist ordination — in one year, according to an announcement from the Kansas Area United Methodist information office.

**Canon Albert J. duBois, president of the American Church Union, has charged that a woman priest from Hong Kong represents a "schismatic" Anglican diocese** and that the invitation extended to her by Episcopal Bishop John M. Krumm of the Diocese of Southern Ohio constituted a schismatic action on his part. The president of the unofficial "Anglo-Catholic" organization in the Episcopal Church wrote to Bishop Krumm to protest his invitation to Rev. Jane Hwang Hsien Yuen to exercise priestly functions in the Diocese of Southern Ohio. According to Canon duBois, the ordination of Miss Hwang in 1971 "was and remains null and void as being beyond the competence of the Bishop of Hong Kong and Macao and his synod. The willful action of the Bishop of Hong Kong and his diocese placed him in schism from the Holy Catholic Church."

**Rev. Marvin Horan, 36, pastor of the Leewood Freewill Baptist Church, has been sentenced to three years in a federal minimum security prison for conspiring to bomb schools in connection with the West Virginia textbook controversy last year.** An identical sentence was given to Larry Elmer Stevens, 29, who was convicted of several counts, including possession of dynamite and manufacture and use of bombs, was given three years in a federal medium security prison.

Delbert Lee Rose, 29, who pleaded guilty to conspiracy charges in return for reduced counts of federal bombing charges and served as key government witness against the other defendants, was sentenced to two years in a minimum security prison. The security provision was seen by observers as more for Mr.

Rose's protection than for any threat that he might pose.

**The United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry has agreed to loan \$96,000 to Alaska Methodist University to help the failing school meet its May payroll responsibilities.** Dr. F. Thomas Trotter said the loan was made against the anticipated settlement from the sale of the school. A committee of the Alaska State Legislature is now seriously considering a proposal to purchase AMU, reportedly for a sum in excess of \$15 million. The proposed sale would allow AMU to retain approximately 22.5 acres and would transfer into the University of Alaska state system all of AMU's personnel and programs as well as its bonded indebtedness which is about \$3 million.

**Students at Hamline University, United Methodist related school in St. Paul, Minn., protested administration plans to cut the equivalent of 15 full-time teachers.** About 75% of the college's classes were closed during the protest day — the last day of classes before commencement. Dr. Richard Bailey, resigned president of the school, said Hamline has debts in excess of \$6 million and that the faculty cut is one means of meeting payments on short- and long-term debts. Those faculty members expected to be dropped will have positions at Hamline through the next school year, he said. The faculty reductions will increase the current student-faculty ratio from the current 13.7 to 16 to 1. The school has 1,213 students and 89 faculty members.

**Trustees of United Methodist-related Duke University have recommended that free tuition for children of United Methodist ministers be eliminated** as one of several measures to reduce its \$3.4 million deficit. The university currently absorbs the full tuition cost of \$2,780 for children of ministers. Proposed tuition for next year is \$3,030. Under the proposed plan, which must be approved by the trustees' executive committee, children of ministers in the two United Methodist conferences in North Carolina would be given grants of \$1,500 and be able to get an additional \$1,500 as a loan from the university or by working for the university.



Shown above is the delegates' badge for the 1976 United Methodist General Conference. Included in the detail are the states making up the Portland Area, the denomination's cross and flame symbol, a rose, symbolic of the host city, and snow-capped Mt. Hood. For the first time, the art work will be displayed in more than one color.



# Sharing Resources

## We Have A Heart!

**ALTHOUGH AS** Council Director, I was not present at the Conference Council on Ministries meeting on the day the final decision was made to authorize this West Michigan Conference insert to the *Michigan Christian Advocate*. I have worked with the concept of the "why" of it for over two years. Actually, the day the decision was made, I was in the hospital intensive care unit in preparation for open heart surgery. Now, I don't intend to tell you about "my operation," but I did learn some lessons from those days that I think gives illustration to what this insert should be all about. Let me share with you.

If this insert is to do anything, it needs to show that our Annual Conference has a heart.

One of our preachers, when he called at the hospital and we were talking about what the

pictures of the catheter had shown concerning my heart, made the joking remark: "Keith, I think that you ought to have a dozen prints made of those; some people in the Conference doubt that you have a heart." (Frankly, I liked the statement of another brother preacher who said: "The doctors didn't prove anything new. I knew you had an open heart all along.")

The point is that every United Methodist ought to know that our conference does have a heart that is trying to be the heart of Jesus Christ. If the insert brings this home, it is a good tool.

## We Have A Skillful Staff

One factor that was noteworthy from the minute I arrived at the hospital emergency door until the day I left the patient pick-up was that the hospital had a skilled staff that were individually competent and yet who know when and how to work as a team for the greatest good when needed.

I could not help but to feel that the same was true of the West Michigan Conference staff. It is not without reason that they have been described by another council director as "one of the best in the jurisdiction." Of course, I shall never be able to repay them for the way in which they have carried out their own work as well as mine as a team during the long, long time I've been out of circulation.

If this *Michigan Christian Advocate Insert* helps the West Michigan Conference to know and appreciate Leon Dayringer, Ron Keller, Lloyd Schloop for the well trained field staff they are, if it helps the conference understand that behind them is a support office staff of Lori Eves, Muriel Patterson, Gladys Ebels under the leadership of Alice Spangenberg and with them our new Learning Resource Clerk, Paul Uzel, if the Conference learns of the competent financial management under Bernard Shashaguay, June Semeyn, Joan Rawson and Ebbie Boelema through the insert, if the *Michigan Christian Advocate Insert* can help us see we have a well trained staff that works as a team, it will be for the good of the West Michigan Conference.



Dr. Keith T. Avery

## We Have Resources

I was almighty thankful that the hospital had the right resources and equipment right at hand when it meant life or death for someone.

Through the *Michigan Christian Advocate Insert*, we hope to let you know that the West Michigan Conference headquarters stocks regularly many resource materials which are yours for the asking; that it has a Learning Resource Center that is the envy of some other denominations in town; and that we are anxious always to help you find other resources. Of course, even each program, school or conference we push in these pages is designed to be a resource for your local church to do a better job for Jesus Christ.

## We Have Tender Loving Care

Above all else, I was struck with the fact that a hospital wasn't just a place to get a job done. It was a place that fairly oozed with tender loving care. An illustration was the East German lady inhalation therapist who really gave me a treatment that wasn't easy on her or me. When it was finished, she laid her head over on the edge of the pillow and said: "Oh, Reverend Avery, we don't want to hurt you, we love you and we just want you to get well." Same way to the churches of the West Michigan Conference. We hope to say "remember, there is tender loving care available; we want to help you in Christ's name. We want to help you to be strong in His work."

## Have Supportive Fellowship

Nobody shall ever persuade me that there are not praying, loving, supporting Christians throughout the West Michigan Annual Conference. I know differently by the number of cards, the personal notes and the pastoral calls (including a Maundy Communion in bed) that I received in the hospital and since I came home. I have been supported in love and prayer by more persons than I could ever have expected.

