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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

Resource Mobilization

President Ralph Johnson announced the appointment of Dr. R. Carroll Cannon as Chairman of the Committee on Financial Resources at the October 19 Board meeting. "EC is fortunate to have the leadership of the prominent community leader, churchman, and educator who has been a strong supporter of ecumenism since coming to San Diego in 1958. All of us must give him our full support in our endeavors to bring together persons who will help to provide adequate financing for this pioneering work within our community."

Last June, Dr. Cannon, Provost of the California Western Campus of USIU, was chosen Man of the Year in Education by the American Association of University Professors. Before coming to San Diego he combined study and teaching with serving Church of Christ pastorates while earning degrees from Harding College in Arkansas, Pepperdine College in Los Angeles, and a Doctorate in Education from New York University in 1953. While serving the Mito Church of Christ, as Vice President of Ibaraki Christian College he headed development of the first junior college in post-war Japan. His wife, Dr. Nona Cannon, is Professor of Child Development and Family Life at California State U.

Keeping God's Earth Good

Dr. Harvey Cox, Harvard Professor of Theology and author, will head a panel of notables concerned with development of a new environmental ethic at the First United Methodist Church in San Diego December 1 to 3. Saturday session beginning at 9 a.m. will feature Dr. Gary Herbertson, UM representative to the first worldwide environmental conference in Stockholm last June and John Merrell of the Regional Environmental Protection Agency.

Dr. Warren Johnson, Associate Professor of Geography at California State University, will speak on PROBLEMS OF GROWTH at the opening session Friday at 7:30 p.m. Other local participants will be Supervisor Jack Walsh, Ms. Diane Barlow of Citizen's Coordinate, and Mike Walsh of Common Cause. Admission will be by donation.

GOALS FOR 1973

The central purpose of the ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE is encouragement of inter church cooperation that gives visibility to our unity in Christ and proclaims His Lordship in all aspects of life:

- Assisting with KEY 73 programs, including youth outreach.
- Increasing use of communication media for proclamation.
- Adding current materials to its Audio Visual Library.
- Sharing insights on the varied meanings of the Eucharist and Lord's Supper.
- Preparing for innovative delivery of human services to new communities.
- Reducing costs of church sites by joint negotiations with developers.
- Lessening building costs by sharing facilities.
- Strengthening advocacy role of religious community in such areas as the war on poverty, ecology, balanced housing, minority jobs, and rehabilitation programs.
- Coordinating and extending services for the aging and handicapped.
- Providing information and referral services for the religious community.

Realization of these goals will depend on empowerment by the Holy Spirit, volunteer leadership, commitment to ecumenicity, and MONEY.

Thanksgiving Appeal

Render thanks to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ at all times and for all things.
—Ephesians 5:20

Paul urges us to be continuously grateful. In addition, to have a special day for THANKSGIVING can be very meaningful. Let us thank God for THE FAITH OF OUR FATHERS, our heritage of freedom, our hope for peace, and our belief in ecumenism.

This is a fitting time for us to show our appreciation for the ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE. Readers of THE CALL are aware of the multiplicity of indispensable tasks it performs on behalf of our churches and our communities. It is continually challenging us to show forth the love of Christ by working together.

EC has received considerable publicity recently for its leadership in KEY 73 as well as church and community planning. How well it carries through on these responsibilities and other opportunities will depend on our gifts, both as churches and as individuals.

The Lord loves a cheerful giver, and so do I.

RALPH B. JOHNSON
President

Sharon (front center) and Tony Albers, District Chair Couple for Christian Family Movement recently hosted chair couples for the area. Here seen examining new study guide, GROWTH IN THE LIVING WORD, are (rear row left) Dick Six (274-3199) of Clairemont-Mira Mesa, Oscar Butman (271-7019) of Mira Mesa, Shirley and Tom Kenney (487-4944) of Poway, and (front left) Dori Six. For information on this inter-denominational couples club, call the Albers (East S.D.) at 284-4355.

Calling to Repentance

Congregations will emphasize this theme for KEY 73 during the rest of this year, committing themselves to participate separately, concurrently, or cooperatively. The October 15 'exposure" at First Baptist Church was well attended. EC outline of **Ecumenical Opportunities** was distributed. Ministerial associations in at least 12 areas are considering strengthening the impact of **Proclamation** by means of cooperation.

Where neighborhood KEY 73 programs are presently being undertaken, ecumenical coordinating committees are being formed. Sub-committees are needed for scheduling celebrations, youth outreach, and publicity. Fall is the time suggested for evaluating community needs and formulating plans for joint church action.

