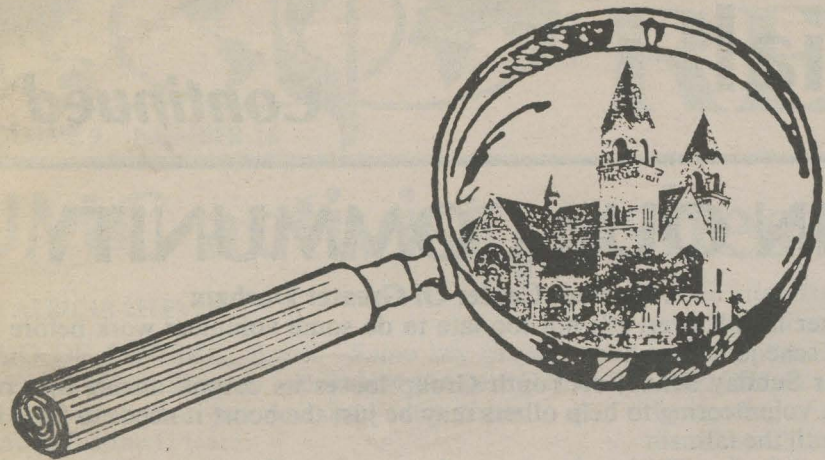


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CELEBRATING EDUCATION

"It Takes a Whole Community to Raise a Child"



Celebration: August 30, 3-5 p.m.

The Unity Celebration at the beginning of the first year of the Durham Public Schools will be held on Sunday, August 30 at the Durham Omni from 3:00-5:00 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Maya Angelou, teacher-author-poet-playwright. Also on the program will be local speakers, musical groups, other special events.

Summer intern Angie Wright explains the purpose of the event this way: "Durham will celebrate the reconciliation of a family long estranged as the Durham City and County School Systems unify. DCIA is planning an interracial, interfaith gathering to celebrate the end of division and the promise of wholeness . . ."

The merger raises profound hope. Hope that all our children will be inspired to learn and given the resources necessary for learning. Hope that members of our community will embrace the chance to work for our children rather than against one another. Hope that our economy will no longer stagnate because of our poor school systems.

Merger does not insure these things, but it makes them possible. The August 30 event will celebrate our new unity, begin the process of healing, and anticipate the work to be done for children of every ability and community. We will celebrate how far we have come — farther than it seemed possible — and give nourishment for the continuing journey."

Duke Memorial, let us support this celebration! Weather permitting, come meet at the church at 2:30 p.m. on August 30 and we'll walk the two blocks down to the Omni en masse, singing as we go! Spread the word and mark your calendar.

'A Weekend for Discovery' November 5-8

"A Weekend for Discovery" is an exciting spiritual growth opportunity coming up on November 5, 6, 7, 8 at Duke Memorial Church. Clint Spence is a close friend of Gus Gustafson, author of the study book *Called to Be a Layman* which we will be using, and he heartily endorses the event as a "must do."

Six weeks prior to the weekend there will be many small study groups in homes and/or at church to facilitate getting to know personally other people in the church and non-church people and growing together in spiritual awareness. You will remain with the same group throughout the six weeks.

The weekend in November will be led by Charles Langford of Atlanta, Ga. the National coordinator for Weekend of Discovery. It will not be necessary to attend the six weekly sessions of group study in order to attend the weekend sessions, so feel free to attend any part of the offerings. It will help each of us to discover in a personal way the unique and special things we can do in God's plan for kingdom growth **where we are**. When we can zero in our specific gifts, we will free ourselves to say yes to those things that we **can** do well and say no to those things we feel inadequate in doing. Our church, our community, and we as individuals will be the richer for this experience.

After the weekend, the follow-up committee will capture the enthusiasm generated by the event and channel it into the future for Duke Memorial.

You will be hearing much more about "A Weekend for Discovery." Catch the spirit!

Caroline Sasser
General Chairperson
Weekend of Discovery

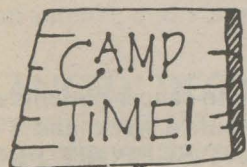
A Great Week At Camp Chestnut Ridge

2 youth on scholarship.

Thanks to the following special people who were group leaders at Day Camp: Nadine Hoover, Amy Kellum, Joan Gray, Carol Worslev, Linda Wilson, Laurie Coffman, Nancy Stark, and Pam Spence.

Youth helpers: Stephanie Wilson

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We had a great week at Camp Chestnut Ridge with 36 campers and 3 youth helpers. We had 16 children and

A Word from the PASTOR



Rev. Mark W. Wethington

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:55 A.M.

I'm trying to grow accustomed to new deadlines; like every other Monday a brief Insights article. Before starting to write this one I sat down at my desk, realized I needed to get an article to Wanda "today" and in just a short while I needed to be off to a DCIA luncheon meeting. That's it! DCIA, how many really know what it is?

DCIA stands for Durham Congregations in Action, an interfaith, inter-racial organization of 49 Durham churches and synagogues. It began with only 4 churches in 1972. This is our 20th year of "heeding God's call to serve" the community. DCIA supports and sponsors such local programs as the Genesis Home, Meals on Wheels, Host Homes, the Elder Neighbor Program, Emergency Energy, Mediport, the Community Kitchen and the Community Shelter of Hope.

This year we have begun two new initiatives: "Project Education" and the "Durham Interfaith Aids Ministry." One of the upcoming programs of "Project Education" is a community wide event at the Omni, Sunday, August 30th (3-5 p.m.) entitled "Celebrating Education." Durham's people of faith will gather to seek community reconciliation and to celebrate a new beginning for public education in Durham. Our theme is: "It takes a whole community to raise a child."

I consider it a joy and privilege for Duke Memorial to be a part of Durham Congregations in Action.

Grace and peace to you all.

Durham County HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Dear Friends at Duke Memorial,

We at Durham County Habitat for Humanity want to thank you for your participation in Habitat. Your generous contribution of time and money is of unquestionable value.

Not only has your congregation adopted and built a house but the youth of your church raised and donated \$2,500 on June 12th. And then we received yet another donation of \$1,462.49 on June 12th from your church for our general fund.

With your kind support and partnership we are able to continue in our mission to eliminate poverty housing in Durham County.

Please accept our heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,
Don Wells
Executive Director

Music And Drama Camp:

"St. Francis,
Poor Little Man Of God"
Words And Music
By Doug Wagner

August 17-21, 9:00 a.m. To Noon
(Registration Open
To rising 3rd To 7th Graders)

Mail in your registration TODAY!!!
Extra forms are available in the church office. Please note that all registrations

are to be mailed to Susan McFall at the address listed on the form. Registrations were due July 1, but enrollment is still open. Don't miss out on this wonderful week!

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A look ahead . . .

Tentative Calendar For August 17-August 22

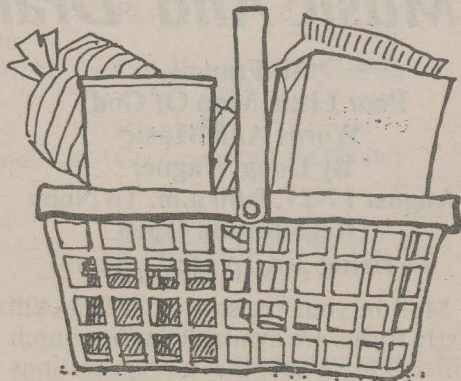
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 9:15 a.m. Parents' Morning Out — Nurseries
 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting — Pastor's Office
 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A. — Community Life Center
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18
 9:00-12:00 p.m. Music and Drama Camp — Whitford Hall and Choir Room
 12:15 p.m. Tuesday Study Group — Room 241
 7:30 p.m. Administrative Board — Bradshaw Room
 7:30 p.m. Inter-Neighborhood Council — Whitford Hall
 8:00 p.m. Central Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and A.A. — Community Life Center
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19
 9:00-12:00 p.m. Music and Drama Camp — Whitford Hall and Choir Room
 9:15 a.m. Parents' Morning Out — Nurseries
 10:00 a.m. Craft/Lunch Bunch — Whitford Hall
 7:30 p.m. Wesley Women (Group 1) — Home of Debbie Fedyshyn
 7:30 p.m. Bethany Bells — Handbell Room
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20
 7:30 a.m. "The Man in the Mirror" — Parlor
 9:00-12:00 p.m. Music and Drama Camp — Whitford Hall and Choir Room
 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir — Choir Room
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21
 9:00-12:00 p.m. Music and Drama Camp — Whitford Hall and Choir Room
 7:30 p.m. Music/Drama Program — Whitford Hall
 7:30 p.m. Friday Evening Study Group — Call Donna Elium (382-8228)
 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon and A.A. — Community Life Center
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
 NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED

KEY DATES ON MERGED SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Aug. 13 — Teachers report to school (optional date).
- Aug. 19 — Teachers report to school (mandatory date).
- Aug. 25 — Students report to school.
- Sept. 7 — Labor Day holiday.
- Oct. 27 — Grading period ends (first quarter).
- Nov. 3 — Optional teacher workday.
- Nov. 11 — Veteran's Day holiday — optional workday.
- Nov. 26-27 — Thanksgiving vacation.
- Dec. 21-Jan. 3, 1993 — Christmas vacation (teachers and students report back Jan. 4).
- Jan. 15 — Grading period ends (second quarter).
- Jan. 18 — Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.
- Jan. 19 — Optional teacher workday.
- Feb. 15 — Optional teacher workday (snow make-up).
- March 5 — Optional teacher workday (snow make-up).
- March 25 — Grading period ends (Third quarter).
- Mar. 26 — Mandatory teacher workday.
- April 9-16 — Easter vacation.
- May 31 — Optional teacher workday (snow make-up).
- June 9 — Grading period ends (Fourth quarter).
- June 10 — Mandatory teacher workday (snow make-up).

Contributions to the Food Pantry

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY is August 9. Please bring your contributions of Oatmeal/Cereal/Grits to the altar rail before or after the service. If you prefer to donate money, please write "Food Pantry" on your offering envelope. Thank you.



IN OUR COMMUNITY

Volunteer Center Of Greater Durham

Summer is half over! It's not too late to do some volunteer work before your busy fall schedule takes over.

If your Sunday School or Youth Group loses its oomph during the end of summer, volunteering to help others may be just the boost it needs to keep it together until the fall.

