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Up-Date ON THE BLACK CHURCH

NATIONAL CONVOCATION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Office of the Administrative Secretary Indianapolis, Indiana

KINSTON: A MOUNTAIN TOP FOR MINISTERS

Black Disciples of Christ ministers in great numbers attended the Fourth Annual Retreat held in Kinston, North Carolina at the Gordon Street Christian Church March 7-9, 1978.

The theme was: THE MINISTER - SIGNIFICANT SERVANT.

According to Director of Black Ministry, Ozark Range, Sr., the program planned in cooperation with the National Ministers Fellowship Executive Committee met several Christian leadership needs.

Among the highlights were:

Tuesday, March 7th at 1:45 p.m. - Dr. J. E. Lowery, Central United Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia speaking on *The Personal Life of the Clergyman*. Dr. Lowery is a very successful pastor.

Wednesday morning, March 8th, 9:00 a.m. - our own Dr. T. G. Benjamin spoke on *The Professional Task*. Dr. Benjamin is the senior pastor of the prestigious Second Christian Church of Indianapolis, Indiana, one of the fastest growing churches of our brotherhood, with over 1,800 members.

Wednesday, March 8th at 1:30 p.m. - Dr. Allen B. Stanger, Associate Professor Emeritus of Religion and Chaplain of Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Virginia spoke on *The Source of Power*. Dr. Stanger has been active in the life of the Christian Church in Virginia serving on many boards and committees.

Other speakers included: Bishop E. L. Uzell, Goldsboro-Raleigh Assembly on Tuesday morning, March 7th at 10:30 a.m.; 7:30 p.m. Worship Sermon - Dr. William W. Hannah, Executive Secretary of the Department of Evangelism



A foot-washing Communion Service for North Carolina-Virginia Black Disciples of Christ leaders shown above dramatizes the Fourth Annual Black Ministers Retreat theme: THE MINISTER - SIGNIFICANT SERVANT. Office of Communication Photo: Robert Schafer, Jr.

and Membership; **Wednesday, March 8th at 8:00 p.m.** - The Reverend M. C. Dickson, pastor of the Warren Avenue Christian Church of Dallas, Texas.

Thursday, March 9th - 10:45 a.m. at the closing Worship Service, Dr. Daniel Heath, president of the National Minister's Fellowship (N.C.C.C.) and pastor of First Christian Church of Rock-

ford, Illinois, preached. Dr. Heath has served our brotherhood in many ways for many years. He was very instrumental in the move to revitalize the National Minister's Fellowship.

The body was greeted by General Minister and President, Kenneth L. Teegarden and other General Church staff leaders.

STILL FIGHTING IN THE STREETS

Most of us know that the struggle for justice and humane treatment for blacks and other racial minorities in America is often reflected in the way city and town governments provide adequate basic services in predominantly black neighborhoods - especially in the establishment and maintenance of streets.

There is "fighting in the streets" of Greenville, Texas and Pastor Charles Faulkner of the Clark Street Christian Church continues to lead a host of black residents fearlessly into the eye of the storm.

Just before Christmas in 1977 the *Greenville Herald Banner* newswriter, Jess Blackburn, described City Council meeting's response to the Faulkner-led protest in this manner:

"Originally, city staff members had proposed the deletion of Silver Street from the some 14 blocks of dirt streets to be paved in the program. The deletion was necessary when the lone bid on the project was above the city's available funds for the project.

"Two weeks ago, in a special meeting of the council, a group of citizens from the north area protested the deletion of Silver Street and asked the council to allow the group to meet and propose its own alternatives.

"Last Wednesday, congregations from the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church and the Clark Street Christian Church met and drew up the proposals that Rev. Charles Faulkner presented to the council as residents from the area filled the council room seats and several temporary chairs in the aisle.

"Basically, the group requested the deletion of Edgar and Cedar Streets.

"City Public Works Director Ron Rabb told the council that the deletion of Edgar and Cedar Streets would still leave the city approximately \$22,000 over the available money for the project. The paving of Edgar was estimated to be about \$25,000 and that of Cedar about \$12,000.

"Rabb recommended the additional deletion of King Street from the work done by city crews to make up the dif-

ference. King Street paving was estimated to be about \$20,000.

"City Manager Jerry Wisdom then calculated that if all the clearing on the project was completed by city crews, about \$12,000 could be saved bringing the difference to about \$45,000. The deletions of Edgar and Cedar Streets would cut out another \$37,000 and the remainder of the difference could be made up out of a \$75,000 amount for miscellaneous drainage problems in-

cluded in the street bond program recently approved by Greenville voters.

"Relieved to have a workable solution in grasp, the council quickly concluded more than an hour's discussion of the matter and approved the change.

"Afterwards, Rev. Faulkner, the spokesman for the paving project area residents, said that he felt the council's action was a 'big step forward' for the north area."

BOLD NEW MISSIONS: SOUTHEAST ASIA

by Bessie E. Chandler*

"You have traveled nearly one half way around the world to visit fascinating countries." This statement and similar ones greeted me on arriving in Tokyo Japan last fall for the first stop on a visit to Japan, Hong Kong and Bangkok, Thailand. The Division of Overseas Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) arranged the educational tour.

Japan

Conversations, conferences and visits with leaders in the United Church of Japan impressed upon me their current motto: "Say 'YES' to tomorrow!" I noted that members at the National Federation of Kyodan Women's Societies had concerns for building a just and peaceful society, producing and sharing food, education and family, much like Christian women in America and other parts of the world.

A visit to the Margaret K. Long Disciple of Christ related school exposed me to one of the oldest Christian schools in Tokyo. This institution has made outstanding contributions to Japan in education, business, government, family life and Christianity.

While I toured the school from Kindergarten through high school, I observed the eagerness of the students to learn, the friendliness of students and teachers, and the apparent Christian

attitudes throughout the school, justifies the enthusiasm of the principal when he said, "All of the 150 teachers except one are Christians and most of the students in the upper classes."

"The Christian Schools of Japan try to help all students determine their life values as they provide a sound education," said the principal. And I believe the Margaret K. Long School is such an institution." I had a delicious Japanese dinner and fellowship with Rev. and Mrs. Aigi Kamikawa, our Disciples of Christ workers in Japan for 28 years. The Kamikawas are associated with the South East Asia Rural Training Center.

The purpose of the ARI is *to Nurture and Train, In the Spirit of Jesus Christ, Rural Community Leaders Both Men and Women, To Facilitate The Self-Development of Asian People At the Grass Roots Level.*

Mrs. Kamikawa informed me that the Asian Rural Institute does need help from women in America. The veteran overseas worker says, "We need basic recipes for food which are nutritious and easy to prepare, especially without the use of ready-made-mixes. Also, we would appreciate recipes and cook books using *peanuts*. If any of your ladies or any one, can supply us with these we surely can use them. Malnutrition and improper food diets are killing millions of people. Peanuts are easy to raise and highly nutritious. We make many foods and other things with soy beans and peanuts. We need more recipes on these two foods."

*Dr. Chandler of Nashville, TN is a veteran Disciples of Christ Christian educator. Currently she is president of the Regional CWF and member of the Gay-Lea Church.

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UCC-DISCIPLE COURTSHIP BEGINS



Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ congregations will be encouraged during 1978 to form "get-acquainted" links that will help the two denominations decide in 1979 whether to formally explore union.

A joint working group of the 1.8 million member United Church of Christ and the 1.3 million member Disciples of Christ met in Atlanta, GA January 17, 1978 and decided to urge congregations of the two bodies to:

1. Locate the nearest congregation of the other denomination and estab-

lish special sharing relationships during a period in which the denominations are "exploring" the possibility of union talks.

2. Have these sharing sessions emphasize study of the biblical and social implications of church union and include examination of backgrounds of the two denominations.

Meeting in Atlanta to initiate the process was a 12-member team from the two church bodies, including the chief executives of both denominations, but also including four lay persons.

The General Synod of the United Church of Christ and the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) took action last year to authorize "exploration" concerning union, reserving until mid-1979 decision whether talks actually ought to begin.

The working group was put together by the Council for Ecumenism of the United Church and the Council on Christian Unity of the Disciples of Christ.

Dr. Avery D. Post, New York City, president of the United Church of Christ, and Dr. Kenneth L. Teegarden, Indianapolis, Ind., general minister and president of the Christian Church, co-chair the working group. Dr. Teegarden presided at the Atlanta meeting.

The working group is suggesting that national and regional counterparts in the denomination get together for discussions but a major focus is being placed on the local level.

Congregations will be provided study guides and other resources to assist in six weeks to six months of get-acquainted sessions across denominational lines. The study guides will be printed in March issues of *A.D.* magazine and *The Disciple*.

About the CONVOCAATION STUDY

Black Disciples of Christ have important concerns in Christian mission which are peculiarly theirs. Some of those concerns are action plans which only we as Black Christians can implement. Others must be jointly pursued with friends and associates who believe such Black Disciples of Christ imperatives to merit the concern and support of the whole Church.

Every unit or organization constituting the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has the freedom under God to select aspects of Mission for special emphasis. The National Convocation of the Christian Church strives to exercise this freedom as one of the constituency groups.

The current serious study of the National Convocation and its relationships to the total Mission as interpreted by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is part of this exercise of freedom.

Priority-setting processes proposed by the Church urge each unit and organization to develop its own priorities but within the over-arching mission imperatives which have been approved by the Church. Convocation leaders intend to follow this course and inject the much needed Black Disciples of Christ perspective. Responsible Discipleship requires us to do this.

Reports on the intensive and comprehensive Convocation Study will be

officially presented August 3, 1978 during the 5th Assembly in Little Rock Arkansas as requested by the 4th Assembly.

YOUR MONEY FOR PAYING THE COST OF THE STUDY IS NEEDED NOW! The National Convocation is not receiving any funds through the regular church funding process to underwrite this professional study. **\$12,000 IS NEEDED!**

This is a significantly unique study which will affect much of the Convocation's future and the total witness of the Church.

PLEASE SEND US YOUR PERSONAL CHECK MADE OUT TO THE "NATIONAL CONVOCAATION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH."

