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Conference Call

SAN DIEGO COUNTY
ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE

PHONE 232-6385

TO WITNESS FAITHFULLY AND VISIBLY TO OUR UNITY IN CHRIST

Give us, O God, the vision which can see Thy love
In the world in spite of human failure.
Give us the faith to trust the goodness
In spite of our ignorance and weakness.
Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray
With understanding hearts.
And show us what each one of us can do to set forward
The coming of the day of universal peace. Amen.

-First Prayer from Space
Apollo 8, Christmas Eve, 1968

EC is a multitude of people dedicated to our unity in Christ who give of themselves in many ways. On behalf of our staff and president, I want to say THANK YOU and may we together have a meaningful new year.

Peace and shalom.

Mel Harter

For another year William Paine of The North Light Gallery (276-4177) has donated his services to EC for developing and custom printing of all pictures appearing in THE CALL.

SENIOR LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

A coalition of senior adult agencies of churches, City, County, California State University, and EC will hold a conference on national and State bills pending on

Tuesday, January 16 from 10 to 3
Balboa Park Club (next to Puppet Theater)

Recommendations will be forwarded to the Third Annual Senior Legislative Rally in Sacramento February 13. For

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ANNUAL EC ASSEMBLY

Sunday, January 28, 1973 at 7 p.m.
First United Methodist Church in San Diego

Celebration of our unity in Christ will be the worship theme climaxing this gathering of delegates. Business will be kept to a minimum. Event will highlight opportunities for ecumenical involvement.

Program is being planned by Clark Plummer, Julia Schilling, and Mel Harter. Worship service is being prepared by Ralph Johnson, Monica Clark, Herbert Lazenby, and Mike Milch. Congregations that have fulfilled their financial commitments to EC for 1972 will be entitled to 5 delegates (including at least one youth) plus clergy.

Date for annual meeting was originally set to be part of the WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY. Theme this year is "Lord, teach us to pray." Materials are available from EC office.

Are You Ready?
KEY 73 LAUNCH JANUARY 7

Ministerial Associations and Church Women United are taking leadership to carry out cooperative programs suggested in *Resource Book* (available at EC). Areas of the County should now have inter-church committees on celebrations, Scripture distribution, youth outreach, and issues for action. The first phase *Calling for Repentance during 1972* is a time for developing a strategy for churches to deal with the unmet human needs in their neighborhoods.

Ringing church bells is one means of calling attention to the NOON CALL TO PRAYER. This begins with family prayers on Christmas and continues through LAUNCH Sunday on Epiphany. Christians everywhere at noon each day covenant together to pause for one minute of prayer. Prayer partnerships are encouraged, particularly with people from other churches. Some will communicate for prayer by phone. Pray for *Repentance*, both individual and social, to let Christ in wherever he is now shut out of life.

CALLING TO THE WORD

Scripture distribution and study of Luke-Acts is the emphasis of Phase 2 that begins with the LAUNCH on Epiphany. According to the American Bible Society, 7 out of 8 Christians today do not own a Bible. Samples of ABS supplies for Key 73 are available at EC office.

EC is informed of two ecumenical LAUNCH programs on January 7 at 7 p.m.: Rolando United Methodist and Central Christian Church. National broadcast on *Calling Our Continent to Christ* will be carried January 6 on KGTV at 7:30 p.m.

San Diego Central City clergy are assuming significant leadership for Key 73 launch, seeking cooperation from

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EC Board Report

FOR NOVEMBER 16

President Ralph Johnson introduced new members Paula Browning, youth representative from Pacific Beach United Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Dr. Herbert Lazenby, Episcopal Community Service Executive; and other guests. Jeanne Gehan told of her work as a nurse for Project Concern in Appalachia. PC is completing a children's hospital in Tijuana as an extension of Casa de Todos, launched 20 years ago by the Council of Churches.

A letter of appreciation was received from Dr. William MacInnes for EC participation in his retirement celebration. Rad Sutnar of A.C. Martin Associates reported on paper he presented in Boston to American Institute of Planners keynoting the role of EC in bringing together public and private human services for Rancho San Diego planning. Membership of Poway Community Church was approved with mention that Mel Harter concludes his interim ministry there on November 26.

Statement of Council of Churches in Southern California protesting Soviet restrictions on Jewish emigration was shared. Cesar Chavez expressed appreciation for offering of $61. Endorsement was given to TIME MANAGEMENT Workshop for ministers to be offered by World Vision. Board meeting February 15 will be a dinner at 7 p.m. in the Chinese Community Church.

FINANCES

Dr. R. Carroll Cannon reported on plans for the Century Club of donors contributing $100. President Johnson spoke of clergy from each judicatory responsible for membership and financial support. CONFERENCE CALL in January will carry list of congregations contributing at least 50¢ per family that will be entitled to delegates to the Assembly meeting January 28. Individual donors will also be listed. Budget Committee recommendation for 1973 expenditures of $25,000 was approved for action by Assembly.

