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WEEKEND OF DISCOVERY

Weekend of Discovery at Duke Memorial, November 5-8, 1992, is for everyone, who welcomes the search for deeper meaning and purpose to living. There are no prerequisites for attending. All church members are encouraged to participate regardless of enrollment with a search group. The local newspaper will carry ads inviting non-church members to attend. You, too, may promote community involvement by inviting a friend.

The weekend is designed as a venture to explore **What God is Saying to Me**. Topics for discussion include:

- My Choice: Winner or Loser
- Pointers for Progress
- Power for the Pull
- Rx for Winning

The weekend leaders are Charles and Fredean Langford. Presently, Charles is the Associate National Director of Weekend of Discovery. He comes to this work from a rich leadership background in big business and church related organizations.

Watch for registration sheets and more details! You will not want to miss this opportunity for growth.

Dear Friends,

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Gal. 6:2. To an extraordinary extent you have done this for us and our family, and from our hearts we thank you. This has been one of the most painful experiences of our lives. God is always faithful to provide His grace in proportion to the need; your many expressions of love and prayer support have been major channels of His blessing. Please accept our appreciation and our love.

Mary and Alan Whanger

October 12-October 17

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

INSIGHTS INFORMATION DUE FOR OCT. 23-NOV. 8

- 9:15 a.m. Parents' Morning Out — Nurseries
- 9:15 a.m. Parents' Coffee — Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Ethel Beckman (W.O.D.) — MRH
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting — Parlor
- 3:00 p.m. Doris Bridges (W.O.D.) — K. Johnson Class
- 7:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting — Library
- 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A. — Community Life Center

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 10:00 a.m. Set-up time for Sew-Vol Whitford Hall
- 12:15 p.m. Tuesday Study Group — Joy Class
- 8:00 p.m. Central Al-Anon, Ala-teen and A.A. — Community Life Center

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 9:00 a.m. Sew-Vols Whitford Hall
- 9:15 a.m. Parents' Morning Out Nurseries
- 9:30 a.m. Weekday School Whitford Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Meal Whitford Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Nancy Stark (W.O.D.) — Middle Joy Class
- 6:00 p.m. Amy Kellum (W.O.D.) — Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Cheryl Howlett (W.O.D.) — Open Door Room
- 6:15 p.m. Wesley Singers — Choir Room
- 6:15 p.m. Carol Choir — Aldersgate Room
- 6:30 p.m. Tim and Jennifer Nifong (W.O.D.) — Joy Class
- 7:30 p.m. Bethany Bells — Handbell Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 7:15 a.m. Men's Study Group (W.O.D.) — Parlor
- 12:00 p.m. Thursday Study Group (W.O.D.) — Prayer Room
- 2:30 p.m. Jean Weynand /Charlotte Corbin (W.O.D.) — Homes
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir — Choir Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 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, OCTOBER 17

No Activities Scheduled

A Word from the PASTOR



Rev. Mark W. Wethington

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

As you study the 1993 budget, which was included in the local edition of Insights, I hope that you will put your heart and mind into "translating" what those dollars represent in terms of ministry and mission. Those of you who were able to be in worship on Sunday, September 20th participated in the celebration of "Christ's ministry through us." Many said to me afterward, and during the week, that they did not realize just how much we at Duke Memorial were in ministry. We rejoice in that ministry and pray that God will continue to move us into new dimensions of faithful dimension of faith discipleship.

The local edition of Insights is committed to further helping you to "translate" the 1993 budget into the mission and ministry which it represents. Some persons in the church have "forewarned" me about November and December Finance and Administrative Board meetings each year, when "budget cutting" must take place. I sincerely pray that "budget cutting" will fall out of our vocabulary, as we all together do our part and own the ministry which our 1993 budget represents. None of us wants to make the difficult decision whether staff or program, etc. must be cut out for 1993. The reality is that if we all tithe (the biblical principle of giving the first 1/10th of our resources back to God), we would find ourselves in the marvelous "dilemma" of oversubscribing!

Please be in prayer during the weeks ahead as we center a lot of our energies on the support of the ministry which this 1993 budget represents. I pray that each of you will give your full support and be present in worship on October 18th, as we come together to dedicate our commitment to God in 1993. Grace and peace to you all.

VISITATION

Visitation Days

- Thursday, October 22nd — Meet at 9:45
- Visit at Methodist Retirement Home
- Eat at Papagayo's — 12:15
- Thursday, November 12th — next date

AUGUST PLEDGE

Budgeted	\$27,758.55
Received	<u>22,658.00</u>
Under	5,100.55

Operating budget under for year	25,003.31
CCF	8,471.00
Total	\$33,474.31

More Duke Memorial News
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Durham, Duke Memorial

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POINSETTIA TIME . . .

Our Altar Guild will again decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas, and part of the decorations will include the Poinsettias at the altar. Please place your order in the office now through November 25th in honor or in memory of a loved one. Each Poinsettia will cost \$12.00, and they will be placed in the church on December 13.

ONE WORLD MARKET, a faith-based, non-profit outlet for quality hand-crafts produced by disadvantaged persons from 40 countries and the U.S., is now open for business at the corner of Ninth and Perry Streets. It is endorsed by Durham Congregations In Action, and staffed by volunteers. One World Market is open Mon-Sat for 10:00 a.m. til 6:00 p.m. You are invited to shop "where your gift gives twice."



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Teachers — Coffee & Meeting
Sunday, October 25th
Coffee 8:30-9:00
Meeting 9:00-9:20
Aldersgate Room

Parent's Morning Out Coffee

There will be a coffee for the Monday PMO group to get acquainted on Monday, October 13, 1992, in the parlor. The Wednesday group held their coffee on Wednesday, September 30th. Parents enjoy parenting tips and we informed them of church activities.

Religious Newsbriefs

CLEVELAND (RNS)—Chief Wahoo, the grinning, toothy mascot of the Cleveland Indians baseball team, is a disgrace to Native Americans and should be banished from the club emblem, according to United Church of Christ officials who participated recently in an anti-Wahoo demonstration.

NEW YORK (RNS)—German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel has invited representatives of an American Jewish organization to assess how the German government is dealing with neo-Nazi violence and to make recommendations for improving such efforts.



Guiding, teaching, hoping

"Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior and my hope is in you all day long." Psalm 25:4-5.

COLLEEN HATFIELD-SANDERS PHOTO

Tentative Calendar for October 26-October 31

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

INSIGHTS INFORMATION DUE FOR NOV. 6-NOV. 22

9:15 a.m. Parents' Morning Out Nurseries
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting — Parlor
8:00 a.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen, and A.A. — Community Life Center

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

12:15 p.m. Tuesday Study Group — Joy Class
8:00 p.m. Central Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and A.A. — Community Life Center

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:15 a.m. Parents' Morning Out Nurseries
9:30 a.m. Weekday School Whitford Hall
10:00 a.m. Craft/Lunch Bunch Whitford Hall
5:00 p.m. Wednesday Meal Whitford Hall
6:15 p.m. Wesley Singers Choir Room
6:15 p.m. Carol Choir Aldersgate Room
7:30 p.m. Bethany Bells Handbell Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:30 a.m. Men's Study Group Parlor
12:00 p.m. Thursday Study Group Prayer Room
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Choir Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER, 30

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, OCTOBER 31

2:00-10:00 p.m. Open Door 25th Reunion Whitford Hall

WHO ARE SOME OTHER FOLKS IN REST HOMES?

Durham Rest Home — 5600 Roxboro Road, — 12

Mr. Houseworth — Room 63

Mabel Shears — Room 5

Beatrice Suggs — Room 67

Oakhaven — 3420 Wake Forest

Highway, — 03

Buster Poythress — Room 212

Hillhaven-La Salle — 411 S. LaSalle

Street, — 05

Minnie Speight — Room 68B

Hillhaven-Pettigrew — 1515 W.

Pettigrew, — 01

Woody Russell, Room 12B

Northwood Manor — 303 E. Carver

St. Ext., — 04

Margaret Best — Room 7B

Margaret Daniel — Room 113B

Please visit these folks or send them a card. They would be so appreciative.

United Methodist Happenings

AUGUSTA, Ga.—Alfred Powell has been named a vice president at Paine College in Augusta.

Dr. Powell was formerly academic dean at the United Methodist-related school.

DELAWARE, Ohio—The Rev. J. Philip Wogaman, senior minister at Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington, will present the Ronald L. Williams lectures Oct. 13-14 at Methodist Theological School in Ohio.

Dr. Wogaman is also a professor of Christian ethics at United Methodist-related Wesley Theological Seminary in the nation's capital.

SANTA MONICA, Calif.—First United Methodist Church in Santa Monica is host to the city's annual Religious Art Festival through Nov. 1.

CONVENT STATION, N.J. (UMNS)—Directors of the United Methodist Commission on Archives and History made history in their own right recently by choosing the first bishop from outside the United States to head one of the 13 churchwide agencies.