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Vignettes from the FIELD



AMONG THE
CONGREGATIONS

Missouri, Jefferson City - Second Christian Church dedicated a newly purchased educational and community services building Dec. 4, 1977. Elder James Smedley, minister of the Willow Street Church in Hannibal brought the "Dedication Sermon." Interim ministerial services have been provided Second Church by Associate Regional Minister, Ernest Newborn.

Alabama, Birmingham - Installation services for Elder Robert L. Brown, pastor of the Jeffries Memorial Christian Church, were held Jan. 8, 1978. Key presenters in the ceremonies were Director of Black Ministry, Ozark Range of Indianapolis who brought the morning worship sermon and Board of Church Extension Vice-President, Raymond Brown, also of Indianapolis, and brother of the installed minister, who delivered the afternoon installation sermon.

Texas, Greenville - A recent "Pastor and Family 9th Appreciation Service" at Clark Street Christian Church included a \$1,890 gift offering. Elder Charles L. Faulkner continues to provide a meaningful church and community ministry in this middle-sized southwestern city. (See article: *Still Fighting in the Streets*).

Ohio, Cleveland - A review of progress at Fifth Christian Church during the first year of ministerial leadership by Elder Willie Sims include: a "Shepherd Plan" involving lay leaders in membership cultivation; a city champion Little League baseball team and a newly organized adult choir. Eighteen new members have united with the congregation - nine by baptism. Fifth Church featured a series of three programs on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the Fall of 1977.

Missouri, Kansas City - First Christian Church has called "General Assembly Sunday" in October last year THE MOST MEMORABLE IN RECENT

HISTORY. . . a Fellowship dinner in a crowded dining room, good worship attendance plus the delivery of a "powerful and dramatic sermon" by Dr. Enoch Henry of Indianapolis caused many to say: "IT SURE WAS A MIGHTY DAY!" Don and Carol Albright are co-pastors.

Alabama, Calhoun - An all-day general planning review and projection event was sponsored for all congregations affiliated with the Alabama Christian Missionary Convention at the New Hope Church Jan. 14, 1978. Convention President C. J. Hanson and Executive Secretary Earl Murray were the convenors. General consultants were Regional Minister, Carl Flock of Birmingham; Program Specialists, Effie Blair and Enoch Henry of the Division of Homeland Ministries and William K. Fox of the General Office, all from Indianapolis.

Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh - East Hills Community Christian Church is starting a series of "officers' workshops and membership educational program. . ." The Community Center was opened in February for youth recreational activities. Arthur L. Harris, II is pastor.

Michigan, Detroit - A recent financial report from United Church states that in 1977 "over \$65,000 was received from members. . ." A "basic need budget" of \$51,092 was projected for the 1978 calendar year. Pastor Lamar Clark was the guest speaker for the Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Birthday Service held Jan. 15, 1978 at the Carter Metropolitan CME Church. The service was sponsored by the Westside Ministerial Alliance.

117 YEAR OLD CONGREGATION REJOICES

North Fifth Street Christian Church of Fulton, Missouri, founded in 1861 when most black people in America were slaves, had a series of services December 2-4, 1977, to highlight the 5th anniversary of residing in its present building.

Guided by a steering committee which included the Roy Smith's, William McKee's, Leo E. Lewis, Jr. and Pastor W. L. Jenkins, a program was pre-

sented which included a community-wide musical, banquet and Sunday services.

William K. Fox, Administrative Secretary of the National Convocation of the Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, spoke for the Sunday afternoon program.

Members of the congregation and interested friends received inspiration from the observances by remembering the 32 years of ministerial services given the church by Elder Frank H. Coleman as well as the tenure of other pastors.

The first building and grounds which cost the little membership about \$1,200 in 1872 had no plumbing and water and was heated by a wood and coal stove.

Pastor H. D. Griffin (1919-1925) instituted the plans for the land purchase and construction of the present functional church plant. The building was completed in 1928.

ASSEMBLY DISCIPLES PROTEST

Over 100 members of the Assembly churches in North Carolina signed a statement in support of the right of J. P. Stevens Company workers to organize. The signers who included five bishops supported the resolution later adopted by the General Assembly at Kansas City. That resolution calls upon individuals and congregations to consider seriously the boycotting of the J. P. Stevens products until the company stops its illegal practices. Courts have found the company in violation of the National Labor Relations Act in 13 separate cases.

Stevens sells over \$1 billion annually and is second only to Burlington Industries in size and sales. More than 40,000 Stevens workers spin and weave and doff the yarn in approximately 80 plants in six southern states. Thousands of products result.

Recently two district courts found the company guilty of massive discrimination under Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Almost one-third of the once all-white industry is made up of black people.

MORATORIUM \$ LIFTED

A move to eliminate a four-and-one-half year backlog of interest-free loan requests was initiated by directors of Board of Church Extension during quarterly meeting in Indianapolis, resulting in authorization to change the status of \$362,384 in interest-bearing loan balances to interest-free.

Action followed the lifting of a moratorium on interest-free loans declared in June 1973 due to a shortage of money in the revolving fund.

Harold R. Watkins, vice president and treasurer of the non-profit, international church planning and financing unit said, "Receipts from regional capital campaigns, special gifts and payments on existing interest-free loans have sufficiently restored the fund to permit the board to take this positive step."

Directors also approved new policies and procedures which will govern future interest-free negotiations.

Watkins noted the moratorium resulted from Church Extensions' response to resolutions of the Christian Church in the late '60s and early '70s urging church units to support minority and socially oriented ministries. "The need was great and Church Extension's revolving interest-free fund was utilized to the point that the board was paying interest on approximately \$1,000,000 which it lent interest-free to make good on its commitments," Watkins said.

As a result of Church Extension's response, many small, struggling Black and Spanish congregations are now housed in much improved facilities.

SORRY — In The Last Issue —
The article on Cardy Jones, former staff member of the Regional Church in Indiana refers to "lag time between her resignation and the firing of another staff person." The "f" should be an "h", thus making the word "hiring."

For Whom the Bells Toll



Elder Eugene Patterson who served congregations in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Youngstown, Ohio, Knoxville, Tennessee and Bluefield, West Virginia died in Warren, Ohio November 23, 1977. His most recent pastorate in Bluefield was featured by the bringing together of two predominantly black congregations. Elder Patterson was buried in Warren November 26, 1977.

Anderson B. Barnes of Los Angeles, California died January 12 after a gallant struggle against a terminal disease. He was a faithful leader in the United Christian Church and a supporter of his

wife, Carnella J. Barnes, who has given leadership in the congregational regional and general expressions of the church. Entombment was on January 19 and the Memorial Service January 21. A BARNES MEMORIAL FUND is being developed with gifts addressed to the "United Christian Church" for the "BARNES FUND." Money received will be used for a Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund in Los Angeles and a Christian Education Training Memorial Fund at Jeffries Memorial Church in Birmingham, Alabama in memory of the deceased mother of the Barnes family.

REGIONAL MINISTERS CONSIDER UCC TALKS

Regional leaders of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) focused on Christian unity at their annual meeting in St. Louis November 30 - December 3, sharing their excitement and concerns over possible union exploration with the United Church of Christ.

The Conference of Regional Ministers and Board Chairmen met in the wake of the Disciples' General Assembly which approved preliminary talks with the United Church of Christ.

Speakers for the conference attended by 33 regional executives and 29 board officers included Dr. Walter A. Brueggemann, St. Louis, dean of Eden Theological Seminary and a United Church of Christ minister, and Dr. Paul A. Crow, Jr., Indianapolis, Ind., president of the Disciples' Council on Christian Unity and a minister.

Dr. Brueggemann said the United Church of Christ has not "integrated its major boards into the church structure and this is a deep sickness." He noted that the church is a "collection of interest groups. Many care more about their own interest than about the church."

Although the church is "undisciplined and uncritical, it is intuitively right for an incredible number of issues," said Dr. Brueggemann. "We do things under the mandate of the Gospel that surprise us."

A strength of the United Church is that it "yields its attention to the marginal ones," he added. "It is incongruous that a church that is so strident and ideological has found ways to be compassionate. The church leaves some of us always uneasy, but considering the alternatives, that is not bad."

Dr. Crow pointed out that "every generation has to test its leadership in terms of faithfulness to the Gospel. We have no mandate to pursue union just because two General Assemblies said we did. Our only mandate is whether faithfulness to the Gospel leads us this direction."

Disciples will need to "translate the vision of unity in an era when the vision is not present," Dr. Crow said. "In a time when we must decide if the vision has meaning, we must generate what that vision means."

The preliminary talks over the next two years "will allow acquaintance and understanding to develop between our churches," said Dr. Crow. "They will be exploratory only. We cannot presume what will be decided in 1979" when the two vote on whether to enter formal union conversations.

PHARAOH IS NOT DEAD

by Ozark Range, Sr.

Our great black prince gave his life trying to get America and the church to live out their creed. Ten years have passed since the eloquent silver-tongued orator's voice was silenced by a dastardly deed, and yet we have not learned that Pharaoh is not dead. He is alive and well in our country; he is alive and well in our church

Because historians have generally come from the upper classes, history usually has been written about the doings of the masters. It is filled with exploits of kings and queens, of politicians and financiers, of nobles and generals, and the movement of the lower classes have been labeled rebellions or insurrections which have to be quelled

In the world there are two basic cultures. Just two. And one of them is called Western Civilization. The other

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'...No, Martin, it's STILL a dream!'

one is usually termed uncivilized. One of them is called literate and the other is called oral. That means that one culture likes to read and write and the other one likes to talk and listen. Those are the main ways that they communicate—the main ways they preserve.

In order to read and write, you have to place these things in logical sequence. The straight line is rather important. Things come in an orderly way and it is best to do it in squares,

to keep categories separate and straight.

In the other culture, folks don't do that kind of stuff. They are not as straight-line oriented. They are more like circles.

If you go into the literate person's house, they have a room to sit and talk in. They don't do anything else in there. In fact, they have a separate room to talk with you if you are company and another one if you are family. They have a room to sleep in. In fact, almost each one has a room to sleep in. It is compartmentalization. Keep things straight, logical. And there is a room to eat in. Again, if it's just family, or if it is company, there would be a separate room to eat. There is a room to cook in and a room to wash clothes in and a separate one to wash yourself. And folks get real upset if you do the wrong thing in the wrong room. They look over here at these other folks and they are doing everything in one room. And they say "poor culturally deprived people."