Some way or other, through this *Michigan Christian Advocate Insert*, we shall hope to bring to each person the fact that this supportive fellowship is there all the time making real the love of Christ for daily living to God's glory. □

Sincerely,  
Keith T. Avery  
Council Director

# Heritage Sharing: Spanish-American Experience

**OUR YOUNG** Spanish-speaking United Methodist Church of Holland, together with the First United Methodist Church, invite us to a Heritage Sharing Experience on Saturday, July 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church building, 57 W. 10th St., Holland.

Rev. Anselmo Munoz says his group is small but that other Spanish-speaking Christians will help them share with us "The Spanish

## Mt. Hope Resort Ministry

**SUMMER PROJECTS** in the West Michigan Conference include a variety of resort and leisure ministries. Typical of these is the Mount Hope Summer Resort Ministry northeast of Jackson. In this setting, the Albion District, with assistance from local churches and the Conference Board of Discipleship, seeks to minister to a large number of summer residents, resorters and campers in and around the Waterloo Recreation Area through contemporary and innovative forms of witness to the Christian faith.

Last summer, in its first year of operation, the Mount Hope Ministry sponsored informal Sunday worship services, weekend drama presentation, crafts and Christian education opportunities for children and fellowship experiences for families.

Plans for 1975 include the hiring of a Michigan seminary student to work as director of the project. Miss Peggy Jo Ainslie has been



Peggy Jo  
Ainslie

selected from a large number of applicants to be this year's resort minister. Miss Ainslie is a native of the Hastings area, a student at Garrett-Evangelical Seminary, and will become a Probationary Member of the West Michigan Conference in June. She is preparing for a career as a parish minister.

The Mount Hope Resort Ministry is designed and supported through a committee of area ministers and lay persons in the Grass Lake, Munith, Waterloo, and surrounding communities. Mr. David Crouch of Grass Lake is chairperson of this year's committee, with Rev. Charles D. Grauer as advisor. District Program Director, Rev. Ron L. Keller, works closely with the planning committee in periodic meetings throughout the year. □



Rev. Anselmo Munoz

American Experience." Lunch will be served in "Latino" style. Rev. Munoz is a Columbian. The congregation has members of Mexican and Puerto Rican background.

Plans include music and dialogue groups. The featured speaker will be Ms. Dalila Kreuger, Associate Executive Secretary of the United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race. Ms. Kreuger is from the Rio Grande Conference in Texas where she was Conference President of the United Methodist Women.

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This Heritage Sharing Experience is one of several promoted by the Conference Commission on Religion and Race of which Mr. Bill Murray of Muskegon Heights is the Chairperson. Last year's event shared the "Native American Indian Experience." Two years ago we shared in "The Black Experience."

Reservation blanks are in the hands of West Michigan Conference pastors. An open invitation is extended to all of us, along with the request that reservations be made to help the two local congregations plan for lunch. □

## Schools of Christian Mission

The purpose of the Schools of Christian Mission is to inform and train laity and clergy about world needs and the church's response. The Schools are designed for both men and women. Youth are invited to participate as adults.

This is a concentrated experience for people in local churches. Rarely is so much

information and help available in one place in so short a time period. Come anticipating study, fellowship, challenge, singing, sharing, information, questions, worship, expanded ideas, and growth as dedicated Christians.

The Schools are sponsored by the Conference United Methodist Women and the Conference Board of Global Ministries.

### REGISTRATION

**Weekend School** — Friday, July 11, 5 p.m. to Sunday, July 13, 1:30 p.m. Emphasis on study classes with brief time for enrichment class

**Weekday School** — Monday, July 14, 11 a.m. to Thursday, July 17, 1:30 p.m. Emphasis on study classes plus two afternoons of enrichment classes

**Drive-In-Day** — Wednesday, July 16, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. One-day introduction to study classes plus enrichment class

### INFORMATION

All students take the *Prophets* study as well as a choice between *One Nation Under God* and *South East Asia: Christian Presence*.

Registration fee for Weekend and Weekday Schools includes linens in dormitory at Albion College plus a copy of the study book. Books will be mailed until July 1; later registrants will receive their book at the school.

Registration deadline for all schools is July 1. No part-time registrations are allowed. No refunds after the start of school.

Registration for Drive-In-Day includes lunch and dinner. Note: there will be no program for children or child care provided this year.

**Costs:** Weekend School, July 11-13: per person in dormitory — \$30.00

Weekday School, July 14-17: per person in dormitory — \$50.00

Commutor (lunch & dinner, plan to attend evenings) — \$33.00

Sunday evening lodging in dorm — \$4.25

Drive-In-Day, July 16: per person (lunch & dinner) — \$7.00

Get registration brochure from pastor or check and mail clip coupon on page 4 of this insert

## New Discipleship Resources

The General Board of Discipleship has just produced a new 1975 catalog entitled "Discipleship Resources." One free copy can be ordered on the coupon in this issue; quantity orders can be sent (free) to Discipleship Resources, Box 840, Nashville, TN 37202. This new catalog is a valuable help to the local church as it offers all the resources previously made available in separate catalogs. It includes the devotional materials from *The Upper Room*, Local Church Christian Education Helps, and evangelistic material from *Tidings*. Contact the Conference Headquarters for your free copy.

## Rural Church Project Sponsors V.C.S's

A special ministry to rural youth and children will be carried on this summer in a project sponsored jointly by the Albion District and the West Michigan Conference Board of Discipleship. Ten churches in the Hillsdale Area Rural Church Consultation will combine their efforts in sponsoring ten Vacation Church Schools. A special summer worker, Miss Bonnie Reichardt, has been employed to direct the schools and provide training for local church leaders. Miss Reichardt is a public school teacher, graduate of Hillsdale College, active United Methodist, and experienced leader in both children's work and summer camping.

Churches participating in the project include Reading, North Adams, Allen, Camden, Montgomery, Stokes Chapel, Moscow Plains, Frontier, Osseo and Hillsdale. Funding for the ministry comes jointly from conference, district and local church sources.

The Hillsdale Consultation is a cooperative effort of churches in the southeastern section of the Albion District and is designed to provide various ministries to improve and strengthen rural ministry.

## Lansing District Family Canoe Trip

A Family Canoe Trip from Eaton Rapids to Lansing, with an overnight campout at Lion's Park, Dimondale is planned for July 26 and 27.

Each family will need to provide their own canoe, camping gear and food. The leaders will be Jean and John Kennaugh of Lansing Faith Church.

For further information and registration for the trip, call the Kennaughs at (517) 484-2012.



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# 1975 LAB SCHOOL

**T**HE BEST of all possible training experiences for local church teachers and educational leaders is the Lab School process. In a Lab School, local church teachers work together diagnosing needs, setting goals, planning for the teaching/learning process, work with resources, practice teaching, observe other teachers and students, and then evaluate. All of this is done in a "live" setting with children (or whatever age learners might be) present in order that an actual classroom situation might be provided. Persons who attend a lab school are called "Leaders In Training" (LIT'S). Each age-level class is guided by a nationally-known and well-trained Certified Laboratory Leader.