Bishop Emilio J.M. deCarvalho of Luan-da, Angola, will serve a four-year term.

Others elected as the commission organized for 1993-96 were Marie W. Copher of Atlanta, vice president, and Nancie Peacocke Fadeley of Eugene, Ore., secretary.

The Rev. Charles Yrigoyen Jr. was re-elected general secretary.

BALTIMORE (UMNS)—United Methodist Bishop Joseph B. Bethea of Columbia, S.C., has been elected president of the denomination's General Commission on Religion and Race.



Sexual harassment: Church responds seriously

By CYNTHIA B. ASTLE
Associate Editor

It's not about sex. It's about abusing power. And United Methodist leaders are learning how to deal with it.

The "it" is sexual harassment, an abuse which takes far more forms than most United Methodists may understand.

Propelled by documented incidents of sexual harassment across the church, denominational leaders are striving to teach annual conference and local congregation leaders how to respond to allegations of sexual harassment and/or misconduct.

New district superintendents were taught how to deal with such allegations in August during two days of training sponsored by the General Council on Ministries at Lake Junaluska, N.C.

Situational training

Sessions included fictional "case studies," compiled from actual incidents across the church. Case studies were designed to teach superintendents how to respond in such situations as:

- ✓ A pastor having a sexual relationship with a parishioner during counseling;
- ✓ Sexual harassment of a church secretary;
- ✓ Sexual misconduct with children at a church camp.

The church's new bishops were briefed recently on the legal implications of such allegations during an orientation about this and other aspects of their new ministries.

The entire Council of Bishops will devote two days of its Nov. 1-6 meeting at St. Simon's Island, Ga., to the topic,

said Craig Hoskins. Mr. Hoskins is staff attorney for the church's General Council on Finance and Administration and one of the denomination's two primary trainers on this subject.

The other is the Rev. Stephanie Anna Hixon, a chief executive with the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women.

Several factors converged

Ms. Hixon told the Review recently that the church's efforts to respond to sexual misconduct issues have been sparked by such factors as:

- The results of a 1990 study on sexual harassment within the church;
- Increased reporting of allegations of sexual harassment or sexual misconduct within the church;
- The 1991 confirmation hearings of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, against whom allegations of sexual harassment were brought by law professor Anita Hill.

Ms. Hixon cited the 1990 sexual harassment study as the strongest impetus for the church to improve its response to sexual misconduct issues. That study found, among other things, that 77 percent of United Methodist clergywomen and 43 percent of laywomen reported being sexually harassed in a church setting.

Ms. Hixon said she couldn't determine whether there has been an actual increase in sexual misconduct incidents in the church. She affirmed, however, that there has been an increase in reporting alleged incidents. "More people seem to be taking the courage to name abuses when they occur," she noted.

Mr. Hoskins, the attorney, told the Review that most annual conferences

have become much more aware of the legal liabilities regarding sexual harassment and sexual misconduct incidents.

"We're strongly encouraging annual conferences and even local congregations to develop and implement clear policies against sexual harassment and misconduct," Mr. Hoskins said. "The policies can be valuable in secular court as evidence that the church makes an effort to police its own."

"Secular courts will not give the church any special consideration," he continued. "If anything, the church is seen by secular courts as having a 'higher duty' in sexual misconduct cases, especially in regard to the protection of minor children."

He noted that the 1992 General Conference streamlined and updated Chapter 8 of the Book of Discipline.

This section sets out the church's procedures to investigate what the Discipline terms "chargeable offenses." These include allegations of all forms of sexual misconduct.

"The intent of the revisions is to enable the church to respond quickly and fairly to all those involved" in any accusation of a chargeable offense, he said.

Mr. Hoskins added that he views the church's latest efforts as "the most positive and pro-active response on this issue that I've seen in my 13½ years as general counsel."

Both Mr. Hoskins and Ms. Hixon, however, cited a higher authority than just legal liability as the church's motivation.

Ms. Hixon said, "We're not responding just because of legal liability but because we are called to live in a community of Christian love where no one need fear."

Court warns church of possible lawsuit

A recent California appellate court decision in a sexual molestation case has implications for all United Methodist congregations.

That's the opinion of Craig Hoskins, staff attorney for the church's General Council on Finance and Administration.

The appellate court said that a congregation in the California-Nevada Annual Conference can be sued for negligent hiring of a former pastor because the church accepted his appointment knowing there was "some difficulty with [his] reappointment to the active ministry."

The California appellate ruling's implication for other United Methodist congregations, says Mr. Hoskins, is that the ruling could be cited to support similar lawsuits elsewhere.

According to court documents, the former pastor had been asked to "step down" from parish ministry in 1972 because of allegations that he molested adolescent males.

After some years out of the ministry,

he secured appointment to a local congregation in 1982 and then sexually molested a 13-year-old boy in 1985.

The man was convicted in 1990 on two counts of committing lewd acts with a child under age 14, court records said.

He served about two years of a seven-year sentence, surrendered his ministerial credentials while imprisoned and was recently paroled, said Raul Alegria, treasurer and insurance manager for the California-Nevada Annual Conference.

The California appellate court also ruled, however, that the local church is not liable for damages in a suit brought by the sister of the boy who was sexually molested by the pastor. She alleges that her brother, in turn, sexually molested her.

The annual conference negotiated a settlement in 1990 with the young man. Details of the settlement are unavailable because court records have been sealed, said attorney Van Longyear of San

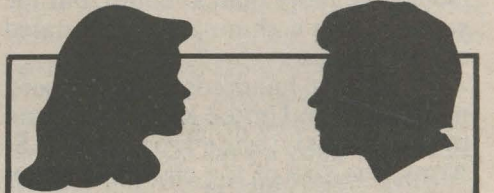
Francisco.

The pastor of the local congregation involved declined to be interviewed by the Review. He cited the possibility that the male victim may still sue the church for damages.

Mr. Alegria said that the denomination's new emphasis on responsibility in regard to sexual harassment issues (see related stories above) has caused his conference to do the following:

- Sponsor three district seminars this past spring to instruct superintendents, pastors and members of staff-parish relations committees on sexual harassment issues. Three more seminars are expected in Spring 1993.
- Assign the development of a new conference policy on screening volunteers and reporting sexual abuse to the conference's camping and insurance committees. California-Nevada is using as its model a set of guidelines adopted in 1991 by the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference, Mr. Alegria said.

—CYNTHIA B. ASTLE



What is sexual harassment?

These condensations are among definitions being taught to United Methodist leaders:

Sexual harassment is defined by the United Methodist Book of Resolutions as a sin, specifically "any unwanted sexual advance or demand, either verbal or physical, which is perceived by the recipient as demeaning, intimidating or coercive."

Sexual harassment exploits a power relationship, including the creation of a hostile or abusive working environment wherein a person's continued employment is subject to his or her submission to sexual coercion.

Sexual exploitation is unethical (and in some states unlawful) behavior by a therapist or counselor through sexual contact with a client.

Sexual misconduct includes sexual exploitation, any form of criminal sexual conduct and some aspects of sexual harassment.

Sexual abuse is sexual invasion of the body by force. It is also an internal assault, a deliberate violation of emotional integrity; a hostile, degrading act of violence.

A complete list of definitions is available from the church's General Commission on Status and Role of Women, 1200 Davis St., Evanston, Ill. 60201-4188.

Churches lead post-Hurricane Andrew recovery

By DIANE HUIE BALAY
Associate Editor

HOMESTEAD, Fla.—The black clouds of Hurricane Andrew have been gone more than a month, but the sun still isn't shining in devastated south Florida.

In spite of hundreds of volunteers, many of them United Methodists, and massive assistance from the U.S. Army, the size of the cleanup and repair jobs remaining is staggering.

"We are still woefully short of volunteers to help during the weekdays," Florida disaster coordinator the Rev. Anne Burkholder told the Review.

United Methodist congregations, like First United Methodist Church in Kissimmee, which brought in heavy equipment to remove debris, and Sun-tree United Methodist Church in Melbourne, which brought \$10,000 worth of food and supplies and 40 workers, were on the scene the day after the hurricane.

Fast action

The fast action of these and other United Methodists allowed several of

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—Malcolm Drake



the 12 severely battered churches to function immediately as emergency distribution sites for food, water and other necessities to as many as 1,000 people a day in each location.

With the emergency phase over, churches are now making plans for long-term recovery efforts. Cutler Ridge and Florida City United Methodist churches, for example, are slated as long-term distribution centers and work team camps.

But many members of these churches are walking wounded themselves.

Many of their businesses or places of employment are destroyed. They have been living for weeks in the oppressive heat and humidity of a grotesque, shattered landscape stretching

across some 500 square miles.

Businesses closed

Most have been living without access to banks, service stations, supermarkets and other businesses often taken for granted.

Until recently they have been without clean water. Electrical power is only partially restored. Some congregation members are among the 300,000 left homeless by the hurricane.