As always, we are listing some volunteer opportunities for your consideration in this newsletter. They may be handled by individuals or groups. We are limited by space to offer only a few opportunities. Remember, you can always call the Volunteer Center at 688-8977 and we will do everything possible to match you with the right volunteer position.

Pen Pals

Many people are needed to adopt-a-patient by written correspondence. The minimum age requirement is 13 so it would be a great project for a Youth Group. Remembering a patient during the holidays or a birthday with a card or small gift could mean a lot to someone who is hospitalized. The volunteer would have no person to person contact with the patient. For complete information, please call the Volunteer Center.

Bingo Leaders

BINGO leaders as well as piano players, friendly visitors, and men's group leaders are needed for local convalescent centers. Individuals as well as groups are welcome.

Cancer Support

If you are a warm, compassionate person this is for you. The hours are flexible for visiting volunteers who would visit with cancer patients, offer emotional support to families and cancer patients, and make patients aware of the resources available to them. There are also openings for clinic volunteers who would greet and familiarize new patients with the hospital, keep patients apprised of wait and family aware of patients progress, assist with make-up and wigs. Basically, make the patients and family feel at home. Training for both opportunities begins September 9th with follow-up for more clinic training on September 30th.

Friendly Visitor

The purpose of this opportunity is to be a friend and provide appropriate activities such as conversation, letter writing, reading, games, or outings to an elderly or younger handicapped individual. The hours are flexible for a warm, responsible person who relates well to others.

Telephone Volunteers

There are a number of openings for volunteers to answer the 24 hour crisis line, responding to the needs of lonely, despondent people. The volunteers also check daily by phone with security callers, a group of about 30 senior citizens who have little other contact during the day. Volunteers would also be responding to a special line for latch key children. 50 hours of training is required before a volunteer can go on line as an apprentice with an experienced volunteer. The next training session will run from September 21-November 5th every Monday and Thursday from 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Women in Action

"The Learning Garden"

Women-In-Action is sponsoring "The Learning Garden," a play/activity area for the children of Urban Ministries Center clients. It will be a supervised area where children may participate in storytelling, singing, listening to music, making simple crafts, playing games, having refreshments, painting, and drawing.

We need the following:

1. Volunteers to give 1-2 hours a week to be companions to the children.
2. Equipment: Children's table and chairs, small play pen or porta-crib, an easel, child's record player, records, materials appropriate for crafts, scissors, crayons, etc.

If you or someone in your congregation have any of these items, please let us know by calling 682-1431. We will pick up items if necessary. Thank you.

Cancer Patient
SUPPORT
Program

Duke Cancer Patient Support Program
 at the
 Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center

DUKE UNIVERSITY

You can provide emotional support and assistance to cancer patients and their family members, with a commitment of only four hours a week, and a desire to help, you can become a: **DUKE CANCER PATIENT SUPPORT PROGRAM VOLUNTEER**

We will be holding Volunteer Training Sessions as follows:

PART 1: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1992 — 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

PART 2: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1992 — 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Please call 684-4497 for further information and to reserve a place in our upcoming training program. This may be exactly what you have been looking for to provide your own life with special meaning.



UMC activist pushes for ethics at Earth Summit

By PATRICIA LEFEVERE

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil—Some key players at the recent Earth Summit—including the new Democratic nominee for vice president—are going to remember Sabine O'Hara.

The United Methodist laywoman spoke out for the moral and ethical implications of environmental issues before several leaders at the United Nations Conference Environment and Development. Among them was U.S. Senator Albert Gore Jr., expected to be confirmed this week as the Democratic nominee for U.S. vice president.

Dr. O'Hara was eminently qualified for her task.

Active church worker

Dr. O'Hara co-chairs the environmental justice work area of the United Methodist Troy Annual Conference Board of Church and Society. She is program associate for research and advocacy at the New York State Council of Churches in Albany.

Her husband, the Rev. Phil O'Hara, is pastor of Newtonville (N.Y.) United Methodist Church.

In Rio, Dr. O'Hara's audience included nine U.S. Senators, Sen. Gore heading the Senate Observer Group.

Dr. O'Hara was one of 30 "NGOs"—representatives of non-governmental organizations accredited to the United Nations—lucky enough to get a ticket to the senators' reception.

She used the occasion to press her point that moral and ethical issues were largely lacking from the Earth Summit's agenda.

Moreover, she criticized the official U.S. position which portrayed environmental protection and eco-

nomie interests as opposed to one another.

That contention is "simply not true," she said, in an interview, "as Europe and Japan know full well."

Dr. O'Hara also told the senators that it was a misunderstanding of economics to trust that "market mechanisms" would solve all the problems facing the U.S.

The U.S. government must assert environmental leadership by defining the critical issues and by taking responsible actions to deal with them, she told the senators.

She said that Senators Gore and Tim Wirth (D-Colo.) later spoke privately with her, indicating that had time permitted, they would have pursued the ethical questions more vigorously.

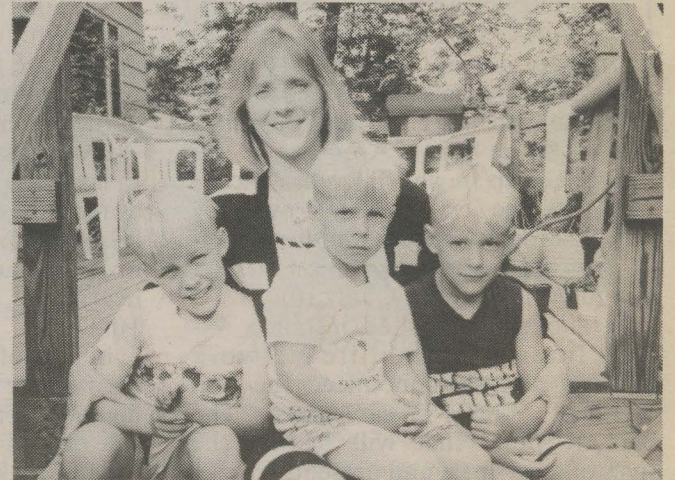
Contacted EPA chief

Dr. O'Hara also found opportunity to contact William Reilly, chief of the Environmental Protection Agency and leader of the U.S. delegation at Rio.

She met Mr. Reilly outside a conference room and gave him a letter addressed to President Bush and to the U.S. delegation. She wrote the letter on behalf of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

The letter urged the U.S. team to commit itself to these goals:

- Lower CO² and greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2000;
- Reduce toxic and nuclear wastes and seize hazardous waste exports;
- Transfer funds to develop safe and peaceful technology and seek alternative renewable energy sources;
- Encourage more modest and ecologically sensitive lifestyles;



NEWTONVILLE, N.Y.—The lifestyle of the family of United Methodist laywoman Sabine O'Hara—with sons David, Dennis and Daniel—seeks to reduce their adverse impact on the environment (see accompanying story).

■ Establish laws and codes for life-form development and patenting [in genetic engineering]. These laws should respect safety, ethical, moral and cultural rights; and

■ Recognize and respect indigenous peoples and assume significant financial and moral responsibility for averting social, economic and environmental injustice to indigenous peoples.

Although many of these steps can be taken only by the U.S. administration, she noted that all citizens could reduce their CO² emissions and simplify their lifestyle.

Faith connections

Compiled from news and staff reports

SHARP DIVISIONS: Sharp divisions among the peoples of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic threaten the churches there and limit their capacity to help heal social and political tensions. That word comes from a team of U.S. church officials who recently spent a week traveling throughout Czechoslovakia. "It's important for Christians to hold up signs that declare that reconciliation is possible," said the Rev. V. Bruce Rigdon, a Presbyterian pastor in Grosse Point, Mich. Doreen F. Tilghman, an executive of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, was a member of the team sponsored by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

INTERIM DIRECTOR: Bishop W.T. Handy will become interim director of the United Methodist Mission Resource Center in Atlanta upon his retirement from the active episcopacy (Missouri Area) Aug. 31. The center is the official training facility for mission personnel of the General Board of Global Ministries. This training includes candidates for full-time domestic and international mission service; mission interns; and volunteers-in-mission.



Bishop Handy

'BALANCED' DECISION? The controversial 1973 U.S. Supreme Court Roe vs. Wade decision on abortion offers a "real,

moderate, balanced" place to stand for U.S. citizens "looking for a middle way" in the nation's abortion debate, according to Robert S. McElvaine, a professor at United Methodist-related Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss. The decision written by Justice Harry A. Blackmun, the only United Methodist on the high court, is "not the extreme ruling that exists in the popular imagination," he said in a column published July 5 in "The Washington Post."

'SERVANTS' AT CARNEGIE: A recent performance in Carnegie Hall by the choir from the Church of the Servant (United Methodist) in Oklahoma City drew favorable notice from "The New York Times." The Times critic termed the choir's rendition of the Handel anthem, "O Sing Unto the Lord a New Song," "smooth and broad-boned." The choir and six others from as many states also performed the Mozart "Requiem" under British conductor John Rutter.

FIELD NARROWS TO 3: The World Council of Churches has narrowed the field of candidates for the agency's top staff position to three persons. According to an announcement from the council, finalists are David Martin Conway, 56, a lay member of the Church of England and president of Selly Oak Colleges in Birmingham, England; the Rev. Christopher Duraisingh, 54, a top official with the council's Mission, Education and Witness unit and member of the Church of South India; and the Rev. Konrad Raiser, a professor of theology at the Ruhr University in Bochum, Germany, and member of

the Evangelical Church in Germany. The council's Central Committee will elect a successor to the Rev. Emilio Castro, a Methodist from Uruguay, Aug. 24. He took the post in 1985 and will retire at the end of the year.

MAKING MUSIC: Two United Methodist-related schools will join three other historically black colleges to offer teacher training, updated resources and support for public-school music programs, thanks to a one-year grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Bennett College, a women's institution in Greensboro, N.C., and Clark-Atlanta University will share in a \$100,000 grant during the next year in a effort to enhance public-school music-education programs in their respective cities. The project includes evaluation of selected K-12 music programs in five city school systems.

EXECUTIVE TO RETIRE: The Rev. Donald H. Treese, associate general secretary of the church's General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, will retire as head of the board's Division of Ordained Ministry in June 1993. Dr. Treese has served on the board since it was formed in 1972, the first six years as an elected member and the next 14 years in his present position. He chaired the international planning committee that established the faculty of theology of Africa University.



Donald Treese

Editorial

Reviving idea of sainthood: Amen!