The West Michigan Conference Board of Discipleship is sponsoring such a Lab School, June 22-27, at First United Methodist Church in Grand Rapids, 227 E. Fulton St.

The school opens at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, June 22, and closes with lunch on Friday, June 27. Classes each day run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and are open only to people who can attend full time. There are two arrangements for registrants: Resident students stay in the Davenport Business College apartments (next door to First Church) and they pay \$45.00 (including noon meals and four evening meals); Commuters within driving distance may stay nights at home, and their cost is \$25.00 (including all noon meals and the Sunday evening meal). Fees include health and accident insurance.



### CLASSES AND LEADERS

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**Kindergarten:** Mrs. Linda Thompson, Lansing

**Elementary I-II:** Mrs. Kathleen Phillips, Newark, Ohio

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lead Confirmation Training in the local church) Rev. Brooks Heck, Wauseon, Ohio

**Learning Center [Self-directed non-graded]:** Mrs. Earl Sorenson, Fennville. (Previous experience required.)

**Adult:** Dr. John Lennon, Lakewood, Ohio

**Seminar:** Aileen Sanborn, Nashville, Tennessee (This class is for persons interested in becoming certified lab leaders. These students also register for an age-level class. Their fee is \$50 and arrive earlier than other students. Two previous lab classes are required before attending a seminar.)

The home church should help with some of the cost of the registrations. A few scholarships are available for part of the cost. Contact your district office or district children's coordinator.

During this Lab School in the Parlors of First Church, Grand Rapids, at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, the Grand Rapids District is sponsoring a session on "Reviewing Children's Ministries in the Local Church and Introducing the new *Exploring The Bible Curriculum*." This is especially for Grand Rapids District local church Children's Coordinators, but is open to all Lab School students and all interested persons of the conference. No registration is required for this session.

There are still some openings for Lab School but please act quickly and get registrations in. It would help the total church school program in your church to get one or two students in Lab School. Fill out the following application and mail with the fee.

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### WEST MICHIGAN LAB SCHOOL

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# New Children's Curriculum

The new Methodist curriculum for children will provide an option for local churches. Beginning this fall, a new series of Bible studies for children will be available entitled "Discovering The Bible." The present "Christian Studies for Children" will be slightly revised and continued. The present take-home story papers will be changed so they can be used with either series. Workshops

have been held in most Districts this spring to help local churches examine their total ministry to children and to introduce the new Bible study curriculum. Local churches are making the decision as to whether they want to stay with the present Christian Studies Series or if they want to use the new Discovering the Bible series. Churches not now using United Methodist curriculum material will want to seriously consider the new Bible study curriculum for children. Samples of the new materials will be available in July and can be ordered on the fall curriculum order blank from Cokesbury. A few samples of the new curriculum will be available sooner than July from your District Children's Coordinator or from Conference Headquarters for short-term loan basis for preview purposes.

In conjunction with Lab School (explained elsewhere in this edition), there will be a session on Tuesday evening, June 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the parlors of First United Methodist Church, 227 E. Fulton St., Grand Rapids for the purposes of reviewing the local church's ministry to children and introducing the new curriculum "Exploring the Bible." This is especially for churches of the Grand Rapids District, but is open to all Lab School students and to all interested persons and churches of the Conference. No registration is required; just come.

## Family Christmas Kits

An article by Dorothy Copeland, Associate in Christian Education at Central United Methodist Church, Lansing, will appear in the July issue of *The Church School* magazine, a United Methodist resource for church school administrators.

Mrs. Copeland's article, "Family Christmas Kits," describes materials that families can put together at home as part of family worship. Her church has sold kits for making Advent wreaths or Nativity wall hangings, and one that includes growing a few wheat seeds and



assembling a manger scene. Some of the kits contain printed materials that the workers have written.

"We made one hundred banner kits, sold them promptly, and could have sold many more at \$1.50 (actual cost). They reached into many homes, and were even sent to other towns. This year people report putting them together again. Many, many churches have taken up this idea," writes Mrs. Copeland.

Another activity her church sponsors is "Sip 'n' Sing," an Advent fellowship program. Each Sunday, persons are invited to the dining room for juice, coffee, rolls or doughnuts, and carol singing for half an hour.

Mrs. Copeland hopes other churches will take up this project and pass their ideas along to her; she will be glad to give them her information on the church's experiences.

# We Got More Than We Gave

It is interesting to note that the West Michigan Annual Conference received more than it gave in 1974 from the United Methodist Student Loan and Scholarship program.

The West Michigan Student Day Offering received in our conference in 1974 was \$4,042.98. Actually, college students of our Conference received 4 scholarships amounting to \$2,000. In addition, 23 United Methodist young people from our Conference received \$12,220 in student loans that made it possible for them to get their education.

It is interesting to note that this United Methodist Loan Fund is the oldest and largest of its kind in the United States. It has been in existence for 102 years; it has helped over 140,000 persons achieve their educational goals. It has approximately 14,000 open accounts. The scholarship program is over 30 years young but has been a blessing to approximately 15,000 persons.

When we hold our Student Day (sometime in June usually) and receive the special offering, we can feel a part of this whole procedure and remember that in 1974 our own young people received more than we gave in that year.

## Meet Paul

We want you to meet the new member of the Conference Support Staff. His name is Paul Uzel. Paul's prime assignment is to serve the Learning Resource Center at Conference Headquarters, although he will carry other



Paul Uzel

team assignments as do all of our staff.

Paul is equipped for the job as he worked with audio-visuals at Calvin Seminary. His background is deep enough that he can expertly handle our audio-visual equipment and the films, filmstrips and tapes that we have in the library can be properly cared for.

Paul is a member of the Christian Reformed Church and is at present taking a couple of years out of his preparation for it's ministry. He has lived in Grand Rapids for the past six years out of his preparation for its ministry. He has lived in Grand Rapids for the past six years after living formerly in Florida and New Jersey. His wife, Joyce, is a Zeeland, Michigan child in July.

After several months of trying to find the right combination of help for the Learning Resource Center, we feel that in Paul we have found this help. We are happy to say that again we can serve you from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We invite you to continue to use your catalogues (1974) when ordering by mail from your church; we also invite you to meet Paul and let him help you in making use of the Learning Resource Center to enrich your ministry.

## FREE HELPS

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## News from the Churches



Bishop Dwight E. Loder, Mrs. Ethel Rider, Mrs. Frances Davies and Dr. John Mulder (left to right) don hard hats for a tour of the construction and renovation of the facilities at Boulevard Temple Home, Detroit.

### Luncheon Guests Tour Boulevard Temple Home

Bishop Dwight Loder and John Mulder, John Fall and Vivian Boersma of the executive office in Ann Arbor, were luncheon guests of Boulevard Temple United Methodist Home, Detroit, on April 30. Seated at the table with the bishop were Mrs. Frances Davies, president of the Residents Council, and Mrs. Ethel Rider, president-elect, both residents of the Home.

