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Conference Call

SAN DIEGO COUNTY
ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE

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TO WITNESS FAITHFULLY AND VISIBLY TO OUR UNITY IN CHRIST

EMPHASIS ON ECUMENICITY

September 17 has been suggested as Ecumenical Conference Sunday, though congregations may choose some other time. Purpose is to bear witness to our unity in Christ and help worshippers become better informed regarding what is being done together through EC.

A FACT SHEET is available from EC for the use of clergymen preparing sermons on ecumenicity. It may be used by lay persons called upon to give brief mention of this special mission. EC offering envelopes are available for the purpose of receiving extra gifts to meet the growing needs of this work. The EC STORY in colored slides can be used for showing at church council meetings.

SUGGESTED BULLETIN ITEM

THE ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE offers congregations and judicatories the means of sharing information, coordinating programs, developing common strategies, and working together in such manners as they choose. This church invites its parishioners to give generous support to this evidence of our unity in Christ, using the special EC envelope for your gift.

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

We beseech Thee, O Lord, that Thou wilt pour out Thy spirit upon Thy church, that to its members may come new visions, new life, new fellowship with Christ, its one head. Help us to find new ways of witnessing to our unity in Christ by fellowship and celebrations with other communions. We ask Thy blessing upon the Ecumenical Conference as it seeks to create an awareness and a commitment to those tasks we can best undertake together.

Grant that we may be spiritually one, both within ourselves and among ourselves, through the grace, mercy, and tenderness of Thine only Son. Amen.

TEACHER TRAINING

Professor Lief Fearn of California State University will conduct a course on **AFFECTIVE EDUCATION** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on October 14 at La JollaUnited Methodist Church. Cost, including lunch, is $5 to be sent to the church. For further information, call Pearl Paschal (222-1956), Director of Children's Ministries for the United Methodist District.

PASTORAL EFFECTIVENESS SEMINARS

A recent research study indicates that more than 42 per cent of people with personal problems seek help first from their religious leader. The Rev. Arthur G. Elcombe, Diplomate in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, is offering two seminars for ordained persons seeking to increase their understanding and skill as counselors. Because of his accreditation, supervision received in these seminars can be used towards qualifying for membership in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors.

Mondays, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Sept. 18 to Dec.4

DEVELOPING PERSONAL POTENTIAL
in Pastoral Counseling

Fridays, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Sept.15 to Dec.8

CLINICAL SUPERVISION
in Pastoral Counseling

Former will focus on use of pastor's own personality as a counseling resource. Latter will offer in depth understanding of the presenting problem in relationship to selected goals and methods. Enrollment will be limited to 6 for each and will be held at 2830 Fourth Avenue, where he is in private practice.

For information on costs of registration, call 298-8339.

OUR COUNTY FOR CHRIST

KEY 73 EXPOSURE will be offered by EC
Sunday, October 15 at 8:00 P.M.
First Baptist Church
930 Tenth Ave., San Diego

While this program of evangelism urges each congregation to participate in its own way, community impact will be increased by con-current or cooperative programs.

Planning committees are being organized on three levels: 1) by local congregations; 2) by judicatories; and 3) by communities. North Park churches are already planning a survey to ascertain church background of every resident family.

WHO'S IN CHARGE?

Persons taking leadership in evangelism on these

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THE REVEREND LESLIE J. ATKINSON

The new chairman of the **CHURCH PLANNING COMMITTEE** has worked with this group since it took over comity allocations from the Southern California Council of Churches two years ago. Judicatory executives meet monthly to share information on future plans for church development and explore areas of cooperation. Les Atkinson headed the four team building sessions held last spring at the Benedictine retreat center in Clairemont.

Dr. C. Richard Shanor heads the Rancho San Diego Task Force coordinating plans for delivery of human services. **Rev. Casper Glenn** is chairman of the Committee for Cooperative Ministries in RSD where seven judicatories have entered into a covenant of cooperation.

Les Atkinson is a campus minister. Since graduating from McCormick Seminary he has served on behalf of the United Presbyterian Church at University of Arizona in Tucson UCLA, and for 6 years at UCSD. He has been a prominent leader in developing a master plan for University City. He is now completing his master's degree at USC on social ethics and medicine and has plans for earning his doctorate.

Former chairman of Church Planning was the Rev. John D. Russell, the former pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church and District Dean for the Lutheran Church in America. Russell has been succeeded as Dean by the Rev. Earl Lusk of the Church of the Incarnation in Poway.

ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES

During the summer many significant cooperative projects were undertaken, such as the continuing Summer Ministries of the Christian, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches. Oceanside-Carlsbad churches and civic groups conducted two week camp for underprivileged at Mission San Luis Rey. North Park churches had joint family night and vacation school. Gethsemane Lutheran and UCC Church in Mission Village held joint worship services. SOFA project of La Jolla churches received excellent write up in L.A.Times. UCC and United Presbyterian churches are calling a minister for United Church of Mira Mesa. These denominations now have same journal called A.D. 1972 with first issue published in September.

METRO recently held open house for NUESTRA CASA, a residence for women ex-offenders at 4833 Mt. Ararat in Clairemont. Dr. Henry Gaylor will head new counseling service to be offered in 8 churches throughout the County. Vann Anderson is being retained as consultant for fund raising. Rev. John Hurtado reports rising demands for services from Spanish speaking clients at Hidalgo Center, recently opened by the Catholic Diocese.

INVOCATIONS for County and City legislative bodies are being arranged for September by Rev. Eldon Seibold who heads the American Baptist Ministerial Fellowship. What judicatory will be responsible for October?

EC membership application has been received from St. John's AME Zion Church, a new mission being organized by EC Board member James W. McIlwaine. Since the Rev. Dr. Vincent Waiches has been transferred to a Catholic parish in Riverside, EC Board is looking for his replacement on S.D.Commission on Aging and the Adult Protective Services Board.

IN MEMORIAM

MOURNING THE MURDER OF 11 ISRAELI MEN AT MUNICH, WE ASK THAT GOD MAY MEND THE WARPED MINDS OF ALL TERRORISTS BEFORE THEY STRIKE.

MORE PLANNING

Hard working group during past month has been the **SOCIAL SERVICES task force for the Rancho San Diego project.** To prepare a proposal for HUD (Housing and Urban Development), EC has retained Ron Green as part-time consultant. He is Director of Program Services for the S.D. Children's Home Association. To assist him in meeting October 1 deadline, Sharon Fitzpatrick has been working full time. In June she received her Master's degree in Social Work at California State University after serving 8 years with the Probation Department.

Left to right: Robert Lippert, Director of Boys and Girls Aid Society; Leonard Depew, County Human Resources Agency; Ron Green; Sharon Fitzpatrick; and John Robbins, United Community Services.

OUR COUNTY FOR CHRIST, (continued)

different levels will profit from the meeting October 15 and are urged to attend.

October 15 meeting will offer materials available, show Key 73 film, and suggest those parts of the program offering opportunities for cooperation. This will be a strategy meeting to learn what churches want and how EC can help.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMISSION
MEETING AUGUST 28, 1972

Vice Chairman Mitchell Prior called meeting to order in the absence of Father Leo Davis. Rev. Terence Lynberg was welcomed as a representative of the Episcopal Diocese. Bob Amann reported on his work representing EC on the County Juvenile Protection Committee.

Dr. Edward Burn and Cynthia Challberg will be asked to prepare a position statement on the Tijuana Slough for September meeting.

Schoolmen Eugene Platten and Gladden Boaz noted tragic increase in racial segregation in San Diego Schools. Administration has ignored advocacy of MORE EFFECTIVE SCHOOL PLAN that has worked in New York and other places by maximizing local involvement.

Melba Margolis stressed importance of preparing testimony for hearing that may be held in San Diego Sept. 14 by State Board of Education to prepare guidelines defining ethnic balance in schools as required by the Bagley Bill. Position favored would allow maximum of 15 per cent variance in any single school from the ethnic proportion throughout the district. Same should apply to balance in school faculties and staffs. She urged support of CAUSE (Californians against unequal schools in education) which is being organized to oppose proposition 21 on the November ballot which prohibits bussing and would nullify the Bagley Bill.

Twenty-two issues on November ballot were reviewed briefly to select those of particular concern to churchmen. On the basis of EC positions this would support schools, open space, coast line protection, and housing for poor and aged. NO votes were urged on No. 17 to restore capital punishment; No. 21 to oppose school integration; and No. 22 to cripple farm labor unionization efforts. These matters are to be brought to the Board on September 21.

Gladden Boaz urged financial support for Minority Counseling Service at 4645 Market Street (263-2700). Group agreed to investigate need for better counseling and job service for Vietnam veterans.

MITCHELL PRIOR represents the United Church of Christ Association on the Social Concerns Commission. Besides being its former Moderator, he is now Treasurer. He was Moderator of the La Mesa UCC Church immediately following its formation from a union of two UCC churches. His daughter, Beverly, was a member of the popular folk group: The United People. Prior came to San Diego in 1943 and is now branch manager for Corporation Counseling Service.