It's noteworthy that a concept—sainthood—which has been all but forgotten by mainstream Protestant Christianity is making a comeback.

In one instance, a recently published book—"The Saints Among Us" by George Gallup Jr., and Timothy Jones—highlights the existence of "everyday saints": ordinary people who live generally obscure lives of authentic Christian faithfulness (see Review, July 10).

In another, unrelated instance, Vision Interfaith Satellite Network (VISN), recently announced the premiere of a series of cablecasts, "The Sacred Soul," that will feature the lives of saints past and present.

We applaud these and other efforts to recover and emphasize the importance of saints—people who live close to God—for our time.

Given our society's widespread me-centeredness, such efforts have an uphill battle to gain attention. Moreover, Messrs. Gallup and Jones rightly observe that "saintliness may seem out of step with a world where ozone holes, ICBM missiles and 'crack' babies call for hard-hitting pragmatism."

No better reasons than these exist, however, for recovering the reality that saints represent: An alternative vision of human life, one that stands in contrast to contemporary attitudes and worldly conditions that lead away from true life and toward death.

Saints are flesh-and-blood proof that a life formed and transformed by a dynamic faith in God is both possible and more rewarding than any other life one might imagine.

Indeed, saints past and present show that ordinary people can live extraordinary lives of meaning, joy and transforming impact on others when they love God and neighbor "with all their heart, soul, strength and mind" (Luke 10:27).

In light of our faith's teaching that we humans are created in God's image, it's highly probable that there's a saint inside each of us that's trying to get out.

Saint-making is, in fact, a primary responsibility of communities of faith. No higher calling exists than for sisters and brothers in Christ to nurture each other in the twin journeys of our souls: the journey inward (including prayer and Bible study) and the journey outward (including service to others in the just and compassionate spirit of Christ).

Hence, we encourage widespread reading of the Gallup/Jones book on saints and similarly widespread viewing, where available, of the VISN cable network series on "sacred souls."

In the meantime, Sunday school classes and other study groups could profitably spend one or more sessions



This early 14th century portrait shows St. Agnes, who was martyred c. 304. In light of our faith's teaching that we humans are created in God's image, it's highly probable that there's a saint inside each of us that's trying to get out.

discussing related questions such as:

- What is a saint?
- Who are the saints in our midst?
- How can we help each other grow toward sainthood?

Letters to the Editor

'Well, finally it's been said by a top church official!'

Well, finally it's been said by a church official, an ordained minister, a person in a position of leadership.

"All is not well" in the annual conference, says the Rev. Ezra Earl Jones (see Review, July 3).

Could this confession be the floodgate for the admission of brokenness, disappointment and discouragement that has been burdening United Methodist pastors and laity?

Now, indeed, is the time for United Methodists to face our serious flaws and, as Dr. Jones says, consider a radically different form of church leadership.

Bruce K. Quinn
Minneapolis, Minnesota

'Big Bang,' editorial fizzle

I do not agree with the viewpoint that it is God's will that scientific thought and theology be reconciled as far as the question of origin is concerned (see Review Editorial, June 5).

Belief in evolution is opposite and contradictory to belief in biblical creation. Evolution, by definition, explains the origin of all things through natural processes. But the Bible tells us that a supernatural God created by supernatural means (He merely spoke!).

If you attempt to wed the two ideas saying that God set the evolutionary process in motion through a "big bang," you end up with a nonsensical theory that conflicts with the Bible at every turn.

For example, the evolutionary theory says that the sun and stars were

made before the earth. The Bible says the opposite.

As a former science teacher and a Christian who is in awe of the reliability of God's Holy word, I have no fear concerning this latest "scientific find." The reported "ripples" were extremely slight (30 millionths of a degree) and their discovery has not yet been verified by others. The Big Bang theory was nearly dead and I am confident that it will continue to die a slow death despite this purported "breakthrough."

Elnora Dougherty
Toledo, Ohio

Article may spark campaign

Regarding the article headlined "Apportionment system? Broken or maybe flawed" (see Review, July 3):

I am an elderly conservative C.P.A. and assumed over the past 40 years I would never see criticism of the system given the light of day.

The article may spark a campaign against this flawed practice. Maybe a modern Martin Luther will arise to correct this abuse of power (an example of what absolute power does). The amounts involved are awesome—one third of all contributions of all members.

I believe our conference officials are honest people. But, even as you and I might, they will accept and exploit a system placed in their hands that's so abusive of congregations.

Harold H. Reed
Ardmore, Oklahoma

Faithfully yours

Myself-at-16 gives me fresh outlook on life

The other day I got a fix on myself.

I didn't intend a fix on myself as I am now. Rather, I contemplated repairing the fractured frame of a portrait of me at age 16.



Cynthia B. Astle

When I accepted the portrait from my mother, who had no more room for it, I hadn't anticipated the test of faith its presence in my life would prove to be.

For several weeks Myself-at-16 sat on the floor propped against my bulging bookshelves, awaiting her promised repair. The location gave her a vantage point on sights I'm sure she never expected to see.

She watched my oft-reluctant stewardship, juggling a ceaseless cascade of bills which qualifies me as an adult anywhere in the credit-driven world.

She watched the comical process of a writer at work: a pacing, muttering quest to catch the waters of divine inspiration with the crude sieve of a sentence.

Myself-at-16 watched me stumble through a workaday morning routine: fixing breakfast, packing lunches, tending our son's summer-camp case of poison ivy while my husband tenderly teased, "Marry me and I'll take you away from all this."

Myself-at-16 never expected to observe such mundane happenings. She dreamed of living in Paris, of writing novels to worldwide acclaim. The life she envisioned was one untried by stresses large and small which can sunder the sturdiest frame.

Each time I passed her, the portrait caused me to pause. How different my life is from what she thought it would be! Have I, like her frame, failed the test of time?

In the end, despite the stubborn voice in my head that urged me to undertake my own repairs, I took the portrait to a master framer.

"What a great old frame!" he said when he saw it. "I can sell you a new one if you want, but I can fix this one for you in a few minutes."

So Myself-at-16 went off in expert hands, returning with cracks mended and holes filled.

Now I'm trying to find a place to hang her where I can see her often. That way, she can carry out her new mission—reminding me often of how, with bonding love in all my cracks, the genuine Master Framers fashions my life.

—CYNTHIA B. ASTLE

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Where is the Holy Spirit in the elections of our bishops?



Halisa E. Whitney
(Peninsula-Delaware):

"The Holy Spirit has been all around us, particularly our prayers before each ballot and in the debate over the make up of the Boston Area. We'd fallen on our faces. But the Spirit helped us get up and go on."



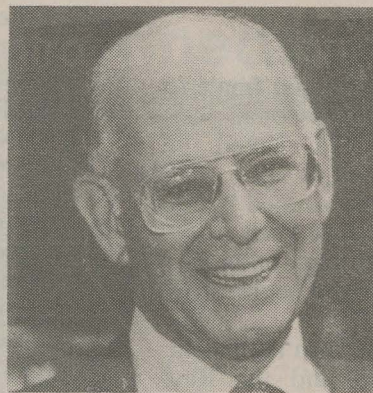
Sharon A. B. Christopher
(Minnesota Area):

"I discern the Holy Spirit in the listening, watching and weighing up of each nominee. I see that happen especially as delegates address the larger question of 'what do we need to do as a whole?'"



Roosevelt Dell
(Florida):

"This conference was guided by the Holy Spirit, because we had to learn to compromise. We would not have elected a black bishop in the Southeastern Jurisdiction if the Holy Spirit had not entered into the process."



William Smith
(Oklahoma):

"The Holy Spirit is present in caucuses, in interviews, in all that we do. I think God guides through the wisdom of the fellow delegates as well as through prayer."



May C. Chun
(California-Pacific):

"I see the Holy Spirit working in the way people are being perceptive, not to vote without serious consideration. It's when we forget to allow the Holy Spirit to work through us that we get into trouble."

The who and what of being a UM bishop

Spiritual guides, administrators, global leaders—bishops carry out many duties

By CYNTHIA B. ASTLE
Associate Editor

Do you know who your bishop is? For that matter, do you know what your bishop is?

Many United Methodist laypeople might be hard pressed to answer those questions.

The Book of Discipline, the UMC's collection of church laws, identifies bishops as "general superintendents." They carry primary responsibility for "ordering," or administering, the church.

Delegates to the five jurisdictional (regional) conferences of the church in the United States recently elected 16 new bishops (see stories on the following pages).

Outside the United States, United Methodist regional bodies known as "central conferences" will elect their 22 bishops later this summer.

Whatever their place of election, all bishops are elected from among ordained United Methodist ministers.

Those elected within the United States remain bishops for life, even after they retire. Retired bishops may be called back into active service for special purposes.

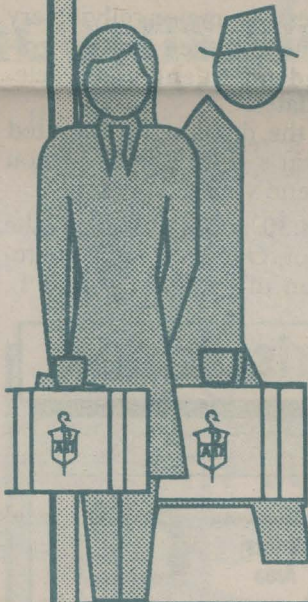
Bishops elected outside the United States typically serve for specific terms and must stand for re-election. If not re-elected, they become eligible for assignment to other ministries.

The U.S. bishops also received assignments to 47 regions known as "episcopal areas."

New bishops usually are not assigned to "return home," that is to supervise the episcopal area from which they are elected.

Rarely, too, are bishops assigned outside the jurisdictions in which they are elected, although several current bishops signed an "appeal" last fall encouraging more such assignments.

Here's what United Methodist bishops do



Oversee the spiritual and administrative affairs of The United Methodist Church;

Lead the church in its mission of witness and service to the world;

Travel throughout the world to implement strategy for concerns of the church;

Lead the quest for Christian unity;

Organize the church's missions;

Promote and support evangelism;

Fulfill other duties as required.

Source: The Book of Discipline

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In their respective episcopal areas, bishops are much like chief executives in carrying out their everyday tasks.

Each episcopal area covers a region with at least 125,000 United Methodists. An episcopal area typically contains one or two annual conferences.