After lunch, Irving Crisman, administrator, conducted the group on a tour of the renovation of the facilities, which include assisted living, independent living, nursing care, roof garden, and atrium dining room.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR FESTIVAL**  
The combined choirs from 13 Grand Rapids District United Methodist churches presented a Children's Choir Festival May 4 in the Grandville Church which sponsored the event with the Grand Rapids First Church. Dr. Roberta Bitgood from First Congregational Church of Battle Creek, a nationally known composer, organist, teacher, and clinician, was the guest conductor. The following churches were represented by the approximately 200 participants: Adamsville, Aldersgate, Burton Heights, Chapel Hill, Fennville, Grand Rapids First, Grandville, Griggs St., Muskegon Unity, Northlawn, Sparta, Trinity and Westgate. The Bell Choir of First Church, under the direction of Richard DeVinney, also performed one number.



The instrument was mounted on the Sprinkle property for many years and Mrs. Sprinkle says "it gave pleasure, instruction and new fields of vision to many people."

At age 83, Mrs. Sprinkle is still actively involved at Rice as the Health and Welfare Concerns chairperson. Although arthritis keeps her mostly confined to her home, she carries out her work through creative card-writing and telephoning. Mr. Sprinkle, one of the midwest's leading optics experts, died in 1973.

### Community Honors Rev. Richard Selleck

The Urban League of Greater Muskegon, through a committee of citizens, selects a person each year who has made the most outstanding contribution to better inter-group relations and toward the league's goal of "Equal Opportunity for All." The person selected is given the Jonathan Walker Award.

Rev. Richard A. Selleck, pastor of the Temple United Methodist Church in Muskegon Heights since 1970, was the recipient this

### College Receives Telescope Built by Former Methodist

A celestial telescope, built by the late Lloyd H. Sprinkle of Livonia, a former member of the Rice Memorial Church, Detroit, was dedicated recently in the physics department of Northern Michigan University, Marquette.

The Newtonian telescope with a 12-inch reflector has been named the Sprinkle Memorial Telescope and the observatory at NMU also has been named in honor of Mr. Sprinkle. The telescope has a special equatorial mount on it with a motor clock drive guiding controls. This enables it to automatically track a celestial object in orbit.



year. The presentation was made April 17 at the annual Urban League dinner which was held in the Walker Arena banquet room (see accompanying picture).

Mr. Selleck has made community involvement a large part of his ministry. He is a member of the chaplains' advisory committee for the Michigan State Department of Correction; the NAACP, serving as executive board member of that organization in 1974; and the lay committee that directs "Mission for Area People (M.A.P.). He was one of the founders and a director for the Michigan organization, Citizens to Advance Public Education, and was the recipient of the West Michigan Annual Civil Liberties Award in 1969.

Temple Church is a predominantly white congregation in a predominantly black neighborhood. Mission for Area People is located in a part of the building and this brings several hundred neighborhood people inside the doors. Mr. Selleck's attitude is one which brings together the people of the community and the people of the congregation in a strong, loving fellowship.

The Temple congregation is especially proud because Mr. Selleck is the second Temple pastor to receive this award. Rev. Verner E. Kilgren was the recipient in 1969.

**News from the Churches (Continued)**



**CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Youth were confirmed on May 18 at the Rice Memorial United Methodist Church, Detroit, by the pastor, Rev. Donna J. Lindberg. The new members standing in front of their pastor, left to right, are: Belinda Brown, Mark Bone, Janice Kettunen, Deborah Laura, Michael Wesenberg and Mary Joan Ritter.

**Earns Highest Honor**

Carin Payne, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. William Payne of Paw Paw and president of the UMYF, is the valedictorian at the local high school. Her school activities included membership in the National Honor Society, Quill and Scroll, Varsity Choir, and Student Council. She was class treasurer three years and assisted with the school newspaper, The Tribal News. She received the DAR Good Citizen Award and was a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship competition. Carin plans to attend Adrian College in the fall, majoring in biology.



**Carin**

Several mothers and the oldest daughter were honored with potted plants at the fifth annual mother-daughter banquet held in the Kingsley Church on May 8. Following a potluck dinner in the educational building, group singing was enjoyed.

**Several Honored at Banquet**

The program, held in the sanctuary, included entertainment by the Joyful Noise singing group from the Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Traverse City.

All mothers also were honored with corsages during the regular morning worship service. The oldest mother received a rose.

**RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP**

Young people received into the membership of the Embury United Methodist Church, Birmingham, on March 23, were, left to right: Mark Knight, Philip Vici, Melanie Croswell, Peter Willis and Thomas Hartkopf. The pastors are Rev. Thomas P. Macaulay (left), and Rev. J. Douglas Parker.



**Announces Youth Director**

Dan Crabtree, formerly of Lexington, Ky., who holds a B.A. degree in education from the University of Kentucky, is the new youth director at the Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Flint. Rev. Roland Brooks, pastor.



**Dan Crabtree**

For the past two and one-half years Mr. Crabtree has worked at the Red Bird Mission in southeastern Kentucky serving as bus driver, teacher, youth leader and basketball coach. He has been active in the Lay Witness Mission program and in several summer youth camps. His main interests are sports, piano, song-writing, counseling and hiking.

**The Meldon Crawford Are Honored at Retirement**

Rev. and Mrs. Meldon Crawford of Vernon were honored at a retirement party hosted by the Vernon and Bancroft United Methodist churches on Sunday, May 18. Mr. Crawford will retire this month at the session of the Detroit Annual Conference.

About 150 guests gathered in the Fellowship Hall of the Vernon church for a cooperative dinner and social hour.



**Rev. and Mrs. Meldon E. Crawford**

A short informal program was conducted when gifts were presented and guests were given an opportunity to extend best wishes to the retiring couple.

Guests included Rev. Paul Blomquist, Flint District superintendent, friends from the host churches, and friends from Durand, Owosso, Wayne, Gladstone, Fenton, Marquette, and Drayton Plains. A poster was on display, highlighting the many churches Mr. Crawford has served during his 40 years in the ministry. Refreshments were served following a program.

The Crawfords will reside at 413 Clinton Street, Vernon, and their phone number is 517-288-4024.



### NEW MEMBERS

Four persons were received into the Portage Prairie Church, Niles, by the pastor, Rev. Gordon Everett (center), on May 11. The new members are David Tallman, Linda Siewert, Annetta Marie Hostetler and Alan Duane Hostetler.

### Assistant Administrator Resigns at Clark Home

Jack Laing, assistant administrator in charge of personnel at Clark Home, resigned April 23 after having served six years. For several months previous to the arrival of Mr. A. P. Velky, Mr. Laing was acting administrator. Mrs. Mildred Squires, who for 25 years served as dining room hostess, has now retired. In recognition of her years of service she was presented with a corsage, accompanied with words of appreciation by Administrator Velky, at the April birthday luncheon. At the annual awards dinner she received a 25-year pin. Mrs. Squires is residing at Clark Home.