The earlier euphoria of being alive appears to be replaced by a wish to get back to "normal." But people of south Florida are not likely to see "normal" for years.

To help survivors deal with the stress of living through such a frighten-

ing experience and in such abnormal conditions, First United Methodist Church in Homestead, which has been a major supply distribution center, has discontinued that service to set up a counseling center.

Shock has worn off

"The shock has worn off," the church's pastor, the Rev. Ernest W. Dorrell, told the Review. "People are hurting and they are finally admitting they are hurting."

But for some, like 86-year-old Malcolm Drake, even destruction of their lifelong work has not dimmed the sparkle in their eyes.

The wiry, grizzled "stalwart" of Silver Palm United Methodist Church survived the terror of Andrew in his dark living room with his little dog Weiner. Like many others, he believed he was going to die.

The next day Mr. Drake saw that his 585-tree avocado grove, which he and his late wife had planted nearly 50 years earlier, was in ruins.

"But," he said, "you gotta try to keep going, that's all. You can't give up."



REVIEW STAFF PHOTOS BY DIANE HUIE BALAY
Food served as hurricane disaster relief in two ways recently in Florida: In food lines operated by U.S. Army personnel on a United Methodist church lawn (above) and in piles of nonperishable food sent by church people all over the country.

Accompanying this immediate help, Florida Area Bishop Hasbrouck Hughes announced an economic plan to supplement the income of 12 hurricane stricken churches in south Florida over the next eight months.

Of those churches, Bishop Hughes said, "Simply remaining in operation from a financial standpoint is a serious question at this time."

Contributions to Hurricane Andrew relief may be made through Advance No. 901185-6.

Pup-tent pastor offers smiles behind giant task

Review Staff Special

HOMESTEAD, Fla.—The Rev. Joanes Martin's face wreathes with smiles when yet another visitor enters his small churchyard in a Haitian section of Homestead.

Quite often the visitors are United Methodist volunteers who come from all over the country to repair hurricane damage, still painfully apparent after more than a month.

Other visitors join with members crowding into the small, concrete block sanctuary to attend the lively worship services.

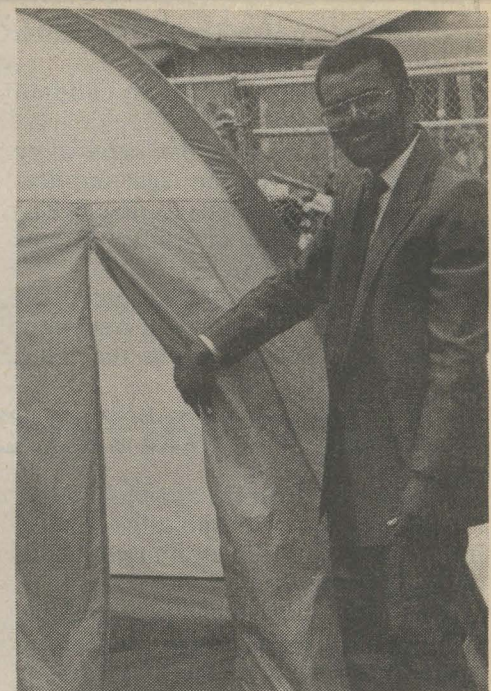
Mr. Martin refuses to be daunted by the magnitude of the hurricane-spawned disaster.

The morning after his parsonage fell about the ears of his family during the storm, Mr. Martin dispatched his family to safer quarters, pitched a pup tent on the lawn of the United Methodist Haitian Mission and viewed the disaster as an opportunity to serve the people of his community.

He asked a favor of the church's district office in Miami: two large pots, one for rice, the other for beans. In those pots, a committee of church women prepared hot Haitian meals for some 150 people a day for a couple of weeks.

Shortly after the storm, United Methodist volunteers arrived to help Mr. Martin clean up and repair the church and grounds and stock a large army tent with food and supplies to be distributed to storm victims. Volunteers are still arriving and are still needed.

Recently, Bishop H. Hasbrouck Hughes' Florida Area office provided Mr. Martin with temporary housing in a large, new mobile home so that his family could return and he could



MIAMI—The Rev. Joanes Martin peers inside the pup tent which he made "home" on his church lawn following Hurricane Andrew. He and his family now have a temporary mobile home while their own home, destroyed in the storm, is being replaced.

move out of his tent. The mobile home's gleaming whiteness and ruffled curtains stand in sharp contrast to the storm-battered buildings across the muddy street from the church.

The pastor isn't working alone, of course.

Keith Heinly, a United Methodist Committee on Relief church and community worker from West Virginia, helped at the church and is helping organize work teams to repair damaged houses.

After Hurricane Iniki, main word in Hawaii is 'kokua'

By DIANE HUIE BALAY
and DENISE JOHNSON STOVALL
Associate Editors

In states other than Florida (see facing page) hard hit by recent hurricanes, United Methodist disaster-response leaders have different needs.

In Louisiana they're just thankful they weren't hit as hard by Hurricane Andrew as they might have been.

In Hawaii, they're girding up for a long period of "kokua" (help) following Hurricane Iniki.

The most powerful hurricane to hit Hawaii in a century damaged the island of Kauai, inhabited by some 52,000 residents.

News reports estimate that it would take 30 to 60 days to restore electric power to parts of Kauai.

The Rev. David Henry, pastor of Lihue United Church—a joint congregation with the United Church of Christ—reported that many shingles were blown off the sanctuary roof and windows were broken.

The Rev. Ilse Peetz, pastor, reported on damage to Kaumakani and Kekaha United Methodist

Churches. The two-point charge on the west side of the island was caught in the eye of the storm.

Ms. Peetz said that Kaumakani church, built on a Hawaiian plantation during the turn of the century, is badly damaged. It was moved completely off its foundation and lost three-fourths of the sanctuary roof. The congregation's education building was destroyed.

Kekaha church lost its education building.

Bishop Roy Sano (Los Angeles Area) immediately requested assistance from the United Methodist Committee on Relief and received \$10,000.

Other Hawaii United Methodists were asked to donate non-perishable/canned food items, batteries (sizes D, C, and six-volt), tarps, tents and camp stoves with fuel.

United Methodists in other areas are encouraged to send an offering for Hawaii Emergency to the United Methodist Committee on Relief through **Advance No. 901190-3**.

Shalom Zone panel views ongoing needs

United Methodist News Service

NEW YORK—Conditions of poverty and injustice that existed in Los Angeles before the spring riots are unchanged or worse, a United Methodist committee assigned to address the problem reported recently.

The Rev. C. Joseph Sprague, pastor of North Broadway United Methodist Church in Columbus, Ohio, urged the 12-member churchwide Shalom Zone Committee during its first meeting to take action.

He said the time for "abstract thought, nay-saying and hand-wringing has come and gone."

The concept of Shalom Zones results from General Conference action last May directing the rebuilding of an area in Los Angeles "with necessary buildings, businesses and social services needed for life, liberty and the pursuit of meaning."

The program is implemented through the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries' National Division with the help of the committee, appointed by the Council of Bish-

ops, to assist the board "in identifying and mobilizing assets and resources available for creating Shalom Zones."

Dr. Sprague, originator of the idea of Shalom Zones and consultant to the committee, defined a zone as a "relatively small, definable geographic area" that can become a "prototype for what can occur when people of good will join forces for the common good."

He urged use of church corporate funds as "leverage collateral, its credibility to influence decision makers, and our genuine care and commitment" as bridge to the many people "society treats as superfluous."

As its first priority, the committee decided to work with local people in Los Angeles to establish a prototype Shalom Zone for the denomination.

The committee will share results with others who wish to establish such zones. Resources include funding, ideas and personnel.

The committee chose at its chairman Bishop Felton E. May (Harrisburg, Pa. Area).

Faith connections

Compiled from news and staff reports

STOP GERMAN VIOLENCE: The recent wave of racially motivated violence against refugees seeking asylum in Germany has elicited pleas for understanding and Christian witness from Methodist leaders across Europe. Meeting Sept. 16-17 in Germany as the Committee of European Methodist Representatives, authorities from England, Ireland, Switzerland, Germany and Russia criticized recent "violent hostility against the hostels for asylum-seekers and refugees," and called for prayer and Christian witness to bring about reconciliation. Signers of a formal statement included United Methodist Bishops **Heinrich Bolleter** of Zurich, Switzerland; **Walter Klaiber** of Frankfurt, Germany, and **Rudiger Minor** of Dresden, Germany, and Moscow.

RABBI APPOINTED CHAPLAIN: United Methodist-related Southern Methodist University has appointed Rabbi **Nancy Kasten** as assistant chaplain. For the past two years she directed the campus Jewish Network. She will continue that role along with her new university-wide duties. Rabbi Kasten led Bible-study sessions during the South Central Jurisdiction meeting of United Methodist Women last spring.