Call to Prayer

From Christmas to Epiphany individuals or groups are called to concurrent prayer. January 7–8 is LAUNCH WEEK END when individuals and congregations covenant to work to win disciples for Christ during the ensuing months. There will be a special TV broadcast over national networks. One goal is to place Scriptures (Luke–Acts) in every San Diego County home.

EC will endeavor to provide a clearing house for information regarding ecumenical KEY 73 programs. Committee on **Publicity and Proclamation** will hold a workshop on use of the media in early December. This will be for those in charge of local publicity and those willing to contact County media to make sure KEY 73 releases from St. Louis are scheduled.

KEY NEWS

Christian Churches (Disciples) held evangelism conference Oct. 28–29 with Dr. Keith Watkins. **Downtown San Diego Churches** are forming a lay council. **Clairemont Churches** are mobilizing to meet community need for information and referral center. **North Park Churches** are planning religious census in November. **United Methodist Churches** held evangelism workshop Oct. 29. **Luke-Acts Study** will be led by Dr. Hans Dieter of Claremont School of Theology at 7 p.m. March 11, 18, and 25 at Wesley United Methodist Church. **First United Presbyterian Church** offers instruction in personal evangelism first week of April. **Share The Treasures** was theme for La Jolla women meeting at All Hallows Catholic Church Oct. 17. Several churches are planning joint Christmas musical programs.

OTHER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

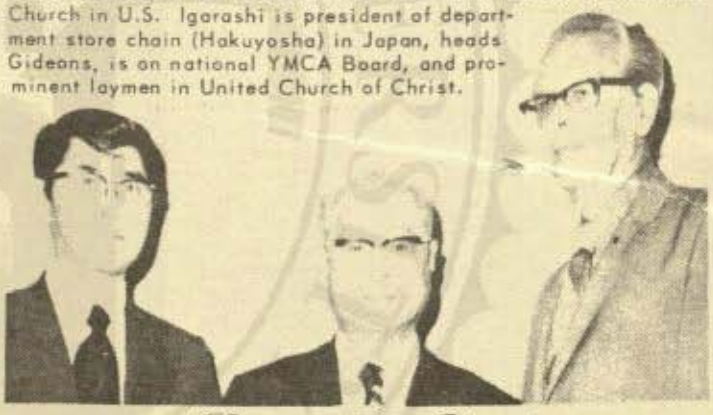
Exploration of Human Potential will be offered daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 14–16 at La Mesa United Methodist Church. The Rev. Keith Mitchell of Greater Parish Ministries will open Tuesday session. Discussions dealing with personal fulfillment, innovative family life, and worship will be led by Dr. William McGraw, Dr. Herbert Otto, Kathryn Truesdale, and Dr. A.J.Lewis. Information: 466–4163.

U.S. and Soviet Woman Power is the subject for 10 to 3 session in the Humanities Library, Revelle Campus at UCSD on Dec. 2. Among speakers to be honored at buffet reception that evening are Marii Hasagawa, U.S.President of WILPF; Xenia Proskurnikova, Soviet Women's Committee; and Clarie Collins Harvey, National President of CWU. Call 453-2000 (2061) for information.

CONVENTION ON SUICIDE PREVENTION

Clergy, professionals, and trained volunteers in this field are invited to Dec. 7–9 conference at Vacation Village. Representatives of the religious community speaking at 9 a.m. opening session will be Fr. Edward Brockhaus, Rabbi Morton Cohn, Dr. Warren Burgess, Mel Harter, and Rev. Charles Zimbelman. For registration information, call the County Mental Health, 236–3537.

Rev. Minoru Fukuda of Oceanview UCC Church brought Tokeo Igarashi to EC office for visit with Mel Harter Oct. 27. Guest had come from Japan for celebration of 95th Anniversary of Japanese Church in U.S. Igarashi is president of department store chain (Hakuyosha) in Japan, heads Gideons, is on national YMCA Board, and prominent laymen in United Church of Christ.



Save the Date

January 28, 1973 at 7 p.m. is the time for ANNUAL MEETING of EC Assembly, First United Methodist, S.D. Committee on Ecumenical Relations will welcome program suggestions. (They invite interested persons to Eucharist celebration and Episcopal explanation by Rev. Kenneth Treat in All Saints' Church at 7:30 p.m. November 26.)

In preparation for this Assembly meeting, congregations should name 5 delegates, including at least one youth. However, their eligibility to vote depends on payment of EC dues (at least 50¢ per giving unit) before Dec. 31, 1972.

Chairman Wendy Holman of the Nominating Committee welcomes suggestions for new Board members from church delegate lists, particularly minority persons. Year-round participation of delegates in working units of EC is to be encouraged: Ecumenical Relations, Social Concerns, Publicity, and Youth Council.