Clark Home Choir is now robed through the generosity of Olivet Church, Grand Rapids. Thirty-three silver-colored robes with cream and brown stoles, beautifully dry-cleaned, were given to the Home and worn for the first time in the chapel service on April 24.

Mrs. John Powell reviewed "First Ladies" by Sol Barzman at the May meeting of the Penguin Club. A colored film on California and its natural resources was shown in the chapel April 18 and on April 23 travelogue pictures of Mexico were shown and narrated by W. D. Frankforter, curator of the Grand Rapids Public Museum.

Local schools frequently provide musical programs for the residents. On May 9, 110 East Grand Rapids Junior High School students under the direction of Charles Bertsch sang "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat" (Webber-Rice) with harp, drums, guitar and organ accompaniment. An evening concert on May 14 by the Grand Rapids Recreation Department Symphonette was another enjoyable musical event.

Twenty-seven children from Jenison Christian School visited the Home on a recent afternoon. Working in the Baker-Kendrick Room with scissors, paste and construction paper, they created some large-scale, cutout, paper flower decorations for the walls of the dining rooms.

Members of the Junior High Youth Fellow-

ship of Trinity Church, Grand Rapids, entertained their "honorary grandparents" of Clark Home with a potluck supper on Sunday evening, April 27, and a program of singing.

Speakers at recent chapel services have been Rev. Darwin E. Salisbury, Holland; Dr. Wayne Fleenor, Albion; Rev. David Yoh, North Muskegon; Rev. Howard E. Holmes, Portland; Rev. Theron E. Bailey and Layman John E. DeRoos, Wyoming; and Rev. Ronald Fassett and Rev. Robert L. Hinklin Jr., Grand Rapids.

Clark Home is served in various capacities each Tuesday afternoon by a much appreciated group called the volunteers. They

come from various local churches. A recent election held by the group resulted in the following slate of officers for 1975-76: president, Mrs. Thomas Pollard; vice-president, Mrs. Clifford Phillips; secretary, Mrs. D. M. Johnson; treasurer, Mrs. Albertus Willet; and historian, Mrs. Henry Ball.

Recent deaths include Rev. Lowell McCarty, Hastings, on April 22 and Mrs. Grace Thorson, Sparta, on May 1.

New members of the Home are Mrs. Corinne Webb, Mrs. Gertrude Harmer, Mrs. Clara Rugg, all of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Ruth Pellett, Holland, and Miss Marjorie Smith, Lansing.



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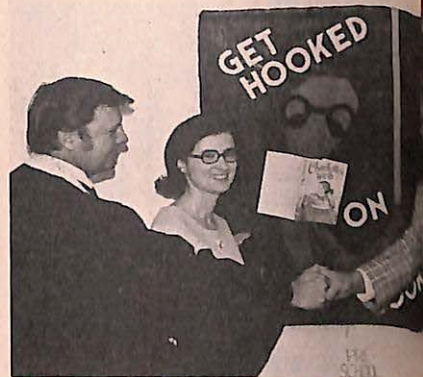
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**News from the Churches** (Continued)



**WELCOMES SPANISH-SPEAKING PASTOR**

Rev. D. R. Salisbury, minister of the Holland First Church, welcomes Rev. and Mrs. Anselmo Muñoz and their two-year-old daughter, Rebecca. Rev. Muñoz of Columbia, South America, is serving as pastor of the Spanish-speaking congregation of the Holland church. He received his ministerial diploma in 1969 following five years of study in a Columbian Bible school. After working with an evangelistic team and as a full-time pastor, he and his family moved to the United States two years ago with a resident visa.



Conversing in front of one of the banners in the new library at the Flint Hope Church, left to right, are: Rev. Howard Childs, Mrs. Linda Vierow and Mr. James Randels.

and James Randels, husband of Georgia Randels who was a faithful member of the church and in whose memory the library was named. Since her prime interest was children, the emphasis of the library will be children's books.

After the church service, open house was held in the library and refreshments were served.

**Supplies Are Delivered To Missions in Kentucky**

Rev. and Mrs. Donald Brown of the Akron and Unionville churches, accompanied by Inez Frent, Beth Partlo and Ellen Berry, delivered supplies collected by the two churches to the Red Bird Mission and Henderson Settlement in Kentucky in April.

Arriving at the Red Bird Mission in time for supper, they visited the hospital that evening and the school the next day before going to Henderson Settlement for a tour of the work there.

These two missions provide classrooms, textbooks and supplies and the county pays the teachers' salaries in an area where the counties will not build schools. As part of

**New Library Is Dedicated**

The congregation of Hope United Methodist Church, Flint, Rev. Howard Childs, pastor, dedicated the Georgia Randels Memorial Library, April 27. The new library was a recent project of Children's Council. In the dedication service, Linda Vierow, librarian and chairman of the Library Committee, presented a book from the library to Arlene Lanning, co-ordinator of the Children's Council,

Rev. Donald Brown, Mrs. Brown, Inez Frent, Beth Partlo and Ellen Berry (left to right) prepare to leave for Henderson Settlement and the Red Bird Mission with clothing and kitchen utensils from the Akron and Unionville churches.



**ORGANIST RETIRES**

The First United Methodist Church in West Branch honored Mrs. Sam Hanson at a coffee hour on Sunday, May 4. Mrs. Hanson has been the organist and is now retiring. She was presented with a cake, flowers and a gift from the choir and the congregation. The presentation was made by Rev. Howard Higgins (left) and choir director, David Longfield.



educational work, the missions also teach crafts to both children and adults. These articles are then marketed with the help of the mission, adding to the income of the families.

The group did some sightseeing in the Cumberland Gap area before returning home.

### Detroit Conference Retirees Plan Fellowship Meal June 5

Did you know that the Detroit Conference Retirees' Association includes 187 retired ministers and their wives, and 140 ministers' widows? The mailing list numbers 324, and they are scattered throughout 25 states — half the United States — and Canada. Many of these retirees live part of each year in Florida or Arizona, and the other part of the year in Michigan. More of them live permanently in



Dr. David M. Jordan

Florida than in any other state outside of Michigan.

The association is not highly organized. The only officers at present are president, Rev. Cecelia C. Jordan, and secretary-treasurer, Rev. William I. Rosemurgy. A vice president will be added this Conference. The purpose of the association is mainly to develop and maintain a more closely knit fellowship among the retirees, and to cooperate with and give encouragement to the Conference through the Conference Board of Pensions to provide as adequately as possible for their pension needs. Next Conference year a representative of the association will be permitted to meet with the Conference Board of Pensions in at least one of their meetings, not as a member of the Board (prohibited by the Discipline), but only for the purpose of communication, enlightenment, and better understanding in working toward a common goal.