Rabbi Kasten

LAITY WOMEN HONORED: Three United Methodist laywomen will be honored by the Scarritt-Bennett Center Nov. 14 during the center's Centennial celebration. They are **Eleanor Richardson** of Atlanta; **Edna Duffy** of Shaker Heights, Ohio, and **Mary Lou Van Buren** of Trumansburg, N.Y. Ms. Richardson will be recognized for work in the empowerment of women, Ms. Duffy and Ms. Van Buren for work in spiritual formation.

BISHOP'S WIFE DIES: **Shirley Cundiff**

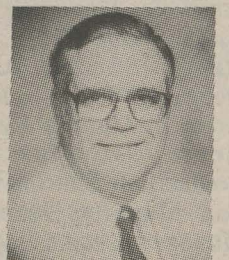
Betha, wife of Bishop **Joseph B. Bethea** (South Carolina Area), died Sept. 19 in Columbia, S.C., at age 61. A memorial service was held at Shandon United Methodist Church in Columbia on Sept. 22. Funeral services were held at First Presbyterian Church in Boonville, N.C. She is survived by her husband and their daughter, **Josefa Bethea**, of Greensboro, N.C.

AGENCY ANNIVERSARY NOTED: The United Methodist Church's agency focusing on racism prepared Sept. 24-27 to observe its 25th anniversary next year. Bishop **Joseph B. Bethea** (South Carolina Area) was elected president of the General Commission on Religion and Race for 1993-96. Other officers are Bishop **S. Clifton Ives** (West Virginia Area), vice president, and **Harriet McCabe** of Naperville, Ill., secretary. **Barbara R. Thompson** was nominated for re-election as general secretary.

POWER VIOLATED: The Rev. **Edward W. Bauman**, retired pastor of Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington and an internationally known television Bible lecturer, disclosed in a recent letter to the congregation "relations of a sexual nature" with several women he counseled during his 27 years as pastor. Dr. Bauman, 65, retired in June. In his letter, Dr. Bauman accepted "responsibility for this violation of my power and my position of authority." Two women, not identified, had filed a grievance with Bishop **Joseph H. Yeakel** of the Baltimore-Washington Conference in December. As part of an agreed-upon settlement, Dr. Bauman will undergo treatment at a sexual disorders clinic; pay legal and counseling fees incurred by the women who filed the grievance and refrain from counseling or teaching women until his therapist and a medical review panel approve. Bishop Yeakel said the church would define the pastor's actions as sexual harassment and added, "For church people, we're talking about sin. We're not just talking about mistakes."

IT'S NOT TOO LATE: Although 2,000-5,000 people are dying daily in Somalia, it is not too late to make a difference if adequate funding and government support are forthcoming, say members of an InterAction Disaster Response Committee and staff of Bread for the World. United Methodists have given an estimated \$125,000 for Somalia through the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Donations for that work should be directed to UMCOR's **Advance #179438-4**.

ATLANTA LOBBYIST: Bishop **J. Lloyd Knox**, newly assigned to the United Methodist Atlanta Area, says he will lobby to make Atlanta the new home of the church's General Board of Global Ministries. He told "The Wesleyan Christian Advocate," Georgia United Methodists' official newspaper, that he originally opposed moving the board from New York. But, he added, since the policymaking 1992 General Conference voted in favor of relocation—a final vote is expected in 1996—"My role will be to cast Atlanta in the best light possible." Bishop Knox, a former missionary to Cuba and Argentina, chaired the board's World Division in 1989-92 and continues as a board director.



J. Lloyd Knox

CELEBRATION: Directors of the Women's Division of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries recently helped launch a centennial celebration for Scarritt-Bennett Center. Chief staff executive **Joyce Sohl** said the lay training center established by women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South has been "an important part of our life and history for these 100 years." The center, owned by the Women's Division, has undergone extensive refurbishing in recent years. It was founded Sept. 12, 1892.



Editorial

Religion, 'clout' and us

With one notable exception, chances are good that you've never heard of the following 15 people:

Colbert S. Cartwright, Jane Shields, Paul Duke, James Reed, Leonid A. Feldman, Granville A. Seward, Virgil Elizondo, Richard L. Manzelmann, John Huston Ricard, Carol Anderson, Jeb Stuart Magruder, E. Eugene Meador, Rachel Cowan, Adam J. Richardson and Paul Gallatin.

So who are these people? What do they have in common? And why should others of us care?

Clues to the first two questions can be found in a newly released book edited by Gene I. Maeroff titled "Sources of Inspiration: 15 Modern Religious Leaders" (Kansas City: Sheed & Ward).

You've guessed it. The virtual "no names" listed above are the "modern religious leaders" described in the book. Even the lone possible exception—Mr. Magruder—is best remembered as a convicted co-conspirator in the infamous Watergate scandal.

What brings these ordained ministers together is their selection for inclusion in the book through national surveys, peer nominations, interviews with seminary faculties and recommendations by denominational officials. Most are unknown outside their local communities. But, within their

communities, each is known for being an effective spiritual and moral model for others.

In short, these "no names" have made or are making a discernible, positive difference in the lives of those around them. They are authentic religious leaders.

We welcome their introduction to a wider audience for two reasons.

First, it's high time that someone challenged the distorted stereotype of clergy promoted by headline-grabbing scandals. Unheralded ministers who faithfully preach, counsel and console their parishioners week in and week out far outnumber the high-profile few whose antics disgrace themselves and the church.

Second, it's refreshing to be reminded that lives rooted in a religious vocation—ordained or lay—can have a transforming impact on others and on the world itself. This is a vital word in a culture that glamorizes wealth and worldly power as ways to acquire "clout."

By contrast, **who** one is as a child of God is as much or more of a source of "clout" as **what** one possesses as a child of the world.

In light of that truth, "Sources of Inspiration" challenges us as Christians



Laying on of hands is a traditional rite of initiation into a religious vocation such as the ordained ministry or missionary work. A recent book about effective but little known clergy challenges Christians to consider vocations that are explicitly grounded in our faith.

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The ordained ministry is one among numerous such vocations. But countless opportunities exist for lay people to both live out their faith and earn a living in religious occupations, including teaching, missionary work, journalism, music,

and social witness—to name just a few.

We may or may not receive acclaim for lives so spent. We can, however, live in confidence that, in the end, we will have made a constructive difference and will have earned the divine blessing, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Faithfully yours

'Maybe God's trying to tell us something'

I'll call her Susan.

We were sitting at the counter of a Coral Gables, Fla., coffee shop, the only two people in the room speaking English instead of Spanish.

With shaky fingers, the young woman took a drag on her cigarette and began her story.

During Hurricane Andrew, she had



Diane Balay

spent the night alone in her apartment south of Homestead.

"Now I know what terror is like," she said. Although several weeks had passed, she trembled so badly she could hardly sit on her stool.

She had lived with her Cuban boyfriend, she said, but he had stayed with his family during the storm. She hadn't wanted to go.

While the storm raged, she sat on the floor with her back to the refrigerator, her birds in a cage in her lap, and

her feet against the counter.

"Remember me," she pleaded with God. "Remember me."

"I haven't been to church since I was a little girl," she explained.

"Maybe it's time to go back," I said softly. She took the suggestion in silence.

For several weeks after the storm, she continued, she and her frightened birds lived in the apartment sloshing in water from the rain showers that poured through the damaged roof. Somewhere along the way, the relationship with her boyfriend ended.

"I'm just glad there wasn't a baby," she said repeatedly.

In the storm's aftermath, Susan said, she noticed some amazing things. Neighbors who had never spoken were talking to each other and helping each other out. People were pulling together and were more aware of the suffering of others.

"People in Miami who didn't have a thing sent help to the people in Nicaragua who were hit by the tidal wave," she said.

"Maybe that Someone who is up there behind the great beyond is trying to tell us something," she said, "Maybe he's saying we've all got to stand together in this world."

You may be right, Susan. I don't know why hurricanes happen. But I do know that the God who notices every sparrow's fall remembers you and loves you.

—DIANE HUIE BALAY

Ms. Balay is Associate Editor of the Review.

What others are saying

"We run the risk of either a collapse of our faith or fanaticism when we try to be religious instead of seeking Christ."

—Patrick Kee, Singapore, writing in "Methodist Message."

"We're a microwave, 'Shake and Bake' society, but we still like to see a good fire. When the fire of God burns long enough, all of the things [in the church] you thought were dead will begin to warm up."

—The Rev. Andrea Bishop, keynote speaker at "Aldersgate '92," a charismatic gathering.

"I would like to buy \$3 worth of God, please—not enough to explode my soul or disturb my sleep, but enough to equal a cup of warm milk or a snooze in the sunshine. I don't want enough of God to make me love an enemy or pick beets with a migrant; I want ecstasy, not transformation; I want the warmth of the

womb, not a new birth. I want a pound of the Eternal in a paper sack. I would like to buy \$3 worth of God, please."

—Wilbur Rees, in "Anglican Digest."