Bishops preside over meetings of annual conferences. At these meetings, decisions are made about the witness

and mission of the church within that region. Clergy are ordained, "diaconal" or lay ministers are consecrated and all ministers are given their assignments.

Each bishop, together with his or her assistants known as district superintendents, evaluates and approves the work of hundreds of these ordained and lay ministers.

In addition to supervising an enormous, far-flung ministerial personnel system, each bishop also is expected to be a spiritual leader who inspires United Methodists to lead faithful Christian lives.

Besides duties within their episcopal areas, bishops carry major responsibilities outside. Their assignment to oversee and represent The United Methodist Church as a whole requires them literally to travel the globe.

At least one bishop serves on the board of virtually every school, hospital, children's home, retirement center or camp bearing the name "United Methodist"—often as that board's presiding officer.

Bishops commonly chair the church's general agencies for four-year terms.

They also must meet with their sister and brother bishops regularly at two levels—in a College of Bishops at the regional level and in the churchwide Council of Bishops, which functions as a leadership body for the entire denomination.

Superintendency costs UMC millions

The United Methodist Church spends millions for its superintendency.

For 1993-96, \$55.9 million has been budgeted for the Episcopal Fund. This pays salaries, insurance, expenses and pensions of more than 100 active and retired bishops.

All United Methodist congregations are assessed a "fair share" contribution to the Episcopal Fund because bishops are considered to be superintendents of the entire church, said Elizabeth Okayama, a staff executive of the church's General Council on Finance and Administration in Evanston, Ill.

Ms. Okayama said the 1993 budget for each active bishop includes:

- ✓ \$72,654 annual salary paid monthly;
- ✓ \$47,000 for office expenses, including support staff salaries;
- ✓ \$18,000 maximum toward housing expenses, with any remaining housing expense to be borne by the regional episcopal area supervised by the bishop.

In addition bishops' expenses for all church-related travel are paid, either by the Episcopal Fund or by the appropriate church agency.

—CYNTHIA B. ASTLE



Western stops 4-day roller-coaster with 1 election

By DIANE HUIE BALAY
Associate Editor

LAS VEGAS—In an emotionally-charged finale to a four-day deadlocked race for one episcopal position, the 12-state Western Jurisdiction elected the Rev. Mary Ann Swenson of Wenatchee, Wash.

Bishop Swenson, 45, fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Los Angeles Area Bishop Jack Tuell.

The 31-ballot election was a roller coaster as first one and then another candidate surged to the top, only to drop on the next ballot.

In the closing moments, two women from the Pacific Northwest conference—Ms. Swenson and the Rev. Nancy Yamasaki, who captured national attention in recent years as chair of the church's homosexuality study committee—were separated by only a few votes.

The jurisdiction, proud of its ethnic diversity, considered several strong contenders in African-Americans James Lawson and Beverly Shamana of Los Angeles and Douglass Fitch of Oakland, Calif.; Native-American Marvin Abrams of Norwalk, Calif., and Japanese-American Nancy Yamasaki. Hispanic-American Arturo Fernandez maintained small but steady support.

The Revs. Lawson, Shamana, and Fitch withdrew relatively early.

After the 31st ballot, with Ms. Swenson clearly outdistancing the remaining contenders, Ms. Yamasaki, Mr. Abrams and Mr. Fernandez withdrew, leaving many supporters in tears, and offered their support for the election of Ms. Swenson.

Then—with only a couple of hours left before the consecration service was slated to begin—the standing, cheering delegates elected her by acclamation.

Swamped with hugs and surrounded by applause, the newly elected bishop was escorted to the bishops' platform by Bishop Calvin D. McConnell. Following were Ms. Swenson's family members and husband Jeff.

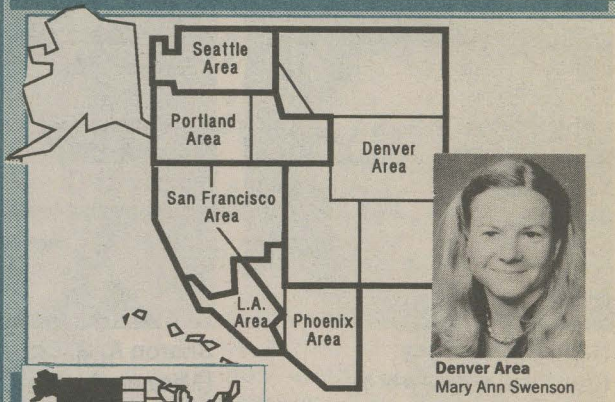
The youthful bishop is the second woman elected a bishop within the Western Jurisdiction and the eighth woman elected within the denomination.


Born in Arkansas in 1947 and reared in Jackson, Miss., Ms. Swenson received her bachelor's degree from Millsaps College which she attended on a debating and forensics scholarship.

She received her doctorate from the School of Theology at Claremont (Calif.) and was ordained in the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference.

Ms. Swenson was senior pastor of First United Methodist Church in Wenatchee, Wash. She was superintendent of the Puget Sound district for six years.

Western Jurisdiction





Denver Area
Mary Ann Swenson

Episcopal assignments

<p>Denver Area Mary Ann Swenson</p> <p>Los Angeles Area Roy I. Sano</p> <p>Phoenix Area Elias G. Galvan</p>	<p>Portland, Ore., Area William W. Dew, Jr.</p> <p>San Francisco Area Melvin G. Talbert</p> <p>Seattle Area Calvin D. McConnell</p>
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South Central delegates set feverish balloting pace

By JOHN A. LOVELACE
UMR Interim Editor

FORT WORTH, Texas—A Fort Worth fire marshal, apparently hot as a pistol in the Texas heat, spurred the South Central Jurisdiction into a record-breaking performance July 14.

Facing the marshal's threat to evacuate the overcrowded hotel ballroom meeting place, the 378 delegates summoned up "a sweet, sweet spirit" and elected:

■ The greatest-ever number of United Methodist bishops in one day: 6.

■ The most bishops in the fewest ballots: 6 bishops in 9 ballots, or a ratio of 1 to 1½.

■ The church's most racially inclusive group of new bishops: One black man, one white woman, one Hispan-

ic man and three white men.

■ The first woman bishop in what was a major part of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

■ The same territory's first Hispanic bishop and only the second in United Methodist history.

In the name of inclusiveness—a major rallying cry for this jurisdiction—first one and then another graciously withdrew from consideration and asked delegates to vote for other candidates.

Many observers credited the day-long accelerated election pace to the past year's getting-to-know-you process between candidates and voting delegates.

Barely an hour after its 8:30 a.m. convening, the conference took its first ballot. One hour later the result was announced: Election of the Rev. Alfred L.

Norris, 54, president of Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta, with 227 votes, three more than the 224 (60 percent of the 378 cast) needed for election.

About 11 hours later, at 9:50 p.m., it was all over. At that point only two of the church's four other jurisdictional conferences had elected one each (see related stories on these pages).

Dr. Norris is the first African-American elected in South Central since Bishop W. T. Handy Jr. in 1980. Each at the time of election was a member of the Louisiana Annual Conference.

Finishing second behind Dr. Norris on the first ballot was the Rev. Joe A. Wilson, 54, pastor of Marvin United Methodist Church in Tyler, Texas. He topped the second ballot, only four votes short of the 222 needed for election, and soared in on the third ballot with 249 votes—a 1992-best 24 votes more than needed.

During the next five hours—including a barbecue dinner break—three ballots yielded primarily upward movement for two people eventually elected.

First, at 7:25 p.m., was the Rev. Ann B. Sherer, 49, pastor of Westbury United Methodist Church in Houston. Her climb from seventh best on the first ballot to election on the seventh ballot with 234 votes—10 more than needed—was the most dramatic among the six elected.

After the eighth ballot produced no elections, four candidates—none within 100 votes of election—withdrawn within five minutes. They were the Rev. C. Rex Bevins (Nebraska conference), the Rev. Janice Riggle Huie (Southwest Texas conference), the Rev. David Wilson (Little Rock conference) and the Rev. Jean Scott (Missouri East Conference).

At the suggestion of presiding Bishop Louis W. Schowengerdt, the house affirmed, in song, "There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place."

Following a withdrawal speech by the Rev. Frank Dorsey (Kansas East conference), a final caucusing time among the delegations and the ninth ballot, at 9:40 p.m., Bishop Schowengerdt provoked gasps, shouts and tumult as he announced "there are three elections."

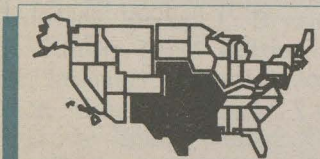
The house broke into first one, then two and finally three separate celebrations as the last three were announced in the order of their numerical finish:

The Rev. A. Frederick "Fritz" Mutti, 54, superintendent, Kansas City North District, Missouri West conference, 247 votes with 224 needed to elect;

The Rev. Ray Owen, 60, pastor, First United Methodist Church, Bartlesville, Okla., 240 votes;

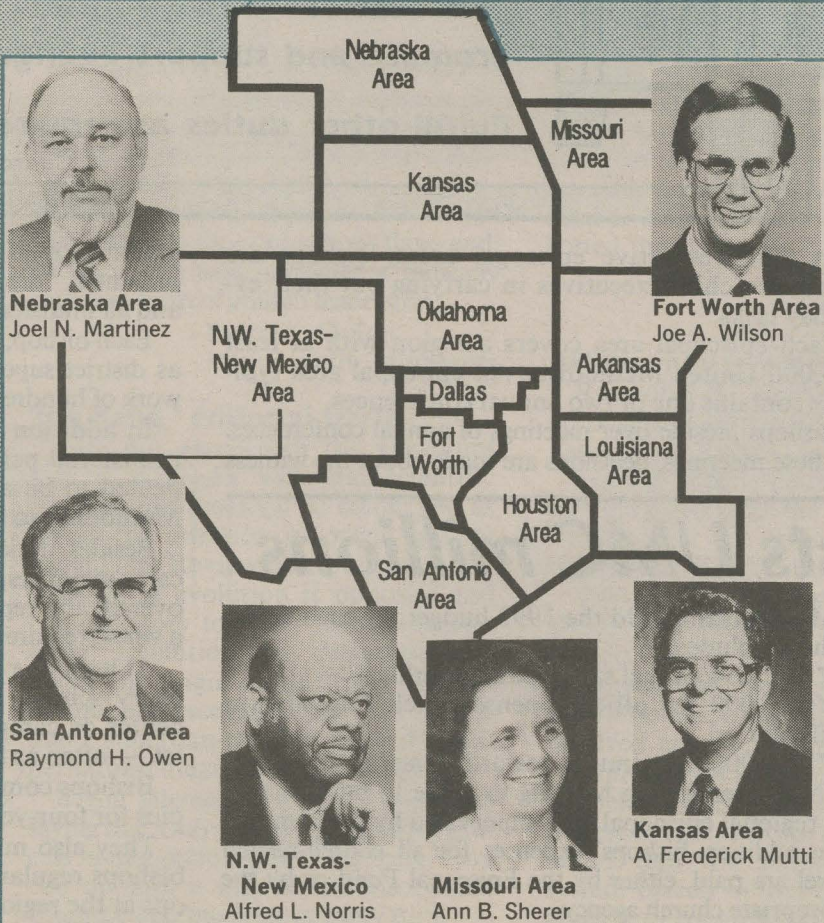
The Rev. Joel N. Martinez, 52, pastor, Emmanuel-El United Methodist Church, Dallas, 230 votes. He is the first bishop elected from the church's Rio Grande Annual Conference.