One is a cool culture. The other is a hot culture. Since the most important thing any human being in the cool culture can do is read and write, you do that best by yourself. You cannot read and write too well when there are folks standing around talking to you. So it's a very individualistic culture and people who are aloof are cold when viewed from the other culture.

In this other culture, since talking and listening are the most important ways of communicating, preserving and passing on the heritage, the human bond is the most important thing—not reading and writing. If you break the human bond, you have broken your way to being human. So human relations is the most important thing. The group, and being close to people so they are seen as warm people makes this a hot kind of culture.....

Maybe it is a combination of the two that can give the most strength. If that is true, we need to re-evaluate our entire strategy, so that we don't completely transform people, or completely inoculate people, or develop people in

one cultural mode only.....

It may be that we need to look at our church and instructional strategies and develop them in a way that helps people develop both cultures. You say how can they be both cold and hot; how can they be both logical and unstructured; how can people be square and round at the same time?.....

What would our society be like if we had the best of both cultures? Just think if we had the human relations, the human interaction skills, the caring, the kind attitudes. What if we had those kinds of skills, the ability to communicate orally, as well as the ability to communicate in written terms, the ability to be individualistic, the ability to be interactive, the ability to be logical, the ability to be analogical?.....

The rational person—if there is anything that that person dislikes—will be controlled by emotions. The best way to be controlled by your emotions is to not develop them. Keep them at a primitive stage and when they do come out, no reason in the world will be able to hold them back.

And you have to develop. That's why we do it in the church; that's why we do it in education. We help people develop their reason, their ability to reason. So you have to develop your emotions, or they will be just as they were to start with. The thing to do is to develop both.....

You can be like AVIS - try harder to kill some pharaohs.

AFTER A KILLER FLOOD which swept through Biggs, Mo. last week, the Volunteer Service Program of the Disciples Church is helping to rebuild their homes. Below a house is being constructed for Mrs. April Carpenter, Webb and David Bernhardt. Bottom - Mrs. Minter. This group was in charge of dev. work.



Ozark Range, Sr. is Director of Black Ministry, Indianapolis, Indiana. He presented the above meditations recently in Missions Building Chapel.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CHURCH

MANAGER of a CHURCH-RELATED CEMETERY -

Unusual opportunity for an industrious person - male or female with experience in management and administration of a business; supervision of a staff of 3 or more workers plus 1 to 3 clerical personnel; development of good public relations with business interests, churches and general public; capable of reporting to and working with the company's board of directors. Cemetery is rapidly being modernized, is located in Nashville, Tennessee and has highly respected status among business community and patrons for more than 80 years. Fringe benefits plus relationship to professional associations at company's expense provided. Salary package: \$12,000-\$14,500 subject to negotiation and dependent upon qualifications.

EXECUTIVE TYPE OFFICE SECRETARIES

General Church unit offices are in search of office executive type secretaries. Such persons should be capable of full operation of a national office and functioning as office staff with general, regional and international church staff relationships.

WRITE and/or CONTACT - William K. Fox, Box 1986, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206 (317-353-1491).

YOU'RE MISSING SOMETHING

If you are willing to work, love people, and interested in giving of your talents to help others, undoubtedly you will be interested in voluntary service. Regardless of age, there are many avenues open to you as a volunteer.

Youth Groups.....There are numerous opportunities open to youth groups. One of the most popular youth projects takes place each summer at Hazel Green Academy, which is loca-

ted in Kentucky. During the summer of 1977 seven groups representing four states participated in the renovation of buildings at the academy. Your group may wish to choose a project of your own by observing your community and assessing the needs. This may be accomplished through local churches, community agencies, and nursing homes.

Individual Short Term Voluntary Service.....If you are between 18 and 30 years of age, you may be interested in serving 4 to 8 weeks in a foreign country. This may be accomplished through ecumenical youth service.

Adults.....A number of adult work projects are sponsored through the office of voluntary service. These projects usually take place in an area where a natural disaster has occurred. Our last work project consisted of 33 volunteers from Canada and the United States. These volunteers participated in a two-week disaster reconstruction work project in Big Thompson Canyon, Colorado.

For further information on voluntary service contact:

Julia Marie Brown
Director of Voluntary Service
Division of Homeland Ministries
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206



Julia Brown - painting one of the Colorado Christian Home's cottages. Many National Benevolent Association affiliated institutions have such needs which concerned Christians can meet.

in Canyon, Colorado about a year moved in to help people restore and her two children. Top left - Julia Brown, Director of Voluntary Service began each work day.

This home was being built for Bertha Bailey, an elderly lady who saw her son and grandchild washed away in the flood. On the roof - Ernie Diltz. On the ground - Don Cookman. On ladder - Bill MacDonald.

Helen Harrison - painting one of the Colorado Christian Home's cottages.

Julia Brown, Director of Volunteer Service, The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).



Our Colleges



SCIENTIST AIDS TOUGALOO

The man who has achieved national and international fame with his innovative approach to the teaching of beginning science is a "Distinguished Professor of Biology" at Tougaloo College for the spring semester. This man impersonates the naturalist Charles Darwin, anatomist William Harvey, embryologist Hans Spemann, physiologist William Beaumont, bacteriologist Louis Pasteur and Gregor Mendel, who discovered the principle of heredity.

He is Richard Eakin who retired from the University of California this past year. Professor Eakin will teach Developmental Biology at Tougaloo without salary. He and his wife, Mary, an associate minister of the First Congregational Church in Berkeley, traveled to the College at their own expense as part of a church effort to aid Tougaloo.

Tougaloo is among a half dozen colleges founded a little over a century ago by the National Congregational Church, which has just completed a drive that raised over \$15 million for the Colleges.

MULTIPLE USE PHYS-ED BLDG AT JARVIS

In a special meeting of the Jarvis Christian College Board of Trustees held recently the Loggins Construction Company at 2301 E. Erwin, Tyler, Texas, was awarded the \$2.5 million contract to begin construction of the 62,000 square foot building that will house the Physical Education and Health Plant for the Jarvis Christian College.

Dr. E. W. Rand, president at Jarvis Christian, outlined that with sub-contracts, the total cost of the new building will be \$2,960,000. Mr. William Benson,

head of the Dallas-based Benson Associates of Dallas, Texas, architects of the building, said the building will seat 1,400 spectators for varsity sports activities and an overflow crowd of up to 2,000 for commencements, and other related Jarvis activities.

The balcony of the main gymnasium will accommodate 432 additional spectators.

Also included is a multi-purpose, auxiliary gymnasium, a catering kitchen for use at various conventions, church meetings and related activities, a physical fitness lab, the physical education office complex (which includes an honor's lounge for lettermen), gymnastic dance studio, combative room, physical education team locker and dressing rooms, laundry equipment and storage room, an Olympic-sized, heated swimming pool and training rooms for the physical education department.

The Physical Education and Health Plant will also house offices of the Jarvis Music Department, rehearsal rooms for the Jarvis Christian Concert Choir and the school band, The Jarvis Christian Ensemble, classrooms that can be converted into practice rooms, music storage space, etc., for departmental use.

Completion of the proposed building is set for December, 1978.

SPRING SEMESTER OPENS

The Spring Semester of Jarvis Christian College was officially opened with the President's Convocation held Tuesday, January 24th in the Charles A. Meyer Auditorium. The General Theme for the Academic School Year (1977-78) is "Do You Know Where You Are Going?"

The President of Jarvis Christian College, Dr. Earl W. Rand, was introduced and presented to the faculty, staff and student body of the College by "Miss Jarvis", lovely Ms. Kathy Thompson of Jacksonville, Texas, a Jarvis senior. Ms. Thompson was the first runner-up in the 1977 "Miss Jarvis" contest, and is serving the remaining term of Ms. Renitia Tyler of Texarkana, Arkansas, who graduated at mid-term in December.

A historical moment at the beginning of the Convocation was the presentation of the National and School

Colors. A trumpet fanfare was played by Irving Allen, Administrative Assistant to the President for Long-Range Planning as the Colors were posted. This was the first time the Official School Flag had been presented to the College. It was presented to the College by Frank Perry, President of the Jarvis-Hawkins Chapter of the National Alumni and Ex-Students Association, who commissioned the flag. Benton A. Adams, Assistant Professor of Speech and Drama at Jarvis, who designed the flag, received a standing ovation from the audience and was presented a check from the Jarvis-Hawkins Chapter.

In accepting the flag in behalf of the Jarvis family, Dr. Rand stated that this was another milestone in the history of the College and that Jarvis would continue onward and upward, following the flag of the College. The flag, produced by the Division of Institutional Advancement, includes in its symbolism the Seal of the College displaying Jarvis' objectives of Christianity, Knowledge, Service and Industry. The gray chalice represents the Christian Church, the founding organization, while the red Christian Cross represents the Christian principles. The school colors of Blue and Gold stand for Truth and Worth, complete the flag on a field of white.

BOLD NEW MISSION from Page 2

Hong Kong

A Christian Service Tour conducted by the Hong Kong Christian Council introduced me to some of the principle projects in Hong Kong, among them were:

1. Tai Hang Tung Salvation Army Centre for a large number of elderly persons, mainly elderly women. A warm, friendly Christian feeling prevailed in this centre where elderly persons were tenderly given needed services.

2. Visits to nursery schools and day care centers housed in the YWCA or community centers provided excellent services to young children. Conversations with the teachers indicated that high educational health and safety standards were required by the Hong Kong authorities. Christian love and nurture, as well as educational guidance were cited as major objectives of the centers. Other social service projects

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NEW GENERAL CHURCH STAFF

NEWBORN NEW RECONCILIATION HEAD

Ernest J. Newborn Sr., of Jefferson City, Mo., will become administrative director of Reconciliation, a race-and-poverty program of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), May 1.

Newborn, 50, is associate regional minister of the Christian Church in Missouri and is responsible for the region's Reconciliation program. He has been on the regional staff since 1971.