Charge for addressing service available to member congregations, judicatories, government, and United Community Service agencies will be increased to 2¢ per name.

CHURCH PLANNING

Chairman Les Atkinson has arranged for meetings with City planning officials December 21 and County January 18. Purpose will be to discuss procedures for meeting church land requirements in developing areas.

Approval was given to joining the Balanced Housing Coalition and to the following positions statement:

> Believing that housing opportunities have a primary influence on life style and access to human services; and
> Being opposed to barriers that separate or isolate people from equal opportunities for inter action; therefor
> THE ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE urges that the County and cities of San Diego County should use planning, zoning, and building permit powers to require that, in addition to the requirement that essential services and parks be available, that "balance" be made possible by mandating facilities and prices designed to attract a mix of age, income, and ethnic groups.

PROGRAM AREAS

Mike Milch reported that about 200 attended the Youth Sunday celebration Oct. 29. Youth Council plans to have other celebrations and rap sessions on SHARING OUR FAITH in different areas of the County.

ECUMENICAL RELATIONS will plan for the Annual Assembly at its meeting January 2 at 10 a.m. Meeting in February will resume interpretations of The Lord's Supper. On February 25 the observance of the Eucharist will be scheduled.

PUBLICITY AND PROCLAMATION requests people to write TV Channel 10 to get "Insight" series back for showing at 9 a.m. Sundays. EC fact sheet and bulletin cover was distributed for local church use. Fr. Leo Davis resigned as Convener for SOCIAL CONCERNS and Mitchell Prior was elected as his successor.

THE WIDOWED TO THE WIDOWED PROGRAM

Endoresement was given to this program outlined the week before by Ms. Helen Antoniak. Volunteers are recruited to be supportive and consult with recently widowed. Besides a 24 hour hot line, assistance is offered with legal, financial, medical, social, emotional, and spiritual problems. Mailing address is 13133 Julian Ave., Lakeside 92040. Phone 291–7900.

CLERGY CLUB is headed by the Rev. John Atwood of Pacific Beach United Methodist Church, here seen with Msgr. John Portman and Rabbi Joel Goor at recent luncheon. This inter-religious dialogue that meets monthly on second Tuesday in Rose Room of USD is jointly sponsored by EC and NCCJ. Subject Jan. 9 will be "Tithes and Offerings; Campaigns and Stewardship," in other words: MONEY FOR CONGREGATIONS – and EC!

At the December meeting Rabbi Joel Goor reported on his trip to Russia. He was there this month as part of a national delegation to confer with officials regarding the plight of Soviet Jews.

ARE YOU READY? (cont.)

media and public officials. Second meeting of steering committee will be held at First Presbyterian Church at 5:30 p.m. on January 4. They will be joined at 7:30 by clergy throughout the County interested in assisting with plans for the LAY INSTITUTE FOR EVANGELISM to be held there April 1–8.

MEDIA WORKSHOP January 4

Ecumenical programs are more newsworthy IF you know how to reach the media. Sister Monica Clark, who heads Publicity and Proclamation, is offering a media workshop for Key 73 and all church news writers with assistance from Marguerite Sullivan, religion editor for the S.D. Union. This will also be at First Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p.m. in the Session Room on Fourth Ave. (Enter by fire escape.)

EC YOUTH LAUNCH January 20

Pray to Pass is the theme for picnic to be held on Saturday from 11–3 in South Clairemont Park opposite St. Mark's United Methodist Church, which will be used in case of rain. Bring sack lunch and drinks or money.

Following recreation and lunch there will be rap sessions on sharing faith and witnessing. Closing vespers will honor Martin Luther King with theme observing *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.*

High School youth from each participating church should have representative attend final planning session January 10 at 4:30 p.m. at Mel Harter's, 3068 Lloyd St.

MARY DORR of the Women's Activities Department, American Bible Society, conducted workshops on "Let the Word Speak" (Nov. 29) at University Christian Church. ABS has prepared special materials for Key 73 at cost for the Scripture distribution program.

Nine Russians attending International Women's League for Peace and Freedom Dec. 2 at UCSD were offered copies of the newly translated Russian Bible. Gifts were refused because they would have no use for them.

EC CONCERNS

High demand for Christmas films is necessitating hand delivery. KEY 73 film is also popular in use. Only 50¢ handling charge is made to EC members. EC welcomes suggestion for purchase of new films for library.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

Navy League requests that EC head plans for civic peace celebration; San Diego planners recommendation for preservation of Tijuana Slough; CWS apology for delayed pickups and appreciation for contributions; and Senator John Tunney lament that welfare reform was not enacted.