The Board wishes to express appreciation to those congregations setting aside Sundays for special EC information programs, showing the film to church councils, or receiving special offerings. (Offering from one amounted to $131!) For those still planning an EC Sunday, special bulletins are available with church imprint for $2 per 100.

DR. T. A. RAEDEKE, national executive of KEY 73 from St. Louis, addressing leaders at EC Oct. 28 told of rapid growth of participation across nation. RESOURCE GUIDE for congregations, temporarily not available, is being re-run for a total of 200,000 copies.

The Rev. DONALD SHELBY of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, will lead discussion on the efficacy of prayer at CLERGY CLUB LUNCHEON in Rose Room at USD on Tues., Dec. 12. How important are ritual invocations at public meetings? Should prayers be offered IN THE NAME OF CHRIST when non-Christians are present?

Miscellany

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN PEOPLE GIVE UP CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER is title of an 8 minute 16mm film added to EC Library. Like others, this is free to member congregations. It will be screened at Social Concerns meeting at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 27 at EC. Speaker that evening will be from ADVOCATES which offers prepaid legal services.

INTERFAITH HOUSING FOUNDATION dedicated second housing complex Oct. 30 with Lionel Van Deerlin as speaker. Delta Arms, located at 43rd and Delta Sts., has 22 units designed principally for elderly and low income families . . . . **METRO** has opened its second Legal Clinic at 3345 Adams Ave. with volunteer attorneys and USIU law students offering free service to low income individuals.

County office requests assistance of churches in getting word to all VETERANS, those receiving benefits, or who think they should, that annual income questionnaire must be completed and returned before Jan. 15 – call 236–2223). . . . . Free course in printing skills is now available at Ramona High School 789-1142. . . . . To purchase used printing equipment call 443–1751 . . . . . To sell newspapers for recycling call 233–5209 . . . . . To offer Christmas gifts to some of 13,000 troubled persons supervised by Probation Dept. call VIP at 279–4100 . . . . . To offer Christmas baskets to needy families call SA at 239–8027 . . . . . Speakers are available for church programs from Project Concern (235-6411, American Civil Liberties Union (223–3863), and INDIAN MINISTRY (286–8080).

The Rev. Dr. William MacInnes has retired from his pastorate at College Park UP Church, but will continue to serve on the EC Board. He has been a servant of ecumenicity during his 19 years in San Diego . . . . . EC wishes to express its sympathy to the family of **Charles Theuer** upon his death Oct. 28. He was treasurer of the Council of Churches for many years.

EC Board Report

Oct. 19, 1972

Among the guests introduced was the Rev. John Worthington, minister of the United Church of Mira Mesa now meeting at 8956 Libra Drive. This is a joint project of the United Presbyterian Church and the United Church of Christ.

Treasurer Heber Pitman reported that expenditures exceeded receipts for September by $346. It is hoped that congregations will bring their giving up to or beyond that of 1971 before Dec.31, 1972. Dr. R. Carroll Cannon has been asked to head the Financial Resources Committee.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Commission Chairman Mitchell Prior read a letter from absent member Robert Ekhaml concerning his conversation with Sheriff Duffy regarding Honor Camp operations. Chaplain William Mundt and former felon James Pope, now employed to handle Community Relations, also discussed this department which endeavors to prepare convicted persons for return to community life. The Board endorsed the following statement:

The justice and mercy of God make for dual concerns—the protection of society and the rehabilitation of lawbreakers, preparing them for meaningful participation in community life after their release from custody. Because of the special skills and motivation required for rehabilitation programs, the Ecumenical Conference urges the Board of Supervisors to oppose any proposal to transfer supervision of the Honor Camps from the Human Resources Agency to another, such as Law and Justice.

It was also agreed that because of the particularly significant role of County institutional chaplains as advocates for innovation and servants of persons with problems, these professionals should be carefully chosen, adequately compensated, and their staffs expanded.

PROTECTION OF THE TIJUANA SLOUGH

UCSD student Cynthia Challberg reported on her four-year study of this estuary, showing some of her colored slides. The Rev. Dr. James Edward Burn of the Nestor United Methodist Church and member of the International Border Park Foundation emphasized the importance of the Slough to conservation and park concerns in that area. The following action was approved:

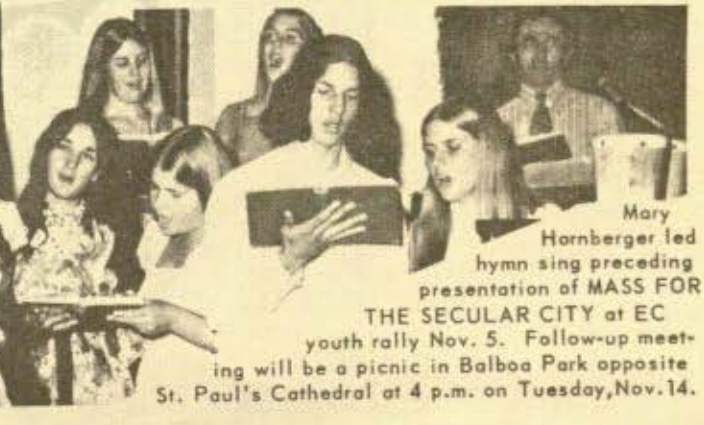
That endorsement be given to the recommendations of the State Resources Agency, the County Planning Organization, and the City Planning Department that the Tijuana Slough should be preserved in its natural state because this estuary is a valuable natural attraction and an educational and scientific asset to the community. It has one of the finest salt marshes along the California Coast and is an important breeding area for birds and fish.

Endorsement was also given to the court case of Carlin et al charging the San Diego City Schools with failure to correct de facto segregation.

President Ralph Johnson reported that the experience with the Inter Faith Convention Task Force has resulted in securing appointments by judicatories and religious agencies to the Social Concerns Commission. Ways are being explored to coordinate the work of Christian and Jewish communities in this area.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Four judicatories have entered into conversations regarding methods of providing a cooperative ministry to University City. . . . . MEALS ON WHEELS has been expanded to serve 40 shutins residing in Hillcrest area. . . . Participation of ethnic groups is being invited for FOLK FAIRE , Fall of 1973,during "Finest City Week." . . . . . Sales of EC bumper stickers have covered costs and can now show a profit as more are sold. . . . . Chinese Community Church has been chosen for the Board meeting and dinner at 7 p.m. on February 15, 1973.



Mary Hornberger led hymn sing preceding presentation of MASS FOR THE SECULAR CITY at EC youth rally Nov. 5. Follow-up meeting will be a picnic in Balboa Park opposite St. Paul's Cathedral at 4 p.m. on Tuesday,Nov.14.

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North Park ministers work on plans for religious census during November: Vincent McGarney of St. Patrick's Catholic, David Gallop of Plymouth Congregational, Norlan Hanson of Our Savior's Lutheran, Louis Gransee of North Park Community Advent Christian, Jack Graves of St. Luke's Episcopal, and L. H. Gustafson of Christ United Methodist.

CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Meetings are held at EC office unless otherwise noted

NOVEMBER

14 – CLERGY CLUB LUNCHEON at Rose Room, USD
14 – YOUTH COUNCIL PICNIC in Balboa Park opposite St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 4 p.m. Sack supper.
16 – CHURCH PLANNING at 10 a.m.
16 – EC BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 7:30 p.m.
19 – NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK begins.
23 – UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICES with offerings for EC.
26 – EUCHARIST OBSERVANCE AND CELEBRATION at 7:30 p.m. All Saints' Episcopal Church with Fr. Kenneth Treat.
27 – SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMISSION, 7:30

DECEMBER

5 – ECUMENICAL RELATIONS at 10 a.m., USD Ecumenical Center
8 – POLICY AND PROCEDURE COMMITTEE luncheon.
11 – CHAPLAINS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE at 5 p.m.
12 – CLERGY CLUB luncheon in Rose Room at USD.
21 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS at 7:30 p.m.
25 – CHRISTMAS DAY starting noon prayer call for KEY 73

JANUARY

6-7 – LAUNCH WEEK END for KEY 73
28 – EC ANNUAL MEETING

DEADLINE FOR NEWS IS FIRST OF EACH MONTH

LOOK AND LISTEN

RELIGION IN THE NEWS on KFMB-AM by Rev. Clifford Fugate Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

HOUSE OF HAPPINESS on KGTV weekdays at 6:55 a.m. by Ruth White (465-3775).

DIRECTIONS on Channel 6, Sundays, 7 a.m.

LOOK UP AND LIVE on Channel 2 Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

LET THERE BE LIGHT on Sundays, Ch.8, 8 a.m.

THE FAMILY GAME will have a special on spiritual struggle of a young minister on Channel 15 Nov. 14 at 7 p.m.

Call May Lose Its Voice

This issue of the CONFERENCE CALL goes to 1700 church leaders, public officials, and the media. Its purpose is to encourage giving visibility to our unity in Christ and to keep people informed of EC concerns.

KEY 73 program of cooperative evangelism with a special youth emphasis makes this message of particular importance during the coming year.

Publishing THE CALL costs $2,000 a year, the amount that must be received from additional gifts during 1972, if it is to continue as the voice of EC.

Pledges of monthly gifts of $10, $5, $1 are needed. Hopefully, every reader will give something NOW.

A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

– R. Carroll Cannon

PETER DRENTH displays KEY 73 materials available from World Home Bible League (Box 1423, Escondido) at EC meeting October 15 in First Baptist Church.

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