MONEY MATTERS

August was a good month for church giving, making the summer slump bearable. As of September 1st, giving by judicatories against a budget of $30,000 was as follows:

Advent Christian	$ 94.00
Catholic	$1,950.00
Christian (Disciples)	$ 530.00
Church of the Brethren	$ 80.00
Episcopal	$1,022.00
Lutheran	$ 845.00
United Church of Christ	$1,420.00
United Methodist	$1,981.55
United Presbyterian	$1,372.00

For 1973 judicatories are being asked to increase their giving by 25%, either from member or non-member congregations. This will help to meet the extra costs of Key 73 programs.

ECUMENICAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING SEPTEMBER 5th

Under new chairman, Fr. Kenneth Treat, decision was made to focus on interpretation and celebration of the Eucharist, Holy Communion, Mass, or the Lord's Supper. At meetings held monthly at 10 a.m. in the Ecumenical Center of USD, a representative of a communion will make a presentation to be followed by an evening celebration.

Ms. Jackie Williams, District President of the Christian Church, will give her presentation October 3 with the celebration to be held at 7:30 p.m. on October 22, place to be announced.

Plans were reviewed for Key 73 meeting on October 15 at which Fr. Treat will preside, assisted by Rev. Ralph Johnson and Mel Harter. Fr. William Gold was welcomed back after a year of study at Fordham University in New York. He is assigned to San Diego Mission de Alcala and working with the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

President Betty Baker (rear row left) held meeting of CWU Executive Council in her home September 1. Agenda included encouraging observance of Ecumenical Conference Sunday. Tri City Church Women United includes Oceanside, Carlsbad, and Vista. Ms. Ruth Lane is Area Chairman.

CONFERENCE CALENDAR

NEWS DEADLINE is first of each month.

SEPTEMBER

18 – Yom Kippur
21 – at 10 a.m. – CHURCH PLANNING at EC
21 – at 7:30 p.m. – BOARD OF DIRECTORS at EC
22 – at 7:30 p.m. at La Mesa United Church of Christ – CFM (Christian Family Movement) Kickoff. Guest speaker: Jim Mahoney, Marriage Counselor.
25 – at 7:30 p.m. – SOCIAL CONCERNS at 1st Lutheran
30 – from 8 p.m. – YOUTH NIGHT at Sea World with reduced rates. Call Catholic Youth Dept. (235–6347). Dancing to music of Solid Brass.

FIESTA DEL ECUMENICO, tentatively scheduled for Sept. 30 has been postponed until Spring.

OCTOBER

11 – CLERGY CLUB luncheon in President Dining Room, Desales Hall at USD. Sharing vacation experiences and planning for new year.
13 – POLICY & PROCEDURE COMMITTEE luncheon at EC
19 – CHURCH PLANNING at EC
19 – at 7:30 p.m. – BOARD OF DIRECTORS at EC
22 – World Order Sunday
25 – HOUSE OF HAPPINESS – KWTV at 6:55 a.m. weekdays showing significant Catholic social services. Other judicatories are invited to screen their programs with Ruth White (465–3775).
29 – YOUTH SUNDAY
29 – CHURCH WORLD SERVICE Collection Sunday. Assistance was given in Pennsylvania floods.

L. T. Village night news 1st & not on night

MARCELLINE (MAR) WHELAN will be answering the phone and generally in charge at EC office during the next month. Marie Lint will be traveling to Canada, France and Germany and will attend the International Wild Water Fowl Association meeting in Shimbledge, England with her husband Kenton C.Lint, Curator of Birds at the S.D.Zoo.

Assisting Ms. Whelan with Audio Visual Library and office work on a temporary basis will be Ms. Phyllis Hyatt.

FORM FOR YOUR GENERAL BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to the San Diego County Ecumenical Conference, incorporated February 15, 1970 in the State of California, the sum of $..... for the general purposes of its work.

FORM FOR YOUR DESIGNATED BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to the San Diego County Ecumenical Conference, incorporated February 15, 1970 in the State of California, the sum of ..... for *(indicate purpose)*.

BE A BELIEVER

Help spread this ecumenical message by using and getting others to use these 3" x 12" bumper stickers – the easy-to-get-off kind. They are available at EC office for 50¢. Interested organizations may sell them for $1.

This is a project of the Special Events Committee headed by Julia Schilling. A friend of the Conference has loaned money for original cost of project from which EC might make a little profit!

GOD GETS IT ALL TOGETHER

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