"There is no 'us' and 'them' in the Church—we are the Body of Christ together. Any 'us versus them' attitude on our part removes us from the Body; it doesn't remove 'them.' Changes are needed in the Church, but if the present structure spends all its energy defending itself from self-inflicted attacks, nothing creative will happen."

—The Rev. Michael J. O'Donnell, writing in "Sacramental Life," magazine of the Order of St. Luke.

"We will proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ until the guns, knives and needles have been destroyed, and the streets have been recycled."

—Mission statement, Haven UMC, Philadelphia, Pa.



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Here I Stand

Are youth real members or 'add ons?'

By HERBERT W. MOWER

How happy our daughter was when she was confirmed a member of the church. Although already a "pledger," she was now one of the members.

How quickly her hopes were jarred.

"Where is 'my' copy of the newsletter?" she asked.

After much prodding, her name was added as "and Beth" after our name to our copy.

"Am I not a member, a pledging unit?" she next asked.

And right she was, though not treated as equal in the eyes of the church.

But there was hope. She was asked to serve on the communications committee. She was excited, the committee disappointed. She never attended meetings in order to become an active member. She often didn't even receive notice of the meetings.

Their response: She is a youth, what could you expect?

No one considered the problem that a high schooler had been named to a committee that only met days, when she was in school. Of course she couldn't participate. Welcome, "member!"

Mom and Dad moved

Then, because of a change of employer, Mom and Dad moved to another state. Beth remained in college out of state.

"Here I Stand" is a forum through which Review readers may express opinions and concerns about issues facing the church. Herbert W. Mower lives in Westford, Mass. (Southern New England conference).



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We parents asked for a letter of transfer for ourselves but specified that Beth remain a member until she finds a new church, perhaps not until after college.

Guess what? After granting transfer for Mom and Dad, Beth was dropped from the church rolls.

After several requests from Mom and Dad, we were suddenly on the mailing list again (of course, "and Beth") and the mailings went to the parents, not the member who didn't ask to be transferred or dropped.

Dad feels an injustice has been done. The church needs to respond and define its mission to our youth.

Are youths real members or just add-ons? Do we really want their support and involvement or just their names on a roll? Is the savings in cost of an extra newsletter worth more than a soul lost to the church?



REVIEW STAFF PHOTO BY DIANE HUIE BALAY

How does your church relate to its confirmed youth members? Do you really want their support and involvement or just their names on a roll? Do you truly receive confirmed youth as full members of your congregation?

As a result of her experience, Beth no longer belongs to a church and probably won't affiliate for quite a while after evaluating the contrast between what our congregation said and what it did.

Are youths full members?

How does your church relate to its confirmed youth members? Are you like this church or do you truly receive confirmed youth as full members of your congregation?

From our experience, we offer

these suggestions for congregations that genuinely want youth involvement:

- ✓ Remember that youths have school during the day.
- ✓ Youths may need a ride at night.
- ✓ Late meetings conflict with homework.
- ✓ If youths pledge, they deserve their own mailings.

The church of tomorrow depends on how we welcome our youth members today!

Letters to the Editor

I'm shocked at cost of new pensions building!

I was shocked and hurt to see that the Board of Pensions had spent 15.9 million dollars on its new office building (see Review, Sept. 25).

To me that is sinfully extravagant. Is such an expenditure necessary? Perhaps I am simply ignorant of the facts and circumstances. If so, please tell me.

It is an expenditure like this that makes us lose confidence in our church leadership.

Anita Castro
Kerrville, Texas

Who's trusted, who isn't

Reference your editorials of Sept. 25: You are absolutely correct in your implication that the people in the pews no longer trust the leadership of the church, but that mistrust does not apply equally to the local and the national leadership.

Local churches strive to follow the biblical admonition to "feed my sheep," as demonstrated by the increased giving to the Advance Specials and local charities.

The problem comes when apportioned giving finds its way into the hands of boards and commissions which embrace and proclaim socialist, even Marxist, theologies, put far greater emphasis on political rather than religious matters and blatantly ignore the Book of Discipline if it doesn't suit their agendas.

Stewardship applies to the church hierarchy as well as to the individual church members. Unless there is a vast change in how they use God's money,

we can expect the continued decline in giving and membership.

Philip K. Shriver
Foster, Oregon

Love has limits

"The Christian law of unlimited love requires us to give and give again . . .," in this case for Hurricane Andrew relief, your Sept. 11 editorial stated.

Since Christians, like all human beings, are limited creatures, it is not possible for us to have the capacity for unlimited love.

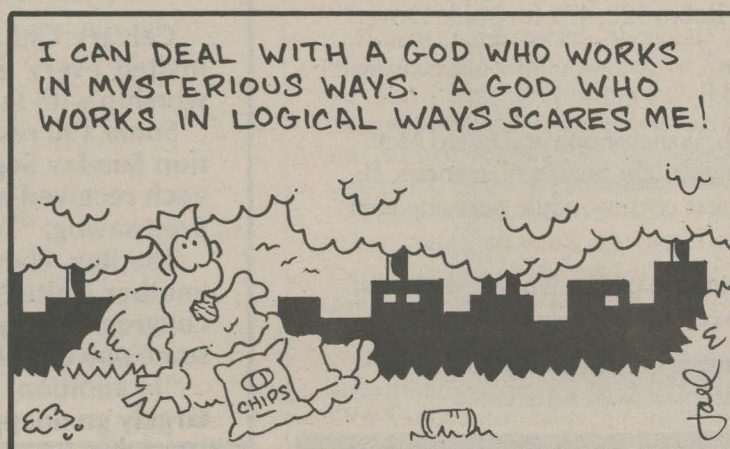
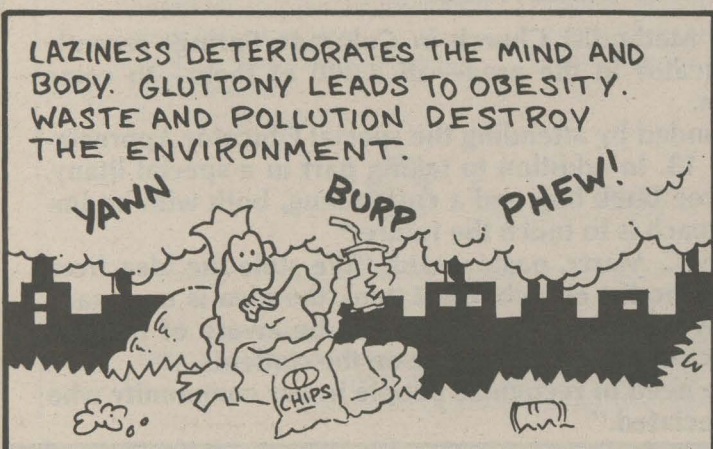
The real concern is where such errors can lead, like insisting that the United Methodist Church is a relief agency, with "disaster relief specialists."

I pray to God that we have not become a relief agency. If we want to help hurricane victims, the church ought to consider the arena of responsibility. Much of the destruction is due to failure to abide by hurricane area building codes. The answer to this irresponsibility is repentance, the business of the church.

If Christians do not figure out how to be responsible in hurricane areas, then the communities never will.

Douglas Rettig
Braceville, Illinois

Pontius' Puddle



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Globe-circling Methodists gather to show peace

By CYNTHIA B. ASTLE
Associate Editor

VARNA, Bulgaria—They came to live out the peace they preach.

Nearly 200 Methodists from 40 countries converged last month on this time-worn town by the Black Sea for the first meeting of the World Methodist Council's Executive Committee for 1991-96.

The site was chosen for its symbolism, specifically World Methodists coming to welcome long-suffering Christians and curious non-believers to a faith that circles the globe.

The agenda for the worldwide organization—representing nearly 55 million adherents in 68 Methodist denominations—was varied.

But the overarching theme of the gathering was peace:

- In a Europe torn by nationalistic and religious fervor;
 - In a world divided by war, poverty, famine and injustice;
 - Among Christians of different denominations;
 - Among Methodists themselves.
- The Rev. Donald English of Great

Britain, president of the World Methodist Council, set the context for the meeting in his opening remarks.

"What does the world need to see from Christians at this time?" Dr. English asked, noting that the late sociologist Margaret Mead once called the World Methodist Council a "sociological impossibility."

People living together

"The world needs to see a group of people as diverse as we are, living together in love through Christ!"

Dr. English's vision of unity and diversity, based on Romans 12:1-13, was often tested during the meeting's early days, often accentuated by the difficulties of language.

For instance, a misunderstanding nearly scuttled the meeting's support for an evangelism proposal by the Korean Methodist Church.

The proposal documented the Korean church's use of young-adult volunteers to evangelize Koreans living in foreign lands.

Some council members—most notably representatives of the United

Methodist Church—appeared to regard the Koreans' efforts as incursions into their areas.

Extra effort at an English-language explanation by Korean laity Secretary Jekook Ko was required. Interpretation by British Methodists helped move the proposal on to the council's Evangelism Committee.