South Central Jurisdiction



Episcopal assignments

- Arkansas Area**
Richard B. Wilke
- Dallas Area**
Bruce P. Blake
- Fort Worth Area**
Joe A. Wilson
- Houston Area**
J. Woodrow Hearn
- Kansas Area**
A. Frederick Mutti
- Louisiana Area**
William B. Oden
- Missouri Area**
Ann B. Sherer
- Nebraska Area**
Joel N. Martinez
- N.W. Texas-New Mexico Area**
Alfred L. Norris
- Oklahoma Area**
Dan E. Solomon
- San Antonio Area**
Raymond H. Owen



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Northeastern works through merger to two 'firsts'

By STEPHEN L. SWECKER
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READING, Pa.—Controversy over the makeup of one episcopal area nearly upstaged the drama created by two "firsts" in the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference elections of bishops.

Elected as bishops by the conference's 392 delegates were the Rev. Hae-Jong Kim and the Rev. S. Clifton Ives. Each can lay claim to being a "first."

Bishop Kim, 57, a pastor in the Northern New Jersey conference, became the church's first Korean-American bishop when he was elected on the 14th ballot of the July 14-17 meeting.

Through most of the first nine ballots, another Korean-American pastor, the Rev. Young Joon Cho, a New York conference district superintendent, led Bishop Kim in the voting. Dr. Cho withdrew after the 11th ballot, however, as support for his candidacy began to slip.

A roar of approval went up from the gathering in the chapel of United Methodist-related Albright College when Bishop Kim's election was announced. He received 233 votes, exactly the number required to elect.

Interviewed afterwards, Bishop Kim said that his mission has been that of a "bridge-builder" between Korean-Americans and the rest of the church. He said he expects to continue playing that role as a bishop.

According to 1989 figures, the denomination includes some 300 Korean congregations totaling an estimated 300,000 members.

In another "first" as the first bishop from the Maine conference, Bishop Ives, 54, was elected on the 22nd ballot.

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Northeastern Jurisdiction

Episcopal assignments

- Albany, N.Y., Area**
William Boyd Grove
- Boston Area**
F. Herbert Skeete
- Harrisburg, Pa., Area**
Felton E. May Jr.
- New Jersey Area**
Neil L. Irons
- New York Area**
Forrest C. Stith
- New York West Area**
Hae-Jong Kim
- Philadelphia Area**
Susan M. Morrison
- Pittsburgh Area**
George W. Bashore
- Washington Area**
Joseph H. Yeakel
- West Virginia Area**
S. Clifton Ives

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Inclusiveness concerns slow Southeastern elections

By DENISE JOHNSON STOVALL
Associate Editor

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N.C.—Was the wind blowing off Lake Junaluska just a cool summer breeze or the cooling touch of the Holy Spirit during the election of four United Methodist bishops in the Southeastern Jurisdiction?

Many among the 592 delegates to the region's July 14-18 quadrennial meeting may have wondered as they gathered at historic Lake Junaluska United Methodist Assembly.

No matter the answer, the outcome was the election of:

The Rev. Robert E. Fannin, 56, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Lakeland, Fla.

The Rev. Kenneth Lee Carder, 51, pastor of Church Street United Methodist in Knoxville, Tenn.

The Rev. William Wesley Morris, 54, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Gallatin, Tenn.

The Rev. Marshall LeRoy "Jack" Meadors, 59, pastor of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church in Greenville, S.C.

Balloting, which started with some 23 candidates, consumed an intensive two days.

Top vote-getters included 10 candidates officially supported by annual conferences and a caucus prior to the Southeastern meeting. However, an unannounced candidate from the Florida conference received notable support.

The Rev. Charlene P. Kammerer, district superintendent of the Florida conference's Tallahassee district, received 65 votes on the first ballot.

One of her supporters, Florida delegate Ressie Mae Bass, said that many people encouraged Ms. Kammerer to enter the election process because they were "impressed with her leadership and administrative skills at General Conference."

By the first afternoon, the elections became essentially a race among 11 candidates. These included one woman—Ms. Kammerer—and three black men.

Five minutes before the second vote was taken, the Rev. Walter Kimbrough (North Georgia conference) withdrew. Also withdrawing was the Rev. Maxie Dunnam (Memphis conference), who said he did not wish to become a bishop.

On the second ballot late Tuesday, Mr. Fannin was elected with 359 votes—more than the 354 minimum needed.

Tensions mounted for the rest of the evening. Two more ballots were taken and Ms. Kammerer and the Rev. Marian Edwards (South Georgia conference) had 92 votes each. Mr. Edwards then withdrew.

The following morning, on the fifth ballot, Mr. Carder was elected with 366 votes.

At this point the conference began bogging down. The Rev. Joe Mitchell, a member of the Virginia conference and a veteran Southeastern jurisdictional conference observer, said that "the conference was tied up by deciding whether it would elect a black bishop."

For the next 10 hours, delegates alternately voted inside George Stuart Auditorium and caucused under shade trees by the lake shore.

"From which camp will the votes come to elect the next two bishops?" many asked. The question began being answered when a speech near noon shifted some votes.

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Southeastern Jurisdiction

Episcopal assignments

- Alabama-West Florida Area**
William W. Morris
- Atlanta Area**
J. Lloyd Knox
- Birmingham, Ala., Area**
Robert E. Fannin
- Charlotte, N.C., Area**
L. Bevel Jones, III
- Columbia, S.C., Area**
Joseph B. Bethea
- Florida Area**
Hasbrouck H. Hughes, Jr.
- Holston Area**
Clay F. Lee, Jr.
- Louisville Area**
Robert C. Morgan
- Mississippi Area**
Marshall L. Meadors, Jr.
- Nashville Area**
Kenneth L. Carder
- Raleigh, N.C., Area**
Carlton P. Minnick, Jr.
- Richmond, Va., Area**
Thomas B. Stockton
- South Georgia Area**
Richard C. Looney

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North Central uses electronics, 26 ballots to elect 3

By CYNTHIA B. ASTLE
Associate Editor

ADRIAN, Mich.—Technology and the Holy Spirit's guidance helped the 442 delegates of the North Central Jurisdiction elect three bishops in 26 ballots at United Methodist-related Adrian College.

The Rev. Donald A. Ott, 53, of Milwaukee, Wisc.; the Rev. Charles W. Jordan, 59, of Chicago, and the Rev. Sharon Zimmerman Rader, 53, of Grand Rapids, Mich., were elected bishops on the 6th, 24th and 26th ballots, respectively.

Bishop Ott was elected with 264 votes—13 over the 251 minimum needed to elect on that ballot. Bishop Jordan with 288 and Bishop Rader with 284 each exceeded the minimum needed to elect by about 20 votes. The 60 percent minimum changed on each vote according to the number of valid ballots cast.

Lightning-fast ballot tabulation was made possible by an electronic, computerized voting system. Totals were received in as little as 2½ minutes.

Yet even as North Central delegates relied on little black keypads to cast their ballots, they asked the Holy Spirit for guidance in choosing for whom to vote.

Bishops of the jurisdiction, in rotation, led the gathering in responsive prayers before each ballot. Spontaneous hymn-singing broke out later in the process as a computer printer whirred out the tabulations.

The gathering also celebrated the election of bishops one at a time with a litany of thanksgiving, commending the new episcopal leaders and their spouses to God's care.

Bishop Ott's early election was followed by a day in which the lead seesawed between Ms. Rader and Mr. Jordan. Mr. Jordan pulled ahead on the 15th ballot but couldn't gather the necessary 60 percent of votes for election.

That evening, however, by coincidence of schedule, he led a tribute to Bishop Edsel Ammons, who is retiring along with Bishops Leroy C. Hodapp and Rueben P. Job. Mr. Jordan was elected on the ballot immediately following the tribute.

Bishop Jordan cited Bishop Ammons, whom he called his "big brother in Christ," and retired Bishop

"You're making an assumption, because I haven't even announced the ballot."

—Presiding Bishop Leroy C. Hodapp to cheering crowd before announcing the election of Bishop Sharon Z. Rader.

James S. Thomas as his inspiration in ministry.

The most poignant moment of Bishop Jordan's election came when he was welcomed with an enormous hug by Bishop William B. Lewis.

The two ran neck-and-neck in 1988 balloting until Mr. Jordan's withdrawal clinched Bishop Lewis' election.

The 1992 conference was the fifth, dating to 1976, in which Bishop Jordan received votes.

Ms. Rader, needing only 15 or so votes, seemed assured of election when the Rev. William K. Quick of Detroit withdrew. Mr. Quick is senior pastor of Metropolitan United Methodist Church in Detroit.

His withdrawal speech moved many to tears.

"I thank you for treating me as a brother since I came here 19 years ago," Mr. Quick said, his voice breaking. He began his ministry in the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

"I go back to one of the hardest places in America, but a place where the cross needs to be lifted—and there I will lift it in the name of Jesus Christ!"