An annual report is submitted by the president to the Conference. It appears in the Pre-Conference reports mailed to each pastor and lay member of the Conference, and subsequently in the Conference Journal.

During this conference year a letter was sent by the association officers before Christmas to all retirees. Responses to that letter resulted in the mailing of a Newsletter (the first) to all prior to Easter, with the idea of continuing such mailings, possibly more frequently in the future, should the association so desire. Appreciative and favorable expressions of such a plan have already been received.

At the Annual Conference a fellowship meal, with business meeting and program, is

planned. At that time the officers are elected. This year the fellowship meal will be at noon of Thursday, June 5. The speaker for the program will be, Dr. David M. Jordan of Detroit, the first Negro minister to retire from the Detroit Conference. His topic will be "Once a Preacher Always a Preacher." Rev. and Mrs. Roger Merrell, also retirees, will provide special music.

Activities of the retirees are varied and many. Some are pastoring churches as retired supplies in Michigan, Arizona and Hawaii. There are those who are shut in for health reasons, and some must reside in convalescent and rest homes. Several reside in the United Methodist Homes in Chelsea and Detroit and many of these are still active.

In the retirees of the Detroit Conference there can be found a rich resource for the Church of Jesus Christ. Are they being used to the fullest of their capacity to serve?

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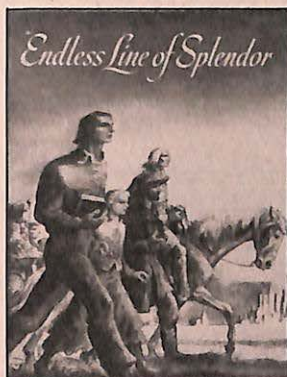
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**REV. DAN MILES**, pastor of the Alden and Central Lake United Methodist churches, has been nominated to appear in the 1975 edition of *Outstanding Young Men of America*.



Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lamb

**JANET MARIE**, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Merlin K. Delo of the Hesperia-Ferry Charge, and **MR. DENNIS LAMB** were united in marriage on Saturday, May 10. The 7:00 p.m. ceremony was performed in the Hesperia United Methodist Church.

**REV. AND MRS. ADOLF BERGMAN** of Bad Axe observed their 20th wedding anniversary May 20. A retired member of the Detroit Conference, Mr. Bergman served Methodist

churches 26 years in Europe before coming to the United States in 1946 where he was pastor of churches in both the Upper and Lower Peninsulas. Following his retirement in 1965, he served for two years in the Kentucky Conference. He is currently active in personal evangelism in Huron County. Mrs. Bergman, nee Hazel McKay, taught school for some 25 years. A native of Crowell, she has served as a Licensed Local Preacher on the Port Huron District, and also as an evangelistic pianist.

### WELCOME

the members of the Banfield United Methodist Church, the newest congregation to join the Advocate's "Every Member Family Subscription Plan."

### Ashram to Be Held At Simpson Park

The Michigan Christian Ashram will convene June 26-June 29 at Simpson Park in Romeo.

The Ashram movement, founded by Dr. E. Stanley Jones, has become world-wide and is a retreat from the work-a-day world in which one gains spiritual inspiration and growth.

Rev. Gordon C. Hunter of Richmond Hill, Ontario, will be evangelist for the retreat. Author of the book, *When the Walls Come Tumbling Down*, Mr. Hunter is a member of the executive committee of the World Ashram movement, has been chairman of National Project of Evangelism, and is presently involved in "Christian Discovery," an open-concept program designed to discover new

dimensions of Christian life and witness.

Rev. Gary Forbes, who will be the Bible teacher, is pastor of St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Frankfort, Indiana. Active in youth and evangelistic work, he serves on the executive committee of his Conference Council on Ministries. He has taught at Huntington College in the area of New Testament and for the last two years has been active in the Ashram movement.

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This summer's schedule of courses is as follows:

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## Speaking Of Books

By Allan G. Gray

### SUPERSHIP

By Noel Mostert

ONE of the least heralded but greatest predicaments of our time is the development of the huge oil tankers designed principally to haul oil between the Persian Gulf, Europe and Japan. Fortunately the continental shelf prohibits any of these behemoths getting near the United States. The post-world-war conversion of Japan and Europe from coal-produced energy to oil has sparked the development of this type of ship. There are 350 million tons of shipping today over 200,000 tons, 35 million of that is over 400,000, and plans are afoot to build tankers of over one million tons.

You realize a tanker of 200,000 tons is one-quarter of a mile long and wider than a football field. The crude oil it carries is sufficient to provide energy to a city of 40,000 for one year. These ungainly giants are not even referred to as ships but VLCC (very large crude carriers) or as they grow even bigger as ULCC (Ultra large crude carriers).

Their size presents many problems. One being that since 80 per cent of the ship is submerged there are very few ports into which they can enter. Since they have drafts of over 60 feet, they cannot enter the Baltic or North seas hardly at all. Special ports have to be built to receive them. Also they are so large that their crews are not always aware of what goes on around them. They have been known to run down smaller ships and sink them with all hands lost and not even know what has happened.

Because of their size, they travel relatively slow. Eight knots per hour whereas the S. S. United States won its speed title at some 35 knots per hour. Likewise because of their mechanical equipment, they load and unload quickly. For instance it takes over two and one-half months to make a round-trip voyage from Europe to the Persian Gulf and in all that time only twenty-four hours are spent loading and unloading. Because of the quickness of taking on cargo, there is no time in port so the sailors never go ashore. The custom of most lines is to have sailors make two round trips or spend about six months at sea and then have two months off before they start the round again. You can readily see what this does to personalities. In order that you can know what these tankers are like and what life aboard consists of, Mr. Mostert took a voyage on the S.S. Ardshiel of the P and O line.

Written as an impassioned plea alerting us to the dangers of this type of shipping, the book reads more like fiction than fact. It is a grim account of what these monsters are doing to the oceans and thus to mankind for though there are substitutes for oil and gas, there are no substitutes for oceans.

("Supership," Mostert, Knopf. This book may be secured through Cokesbury Bookstore, 2101 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Mich. 48201.)

## 51% of Americans Believe Suicide "Morally Wrong"

NEW YORK (RNS) — A recent Gallup Poll reveals that 51% of U.S. adults believe it is morally wrong to commit suicide even when the individual "is suffering great pain and has no hope of improvement." In the case of an incurable disease, 53% were opposed to suicide. If the circumstance was being a "heavy burden" to the family, 72% were opposed to suicide.

However, the poll showed a wide difference in views among age groups, with the majority of adults 18-29 supporting suicide in cases of incurable diseases or when there was pain and no hope of improvement. Adults over age 50 were the most opposed to suicide.

The Gallup Poll was taken April 4-7 among 1,535 adults in 300 localities. Many of the individuals who supported suicide said they viewed it as an act of courage and love.

Opponents of suicide cited religious reasons. Christianity and Judaism have historically opposed suicide on any grounds, basing

their reasons on both the Old and New Testaments.