A similar tension emerged over a controversial paper referred to the new council from the 16th World Methodist Conference last year in Singapore.

Deals with pluralism

The paper, a joint effort by Methodist youths and the council's Social and International Affairs Committee, deals with troubling issues it terms "pluralism." These include Christianity's interaction with other faiths, the roles of

women and youth in the church and the issue of homosexuality.

Dr. English proposed that such issues might best be left to the various Methodist churches to decide.

But a consultant to the council, the Rev. Schuyler Rhodes of New York, offered a counter proposal "to make use of our diversity of gifts."

Mr. Rhodes' alternative—to send the pluralism paper to a working group with representatives from the evangelism, social issues, youth and ideological education committees—was enthusiastically endorsed.

"We may be a sociological impossibility but we're a gospel reality," Mr. Rhodes said.

Additional reports from the World Methodist Council meeting in Varna will appear in subsequent issues.

United Methodist warning: don't exploit eastern Europe

Review Staff Special

VARNA, Bulgaria—Methodists must be careful not to exploit social upheaval in eastern Europe as they extend their mission into former communist countries.

That warning came last week from a panel of Methodist leaders now working in eastern Europe. The warning was sounded to a meeting of the World Methodist Council Executive Committee.

United Methodist Bishop Heinrich Bolleter (Central and Southern Europe Area) said eastern Europeans need spiritual guidance to help them through their transition.

"Their mentality is the result of 40 years of oppression," he said. "Communism caused a generation of hypocrites, because that's what they had to do to survive."

United Methodist Bishop Ruediger R. Minor (Moscow Area) agreed.

"They are like people used to going to a village shop who are taken to a big department store," he said. "People are overwhelmed."

"Everybody, including Methodists, needs to be careful not to exploit the situation," said Bishop Minor. "Those being helped should have their say in what the help is."

—Cynthia B. Astle

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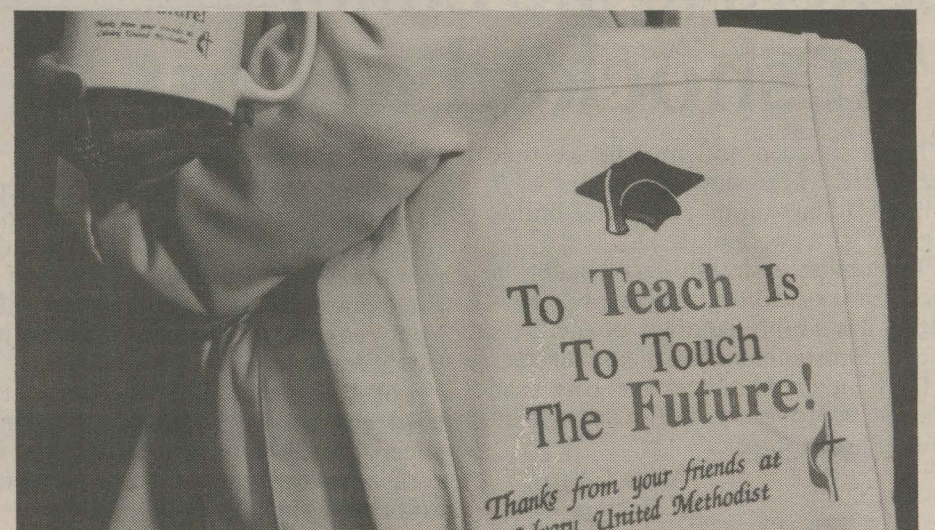
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Church honors teachers

Calvary United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs recently invited every educator in the area—all 4,000 of them—to come worship with them.

Some 190 responded by attending the special Educator Appreciation Sunday Sept. 13. In addition to taking part in a special litany, each received a free book bag and a coffee mug, both with an imprint saying, "To teach is to touch the future."

The Rev. Harvey C. Martz, pastor, said, "We stole the idea from another United Methodist church. But I think the idea is one many congregations may want to use. We need to be aware of the awesome power public school teachers have on the students."

"In addition, we need to recognize people in our community who largely go unappreciated."



WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL PHOTO

RIGA, Latvia—Northern Europe United Methodist Bishop Hans Vaxby (center) congratulates pastors of two newly established "connecting congregations": (from left) the Rev. Dzems Sturitis, pastor in Riga; the Rev. Arijis Vikana, pastor in Liepaja; the Rev. Olav Parnamets, superintendent of United Methodism in Estonia, and the Rev. H. Eddie Fox, World Evangelism Director of the World Methodist Council.

'Connecting' plan gets eight more hookups

By CYNTHIA B. ASTLE
Associate Editor

Eight more United Methodist congregations have been established in eastern Europe through a 7-month-old program sponsored by the World Methodist Council.

Latest additions to the "Connecting Congregations" program were announced recently during a World Methodist executive committee meeting in Varna, Bulgaria.

Most in Poland

Five are in Poland, one in Estonia and two in Latvia, said the Rev. H. Eddie Fox, World Evangelism Director of the World Methodist Council.

Dr. Fox made the announcement along with Bishops Hans Vaxby (Northern Europe Area) and Heinrich Bolleter (Central and Southern Europe Area). Bishops Vaxby and Bolleter supervise the areas where the new congregations have been started.

The additions bring to 16 the total number of "connected congregations" begun in Europe since the program began in March. The others are all in Czechoslovakia.

Through the program, congregations in Europe are "connected" to congregations in the U.S. for fellowship and financial support.

The additions also expand the "sponsorship" side of the connecting plan to congregations in two more United Methodist regions in the U.S.: North Central and Northeastern jurisdictions. Previous sponsorship has centered in the Southeastern and South Central jurisdictions.

New congregations and their connecting congregations in this country are:

- ✓ Olsztyn, Poland, and Grace UMC in Wychoff, N.J.;
- ✓ Pila, Poland, and First UMC of Enterprise, Ala.;
- ✓ Rzeszow, Poland, and Kern Memorial UMC in Oak Ridge, Tenn.;
- ✓ Bielsko-Biala, Poland, and First UMC of Peoria, Ill.;
- ✓ Jelenia Gora, Poland, and Community UMC of Elm Grove, Wis.;
- ✓ Karsa, Estonia, and First UMC of

Bartlesville, Okla.;

✓ Riga, Latvia, and Fairview UMC of Maryville, Tenn.;

✓ Liepaja, Latvia, and Metropolitan UMC of Detroit.

The Rev. Edward Puslecki, United Methodist superintendent in Poland, said there are about 4,000 United Methodists in Poland. The new congregations have been established mostly in southern Poland.

Lay workers assigned

Lay missionary workers, mostly in their 20s, have been assigned to lead the new Polish congregations, Mr. Puslecki said.

In Estonia the new congregation in Karsa is converting a former sausage factory into its sanctuary (see Review, Sept. 25).

Methodism in Latvia started at the beginning of this century but was forcibly stopped in 1947-48 by the KGB, the Russian secret police, said the Rev. Olav Parnamets, superintendent of Estonia.

"God continues to do miracles," he added. "We are grateful to God for the help of our brothers and sisters in 'Connecting Congregations.' We want to evangelize throughout the Baltics."

The Rev. Dzems Sturitis, pastor of the new congregation in Riga, said, "We have had a lot of problems, but we are sure God will help us."

Dr. Fox praised the U.S. congregations which have contributed to the program's development.

"It's critical that the Methodist people around the world continue to stand alongside our brothers and sisters at this time," he asserted. "We must help in every way possible. This is a moment of unique urgency to spread the Gospel of Christ."

"Connecting Congregations" is part of the "Dawning Millennium" world evangelism program launched last year at the 16th World Methodist Conference in Singapore.

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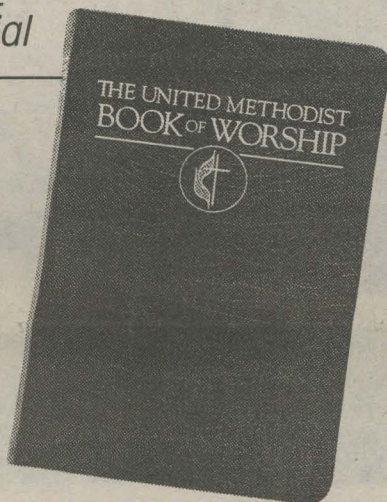
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Health insurance, 'covenants' among church court's agenda

United Methodist News Service

Sexual harassment, abortion, denominationwide health insurance for clergy, and "lifelong covenant(s)" by "any two persons" will be among issues before the United Methodist Church's highest court Oct. 28-31 in Brookline, Mass.

The Judicial Council also will consider cases relating to qualification, rights and appointment of clergy, annual conference structure, and custody and management of funds.

Three of the 11 docket items arise specifically out of the 1992 General Conference, the church's highest legislative body.

Drawing the most requests for action by the denomination's "supreme court" is the sweeping, mandatory health-care plan covering all United Methodist clergy and some lay employees. Known as "UMCare," it would be administered by the General Board of Pensions.