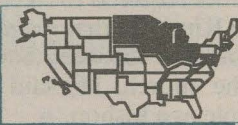
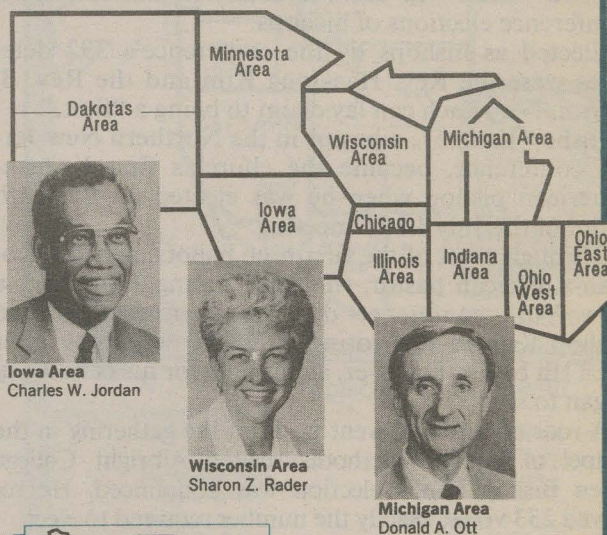
After a standing ovation for Mr. Quick and for the Rev. M. Kent Millard of Sioux Falls, S.D., who also withdrew, delegates immediately took another ballot.

Two minutes later, when presiding Bishop Hodapp announced that there was an election, tumultuous applause erupted as supporters engulfed Ms. Rader in hugs.

"You're making an assumption, because I haven't even announced the ballot," Bishop Hodapp chided, smiling. "But your assumption is correct—Bishop Sharon Zimmerman Rader is elected with 284 votes."

Like her newest colleague in the episcopacy, Bishop Rader also cited two mentors who helped her prepare for the call to the office of bishop: the late

North Central Jurisdiction



Episcopal assignments

Chicago Area
R. Sheldon Duecker

Dakotas Area
William B. Lewis

Illinois Area
David J. Lawson

Indiana Area
Woodie W. White

Iowa Area
Charles W. Jordan

Michigan Area
Donald A. Ott

Minnesota Area
Sharon A. Brown Christopher

Ohio East Area
Edwin C. Boulton

Ohio West Area
Judith Craig

Wisconsin Area
Sharon Zimmerman Rader

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Bishop Marjorie S. Matthews, elected in 1980 as the first United Methodist female bishop, and Bishop Judith Craig, elected in 1984 and episcopal leader of the West Michigan conference from which Bishop Rader came.

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Bishop Ives' election following a record-breaking 22 ballots came shortly after midnight on the meeting's last day. The previous record in the jurisdiction was 18 ballots for the 1988 election of Bishop Susan M. Morrison.

Bishop Ives told reporters he sees his mission as being to help "work through a transition in what it means to be an episcopal leader."

Among other things, he said, a bishop needs to be a "cheerleader."

"Things will be done differently. I'm not sure what that means, but we [the bishops] will grow into it," Bishop Ives said.

"My goal will be to be a servant," he said, "beginning with the act of listening to God and to others."

In a twist on a familiar biblical teaching, action taken by conference delegates following Bishop Ives' election all but assures that he, as the first bishop elected from

the Maine conference, will also be the last.

Delegates directed the three annual conferences that make up the Boston Area—Maine, New Hampshire and Southern New England—to merge into a single-conference area by no later than Jan. 1, 1994.

The vote directing the merger reversed an earlier action by the jurisdictional conference. That action allowed the Boston Area to be a permanent exception to the policy that no episcopal area include more than two conferences.

However, the jurisdiction's College of Bishops, which opposed continuation of a three-conference area, countered by announcing a realignment of area boundaries that would have placed the New Hampshire conference in the New York Area.

Following the bishops' announcement, visibly distressed Boston Area delegates asked to be excused from the meeting and spent the next two hours in

Southeastern from previous page

The Rev. Samuel NeSmith, nominee of the Virginia conference and one of the three top vote-getting black candidates, withdrew, pleading passionately to delegates for inclusiveness in the process.

Ethnic and women delegates rushed to Mr. NeSmith, expressing regret that he had withdrawn. He said he would give full support to Mr. Morris, the lone black candidate, although he did not agree with Mr. Morris' signing last spring of the "Memphis Declaration," a statement designed to influence the church's recent general Conference.

Following the eighth ballot, hope for electing a

woman was lost when Ms. Kammerer withdrew.

Some women said they were disappointed because "... Southeastern has not as of 1992 elected a woman."

Pressure for an inclusive election was not the only major issue during the election process. Many delegates were upset over "vote swapping."

The Rev. John Bergland (North Carolina conference) pleaded to all delegations "to release all voting delegates from any kind of commitments they have made in exchange for vote swapping."

At this point—afternoon, July 15—Mr. Morris

prayer and discussion.

When they returned to the floor, Dr. Ives (prior to his election) spoke for the group and asked jurisdictional conference delegates to reverse their previous action that allowed a three-conference exception. They did so immediately.

"Faced with the decision to live with brokenness or live with oneness," Dr. Ives explained, "we chose oneness."

In other action, delegates:

■ Approved a name change for the Baltimore Conference (to the Baltimore-Washington Conference) and the Peninsula Conference (to the Peninsula-Delaware Conference);

■ Heard presentations on the theme, "Remember and Re-mem-ber," by the Rev. Leonard Sweet, president of United Theological Seminary, and the Rev. Linda Thomas of the Iliff School of Theology faculty;

■ Celebrated the retirement of Bishop C. Dale White, who was elected to the episcopacy in 1976.

and Mr. Meadors had received more than 300 votes each and were the closest to being elected.

The Rev. Karl K. Stegall (Alabama-West Florida conference) withdrew following the 10th ballot.

When delegates returned from dinner, two elections were announced. On the 11th ballot, Mr. Morris was elected with 361 votes, Mr. Meadors with 360 votes.

Amid the excitement, delegate Thomasina McPherson (South Carolina conference), rushed past the bishops and bishops-elect and burst into spontaneous singing of "Amen, Amen."



For the needy, there's no place like HOMES

By DENISE JOHNSON STOVALL
Associate Editor

When Angela Clark of Harrisburg, Pa., needed a new doorbell at her house, she knew exactly who would give her immediate service.

She stopped by the Neighborhood Center of The United Methodist Church, borrowed the proper tools and installed it herself.

The Neighborhood Center has recently launched a program to help "neighbors" like Ms. Clark remodel their homes and build a better community.

Project HOMES (Home Owners Maintenance Education Seminars) provides no-charge, learning opportunities for renters, home owners and house hunters.

The free eight-week classes, begun in April 1991, teach repair and maintenance of houses.

Taught by skilled teacher

Classes are taught by Jack Taylor, a retired school principal, and Robert Miick, a high school shop teacher. They are accomplished in such skills as plumbing, masonry and carpentry.

Daniel Welliver, director of the center, said money to fund the project came from the Department of Community Affairs of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the City of Harrisburg.

Also, several local banks gave grants as a way to "reinvest in the community."

"Most of our funding comes from the United Methodist Church," said Mr. Welliver. "But this was the kind of project that appealed to other financial sources."

'Sweat equity' repair taught

HARRISBURG, Pa.—At the Neighborhood Center of The United Methodist Church, Project HOMES-related programs include:

- Lectures to teach inter-city families about finding financing for home purchase and repair, tenants' rights and responsibilities, and credit counseling;

- A home repair hotline on do-it-yourself techniques;

- A "Sweat Equity" home repair project which will designate 10 homeowners to receive training while working in their own homes, with help from volunteers and Project HOMES

Haitian refugee aid sought

United Methodist News Service

From November to May, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) resettled 529 Haitian refugees with relatives in the United States, mostly in south Florida.

But financial support for the agency's efforts is lagging.

Donations to **Advance Special No. 901175-4**—started in January to provide emergency funds to assist the refugees—have totaled less than \$5,000, according to Lilia Fernandez, UMCOR's executive secretary for refugee concerns.

In addition to asking for donations, UMCOR is asking United Methodists to act as advocates for Haitian refu-

The center is owned by the church's General Board of Global Ministries National Division and is supported by the church's Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference.

Classes have appealed to not only the business community but to anyone owning a home or preparing to purchase one in Harrisburg.

50 on waiting list

Mr. Welliver told the Review that demand for the classes is so high that at least 120 people have completed the sessions in 18 months and 50 people are on the waiting list.

"We haven't been pounding the streets to get persons into the classes because we didn't want them to be on the waiting list for a long time," said Mr. Welliver. "But people just seemed to find out about the classes."

Ms. Clark said she learned about the classes while in a city office to apply for a block grant.

She took the course in March and learned how to do basic electrical wiring for her home.

"I had a fixture in my closet that would spark when I turned on the light," said Ms. Clark. "When I finished the classes, I learned how to replace the wiring—connecting it all the way back to the light switch—and replace the fixture."

'Gave me a tool box'

"I'm really appreciative for the home fix-it course. The teachers even gave me a tool box after I finished the course to get me started."

enrollees. This is a local project for which most building supplies and instructional materials are donated by area firms;

- A "tool lending library" for use by those who complete the course. The tool-lending venture has been so successful that even volunteer-in-mission work teams borrow tools for United Methodist mission projects.

Daniel Welliver, Neighborhood Center director, said the the Harrisburg Public Library System has asked to incorporate the "tool library" in the city's library program.

gees by sending letters to President Bush and urging the U.S. attorney general to grant Temporary Protected Status to Haitians. This would allow them to remain in the United States until it is safe to return home.

By June 2, the United States had intercepted more than 35,000 Haitians at sea since last fall's violent coup in the Caribbean nation.

Of those, 15,000 have been sent back to Haiti, about 10,000 admitted to the United States to apply for political asylum, and the rest held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

UMCOR also is looking for churches to sponsor some of the approximately 200 refugees who have no relatives in the United States.



HARRISBURG, Pa.—Instruction in simple home construction and maintenance is so popular at the Neighborhood Center of The United Methodist Church that there's a waiting list. The center recently launched a program to help "neighbors" remodel their homes and build a better community (see accompanying story).

Ms. Clark said Project HOMES is "a Godsend" for women who are single parents and want to maintain their homes but cannot afford home repairs.

"I think it's wonderful that the Neighborhood Center offers this course, because once your family goes from a two-person income to a one-person income, you're limited in the funds you have to repair your home," she said.

Not only did Ms. Clark acquire the skills to complete minor repairs in her home but she also met United Methodist church groups which volunteered to help with the big projects.

Two laymen recently fixed her back porch where bricks were damaged and the wood had decayed. Now they are repairing her garage.

"It's uncanny to have this type of program in a Northern city like this," continued Ms. Clark. "And to get people to do anything for you now in any part of the country is hard."