In announcing his appointment, Dr. Jean Woolfolk of Indianapolis, president of the Church Finance Council, said:

"We are eagerly looking forward to Mr. Newborn's assuming his duties as administrative director. He brings with him education and experience which are made to order for Reconciliation's particular mission. We are delighted that he accepted this appointment."

Newborn, a Christian Church and United Church of Christ minister, pastored First Congregational Church in Washington, D.C., 1969-71; Cherry Avenue Christian Church, Canton, Ohio 1954-69; Twelfth Street Christian Church, Washington, D.C., 1951-54; Gay-Lea Christian Church, Nashville, Tenn., 1950-51, and served a summer internship at Centennial Christian Church, St. Louis, Mo., in 1954.

He also has taught from 1956-69 and directed an inner-city ministry from 1967-69 in Canton. He was executive director of the Stark County (Ohio) chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People from 1967-69;

Newborn has served on numerous civic organizations, committees and boards, including the Canton Urban League, 1954-65; the Stark County Office of Economic Opportunity, 1967-69, the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, 1968-69; and the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights, 1958-61.

A sociology graduate of Tennessee State University at Nashville, Newborn received the master's of divinity degree from Howard University School of Religion, Washington, D.C., in 1954. He also has done postgraduate work at Kent



The Ernest J. Newborns - from Jefferson City, MO to the Reconciliation Program of the General Church in Indianapolis. Left to right: Ernest Sr., Janice, Mary Jo and Ernest Jr.

(Ohio) State University, Ohio University at Athens, Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill., Union Theological Seminary, New York City, and Lincoln University, Jefferson City.

He was granted certificates for completing work in clinical pastoral education at the Urban Training Center, Chicago, in 1970, and St. Elizabeth Hospital in Washington, D.C., 1954.

He and his wife Janice have a son, Ernest J. Newborn Jr., 20, and a daughter, Mary Jo, 15.



VARGAS TO INDPLS'

A minister turned community planner for north Chicago neighborhoods became director of program services to Hispanic and bilingual congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) January 15.

He is David A. Vargas, 33, who has been on the staff of the department of human services for Chicago for nearly three years.

In his new position, Vargas will work with congregations in developing programs for Hispanic communities and in initiating new forms of ministries, according to Dr. William W. Hannah of Indianapolis, executive secretary of the

department of evangelism and membership.

"I am excited about Vargas' coming. He brings special skills which will be helpful as we continue to involve the Disciples of Christ in evangelism," said Dr. Hannah, in whose department Vargas will serve.

"Vargas brings a spirituality which seems to be in need and demand these days. He shows a deep concern for the wholeness of the church and will be able to help the Hispanic church in its development at the same time sensitizing the whole church," Dr. Hannah added.

There are 23 Hispanic Disciples of Christ congregations and three bilingual congregations in the United States, with a membership of roughly 2,000.

BOLD NEW MISSION from Page 8

visited were, Christian Family Service Center, Y.M.C.A., and the Hong Kong Christian Council.

Thailand

In Bangkok, Thailand, the Church Renewal Project is one of five priorities of the Church of Christ in Thailand. This project is aimed to encourage, challenge, and provide resources and stimulus for a grass roots movement toward spiritual renewal. One project visited was the Day Care Kindergarten now in its beginning stage located in the "Dump Community." This community of refugees living largely on what could be salvaged from the dump, was depressing but a challenge to the church in its efforts to overcome many obstructions and bring about a change from "A Dump Community" to a healthy growing community.

The Christian Church of Thailand has engaged in a continuous process of reflection and search for the meaning of Christian Community and in making a Christian witness in Thai Society.

There are many events and experiences untold in this report. I am pleased to share a few of the highlights of my visit. In spite of difficulties the United Church in each country visited continues a forward movement with great faith. There was evidence that the United Church worked to demonstrate unity in Christ. Asian Christians found new and creative ways of witnessing for Jesus Christ in a Non-Christian country.

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WILLIAMS BISHOP AT 35

Charles J. Williams, Sr., a graduate of Shaw University and the Shaw Divinity School at Raleigh, N.C., presently employed as an institutional chaplain at Cherry Hospital, was installed on January 1, 1978, as the twelfth presiding Bishop of the one-hundred-and-five-year-old church organization, The Western Assembly Disciples of Christ, founded in the year 1872. The ceremony was held at the White Oak Disciples of Christ Church, Newton Grove, N.C.

Elder Williams, at age 35, is the youngest of the Assembly Bishops.

Those participating on the program were: Bishop James L. Melvin of the Goldsboro-Raleigh Assembly; Chaplain Dale Doverspike, Director, Pastoral Care Department, Cherry Hospital; Bishop Robert E. Williams, Southern Assembly; Bishop E.L. Uzzell, General Assembly; Evangelist Joyce Altman; Mrs. Frances Williams, Chairman, Western Assembly Announcers Comm.; Ushers Convention Officers, Mr. Rosenwald Williams. President and Mr. Henry Porter, Vice-President; Reverend Isaac B. Horton, Pastor of First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro, N.C.; and Mrs. Quenita Lee, toast-mistress.

Those reciting the Litany of Hope were: Mrs. Frances Williams, Mrs. Carrie Atkinson, Mrs. Minnie P. Williams, Miss Beverly Oates, Mrs. Celesta Dewitt and Rev. Vasie B. Wilkins.



Charles J. Williams, Sr. of Goldsboro, N.C. new Bishop of the Western Assembly Disciples of Christ.

The music was presented by the White Oak Church Chancellor Choir under the direction of Mrs. Gail Buckham accompanied by the organist, Mr. Howard Peterson.

The Bishop gave charges to the Council Board, Trustee Board, Advisory Board and other officers of the Assembly.

The Vice-Bishop, E.V. George, gave the charge to the Board of Elders.

The Bishop is a member of the Hickory Grove Disciples of Christ Church, Four Oaks, N.C., member C. S. Brown Masonic Lodge No. 782, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Chairman of the Goldsboro Redevelopment Commission, and member of the Wayne Ministerial Alliance.

He is married to the former Linda Faye Oates of Newton Grove, N.C. They have two children, Valerie and Charles Jr. The Williams reside at 1406 South Slocumb Street, Goldsboro, N.C.

LOVE STORY OF A PREACHER

By Joseph Saunders*

*Contributing columnist for UP-DATE

This might well be termed a love story. A story of the love of a man for the Church.

Robert Hayes Peoples was 75 years old on January 25, 1978. He probably has had greater influence on black Disciples churches and ministers than any other living person.

Based on secular standards, it is doubtful that Mr. Peoples could be considered successful. The bulk of his possessions after a half-century devoted to the ministry lie in intangibles.

In a religious sense, however, and in his own opinion, Robert Hayes Peoples is wealthy. The retired black Disciple minister counts his wealth in a multitude of memories and friends, in the numerous churches he has helped through the years.

His philosophy is best summed up in this statement he has tried to follow - preachers must support their preaching through their lives.



Dr. Robert Hayes Peoples
Indianapolis, Indiana

"A church's growth depends upon the preacher's efforts," said Mr. Peoples, "and when I can no longer keep a church growing, I will step aside and let a younger man take it."

Mr. Peoples "stepped aside" from the largest black Disciples congregation in the country in 1969, Second Christian Church at Indianapolis, Indiana, and does not regret having done so.

The move was typical of a man who has always felt that interests of the church must always supersede those of the pastor. "People join the preacher," he says, "and if you want a young congregation, you've got to have a young preacher."

Mr. Peoples feels that youth are vital to the Christian Church. "Many of our children are not following in our faith," he stated. "If we are going to be the church of tomorrow, we must attract the young."

The story of Robert Hayes Peoples began in the small town of Hollywood, Mississippi in 1903. His parents, determined that he have a good education, sent him to Southern Christian Institute, a Disciples mission school. After finishing the course at SCI, he studied at Eureka College in Illinois, earning a 1927 B.A. degree in religious education.

Eight years as head of the department of Religious Education and Bible at Jarvis Christian Institute, Hawkins, Texas, was followed by Mr. Peoples with eight years of service as national secretary of Negro work for the United Christian Missionary Society at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mr. Peoples accepted a call to pastor Second Christian Church at Indiana-

polis in 1943 and remained there for 26 years.

Church growth was dramatic under his leadership. Membership increased from 282 to over 900; annual church budget was raised from \$4,000 to \$60,000; church program moved from passivity to activism; and the congregation moved from a small building to its present imposing edifice.

Retirement in 1969 was in word only. Robert Hayes Peoples spent the next half-dozen years shoring up churches in Ohio, New Jersey and Mississippi as an interim minister.

"The world needs dedicated ministers," he states, adding, "so many preachers of today forget about building spiritual life within the community. They do not give proper emphasis to worship and stewardship in their broader sense."

"No church can be effective without a full time pastor," Mr. Peoples declares. "And no pastor can be effective without some secretarial assistance. There is also a need for assistant ministers. If churches want to grow and be of size, they must realize one man can only handle so many people."

"Black congregations," Mr. Peoples claims, "need 1,000 members to get along. Since few of us believe in tithing, you've got to have numbers to give."

Robert Hayes Peoples has no regrets for having devoted his whole life to the ministry. "The pay was small but the love was complete," he stated. "I would do it again."



Dr. Claude Walker
Kansas City, Missouri

WALKER EARNS DOCTORATE

Claude Walker, faculty member and director of Student Services at Baker University, Baldwin City, Kansas, received the Doctor of Ministry degree in December, 1977 from Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas.

Prior to his position at Baker he was pastor of Central Christian Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

Dr. Walker earned a B.A. degree from Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas and a B.D. degree from Lexington

Theological Seminary, Lexington, Kentucky.

An ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Dr. Walker has served on various boards and committees of his denomination and has pastored churches in Nashville and Oklahoma City. From 1972 to 1974 he was president of the National Convention of the Christian Church. He was chairman of the Department of Religion and Philosophy and college minister at Jarvis Christian College from 1968 to 1971.

At the present time, Dr. Walker is a trustee of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society and a member of the General Board of the Christian Church.

Dr. Walker is married to Zola M. Walker, assistant dean of Student Affairs at Penn Valley Community College, Kansas City, Missouri. They have three children.