When the program was adopted in May by the General Conference, the Judicial Council held that that body had the right to take such an action.

A concurring opinion signed by four members of the court said the proposal contained "contradictions in language. . ." that "should be adjusted as soon as possible."



Students declare university 'answer to prayer'

By DENISE JOHNSON STOVALL
Associate Editor

OLD MUTARE, Zimbabwe—Students and staff at the 1,500-acre campus of United Methodism's Africa University quickly tell visitors that the school is proof that "God answers prayer."

Stories passed from generation to generation explain how during the late 1800s, Methodist Bishop Joseph Crane Hartzell climbed up Chiremba mountain—high above Old Mutare Methodist Mission—and prayed for a Methodist school of higher education.

"It may be a century later, but Bishop Hartzell's dream has come true," said Richard Reeves of Decatur, Ill., a member of the university's board of directors and of the church's General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Permanent buildings go up

"Permanent buildings are going up, and the school is expected to be completed before the next century."

James H. Salley, the school's assistant vice chancellor for development with offices in Nashville, told the Reporter that second semester classes began Aug. 17 with 25 students studying agriculture and 15 studying theology.

There are 10 full-time faculty members and two teaching part time.

All classes and programs are being held in newly renovated farm buildings, thanks to United Methodist Volunteers in Mission.

These include a dining hall, theological school, study pavilion and library (see illustration on this page).

Also on the temporary campus are the school of agriculture; a building for the registrar's office just behind the entrance sign and faculty offices.

While African students "hit the books" on the temporary campus, construction crews are "hitting the bricks" as they build two residence halls and a multipurpose academic building on the

permanent site (see illustration).

"Construction workers had poured the footings for the student center, or student union building, when I visited the campus in August," said Mr. Reeves, chairman of the university's buildings and grounds committee.

Housing interests students

"They have already laid out the foundations for the teaching or academic building. It will house the administration and a lecture theatre. A library will be moved there, and the faculty will have their offices in that building."

One set of buildings of high interest to the students, said Mr. Reeves, is the group for housing.

That's because the students are housed off campus in university-owned apartments in the city of Mutare about 10 miles away.

Architects' drawings call for four dormitories housing 40 students each on the permanent site. The first men's and women's wings will be ready for occupancy in March 1993.

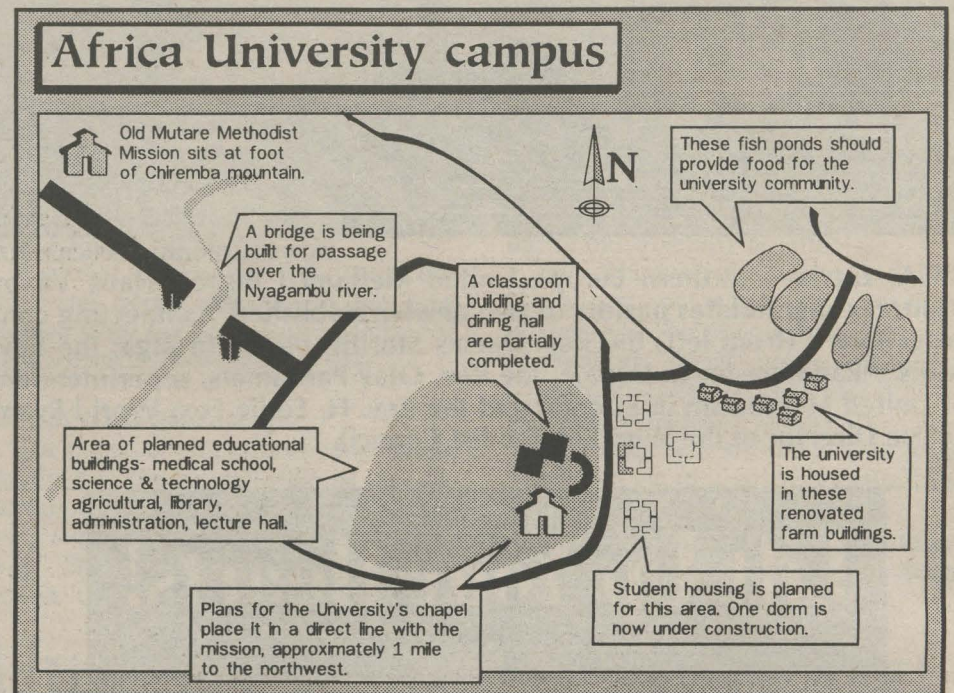
A retired engineer, Mr. Reeves on his most recent trip also assessed construction of a bridge connecting United Methodism's Old Mutare Mission and the university campus.

Bridge will connect

The bridge is being built with some \$82,000 in gifts from the church's Central Illinois Annual Conference—Mr. Reeves' home conference. He said access roads will soon lead directly from the mission to the university.

Mr. Salley added that the university has been blessed with a wide variety of annual conference fundraising events.

As of Aug. 12, United Methodists had given \$6.6 million in apportioned funds; \$3.1 million in special gifts and endowments; and approximately \$101,520 for the library fund.



REVIEW STAFF PHOTO BY DENISE J. STOVALL

OLD MUTARE, Zimbabwe—Fresh white columns of a temporary student pavilion push roofs toward the blue sky on the campus of United Methodism's first university in Africa.

Heroes on Catch the Spirit

United Methodist News Service

When "Catch the Spirit" kicks off its seventh season in October, it will present a close look at the grass-roots church and its role in today's world.

Two upcoming editions of the United Methodist magazine-format show will major on "grass-roots heroes"—people and congregations that quietly work to make a difference in their church, home and world.

The season's opening edition the week of Oct. 11 will focus on the Columbus quinquennial, and present differing opinions on what should and what should not be celebrated about the historical landmark year.

Co-host Hilly Hicks interviews Fred Small of Native Action, a Native American advocacy group based on the Northern Cheyenne reservation in

Lame Deer, Mont.

He tells "Catch the Spirit" that, in some ways, Columbus' arrival in the Americas marked the "beginning of the end for Native American culture."

Mr. Small, a member of the Cheyenne tribe, says that in the 500 years since Columbus' voyage, "as far as the Indian is concerned, nothing has really happened. We are still losing our land base."

The Oct. 18 show features Karen Barber of First United Methodist Church in Memphis, Tenn., a volunteer for the Memphis Housing Authority.

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Review

Globe-trotting series motivates for missions

Church leaders often urge Christians to respond to world issues and events in other lands, but Americans—and American children—are notoriously ignorant of geography.

How can we expect those in the pews to care about Africa missions, for example, if they don't really know where Africa is?

The kids like it

Both parents and teachers report difficulty in motivating kids to study the subject, but help arrived seven years ago in the unlikely form of an electronic crime queen named Carmen Sandiego.

The computer game based on her exploits has since been turned into a highly successful television program.

Last year "Where in the World Is Carmen Sandiego?" increased its audience by an impressive 63% during its first season, attracting over 6 million young viewers.

This geography-based game show, like Broderbund Software's computer programs, entices children to use what they know about geography to pursue Carmen and her wily gang across the globe.

The program is funny, fast-paced, and a lot of fun.

The game show is aimed at 8-to-13-year olds, but it has proven popular with a wider viewership.

Learning the world

Three young sleuths match wits—and knowledge of the world—to see who can catch the thieves who have made off with a famous bit of real estate.

As always, there are lots of kid-level puns and a few somewhat more sophisticated jokes for older viewers.

Chief Detective Lynne Thigpen both acts and sings well in this episode, and Greg Lee is at least, well, energetic.

Aiding in the search is the gifted, four-man a cappella group Rockapella.

The staff of the National Geographic Society's magazine "world" keeps the geographic information accurate and up-to-date—and some contestants themselves display an impressive knowledge of world geography and current events.

The new season of "Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?" began September 28. It airs Monday through Friday at 5 p.m. on most public television stations.

Check local listings for your area, though, since



PHOTO BY STEVE WINTER

Master thief Carmen Sandiego is still on the loose and the members of Acme Crimenet (above) are back on their trail in a new season of "Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?" The public broadcasting show expands the images of places from around the globe for children, as well as adults.

some affiliates broadcast it at other times.

This is one program which pastors, parents, and other church folk should encourage the young to watch.

Mr. Goodhue is pastor of Bay Shore United Methodist Church on Long Island and frequently reviews films and television for the Review.

History of Hymns

Blind poet Fanny Crosby saw hymn's lyrics with her heart

*Thou, my everlasting portion,
More than friend or life to me;
All along my pilgrim journey,
Savior, let me walk with thee.*

By WILLIAM J. REYNOLDS

Fanny Crosby, the gifted blind poet, wrote several thousand lyrics for the gospel songs of the last half of the 19th century.

Some phrase she had heard in casual conversation would bring a moment's inspiration, and she soon would complete some lyrics.