Suicide in the case of great pain and no hope of improvement was morally supported by 56% of the under-30 adults, 42% of those 30-49, and 30% of the over-50 group. It was opposed by 40% of the under-30, 49% of the 30-49 group, and 61% of those over 50.

Suicide for individuals with an incurable disease was morally supported by 54% of the under-30, 40% of the 30-49, and 29% of the over-50. It was opposed by 40% of the under-30, 52% of the 30-40, and 63% of the over-50.

Suicide for individuals who felt they were a "heavy burden" on their families was supported by 25% of the under-30, 21% of the 30-49, and 16% of the over-50. It was opposed by 69% of the under-30, 70% of the 30-49 and 74% of those over 50.

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*Thought I'd Mention It . . .*

## On Forgiving Ourselves

By Ms. Marti Churchill  
Ionia, Michigan

PEOPLE can create their own problems by thinking negatively. They can also create their own sins the same way. With a little work, people can take almost any harmless activity and turn it into a "sin."

This idea came to me after a sermon at the Ann Arbor First Church when Ken Colton, associate pastor, told us that Moslems are forbidden to drink alcoholic beverages because of their religion. Of those who break that rule and drink anyway, one in three becomes an alcoholic.

Mormons are also not allowed to drink, he said, and statistically one in every two who does drink, becomes an alcoholic. They become alcoholics at such a high rate because they feel guilty about drinking, and had to suffer for their "transgressions." It looks as though they become alcoholics because they took a bit of the forbidden fruit — if they could drink innocently, they wouldn't have to suffer the effects in such great numbers.

A woman told us at a church potluck in Ionia that she used to have a house guest from India, where eating meat is not allowed. He struggled to follow American customs and eating habits, but try as he would, even the thought of eating meat made him sick. All he could do was swallow a little chicken sometimes, but that was all.

Consider Mark 7:16-24. "Can't you see that what you eat won't harm your soul? For food doesn't come in contact with your heart, but only passes through the digestive system." It's not what you eat or do that counts, it's your attitude. Just about anything, if done innocently, could be harmless in its effects.

In Romans, 7:7-8, it says: "I would never have known the sin in my heart — the evil desires that are hidden there — if the law had not said, 'you must not have evil desires in your heart.'" "Only if there were no laws to break would there be no sinning."

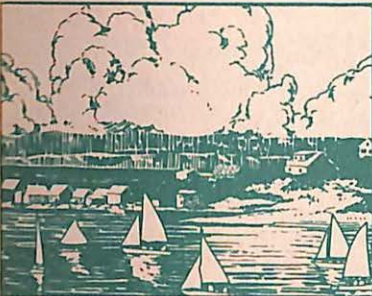
The college student smoking dope time after time is also "sinning" if he does it purposely to get one over on the law. ("Boy, what mom and dad would say if they knew!") With all the prohibitions and stigma attached, smoking dope is just that much more appealing.

Man makes his own laws, his own sins. By doing things *because* they are forbidden, we become slaves to sin in a way that must surprise God.

People are much harder on themselves than God ever intended to be. It's not God that says "Don't eat meat" or "Don't drink before you're 18," or even "Don't smoke marijuana." God is ready to forgive us for worse things than those. We are the ones who can't seem to forgive ourselves!

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By Robert C. Brubaker

**The Bible for Today****Why the Bible Was Written**

Sunday, June 15

Jeremiah 26:1-3; Luke 24:44-47; John  
20:30-31; 1 John 1:1-4

**D**R. PAUL TOURNIER in his delightful book, *A Doctor's Casebook in the Light of the Bible*, tells about a young woman who in her childhood was a kind of Cinderella. She had to work not only at school but at home she had to slave away at so much of the housework. She developed psychological problems, her powers of resistance were going down, and she was very sick. But her parents paid no attention, and said she was only trying to find excuses for her idleness. Finally an outraged neighbor took her to see a doctor, who discovered that she was in an advanced stage of pulmonary tuberculosis.

She overheard the doctor at the sanatorium talking very pessimistically about her condition. But that night as she was lying wide awake in bed suddenly she had an experience of God. The moon had just come out, and its light was streaming through the window opposite her. All at once she felt that she was possessed by an overwhelming certainty — God loved her. And along with that certainty came the conviction that she would get well.

Early the next morning this young woman who had not been hungry for months was eating her breakfast with a hearty appetite. The doctor was astonished. But now she was a new different person, a new person with new life. She was utterly convinced that God loved her and she would make it. She did.

The original Gospel of John probably came to a close at the end of chapter 20. Chapter 21 is an appendix. And in the last two verses of chapter 20, the author gives a very clear and forthright statement of his purpose in writing this Gospel.

He writes that Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples. And they have not been written down in this book. From this we know that the writer does not claim to give a full account of the life of Jesus. The author does not have a movie camera and follow Jesus around day after day hoping to catch every detail of his life. Rather he very carefully selects what he believes are the most important events in the life of Jesus and in his death and resurrection.

Then the writer gives his fundamental purpose behind the writing. He has put down these words so that his readers may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing they may have life through his name. So what is involved here is faith and life.

He calls people to believe in Jesus. There is something powerfully attractive about the person of Jesus. He has a way of magnetizing people who encounter him. I find that when I talk about God in a general way, people do not get very excited. They may believe in Him or they may not . . . but it does not seem to matter often either way.

But when you begin talking about Jesus Christ, the things he did, the love he shared, the difference he made in the lives of people, a certain excitement and vitality comes through loud and clear. People are caught up in this person Jesus, and they see him as a unique and very specific human being that exerts a pull on their lives. They are tugged by the life and the death and the resurrection of Jesus.

Do you in any way witness to Jesus? How do you share Him and His love with others? When you talk freely and openly and spontaneously about Him, people will begin to perk up. The way to the hearts of people is through Jesus to God, not through God to Jesus. When we believe in him or have faith in him, we are well on the way into a fresh and vital relationship with His God and ours.

And this faith in Jesus leads out into new life. When we have faith in Him, as the Gospel writer affirms, we have life in His name. Bonhoeffer, the great Christian martyr, tells us that Jesus does not call men to a new religion. Rather he calls us to life. He does not call us to a system of beliefs or drag us through a concoction of rituals. Rather he leads us into new life, fresh life, life that comes percolating through us day after day.

Daniel Berrigan in a recent interview in Detroit said: "I'm very privileged in that I'm in a position to do exactly what I want, which is electrifying humanity." Whether or not Berrigan is pulling it off, surely Jesus did. He electrified people with grace. They came alive in His life, they felt loved through his love. Like the young woman in the hospital, when we experience at the very depths of our being the love of God, we step into new life and fresh vitality. Do you feel that life flowing through you? When? And how can we know and experience more of it?

According to the Bible, we discover life when we are in personal communion with God. And we find death when we are separated from God. So the prodigal son was "dead" when he was away from his father, but alive when he reestablished that personal relationship. When you say, "Yes" to God, you are saying "Yes" to new life. When we have faith in Christ, we have life in His name. When has this personal communion with God been most real for you?