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Persons registering for the Fifth Assembly of the National Convocation of the Christian Church to be held in the Little Rock, Arkansas Convention Center August 2-6, 1978 will have access to first class housing, eating and meeting facilities. Registration for the event at the appropriate fee will put you in line for securing any type of motel or hotel housing you are capable of paying for. A registration blank and housing reservation form is included with this issue of UP-DATE. Others are available upon request.

Assistant to the Administrative Secretary, John Compton of Cincinnati, Ohio, has contracted with the following motels for a minimum number of rooms in behalf of the Convocation: Camelot Inn, the headquarters motel; Holiday Inn Convention Center; Sam Peck Downtown Motor Inn and the Manning Motor Hotel.

The Exhibition Hall Level One facility in the Convention Center contains



Little Rock, Arkansas - Downtown

13,760 square feet and seats 1,650 theatre style. The major meetings of the Convocation will be held here.

Rooms 102 and 103 on this same level will hold the Book Sales and exhibits.

Other Assembly activities will occur on Levels Two, Three and Four and provide space for the School of Faith and Life.

Dining rooms in the Great Hall of the Camelot Inn — immediately adjacent to the Convention Center will be the scene of major receptions and the All-Convocation Banquet.



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“Y’ALL COME, HEAH!”

Oscar Haynes, the even-handed and effective first laymen to head the National Convocation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), urges you to register and attend the fifth session of the Convocation at the Convention Center in Little Rock, AR August 2-6.

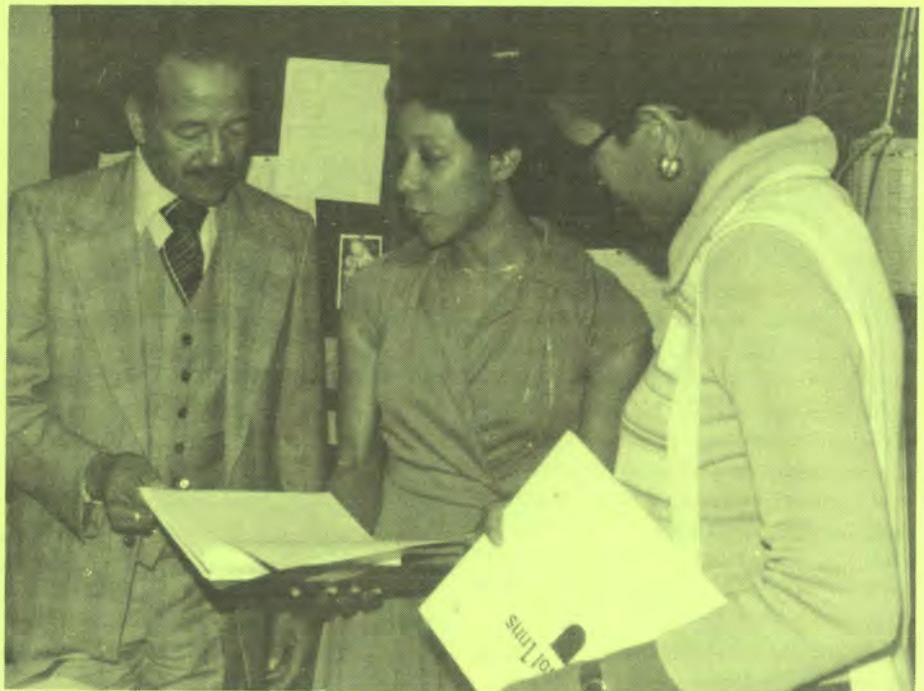
President Haynes will deliver the opening night address on the Convocation theme: “Go Witness for Me.” A colorful service featuring a Jarvis Christian College drama group and a challenging ritual led by Drs. William Hannah and Enoch Henry titled “Commissioned To Go” are among the opening night highlights.

The THIRD SUNDAY IN JULY was declared **NATIONAL CONVOCATION REGISTRADAY** by the Convocation Board of Trustees. Urge your congregation to push registration and attendance efforts.

REGISTER NOW! AFTER AUGUST 1, 1978, ALL ADULT REGISTRATIONS WILL BE \$17.50.

Individuals who register help assure a high quality program. They get identification badges, official programs, *THE 1977-78 CONVOCATION STUDY*, special reservation consideration in the motels, voting privileges during business sessions, and an opportunity for in-put on a Little Rock Convention Center survey. A special packet is also provided a registrant by the Local Arrangements Committee.

REGISTER NOW! USE THE FORMS IN THIS UP-DATE! Be there to hear President Oscar Haynes deliver the opening address.



L to R: President Haynes confers with Convention Liaison Staff, Bernetta Hayes and Convocation Program Chairwoman on Assembly events.

CONVOCATION BOARD PROJECTS CAMPAIGNS

The National Convocation of Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Board of Trustees recently voted to explore the possibility of launching a \$2.5 million development fund this fall.

A seven-member task force of the National Convocation of the church, as yet unnamed, will report to the convocation trustees at their

October 16-17 meeting in Indianapolis.

The fund would provide money to expand the convocation as a forum for discussion of issues pertinent to black life, program promotion, leadership training and support of black congregations “involved in the total mission of the church,” according to Oscar Haynes, Washington, DC, convocation president.

The task force will consult with church-related foundations, church organizations and individuals during the feasibility study, according to Dr. William K. Fox, In-

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FRUITS OF THE AFRICAN MISSION

In the 100 years that missionaries have been in Zaïre (the former Belgian Congo), they did such a good job in improving health and education that they created hunger and unemployment in the process.

This is the view of Maloka Makonji, head of development for the Church of Christ in Zaïre.

Maloka, speaking at a chapel service in the international offices of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), pointed out that the Protestant missionaries established 500 medical institutions in the century they've been on the scene, resulting in a relatively stable population jumping from five to 25 million people.

They set up 3,000 elementary and 500 high schools as well as graduate and theological schools.

"But since Protestantism helped increase the population and failed to improve food production, we have starvation today in Zaïre," Molaka said.

When the government nationalized the schools three years ago, things got so bad, he said, that the population demanded the schools be returned to church operation.

"This was done last year and everyone was pleased with the results," commented the African visitor. "This is a Christian witness and the Church of Christ in Zaïre is showing the light of Christian faith at work."

Today, the Church in Zaïre, which encompasses 83 denominations, is working on evangelization, hunger, and other physical needs.

He said that of the 3,500 church schools, none deals with agriculture and food needs, and the church plans to remedy that. (Christian Church News)

SEND THE "SUPPORT DONATION" OF \$19.78 TO THE CONVO-CATION TODAY — BE A BOOSTER!



Tanzanian artist, *Elimo Njau of Nairobi, Kenya*, left, recent visitor, with *Dr. William K. Fox, Administrative Secretary in the Convocation Office.*

BLACK WOMEN ORDAINED

Significant church history was made among Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregations this Spring when two college and seminary prepared Black Disciples of Christ women were ordained to the Christian ministry. (Currently there are less than ten such women formally prepared and ordained for professional service.)

April 30 **Effie L. Burford** of Indianapolis, IN, was ordained in Central Christian Church. Host Pastor Alec Langford led an impressive ritual. William K. Fox, administrative secretary of the National Convocation of the Christian Church, brought the ordination message. Sponsors and representation came from the Nurture and Certification Committee of the Indiana Region; Central, Crestview and Seventh and Eighth United congregations.

The Rev. Burford is a product of Southern Christian Institute (now Tougaloo College) and Butler University. She has a degree in Religion and Spanish from Butler and a Master's degree in Church History and Bible from the School of Religion (now Christian Theological Seminary) at Butler University.

June 18, 1978, **Claudia Ann Highbaugh** of Chicago, IL, was ordained in Park Manor Christian Church. Charles E. Webb was the host minister. Sponsors and endorsements included the School of Theology at Claremont, Claremont, CA, where she completed Master of Divinity work in May, 1978.

The Rev. Highbaugh served congregations in northern and southern California as a student minister and is deeply involved as a member of regional and general church committees and boards.

\$165,000 GOAL!

Launching plans TO BUILD A NATION FOR GOD, Second Christian Church of Indianapolis, IN, recently challenged the membership to share \$165,000 in cash during June so that 45 acres of land could be bought on July 9, 1978.

July 16 architects presented the congregation a model of the sanctuary, administrative and educational wings is planned as the home for the new Second Church.

Dr. T. Garrott Benjamin, Jr., charismatic pastor of the congrega-

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BENJAMIN AND WITTEN NOMINATED: 1980-1982

The Nominating Committee of the National Convocation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has announced the following list of persons as nominees for the slate of officers for the 1980-82 biennium. Their names are submitted for election at the Fifth Assembly, Little Rock, AR, August 4, 1978:

President — T. Garrott Benjamin — Indianapolis, IN

Vice President — Dorothy Witten — Roanoke, VA

Treasurer — Glen Johnson — Washington, DC

Secretary — Laverne Dore — Burton, SC

Trustee Class 1980-84

Bessie Chandler — Nashville, TN

Bill Lee — Roanoke, VA

Karey Gee — Wilson, NC

Deborah Jordan — Chicago, IL

Nominees for the Committee on Black and Hispanic Concerns 1980-84

George Hart — Reidsville, NC

Claudia Highbaugh — Claremont, CA

Members of the nominating committee are: Richard L. Saunders, Brooklyn, NY; Ada Melvin, Goldsboro, NC; Eliza Cave, Bath SC; Irvin Allen, Hawkins, TX; Oscar Haynes, Washington, DC; Alvin Jackson, Indianapolis, IN; William K. Fox, Indianapolis, IN, and Chairwoman Cynthia Hale, Roanoke, VA.

RANGE AND HOBBS IN 1978-80

Ozark Range of Indianapolis, IN, and Ruth Hobbs of Jackson, MI — president and vice-president elect of the National Convocation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), will head the cast of officers and trustees slated to lead the predominantly Black body during 1978-80. They assume leadership following the fifth session of

the Convocation in Little Rock, AR August 2-6, 1978.

Other officers are: Frank Bradley of Washington, DC as Treasurer, and Marjorie Parker of Indianapolis, IN, secretary.

