

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES

MINUTES

MARCH 20, 1973

Present: Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. Phelps, Rev. Thistlethwaite, Mrs. Whanger, Miss Whanger, Gen. Holsinger, Rev. Hendricks, Mr. Fagan, Mr. Blair, Dr. Hammond.

1. Dr. Hammond reported that Temple Baptist and Immaculate Conception Churches had invited the Council to attend a joint session with their equivalent groups at 7:30 p. m. Monday, March 26 at Temple Baptist Church. Joint programs for the summer will be discussed.
2. After some discussion, the Council decided to hold a planning retreat during the week-end of June 2 - 3. On Saturday, June 2 from 9:30 A. M. to 12:30 p. m., a program on how to plan will be presented. On Sunday, immediately after church until approximately 5:30 p. m., plans for the coming year will be discussed and coordinated. A task force of Rev. Hendricks, Dr. Desrosiers, Gen. Holsinger, Rev. Thistlethwaite and Dr. Hammond was appointed to plan the details of the retreat.

The retreat will involve both old and new members to the Council. All members are urged to start planning within their various work areas now in preparation for the planning session. Certain reading assignments will also be made. Please plan to attend. It is extremely important that all members be present at both sessions.

During the discussion, several members noted that they were getting no literature from the church or conference; in particular, the Interpreter. Rev. Thistlethwaite said she will look into the matter.

3. Mr. Blair indicated that plans for the Community Life Center were moving forward. Drafts for the contract with the church are being refined. The staff is anticipating moving in during April. The hourly Bible study was discussed. Rev. Thistlethwaite will be responsible for coordinating the church's activities in this area. The church has also been invited to participate fully in the program. Mrs. Whanger was requested to invite women of the church and Miss Whanger to invite the youth to consider projects and activities with the participants in the program. The condition of the spaces will be reviewed by the Coordinating Council.

4. Rev. Thistlethwaite reported that Rev. Cliff Shoaf had discussed with Rev. Hubbard and her the concept of Duke Memorial's becoming a "teaching" church. This program will involve various students from the Divinity School submitting learning contracts to perform a specific study, program or task working with the professional staff. One student is interested in participating in the independent study program planned for the summer.

After discussion, the following motion was made by Rev. Thistlethwaite:

That the Council on Ministries recommend to the Administrative Board that a program in which Duke Memorial would become a "teaching" church be taken under advisement. Specifically, that a learning contract, written by the Commission on Education, be entered into with an interested Divinity Student to work with the independent study program, and that a Layman's Council be appointed by the Chairman of the Administrative Board to assist in the selection and evaluation of the student. At the end of the summer, the program will be evaluated and a decision will be made as to whether Duke Memorial should become a teaching church. The motion passed.

Present: Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. Phelps, Rev. Thistlethwaite, Mrs. Winger, Miss Winger, Gen. Holinger, Rev. Hendricks, Mr. Baker, Mr. Blair, Dr. Hammond.

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The Council recommends that the Layman's Council include a representative for the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, the secretary of enlistment, and a representative from the Work area on Education.

Mrs. Thistlethwaite announced that a workshop on how to supervise people was scheduled in the near future, and that perhaps the Layman's Council would be interested in attending.

6. Dr. Hammond asked if there was any interest in the Council in generating a church calender to be distributed to the congregation. There was a definite interest, and a follow-up will be made at a subsequent meeting.

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Council on Ministries will meet on Wednesday, April 25 at 7:45 p. m.
in the Bradshaw Room.

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Mrs. Patischewitz announced that a workshop on how to supervise people was scheduled in the near future, and that perhaps the Layman's Council would be interested in attending.

Dr. Harwood asked if there was any interest in the Council in sponsoring a church calendar to be distributed to the congregation. There was a definite interest, and a follow-up will be made at a subsequent meeting.

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Council on Ministries will meet on Wednesday, April 25 at 7:30 p. m.

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