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# West Michigan Annual Conference Program

## Albion, Michigan, June 11-14, 1975

### Wednesday, June 11

- 10:00 — A Memorial-Communion Service**  
Bishop Dwight E. Loder, presiding; Dr. Charles B. Hahn, preaching "Strangers and Pilgrims on Earth"
- 12:00 — General Luncheon, Baldwin Hall**  
Retired Ministers and Spouses Luncheon, Lower Baldwin, Dr. John W. Tennant, President; Campus Ministry Luncheon, Briton Room, Reverend Kenneth H. Kiine, Convenor
- 1:30 — Opening Session**  
Hymn and Prayer by Reverend Viola P. Norman; The Organization of the West Michigan Annual Conference, Bishop Loder, presiding; The Committee on Rules of Order, Mr. C. David Lundquist, Chairperson; The Election of the Conference Facilitator; The Committee on Reference; Explanation of Legislative Committee Procedure, Reverend Lynn A. DeMoss
- 2:45 — Legislative Committee Meetings**  
Ministers' spouses Social Time, Fellowship Lounge
- 4:30 — Division by Orders**  
Executive Session of Ministerial Members of the West Michigan Annual Conference, active and retired, in Goodrich Chapel. Bishop Loder, presiding; The John Wesley Association meeting of Lay Pastors, in Wesley Chapel. Reverend Harold R. Simon, President; Orientation Session for Elected Lay Members of the West Michigan Annual Conference, Alternate Lay Members and visitors, in Louis W. Norris Auditorium. Mr. John Babcock, Conference Lay Leader, presiding.
- 6:00 — General Dinner, Baldwin Hall**  
Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary Dinner, Lower Baldwin, Mr. Kenneth I. Clawson, Convenor.
- 7:30 — Conference Session**  
Hymn and Prayer by Dr. Wayne Fleenor; The First Ballot; The Board of Pensions, Mr. Clyde Downer, Chairperson; The Report of the District Superintendents, Reverend George O. Hartman, Chairperson.
- 9:30 — Adjournment**  
A Presentation by the Commission on Archives and History.

### Thursday, June 12

- 7:00 — Morning Prayer, Wesley Chapel**  
Liturgist: Reverend Charles R. Van Lente
- 8:00 — General Breakfast, Baldwin Hall**
- 8:30 — Conference Session**  
Hymn and Prayer by Reverend Charles L.

Manker; The Council on Ministries (Preliminary Report), Mr. Donald Strong, Chairperson; The Conference Statistician, Reverend George W. Chaffee; The Conference Treasurer, Mr. Bernard R. Shashaguay; The Commission on Archives and History, Reverend Leonard F. Putnam, Chairperson; The John Wesley Association, Reverend Harold R. Simon, President; The Commission on Religion and Race, Mr. William Murray, Chairperson.

### 10:30 — Recess-Coffee on the Plaza

### 11:00 — A Service of Worship

Reverend Ray W. Burgess, presiding. Dr. Merlyn W. Northfelt, preaching "Shout for Joy — The Future is Now"

### 12:00 — General Luncheon, Baldwin Hall

Good News Fellowship Luncheon, Lower Baldwin, Reverend Clarence W. Hutchens, Convenor; Women Pastors' and Spouses Luncheon, Mary Sykes Room, Reverend Marjorie S. Matthews, Convenor; Chaplains' Luncheon, Briton Room, Reverend Harold A. Kirchenbauer, Convenor.

### 1:30 — Conference Session

Hymn and Prayer by Ms. Plyna Strong; The Board of Discipleship, Ms. Mildred Page, Chairperson; The Commission on the Role and Status of Women, Reverend Molly C. Turner, Chairperson; The Michigan Christian Advocate, Mr. Rex Shugart, Vice President.

### 3:00 — Recess-Coffee on the Plaza

### 3:30 — Conference Session

The Board of Global Ministries, Reverend Ronald M. Fassett, Chairperson; The Commission on Minimum Salary, Dr. Robert H. Jongeward, Chairperson; The Michigan Area Pastors' School, Dr. Kenneth R. Callis, Dean.

### 6:00 — General Dinner, Baldwin Hall

The Christian Educators' Fellowship Dinner, Briton Room, Ms. Dorothy Copeland, President; The John Wesley Association Dinner, Lower Baldwin, Reverend Harold R. Simon, President.

### 7:30 — "Celebrate Life!" A Pulpit Musical/Drama

The Youth Choir of Grand Rapids Trinity

### 8:30 — Conference Session

The Corporate Session of the West Michigan Annual Conference, Dr. Robert Jongeward, President.

### 9:00 — Adjournment

### 8:30 — Conference Session

Hymn and Prayer by Reverend Robert L. Hinklin, Jr.; The Board of Church and Society, Reverend Theron E. Bailey, Chairperson.

### 10:30 — Recess-Coffee on the Plaza

### 11:00 — A Service of Worship

Dr. Geoffrey L. Hayes, presiding; Dr. Merlyn Northfelt, preaching, "The Church's Role in Future Building"

### 12:00 — General Luncheon, Baldwin Hall

Adrian Alumni Luncheon, Mary Sykes Room; Albion Alumni Luncheon, Briton Room; Conference Ministers' Spouses Luncheon, Tennant Hall, Ms. Jean Hutchens, President.

### 1:30 — Conference Session

Hymn and Prayer by Reverend Harold R. Kinney; The Committee on Goals and Priorities, Reverend Keith I. Pohl, Chairperson; The United Methodist Foundation of Michigan, Reverend Lynn DeMoss, President; The Committee on Nominations; The Committee on Petitions to General Conference.

### 3:00 — Recess — Coffee on the Plaza

### 3:30 — Conference Session

The United Methodist Women, Ms. Wanda Crosby, President; The Board of Higher Education and Ministry, Reverend Alden B. Burns, Chairperson; The Recognition of Retiring Ministers and Spouses; The Reception of New Members into the Conference, Bishop Loder, presiding.

### 6:00 — General Dinner, Baldwin Hall

Dinner Honoring Retiring Ministers and spouses, Briton Room

### 8:00 — The Ordination Service

Bishop Loder, preaching

### 9:30 — Adjournment

### Saturday, June 14

### 7:00 — Morning Prayer, Wesley Chapel

Liturgist: Reverend Lynn E. Chapel

### 8:00 — General Breakfast, Baldwin Hall

### 8:30 — Conference Session

Hymn and Prayer by Ms. Marce Oren; The Council on Ministries (Final Report) Dr. Keith Avery; The Council on Finance and Administration (Final Report), Mr. Donald Strong; The Committee on Resolutions, Reverend Wendell R. Stine, Chairperson.

### 10:30 — Recess — Coffee on the Plaza

### 11:00 — A Service of Worship

Mr. Andrew Jackson, presiding; Dr. Merlyn Northfelt, preaching, "A Shape of Ministry For The Future"

### 12:00 — General Luncheon, Baldwin Hall