The new class of trustees (1978-80) entering office are: J. Thomas Johnson of Dayton, OH; Titus Haynes of Knoxville, TN; Robert Moseley of Nashville, TN; and Cynthia L. Hale of Roanoke, VA.

BROTHERHOOD IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY

Brotherhood within America's black community is in grave danger, Bishop C.D. Coleman of Dallas recently told the convention of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church meeting here in quadrennial session. The CME Church is one of the nation's major black denominations.

In a "state of the church" address traditionally delivered on behalf of all the Church's bishops, the Dallas churchman solemnly warned that "unity and brotherhood" among blacks has somehow "gone wrong."

"Pick up any newspaper," he said, "listen to any newscast on any day of the week in any city and see how the brotherhood is treating the brothers. In city after city, brothers are robbed, maimed and murdered by brothers."

"We must find answers and solutions which will arrest and reverse these eroding trends, or the black community will be in a very serious condition and the black church along with it."

The black church, according to Bishop Coleman, "must be the institution that reflects a continuous concern for the inequities in our society and the conditions under which people are forced to live."

"More than any other time in history," he said, "we are called on to act out the presence of our Mas-

ter and make the voice of His Church relevant to the social, economic and political issues of today. To falter or equivocate at this point is to abandon the historic and traditional mission of our Church." (Religious News Service)

ETHNIC MINORITY WOMEN MEET

Formation of an interdenominational "network of ethnic women of color" was a major recommendation coming from the first national Consultation of Ethnic Minority Women in Ministry held in Washington, D.C., April 20-23.

Stating "We now know we are not alone," the approximately 200 participants felt they could find support in such a network through correspondence, a multi-lingual newsletter, and pooling and sharing resources.

"The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) delegation of 22 women was one of the largest of denominations represented," said Luz Bacerra, director of social involvement for the Disciples' department of church women.

Ms. Bacerra served as co-chairperson for the consultation sponsored by the Commission on Women in Ministry of the National Council of Churches.

Effie Blair, director of education for minority constituencies, and Ozark Range Sr., director of black ministry, were other Christian Church staff members who attended. (Christian Church News)

HIGHBAUGH ON DISABLED TASK-FORCE

A task force on the church and persons with disabilities took the first steps toward making the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) aware of the needs of disabled persons.

The three-member task force, organized at the initiation of Dr. Kenneth L. Teegarden, Disci-

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For Whom the Bells Toll

● **Services for the Rev. James Sugioka**, 71, retired Disciples of Christ Church minister, were held in Downey Avenue Christian Church March 22, 1978.

He died Saturday, March 19, in Wishard Hospital following injuries suffered when his car fell on him while he was repairing it.

A native of Hollister, CA, Rev. Sugioka was a 34-year Indianapolis resident. His family moved here following the ordered internment of Japanese-Americans during WWII.

He retired in 1972 as director of material services for the Division of Overseas Ministries for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Rev. Sugioka had worked in the church's three main divisions — Homeland Ministries, Overseas Ministries and Christian Church Services. He remained the latter two divisions on a part-time basis following his retirement.

He worked with the relocation of Japanese-Americans during WWI, served as adviser on construction and maintenance of mission properties in this country and abroad, and adviser in purchasing and shipping of materials for the worldwide ministry.

He had served three pastorates in Indiana — First Christian Church, Lyons; Christian Church, Oxford, and First Christian Church, Trafalgar, where he last preached.

Memorial contributions may be made to the James Sugioka Memorial Endowment Fund of the United Christian Missionary Society, 222 S. Downey.

● **Reverend C. L. Parks**, the oldest son of Thomas and Lula Parks, was born in Greenville, GA on October 26, 1894. He departed this life on Sunday, April 16, 1978, at Wayne County Memorial Hospital.

He served as assistant to the chaplain during WWI. After receiv-

ing an honorable discharge from the armed services, he entered Morehouse College at Atlanta, GA. He received a B.S. Degree and began a teaching career in Atlanta.

Later he began his graduate work at Pittsburg Technical Institute, Pittsburg, PA. He was awarded a Masters Degree at this institution.

He was married to Bessie L. Jones in Daytona Beach, FL on March 26, 1931. No children were born to this union.

He also entered the ministry in 1931 at Fort Worth, TX. After pastoring there for several years and in Oklahoma City, OK, he was called to the National Office in Indianapolis, IN, to work in the field of Church Development and Evangelism for all Black Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ).

Due to failing health, he retired from this work which was demanding upon his time and energy and began working at Flanner House, a Social Service Center in Indianapolis, IN.

After serving in this capacity for one year, he was called to the Goldsboro-Raleigh Christian Institute where he served as Executive Secretary. Here he also directed in-service training for adults and young people for 13½ years.

At the end of this tenure he built a church and parsonage and began his pastorate at Second Christian Church in Farmville, NC. After four years at this church, he retired and returned to Goldsboro and Greenleaf Christian Church where he served as assistant pastor and teacher of the Adult Bible Class.

His survivors include his wife, Mrs. Bessie L. Parks; one brother, Mr. Thomas Parks of Atlanta, GA; one brother-in-law, Mr. Percy Jones of Jacksonville, FL; several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

● **Mr. Eddie Heath** was born in Claiborne County, June 15, 1889.

He departed this life February 16 in Vicksburg, MS. He leaves to mourn his passing, 1 sister, Mrs. Jessa Robinson of Cleveland, OH; 1 Daughter-in-law, Mrs. Cordeliz Heath; 1 son-in-law, Mr. Lo Evans; 9 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

● **Eugene Harrison Johnson**, son of the late Rueben and Elizabeth Johnson, was born March 3, 1889 at Fulton, MO.

On June 6, 1906, he left Fulton to enroll in Southern Christian Institute in Evans, MI where he spent three years as an industrial student after which he left and went to Memphis, TN.

In October, 1912, he was united in Holy Matrimony to Charlotte Rebecca Green. To this union no children were born.

In 1931, he joined Cross Street Christian Church where he was a faithful member until his health failed.

He was a retired employee of the Porocel Corporation. He departed this life Saturday, April 15, 1978. Memorial services were held April 22 at Cross Street Church. There are no survivors.

● **Cleo W. Blackburn** of Indianapolis IN died June 13, 1978 from a heart attack. Born 68 years ago in Port Gibson, MS the grandson of a slave, he came to Indianapolis in 1928 on borrowed money from a family friend to enroll in Butler University. He graduated in 1932.

Further preparation and research in sociology resulted in a master's degree from Fisk University in Nashville, TN in 1933. The Rev. Blackburn maintained a lifelong devotion to solving the problems of the poor and oppressed.

His early education was in Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, MS—a former Disciples of Christ missions school—where he made his commitment to the Christian ministry.

His acceptance of a position as executive director of Flanner House in Indianapolis in 1936 enabled him to create and promote significant programs in health service, self-help housing, and com-

munity organization for low-income persons and migrants from the south to the midwest.

Other services of distinction included the presidency of Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, TX from 1953 to 1964; founder of the Board of Fundamental Education in 1948 which attempted to deal with the problems of the poor on a national basis. Rev. Blackburn was the recipient of numerous community and national awards; he was a member of a long list of local, state and national boards.

Memorial services were held at Second Christian Church, Indianapolis, IN with Dr. T. Garrett Benjamin, the pastor, officiating.

Survivors include two daughters, a son, other relatives, and many friends.

WEBB — OLDEST DISCIPLE

Dr. Charles H. Webb, minister of the Park-Manor Church in Chicago, IL, wonders if his father, Mark Walter Webb of Muskogee, OK hasn't been a member of the Christian Church longer than any person living.

March 12 Mark Webb celebrated his 100th birthday with more than 40 members of his family joining him for dinner in Muskogee's Trade Winds Restaurant.

Mark Webb was born March 12, 1878 in Lonoke County, AK. He was baptized in the Christian Church at the age of 17.

Anybody been a member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) longer than Mark Webb's 83 years?

Let **UP-DATE** know if you have.

G.E. and Minority Employment

Resolutions calling on General Electric to share information on minority employment and to declare sale of military equipment to countries based on their human rights situations were defeated by company stockholders in Indianapolis, April 26.

Representing the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) which owns 1,000 shares worth roughly \$52,000 were Wade D. Rubick, general counsel for the church, and Ian J. McCrae, director of economic justice and human values, department of church is society, both in Indianapolis.

Information on minority employment already is furnished on request, company officials said. (**Christian Church News**)

BLAIR CHALLENGES WOMEN

Nearly 300 persons at United Church of Detroit, MI were challenged March 19 by the Rev. Effie Blair of Indianapolis, IN during the annual Woman's Day service.

Speaking to the theme for the day—"Women: God's Instrument for Change in the 20th Century"—Mrs. Blair urged everyone "to strive for divine and social excellence."

The women of the congregation, under the leadership of President Lee Clark and Vice-president Johnnie M. Hayes, presented an offering of \$2500 for Christian Women's Fellowship service projects. This was a CWF record.

Following the morning worship, dinner was served to all persons, including members of the John Wesley AMEZ Church. Pastor Marjorie Lyda of that congregation spoke for the 3 p.m. program.

The Rev. Effie Blair, director of education for minority constituencies in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), was commended for the work she was doing through the General Church.

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ples' general minister and president, met March 21 in Indianapolis, IN.

Task force members John Cunningham of Alexandria, VA.,

Joan Graham of Indianapolis and Richard Highbaugh of Chicago agreed that the ultimate goal is to involve disabled persons in the mainstream of church and community life.

"The disabled must not be set apart but take part in the whole life of the church," said Dr. Teegarden. "The church must minister with, not to, the handicapped and the church must be conscious of the ministry by the handicapped."

The Disciples' task force may join other groups, such as Mainstream and The Healing Community, in working on the needs of the disabled.

Cunningham attended an April 5 ecumenical meeting in New York City on "Toward Full Participation: The Church and Persons with Disabilities," sponsored by Mainstream. He represented the Disciples in the meeting with denominational executives at the invitation of Dr. Teegarden.

Highbaugh represented the Disciples on the Consultation on Church Union's task force of persons with disabilities which met March 28 in New York City.