Occasionally her publisher would ask for a poem on a given subject. Sometimes these were written with difficulty, for she really needed some spark of inspiration to open the channels of her poetic imagination.

Sometimes a composer would play an original tune for her and ask her to write appropriate words.

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine," "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," and "Thou, My Everlasting Portion" came into being in this way.

Silas Vail sought out Fanny Crosby

Some phrase she had heard in casual conversation would bring a moment's inspiration, and she soon would complete some lyrics.

in 1874 and played for her a new tune he had written. She listened, then smiled and said that the melody of the refrain said to her, "Close to thee, close to thee." In a few minutes the rest of the words were completed.

A native of Brooklyn, Mr. Vail learned the trade of hatmaking in Danbury, Conn. Later he settled in New York City and established his own hat-manufacturing company.

In collaboration with William F. Sherwin, Vail published a collection of songs in 1874 that included "Thou, My Everlasting Portion," or "Close to Thee," as it is often called.

While Mr. Vail wrote many songs, only this one remains in use in our churches today.

Dear Deborah

Deborah: 'It's not your fault'

Dear Deborah:

Recently my big brother had a fight with my parents and moved out. He is 17 and a senior in high school.

I am eight and I miss him a lot. He moved in with two other boys. Now I am getting teased at school because the kids say he is gay.

How can I tell if he is? Did he stop loving me too when he went away?

Jennie

Dear Jennie:

It must be really lonesome for you since your brother moved out. I suspect your folks feel that way, too.

I hope you can believe that you are not to blame for this situation and that it was not your fault he left. He probably misses you, too.

I think you should talk with your parents. Maybe they would help you call or write to your brother.

You can pray that the problem between your brother and your parents will be worked out and you can all be reconciled with one another.

But you should also talk with a teacher or counselor at school. Those rumors are not fair to you or to your brother. The counselor can help you figure out what to say to the kids who tease you.

Hymnist to students: 'Music teaches faith'

FORT WORTH, Texas—Vivid imagery in hymns makes them not only songs of faith but also excellent religious poetry, a leading Southern Baptist hymn writer and church musician told faculty, staff and students of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary during recent convocation ceremonies.

William J. Reynolds, professor of church music at Southwestern, said imagery in Christian songs makes complex theology clear to everyone.

Lyrics clarify

"The pictorial quality of words and the comparison of some thing or some idea that is not clear to us with something else that is more familiar helps us understand our faith," he said.

Dr. Reynolds, editor of the 1975 Baptist Hymnal, joined Southwestern's faculty in 1980. He previously served 25 years with the Church Music Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

He has composed and arranged more than 700 choral anthems, hymn tunes and children's songs.

He is also the author of "History of Hymns," a feature in The United Methodist Review since 1984. Zondervan has published 300 of his columns in a hardcover book titled "Songs of Glory."

Dr. Reynolds told his convocation audience that Jesus likens the Kingdom of Heaven to a grain of mustard seed, to leaven and to treasure hidden in a field. Imagery like that is the pattern which hymns use to teach, he said.

Dr. Reynolds said Charles Wesley's hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," is an example of using the "Alpha and Omega" image of Christ found in Revelation.

Common image

Images of rivers "that flow unceasingly, that provide life and health and peace" are frequently found in hymns, Dr. Reynolds said.

"How grateful we are to those who have preceded us and provided us with our inheritance of Christian song rich with images from our language and from God's Word," Dr. Reynolds said.

But you should also talk with a teacher or counselor at school. Those rumors are not fair to you or to your brother. The counselor can help you figure out what to say to the kids who tease you.

There is no way to look at someone and tell if they are gay. The best way is to ask your brother about it. I hope you also have help thinking about how you will feel if it happens that your brother tells you, yes, he is gay.

That is not a reason to think God has stopped loving him. So it is not a reason for you to stop loving him either.

With love and prayer and a helpful adult to talk to, you can work through this situation and come to feel better about it, whatever happens.

Readers are invited to write to Deborah for answers to personal problems in living the Christian life and faith. Make the letter brief. Questions for the column will be selected from the letters. Write "Dear Deborah, PERSONAL," P.O. Box 660275, Dallas, Texas 75266-0275.



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DAY 2: THURS DEC 3 — BREAKFAST is included this morning prior to leaving for the FARMER'S MARKET where you can buy vegetables, meats, Christmas decorations, handmade gifts, etc. A visit to the birthplace of Civil War GENERAL ZEBULON VANCE is next on the agenda. Here you will have a chance to view the Holiday season from a totally different perspective. Lunch on your own will be at a local cafeteria before going to the BLUE RIDGE FOLK ART CENTER where quality handmade items may be purchased for that "special" Christmas gift. Now it is time to leave the mountain area and head for home. A stop will be made for dinner (on own). We expect to arrive back in Durham approximately 9 p.m.

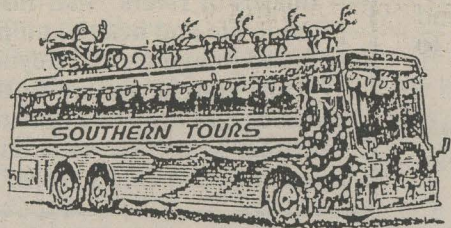
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Sunday, October 25

9:15 a.m. Para Drake (W.O.D.)	Parlor
9:45 a.m. Brenda and Brooks Bolton (W.O.D.)	Joy Class
9:45 a.m. Methodism Class	Aldersgate Room
10:15 a.m. Sanctuary Choir	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Ringing of the Tower Bells	
10:55 a.m. Worship Service	
4:00 p.m. Youth Council	Joy Class
5:00 p.m. DMYF	Whitford Hall
6:30 p.m. JOYBells	Handbell Room
8:00 p.m. 12 step Al-Anon and A.A. —	Community Life Center
SERMON: Mark W. Wethington	
SCRIPTURE: Psalm 3 Zephaniah 3:19 Luke 18:9-14 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	
USHERS: Connie Chandler (Captain) Mary Helen Ferrell Tom Adkinson Tom Chandler Julie Ellis Randy Ellis Debbie Fedyshyn Jim Fedyshyn Nancy Lockamy	GREETERS: To be announced
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	S.S. GREETERS: Wesley Class
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October 19-October 24

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19
9:15 a.m. Parents' Morning Out — Nurseries
10:00 a.m. Ethel Beckman (W.O.D.) — MRH
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Parlor
3:00 p.m. Doris Bridges (W.O.D.) — K. Johnson Class
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A. — Community Life Center

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20
10:00 a.m. Circle 8 Bradshaw Room
12:15 p.m. Tuesday Study Group Joy Class
7:00 p.m. Inter-Neighborhood Council — Whitford Hall
7:30 p.m. Administrative Board Bradshaw Room
8:00 p.m. Central Al-Anon and Ala-Teen — Community Life Center

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21
9:15 a.m. Parents' Morning Out — Nurseries
9:30 a.m. Weekday School — Whitford Hall
10:00 a.m. Craft/Lunch Bunch — Whitford Hall
5:00 p.m. Wednesday Meal — Whitford Hall
6:00 p.m. Nancy Stark (W.O.D.) — Middle Joy Class
6:00 p.m. Amy Kellum (W.O.D.) — Parlor
6:00 p.m. Cheryl Howlett (W.O.D.) Open Door Room
6:15 p.m. Wesley Singers — Choir Room
6:15 p.m. Carol Choir — Aldersgate Room
6:30 p.m. Tim and Jennifer Nifong (W.O.D.) — Joy Class
7:30 p.m. Bethany Bells — Handbell Room
7:30 p.m. Wesley Women — Group 3 — Mary Lee Bailey's Home

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22
7:15 a.m. Men's Study Group (W.O.D.) Parlor
9:45 a.m. Visitation Team — meet in Church Parking Lot
12:00 p.m. Thursday Study Group (W.O.D.) Prayer Room
2:30 p.m. Jean Weynand/Charlotte Corbin Homes
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir — Choir Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
6:30 p.m. District Office Pension Dinner — 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, OCTOBER 24
TIME CHANGE — REMEMBER to turn your clocks back 1 hour tonight!!
9-4 p.m. Durham Bellfest — Epworth U.M.C.

Sunday, October 18

Commitment Sunday

9:15 a.m. Para Drake (W.O.D.)	Parlor
9:30 a.m. Celebration Singers	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Methodism Class	Aldersgate Room
9:45 a.m. Brenda and Brooks Bolton (W.O.D.)	Joy Class
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages	
10:15 a.m. Sanctaury Choir	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Ringing of the Tower Bells	
10:55 a.m. Worship Service	
12:00 p.m. Congregational Luncheon	Whitford Hall
3:00 p.m. Volunteers in Missions Committee Meeting	Parlor Home
3:30 p.m. Ann Wilson (W.O.D.)	Home
5:30 p.m. DMYF	
6:20 JOYBells	
8:00 12 Step Al-Anon and A.A. —	Community Life Center
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