"We need more programs like this one to help each other."

Ms. Clark said she plans to make a donation to the Neighborhood Center so others will benefit from the program.

"It's programs like this that give you hope," she declared.

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Christians must help shape 'information age'

By **STEPHEN L. SWECKER**
Associate Editor

NEW YORK—As a Christian, are you:

- ✓ Concerned about values portrayed in the secular media?
- ✓ Distressed by uses and abuses of information technology, including the possibility that somebody might be "snooping" on you?
- ✓ Overwhelmed by the "information explosion" unleashed in this age of computers?

If your answer is "yes" to any of the above, then take the advice of some communications experts: Get actively involved in shaping how information generally and the media specifically are used.

That was the overall message to participants at a recent conference on Global Communications and Ethics.

Ethicists, communicators

Some 120 church communicators, ethicists and denominational communications officials attended the meeting co-sponsored by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and the World Association for Christian Communication.

Participants heard a rich mixture of theory and practical advice from more than a dozen academic ex-

perts and practicing journalists.

Edmund B. Lambeth, a United Methodist layman and journalism professor at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo., urged churches to promote greater mutual awareness between the media and Christian values.

Offer media literacy

Dr. Lambeth recommended that churches offer courses in media literacy, create internships to promote cross-cultural journalistic experiences and develop instruction and research in the practice of media criticism.

"Ethics must play a critical role in the education of journalists . . . The media and theological education cannot continue apart," he said.

Gil Noble, a black broadcast journalist and producer, encouraged Christians to be more aggressive in confronting secular media biases, particularly those favoring white culture and its values.

"The church should give the media a fit as people of moral concern . . . launch an all-out assault on [racial] bias in the media," Mr. Noble urged.

In what many conferees regarded as the event's most disturbing presentation, a University of Illinois

researcher gave a sobering description of "global surveillance."

According to Sandra Braman, the world is enveloped by vast information-gathering systems.

These interlocking networks, she said, result from the "harmonization of telephone systems, computer networks, overlapping broadcast areas, media ownership by transnational conglomerates, and satellite communications technology."

"If you're on a [computer] network and don't think you're being watched, you're mistaken," Dr. Braman warned participants.

Dr. Braman offered churches practical suggestions for dealing with global surveillance, including:

- Being "information brokers" by creating and participating in computer networks—for example, "PeaceNet"—that enable worldwide exchange of critical information among Christians and others having value-based concerns;

- Advocating that everyone "has a voice" in deciding how the results of information gathering and global surveillance are used;

- Educating congregations on issues created by "high-tech" information gathering such as "spy satellites."

In response to the many and often

bewildering forms of information made possible by modern technology, several speakers offered theological clues for finding meaning in today's "information explosion."

Carlos A. Valle, chief executive of the London-based World Association for Christian Communication, pointed out that "God is a communicating God" whose purpose is to bring about change.

"In a particular historical situation God's communication is never confirmation and sanction of an established social structure," Dr. Valle said.

Rather, he stated, "God's communication is always a critical word that intends to produce change in society."

Creating community

Another theologian, Kim Yong-Bock, president of Hanil Theological Seminary in Korea, emphasized God's communication as an act of creating community, locally and worldwide.

"Communication and information must foster the creative abundance of cultures . . . Thus, communication should be a life-enhancing and life-enriching koinonia [Christian community]," Dr. Kim said.

'Quietly religious' missile expert honored

By **DIANE HUIE BALAY**
Associate Editor

A "quietly religious" 80-year-old United Methodist layman recently ac-

cepted a moment of fame.

Retired Capt. Grayson Merrill was inducted into the U.S. Navy Guided Missile Hall of Fame.

In a telephone interview from their

Annapolis home, Jane Merrill said her husband is quiet about many things, including his many accomplishments.

Records show that from 1942 to 1949, Capt. Merrill, who was educated at the



Grayson Merrill

Naval Academy and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was the technical director of Navy missile testing at Point Mugu north of Los Angeles.

There he conceived, patented and managed development of the first U.S. air-to-surface jet-propelled guided missile called "Gargoyle."

Recruited Germans

His continuing work in missile development and testing was done with the aid of some top German scientists whom he and other U.S. military officers recruited from behind the front lines in the waning hours of World War II.

Stationed in Washington in 1954, he became technical director of the project to develop the submarine-launched Polaris missile. The Polaris is widely credited by military sources as a major deterrent during the Cold War with the Soviet Union.

For this work, Capt. Merrill was awarded the Legion of Merit, one of the highest military awards.

In 1963, after retiring from the Navy, he became president of Polytechnic Research Development Electronics which supplied the Navy with a computer-driven test system for aircraft electronics.

Retired Capt. Grayson Merrill was inducted into the U.S. Navy Guided Missile Hall of Fame.

Now, Capt. Merrill told the Review, he is involved in his third career: raising sons John, 11, and David, 9. He married Jane some 14 years ago, after his wife of many years died.

The whole family is active in Asbury United Methodist Church in Arnold, Md., near Annapolis. Their latest participation was in a production of the musical "The Music Man," staged by the congregation to raise money for a new fellowship hall.

Choir member Jane Merrill portrayed the leading lady, "Marian the librarian," and John played her brother Winthrop.

Overqualified driver

"Lacking any musical talent, my efforts focused on logistical support," Capt. Merrill said, laughing. "That meant chauffeuring children back and forth between rehearsals."

Although chauffeuring duties are never over with a growing family, Capt. Merrill still finds time to operate a computer bulletin board (or "mail box") for local school children which they access for educational projects or out of individual curiosity.

An avid student of the Bible and an author, he is writing a book titled "Dilemmas of a Christian Layman" which he said addresses conflicts between Christianity and science.

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9:45 a.m. Visitation Team	Meet at church parking lot
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room
FRIDAY, AUGUST 14	
7:30 p.m. Friday Evening Study Group	Call Donna Elium (382-8228)
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon and A.A.	Community Life Center
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15	
NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED	

Sunday, August 16

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages	
10:30 a.m. Ringing of the Tower Bells	
10:55 a.m. Worship Service	Sanctuary
	NO DMYF
8:00 p.m. 12 Step Al-Anon and A.A.	Community Life Center
SERMON: Clinton W. Spence	
SCRIPTURE LESSONS:	
Psalm 10:12-18	Jeremiah 20:7-13
Luke 12:49-56	Hebrew 12:1-2, 12-17
USHERS:	GREETERS:
Tom Hargitt (Captain)	Bill Sewell
Herschel Caldwell, Jr.	Ellen Sewell
Stan Coffman	Heather Sewell
Bob Cox	Heath Sewell
George Davis	
Holly Eggleston	ALTAR GUILD:
Joel Glasson	Polly Farned
Neal Grubbs	Beulah Latta
Ed Hammond	Martha Thumm
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Visitors

Taking Communion to the home-bound is an ancient custom for lay Christians. We hope to make the Body and Blood of Christ available to all members who wish to participate. If you would like to be a monthly visitor to help deliver the elements, please contact Ann or Laurie at the church.

Visitation Days for August will be Thursdays, the 13th and 27th. Please join us in the parking lot at 9:45 a.m. to go out to share time with some of the older members of our congregation. Lunch out follows for those who wish to gather for a good time. New visitors are always welcome.

Religious Newsbriefs

ATLANTA—The Interdenominational Theological Center, along with the Lilly Endowment, Inc., recently sponsored the sixth conference on Research and the Black Church.

The theme for the conference was "From Prison Cells to Church Pews."

Goals set at the conference included identifying working models among churches which assist persons in the transition from cell blocks to the pews; analyzing issues involved in breaking the chains of recidivism; developing strategies to deal with the practical issues of reclamation as they relate to spouses, children and employers, and organizing plans and strategies to transpire prison inmates to church members for service to God and the world.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Presbyterian News Service)—The Evangelism and Church Development Ministry Unit of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has launched a church growth offensive by approving a plan to target potential new church development sites and existing church redevelopment projects nationwide.

Negotiations are underway with a demographic research company to provide detailed population data from the entire country using 1990 census information.

That kind of demographic-based research will enable the Presbyterian Church to be more aggressive in pursuing new church development, said the Rev. H. Stanley Wood, associate for church growth and development.

GOLDEN, Colo. (RNS)—The former cemetery director for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Denver was ordered recently to pay \$410,000 as restitution for his role in the theft of \$520,000 of cemetery income, a prosecutor's spokesman said.

Charles DeOrio, who had pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit theft, also was sentenced to six years probation, said Brian Terrett, spokesman for the Jefferson County district attorney.

The restitution and probation were ordered by State District Judge Gaspar Perricone of Jefferson County, a Denver suburb.

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—A national conference examining religious responses to the crises in American cities will be held Oct. 28-31 at Yale University.

Sponsored by Yale Divinity School, the conference under the theme "Theological Education and the City" will bring together clergy, scholars, community workers, lay people, business and civic leaders and seminary administrators from across the nation.

They are expected to identify and address the responsibility of theological education in preparing persons to work in urban contexts.



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and Hope Bailey and Winston George.

These people were our drivers who got us all back and forth every day: Nadine Hoover, Amy Kellum, Bobbi Wethington, Cindy Boring, Joan Gray, Laurie Coffman, Linda Wilson, Karen Carr, Pam Spence, and Wayne Ferrell.

A special thank you to these fine folks who gave scholarships so our friends from the church neighborhood could go: Betty and Chick Craig, the United Methodist Women, Mark and Bobbi Wethington, Susan and Roy Teer, Mildred and Dillard Teer, Shirley and Ran Few. As of July 22, we need 6 more scholarships of \$45 a piece. Call church office if you can give a scholarship. (Make out checks to Duke Memorial — Day Camp Scholarship.)

— Ann Stallings

United Methodist Happenings

NEW YORK—Lucia Ann McSpadden, United Methodist refugee concerns coordinator for the church's California/Nevada Annual Conference, participated in a recent three-week journey to Sierra Leone, Ivory Coast and Kenya with Church World Service and Witness.

The delegation will recommend humanitarian assistance from the international ecumenical community for Liberian refugees.

LEBANON, OHIO (UMNS)—The Rev. William K. Messmer, 79, a leader in the Evangelical United Brethren Church and later in the United Methodist Church, died July 1 in the Otterbein-Lebanon (Ohio) retirement community after a long illness.