A report on the task force's work was given by Highbaugh at the June meeting of the General Board in Chicago. (**Christian Church News**)

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

As of June 1, the Rev. Timothy James became the pastor of Fifth Church in Cleveland, OH. He had been the minister of Hill Street Church of Louisville, KY for the past three years.

Following his graduation from the Christian Theological Seminary June 4 with a Master of Divinity degree, Brother James went to Oakland, CA June 25 his home church—Mills Grove—to be ordained by his father, the Rev. Eugene James, the pastor of that congregation.

Ted Dickason of Cincinnati, OH, who had been a co-pastor of First Church in Saginaw, MI and had an interim assignment with

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Our Colleges



ONE MAN'S REPORT

Have you been to the campus of Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, TX lately and breathed the air? It is hanging thick with loyalty to the Blue and Gold and devotion to the original ideas of Christian ethics and service motivation—concepts which were key in the minds of the founders.

The *UP-DATE* editor was there Founder's Week/Homecoming "78". Unfortunately, he is not a Jarvis alumnus, but he was welcomed to the festivities anyway. I wasn't paid to come, I just answered the invitation to attend.

"Harmony through Heritage" was the general theme with special emphasis on "Excellence through Personalized Education." The general thrust on the virtues of "heritage" was highlighted by the thoughtful J. N. Ervin lectures of Dr. Charles Sherman. Further demonstration was made by the "Pilgrimage to Gravesite" and wreath placing ceremonies on the graves of the founders and the dedication of an Alumni Heritage House to be

used by special campus guests.

The special emphasis on "Excellence through Personalized Education" was dramatically illustrated by the dedication of the Early Childhood Education Center — named in honor of Gladys A. Gill; the piano concert of "Artist-in-Residence" Clifford DeShun Boyd; awards and recognitions and the variety of competitive activities among the classes.

And always present with quiet and earnest hand, was President Earl W. Rand whose short tenure of administration has already moved this institution forward with remarkable speed.

"An institution is known by its graduates," said Dr. Rand the night of the Concert. More than 60 Jarvis alumni were there from as far back as 1927 to 1977. They came from as far west as Los Angeles; northwest as Seattle; north as Chicago; east as Jackson, MI; and of course, Texas. They represented homebuilders and many of the professions.

One public still remains a challenge. It is the church community within the Southwest itself. Their visibility in large numbers during such events is welcomed and needed. Their understanding at the new times and opportunities for the small church-related college is necessary for President Rand, the Jarvis faculty, and student body to put substance into the loyalty being developed toward the Blue and Gold and the recommitment the Christian principles which motivated the Jarvis founders.

Finally, not only the church community in the Southwest, but throughout the nation should consider Jarvis College challenge worthy of support. Let us all try to make a positive response when the call is given. *W.K.F.*

TOUGALOO COLLEGE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY EXPLORED

Business and industrial leaders were invited to share with the Tougaloo College/Industry Cluster on March 28 and 29 as they explored problems in safety and industrial hygiene.

A. DeJean King, area director of the Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration, was the featured speaker at a dinner meeting on Tuesday, March 29 from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. in Warren Hall.

The Tougaloo College/Industry Cluster was organized in February, 1969 to acquaint students and faculty with career options in the business world, and to offer the expertise and resources available from business to assist Tougaloo in producing graduates who can compete for these opportunities.

The Cluster has also provided invaluable assistance to the college through financial contributions and both part-time and permanent employment for students and graduates.

Naming of Center honors Gladys A. Gill



Early Childhood Center to become educational lab



Dupont Grant

Tougaloo College has received a \$7,000 chemistry grant from E. I. DuPont Nemours & Company headquartered in Wilmington, DE. Bernard P. Byrne, staff assistant, process control of DuPont in Tennessee presented the check to Academic Dean Nathanael Pollard.

According to C. W. Theobald, Vice Chairman and Executive Director of DuPont, the purpose of the grant is to help the college maintain or enhance the strength of the institution in science and engineering. The grant is intended to enable the Chemistry Department to satisfy needs and engage in activities that would not otherwise be possible.

Specifically the grant may be used for equipment purchase, scholarly activities of the faculty, assistance for gifted undergraduates, curriculum studies, and DuPont visiting Lectureships.

MORE SEMINARY GRADUATES

Three active Black Disciples of Christ Church leaders recently completed academic work qualifying them for graduate seminary degrees.

Timothy James, minister of the Hill Street Church in Louisville, KY, and member of the National Convocation Board of Trustees, completed his Master of Divinity program at Christian Theological Seminary this Spring.

Claudia Highbaugh of Chicago, IL, licensed minister, member of the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the National Convocation Board of Trustees, received her Master of Divinity degree from Claremont College in Claremont, CA this May. Ms. Highbaugh is also a member of the Board of Higher Education.

In addition to functioning as First Vice Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church and being chairman of the 1979 General Assembly Program Committee, **Samuel W. Hylton, Jr.** of St. Louis, MO completed his work for the Doctor of Ministry degree from Eden Seminary this Spring. Dr. Hylton has been the minister of the Centennial Christian Church in St. Louis for eighteen years.

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United Church of Cincinnati, was called to be the pastor of Quindaro Church in Kansas City, MO June 1.

Dr. Claude Walker and his wife, *Zola*, of Kansas City, MO returned to Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, TX June 1, to accept faculty positions.

Dr. Walker became the director of the department of religion and philosophy, and the college minister. Mrs. Walker became the executive assistant to the president.

Dr. Walker will also institute a continuing education program

for ministers and laity in nearby congregations.

He has been faculty member and director of Student Services at Baker University, Baldwin City, KA. Prior to his position at Baker University, he was pastor of Central Christian Church, Kansas City, MO.

Mrs. Walker was employed as assistant dean of Student Affairs at Penn Valley Community College in Kansas City.

Both have been active in the life and work of the Church-at-large for several years.

TRAINING FOR YOUTH AT LITTLE ROCK



YOUTH WANTED IN LITTLE ROCK AUGUST 2-6, 1978

Indiana's Interim Regional Minister gives ordination charge to Effie Burford in Central Church, Indianapolis, Indiana



Claudia Highbaugh kneels in Park Manor Church, Chicago, Illinois for laying on of hands ordination ritual



Vignettes from the FIELD



Among the Congregations

NEW JERSEY, EAST ORANGE—June 18, 1978, Theodore N. Friedy of Newark, NJ, was installed as the minister of Park Avenue Christian Church. David L. Kinard, minister of the St. Phillip's Church in Brooklyn, NY, brought the installation message. Presiding responsibilities were shared by Area Conference Minister Lois N. Sundeen of the United Church of Christ and Anthony Carpenter, Associate Regional Minister for the Northeastern Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS—Attorney Patricia E. Russell, Attorney/Deputy Chief for the Equal Employment Opportunity Unit of the Federal Communications Commissions in Washington, DC was the guest for Mother's Day worship services at Second Christian Church, May 14. Dr. T. Garrott Benjamin is minister.

OHIO, CINCINNATI—The 1978 Annual Spring Tea at United Church brought offerings of more than \$3,710.01. A group of division leaders, team captains and fashion show coordinators led the congregation-wide project. Dr. John R. Compton is the minister.

TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE—Titus Haynes, recently installed minister of the Bentley Street Church, was awarded his Doctor of Philosophy degree from New York University during the winter quarter February 27, 1978. He is also employed by the University of Tennessee School of Social Work.

TEXAS, HAWKINS—Dr. Emmett J. Dickson, minister of the Jarvis Christian College Church, was elected president of the Northeast Area District churches in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest.

TEXAS, FORTH WORTH—Among the principal speakers at the October assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest being held in El Paso, will be Dr. T. Garrott Benjamin, minister of Second Christian, Indianapolis. Dr. Benjamin will bring the opening worship service which sets forth the theme: "We Celebrate the Scriptures."

INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS—March 30, Dr. William W. Hannah was commissioned "A Kentucky Colonel" by Governor M. Carroll "with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities thereunto appertaining." "Colonel" Hannah is executive secretary of the Department of Evangelism and Membership Development in the Division of Homeland Ministries.

CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES—June 21, during the pre-game ceremonies for the Dodgers versus Houston Astros baseball game, Mrs. Geneva Griffin of McCarty Memorial Church was the guest soloist leading the singing of the national anthem. It was CHRISTIAN CHURCH DODGER NIGHT. Mrs. Griffin was co-chaplain of the recent Kansas city General Assembly along with her husband, Thomas. Elder Griffin is minister at McCarty Memorial Church.

OHIO, WARREN—An impressive deacon's ordination ritual was held at Third Christian for Bro. Gary Stephens recently with several lay leaders in the congregation joining Pastor Arthur E. Hill in carrying out the action. Phillippans 1:8-10 was the scriptural background for the minister's sermon on "The Need of Good Leadership."

CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES—May 7 at 3:30 p.m., Oscar Haynes, president of the National Convocation and member of 12th Street Church in Washington, DC brought the "Dedication Message" for the building restoration program of 92nd Street Christian Church. Co-Pastor Alpha P. Arnold led the ritual of dedication. Dr. C. W. Arnold is the Pastor.

President Haynes addressed a breakfast group at McCarty Memorial Church and spoke at the 11 a.m. worship service at United

Church. Ministers are Dr. Thomas Griffin of McCarty and Elder James A. Lewis of United.

ALABAMA, BIRMINGHAM—The One-Hundredth Annual Session of the Alabama Christian Missionary Convention was held at Macedonia Church June 22-25. Resource persons from the Region and General Church and Convention congregations led a "School of Faith and Life" and plenary sessions emphasizing the centennial celebration of the Convention and the theme: "Go Witness for Me."

REVIVAL AND INSTALLATION AT INDIANAPOLIS— SECOND

At the invitation of Dr. T. Garrott Benjamin and Second Christian Church of Indianapolis five national Black staff executives and two guest Black Disciples of Christ pastors led the congregation of Indianapolis in an unprecedented series of revival services June 3-7, 1978.

The series was launched by a Father-Son Banquet at the church on June 3 with Dr. Raymond Brown as the keynoter.

Sunday services were featured by sermons in the morning by Dr. William K. Fox of the General Office (8:30 worship) and Dr. William Hannah of the Department of Evangelism and Membership (11:00 worship). The day was climaxed with a highly inspirational installation and appreciation service for the Rev. Alvin O'Neal Jackson as Associate Pastor. The Rev. J. Curtis Brooks of Fifth Church in Cincinnati, Ohio and two of their chairs led a richly spiritual event.

Congregation and friends continued in the unique Pentecostal series Monday through Wednesday evenings. The Rev. Mose Laderson of Hillside Christian, Indianapolis; Dr. Enoch Henry of the Department of Evangelism and Membership; and the Rev. Ozark Range of the Department of Ministry spoke on the respective nights.

1978 SCHOOL OF FAITH & LIFE

Sponsored by the National Convocation

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AUGUST 2-6, 1978

The Convention Center
Little Rock, Arkansas

● Reactor Panel

Reactor Panel to the first of

Dr. Brooking lectures.
Rev. Delores Carpenter
Dr. Kenneth Henry
Dr. T. Garrett Benjamin
Seminar Directory

● Evangelism

Theme

"Go . . . Witness For Me"

Matthew 28:18-19, Mark 16:15

Four Maxi/mini workshops

(Larger seminars with smaller mini-sessions)

1. Evangelism/Membership
2. The Fractured Family
3. Worship
4. Christian Education . . . "Go . . . Teach"

1. A. "The Theology of Evangelism; Journey of Discovery"

Resource leader:

William W. Hannah

1. Why Evangelism?
2. Why get involved?
3. What is the Biblical Mandate?

B. "Beyond Membership-to Fellowship"

Resource leader:

Peter Morgan

1. How do you as a congregation help persons build long-lasting valued relationships in the church?
2. Do you share, and discover together?

C. "Techniques for the Planning Process:"

Resource leader:

David Vargas

1. Design of church programs
2. Basic planning steps in the development of Church programs
3. The design of work programs

D. "Mobilizing the Congregation to do Evangelism"

Resource leaders:

Enoch W. Henry, Jr.,
Anthony Carpenter

1. To enable persons to discover a simple method to aid congregations as they organize for evangelism.
2. "How to" models for "doing" evangelism.
Maxi/mini seminars

2. "The Role of Worship in Evangelism"

Resource leaders:

Frank Perry, D. W. Heath,
Mose Laderson, Cynthia
Hale, Ozark Range Sr.

Correlating: styles of
Worship

- Styles of worship
 - a. cultural
 - b. combination of contemporary and historical
- Music
- Prayer
- Sermon-Preaching

3. "Go . . . Teach" (CE:SA)

Resource leaders:

Lorenzo Evans, Raye Feltner,
Bessie Chandler, Guinn
Tuckett

- A. Knowing the Word . . . to enable persons to know the contents of the Bible and to understand their experience in light of the biblical message . . .
- B. Interpreting the Word . . . to help Christians become at home with the Bible, to understand it and its implications for their lives . . .
- C. Living the Word . . . to enable persons to participate in the life of the Christian Community and in its mission in the world as disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

D. Doing the Word . . . Based on the Awareness/Analysis/Action/Reflection

(AAAR) process, which joins participation in the mission of the Church with exploration of the biblical basis of mission. Christian Education: Shared Approached (CE:SA)-Resources from the Black Perspective-Yvonne Delk

4. "The Fractured Family"

Resource leaders:

Georgia Jones, Zola and
Claude Walker.

A discussion of the church's role in helping one-parent families adjust to their new life style. This workshop is designed to assist single heads of households, adult education leaders, pastors, education directors and other persons interested in the church's program of support to the fractured family.

A. Family Unit

1. Review of the traditional Black Family
2. Recognizing an unhealthy marriage
3. Living together for the sake of the children

B. Single Parenting

1. Adjustment period
2. Grief
3. Communication
 - a. Interacting personalities
 - b. Taking time out-structuring time
 - c. Decisions . . .

C. The Role of the Church

1. Family Week
2. Sermons on Marriage, family and divorce
3. Pastoral counseling
4. Support groups . . .

● Regular Seminars

5. "Stewardship/Finance/The Church and You"

Resource leaders:

James O. Griffin, Raymond
Brown, Ernest Newborn

1. Time
2. Talent
3. Treasure

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6. "Hey . . . Is Anybody Listening?"
Resource leaders:
Karey Gee, Loraine Pitman
Two essential parts of communication to develop and sharpen skills in dealing with family are:
 - a. Listening and being clear in the statements we make
 - b. Learning how to identify one's feelings
7. "Productive Use of Conflict"
Resource leaders:
Bess Terry, Thomas Russell, Harold Johnson
How to help groups:
 - a. Distinguish useful from useless conflict
 - b. Find the source of this energy
 - c. Avoid wasting energy
8. "The Church in the World"
Resource leaders:
Julia Brown, Ann Douglas, Rolland Pfile, Gerald Cunningham
 1. Social Justice
 2. Human Rights
 3. How the Division of Overseas Ministries (DOM) works within the Church.
9. "Let Your Light Shine"
Resource leaders:
Virgil Harris, Donald Clingan
To Explore ways of enabling older adults to share of their strengths and skills.

- To enable adults to achieve:
- a. a better self-concept
 - b. to eliminate the fear of growing older
 - c. to get involved in Church and society
 - d. to discover the variety of ways adults can continue to serve.
10. "Human Growth and Sexuality"
Resource leaders:
Janice Newborn, Frank Pitman
Using leader input, discussion and films, participants will think about and discuss:
 - a. traditional and changing roles of men and women.
 - b. the normal sexual development of the young child through adolescence.
 - c. how to share both values and sexual information to children and youth.
 - d. to clarify our own values.
 11. "Created to Be Responsible"
Resource leaders:
Delores Carpenter, Luz Bacerra, Nancy Heimer
Awareness Assertiveness Training
● **Assertive or aggressive?**
 12. "Men's Development Workshop"
Resource leaders:
Calvin Day, Elby Boosinger

- To use varied approaches to learning. The purposes are:
- a. To free men from some self imposed stereotypes.
 - b. To help men grow in understanding themselves as males and as human beings.
 - c. To help men see their developing roles are in church community in order to give full service to Christ, Church, family, community and the world.
- **Workshops for Youth**
All workshops are open to youth, however, two workshops have been scheduled based on specific concerns of youth from the survey "feedback."
13. "Lighting a Spark for Leadership"
Resource leader:
Alvin Jackson
Who am I as a Black youth in relationship to:
 - Self?
 - Family?
 - Community?
 - God?
 14. "Love/Sex From the Christian Perspective"
Resource leaders:
Patricia Clark, John Foulkes
Who am I as a sexual being:
 - As a male
 - As a female
 - In interpersonal relationships

1978 School of Faith & Life

Please mail this Enrollment card on or before **JULY 20, 1978** or bring it with you.

Attention!

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dianapolis, administrative secretary of the convocation.

The trustees, in their August 1 meeting in Little Rock, AR, will also hear a report on a proposed evangelistic program among black congregations in selected metropolitan areas.

The evangelistic program, still in its preliminary stage, is expected to be a "catalyst for cell groups for new congregations," Dr. Fox said. (**Christian Church News**)

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gation, stated, "The task is great, the time short, and the laborers few" but "to whom much is given much is required."

Second Church has more than 1500 persons on its membership rolls. It is the largest predominantly Black Disciples of Christ congregation in the U.S.A.



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20Th Anniversary for Webb

Park Manor Christian Church of Chicago, IL celebrated the 20th anniversary of its pastor, Dr. Charles H. Webb, Sr., July 9. A banquet was held at the Pick Congress Hotel.

During his 20 years' ministry at Park Manor, the congregation liquidated the \$30,000 mortgage balance on the present church building, purchased and paid for the parsonage, and remodeled the church at a cost of over a quarter million dollars. The General Church Budget has increased from \$45,750 in 1958-59 fiscal year to a projected \$135,000 for 1978-79.

Although the church was in an extremely mobile community for a critical ten years, the congregation sustained a membership of nearly 700 of the 750 who have been received into membership during the past 20 years.

Dr. Webb has served as President of the Christian Churches in Illinois and as a Disciples representative to both the Illinois Council of Churches and the Greater Church Federation. He has participated on the General Board of the Christian Church—US and Canada. He is currently a member of the Board of Trustees of the Division of Overseas Ministries and a Trustee of the Disciples Divinity House, affiliated with the University of Chicago Campus Cluster.

In 1975, he received the Outstanding Community Churchmanship Award of the Park Manor Neighbors Community Council. He is a member of the Ministers' Council of the Chicago Urban League, and has served on the Mayor's Office for Senior Citizens Advisory Council on Nutrition for four years.

Dr. Webb has written a number of articles and is co-author of "The Revealing Picture," a history of the National Christian Missionary Convention from its origin to 1958.

SEND IN STAR SUPPORTER MONEY!

With the advent of summer now upon us, our minds will gradually be turning towards Little Rock, ARK and our 1978 National Convocation of the Christian Church August 2-6. As you recall in past years, we have made a special effort at enlisting your support for the Star Supporter Scholarship Fund during this great meeting of the Church. I did not want you to forget that we will be there this year, and we are looking forward to your continued support.

As each year goes by we have been able to assist more and more young men and women who are climbing the educational ladder towards their ministry. This is

because of your unending love and generosity when the call has sounded. *Please* begin now and plan to bring your gift to Little Rock. *Please* do your level best to provide an increase in your, or your congregation's gift. And finally, *please* pray that our efforts will continue to bring strong, qualified, well educated ministry to harvest.

Most cordially yours,
Rev. Booker T. Dickason, Jr.
Star Supporter Promoter

ROSA CONTINUES

Rose Page Welch, the remarkable self-styled "Goodwill Ambassador" of the Church, continues to render her sparkling and contagious Christian witness after three generations.

April 6 was one of many examples. She was guest speaker for the Christian Women's Fellowship Dinner-Program at First Christian Church in Tulsa, OK.

Mrs. Welch, who resides both in Chicago, IL and Denver, CO, is a well-known missionary, singer, author, and world-traveler. She graduated from Southern Christian Institute (now Tougaloo College) and has received numerous honors and recognitions.

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