GREENSBORO, N.C. (UMNS)—United Methodist-related Bennett College in Greensboro has received a grant of \$50,000 toward a \$1.3 million goal to help fund a new program designed to assist low-income, single mothers.

CHEROKEE, N.C. (UMNS)—Tom Queen, one of United Methodism's pioneer Native American leaders, a community worker in Cherokee and a General Conference delegate since 1976, died of cancer June 23.

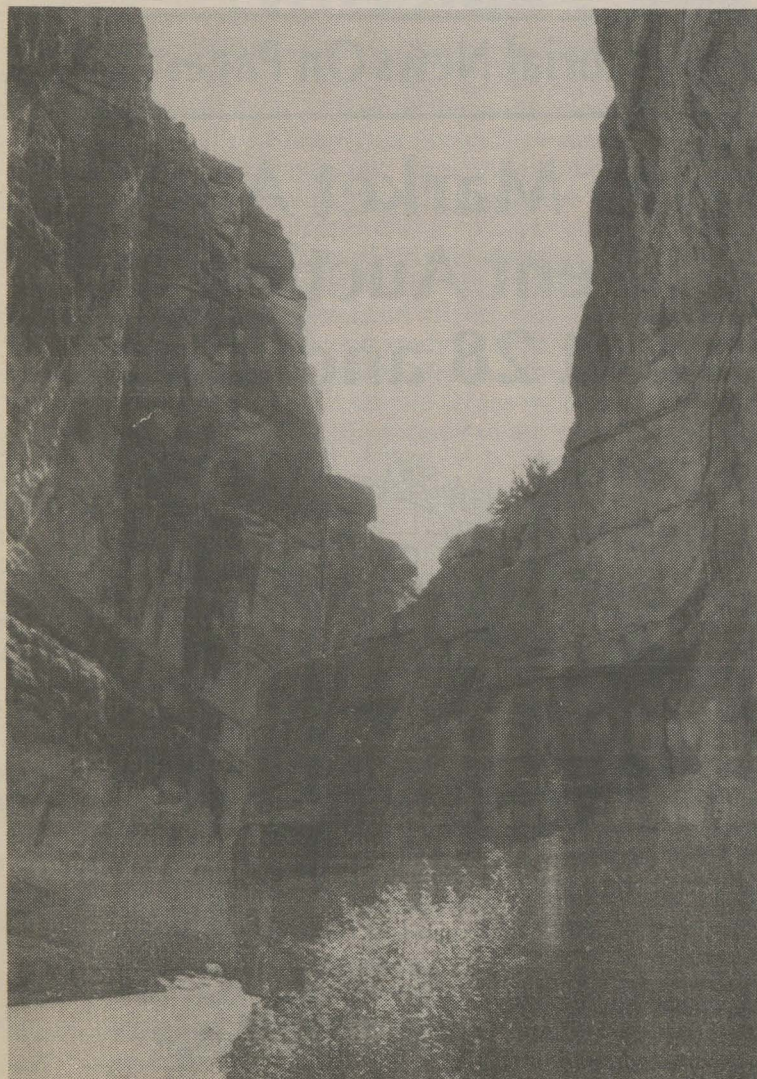
NASHVILLE (UMNS)—In contrast to adult concerns that teens are obsessed with sex, drugs, rock-and-roll and rap, a group of 14- to 19-year-olds have said they are more concerned with domestic and world issues.

Representing diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds in all parts of the United States, 13 youths listed top concerns as the U.S. economy, racism and other justice issues and drug and alcohol abuse.

The youths' meeting in Nashville was sponsored by the church's General Board of Global Ministries health and welfare department.

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if any one is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who observes his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But he who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer that forgets but a doer that acts, he shall be blessed in his doing."

James 1:22-25

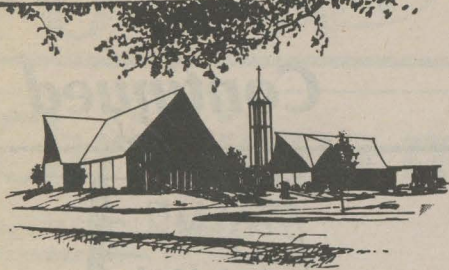


God's justice and rightness

"Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep." Psalm 36:6

GARY BENNETT PHOTO

A Note from St. James U.M.C.



Melissa and I wish to express our sincere thanks to the members of Duke Memorial for so many thoughtful and generous expressions of love. Not least is our memory of the Whitford Hall filled to capacity with children, youth and adults. It was a time

of fun and fellowship that will remain with us in the years ahead. Thank you for the assurance of your prayers as we seek to 'fulfil our ministry' in a new setting.

— Eric Carson

Church Calendar

August 3-August 8

MONDAY, AUGUST 3
INSIGHTS INFORMATION DUE FOR AUGUST 14-AUGUST 30 ISSUE.
8:15 a.m. Parent's Morning Out Nurseries
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting Pastor's Office
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A. Community Life Center

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4
12:15 p.m. Tuesday Study Group Room 241
8:00 p.m. Central Al-Anon, Ala-teen and A.A. Community Life Center

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5
9:15 a.m. Parents' Morning Out Nurseries
10:00 p.m. Craft/Lunch Bunch Whitford Hall
7:30 p.m. Bethany Bells Handbell Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6
YOUTH — OKLAHOMA TRIP, AUGUST 6-AUGUST 15
7:30 a.m. "The Man in the Mirror" Parlor
12:00 p.m. Thursday Study Group Mary Whanger's home
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Choir Room
7:30 p.m. Multiple Sclerosis Society Community Life Center

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7
JOY CLASS MISSION TRIP, AUGUST 7-AUGUST 15
7:30 p.m. Friday Evening Study Group Call Donna Elium (382-8228)
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon and A.A. Community Life Center

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8
NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED

Sunday, August 9

FOOD PANTRY — OATMEAL/CEREAL/GRITS
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Ringing of the Tower Bells
10:55 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary
DMYF
8:00 p.m. 12 Step Al-Anon, and A.A. Community Life Center

SERMON: Rev. Dr. L. Elbert Wethington
SCRIPTURE LESSONS:
Psalm 14 Jeremiah 18:1-11
Luke 12:32-40 Hebrew 11:1-3, 8-19

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ALTAR GUILD: Polly Farned Beulah Latta Martha Thumm	NURSERY: Kathy Glasson Nancy Stark Donna Carper	
MESSENGER: Tom Harrell	ACOLYTES: To be announced	
JR. CHURCH: To be announced		

August 10-August 15

MONDAY, AUGUST 10
9:15 a.m. Parents' Morning Out Nurseries
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting Pastor's Office
7:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A. Community Life Center

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11
12:15 p.m. Tuesday Study Group Room 241
8:00 p.m. Central Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and A.A. Community Life Center

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12
9:15 a.m. Parents' Morning Out Nurseries
10:00 a.m. Craft/Lunch Bunch Whitford Hall
7:30 p.m. Bethany Bells Handbell Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13
7:30 a.m. "The Man in the Mirror" Parlor

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JOYNOTES

Members of the JOY Class departing for the Oklahoma Mission Trip will be commissioned during the worship service Sunday, August 2. All members are invited to a Send-Off Swim Party that afternoon, 4:00 p.m. at the home of Danielle Kaspar. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Departure time is 7:00 a.m. from RDU on Thursday, August 6. We ask the prayers of this congregation as we go in ministry to be workers for God among the Cherokee people of Cookson Hills Our annual Loaves and Fishes Retreat is set for Sunday, August 23.

DMYF has two friendship outings scheduled for August. Sunday the 9th will be a Matinee Meeting where we will gather to watch films and discuss them over popcorn and drinks. Call the church for the times and titles. Then, on the 23rd, we'll close out the summer with a trip to the Durham Bulls. Meet at the church at 6:50 p.m. to travel together to that historic old stadium for the 7:30 game. Play ball!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD FOLKS . . .

We are looking for a few good folks who:

- a) want to stay young
 - b) enjoy having fun
 - c) would like to grow in their faith
 - d) seek fine returns on their investments and
 - e) wish to be part of a team ministry with vivacious, lovable Christian youth!
- Are you looking for someone like that, too? Then call Laurie Coffman (683-3467) for possible placement by September.

Choir Helpers

This fall we are seeking to consolidate children's choir rehearsals so that Carol Choir and Wesley Singers can meet simultaneously on Wednesday evenings, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. These rehearsals would be preceded by a low-cost, catered family meal during the 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. hour, and adult programming would coincide with the children's rehearsals following the meal. Choir curriculum, materials, and lesson plans will be supplied for the director of the Carol Choir (Kdg. to 2nd), as well as an accompanist/helper. You need not be a professional singer or musician!! If you love children, enjoy singing simple melodies, and wish to encourage creative learning about the love of God through music, we'll do all we can to supply necessary support for you. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please call John Semington at 683-3467 to discuss your interest.

Sunday School Helpers

In the children's division, we need helpers starting in the fall for one year (or several months) in the following classes:

- 2 year olds
- 3 year olds
- 4 year olds
- 1st grade
- 2nd grade

Teachers so far:

- 2's — Jeanne Robins
 - 3's — Mary Lee Bailey?
Rita MacMillan
 - 4's — Susan Teer?
 - 5's — Marlene Allen?
Donna Carper?
 - 1st — Adele Bland
 - 2nd — Ann Knight
 - 3rd and 4th — Metta Metcalf
(Welcome back Metta!)
Joan Gray
 - 5th — Mary Canada
- Please call Ann and say you will!

More Duke Memorial News On Pages 2L & 3L

Flea Market And Silent Auction August 28 and 29!!!!

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!
LAST CHANCE TO MAKE A DONATION FOR THE CHOIR TODAY!**



The Sanctuary Choir needs your donations of FURNITURE, HOUSEWARE, BOOKS, AND ANYTHING else we might be able to sell for our huge flea market and silent auction, August 28 and 29 in Whitford Hall. As you can see, everyone can lend a helping hand.

- Silent Auction ideas:**
- antique items
 - quilts and handmade goods
 - a dinner party
 - a free weekend at your beach house!

Storage space is available. Items may be delivered to the church during regular office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., M-F). If you need the items to be picked up, please call Jim Crawford at 493-1954 to arrange a suitable time.

We have not yet received too many donations. Below is a list of some suggestions for the silent auction.

- an oil change
- collectibles
- services (accountants, caterers, musicians, dentists, doctors, lawyers, etc.)
- Duke memorabilia
- Other ideas welcomed!