CONGRATULATIONS AND COMMENDATION:

To the United Jewish Federation for including EC in its celebration of Israel's 25th Anniversary; to S.D.First Methodist Church for starting a church school class for mentally or physically retarded children at 11 a.m. Dec. 3; To Bob Ekhaml for his work with the deaf at St. Therese Catholic Church; to the 5 churches starting the ecumenical Counseling Service for Encinitas and San Dieguito (753-0702); to Clairemont churches planning a new Christian Service Agency; to KGTV for forming a minority advisory committee; and to Jan West on being chosen president of Pacific Beach Ministerial Association that meets for lunch on second Thursdays at St. Brigid's Catholic Church.

EC offers its appreciation to Jack Eason, executive for Inter Faith Housing, for assistance with RSD planning. He has taken an administrative position with Presbyterian Church in San Marino. . . Old Town Galleries supplied prints of Norman Rockwell's **Freedom of Worship** for union Thanksgiving services downtown and in La Jolla.

OPPORTUNITIES

The Christian Family Movement calls attention to Marriage Encounters for improving communication between couples January 26-27. Call Neil or Marian Sampson at 277-1502 . . . Peter Wahren has information on program for hosting high school youth from Scandinavian countries about July 15 for 3½ weeks or a year (274-7947). . . . Church World Service is seeking homes and jobs for 1000 Asians expelled from Ugunda. . . . San Diego Indian Ministry needs sewing materials and equipment for Christmas Projects. It also is recruiting and finding housing for holiday work parties (286-8080).

To Learn about LAND USE CONTROLS: THE ROLE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DECISION MAKING AT UCSD call 453-2000 (2083). Weekly course 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays begins Jan. 9. California State will have a series on **World Affairs, Criminal Justice, and Urban Policy** every four weeks Friday 3-10 and Saturday 9-5 beginning Feb. 2 (286-6224). **GREAT DECISIONS** study guide is available to church groups from Foreign Policy Assoc., 2141 - 14th St., Boulder, Colo. 80302.

WHAT TO DO

To assist clergymen and non-professionals help people in crises, UCSD is offering an extension course meeting 10 Thursdays 7-10 p.m. beginning Jan. 11. Rev. Leslie Atkinson of United Campus Ministry is coordinator.

The lecturers are outstanding. Subjects include death and bereavement, suicide, marital crisis, addiction, and problem pregnancies. For information on the course Social Welfare X405, call 453-2000 (1943).

DR. WILLIAM SLOANE COFFIN (right) Yale University Chaplain, reported on recent visit to North Vietnam on Nov. 4 at Wesley United Methodist Church under the auspices of CLERGY AND LAITY CONCERNED about ending the war.

EC SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVE

KOGO RADIO (600) will broadcast Christmas music by Church Choirs from 10 to 12 p.m. Arrangements are being made by Chaplain Richard Hayward (435-4852) (Air Force retired),who will co-host the program with Sister Monica Clark, who heads Publicity and Proclamation for EC.

Excerpts will be offered from Handel's "Messiah," the cantata "A City of the King," and the opera "Amahl and the Night Visitors."

Religion In The News is aired Sundays at 9:15 a.m. on KFMB Radio (780) by Clifford Fugate of Trinity United Methodist Church

EC ON TV

SUN UP on Channel 8 at 8 a.m. will present Christmas specials by choirs from Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Ocean Beach on Dec. 20 and by First United Presbyterian Church of El Cajon on Dec. 22.

HOUSE OF HAPPINESS weekdays at 6:55 a.m. on Channel 10. Ruth White (465-3775) will present -

Dec. 11 - The Great Day Singers and rock group (40) in **Mass for the Secular City** under direction of Mary Hornberger.
Dec. 18 - Christmas preparations by Ms. Pantl.
Dec. 25 - Christmas music by David Yantis.
Jan. 1 - Bethel AME Youth Choir
Jan. 8 - Messengers of Holy Rythm from Otay Apostolic Ch.
Jan. 15 - New Hope Singers from Clairemont Southern Baptist
Jan. 22 - **Widowed to Widowed** program in San Diego

Help EC continue these programs on free public service time by **writing your appreciation** to these stations.

KEY 73 SPECIAL

Calling Our Continent to Christ, the Launch special, will be shown on KGTV on Saturday, Jan. 6 at 7:30 p.m. Please carry announcement of this in church bulletins.

SENIOR LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE (cont.)
information call P.F.Gugan at 296-2972, chairman of the San Diego Chapter of the Legislative Council for Older Americans.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY DESIRED

Clifford Fugate, Convener for Special Ministries, has received requests for Sunday afternoon services:

Hillcrest Convalescent Home, 3520 Fourth Ave. Call Marney Clark at 291-5270.

Arroyo Vista Convalescent Home, 3022 - 45th St., Call Paula Doss at 283-5855.

Olivia Solliday (right) leads discussion of "The Non-graded Church School" at Nov. 20 meeting of COALITION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS in St. David's Episcopal Church. Directors, superintendents, and teachers meet every other month for sharing of experiences. John Bingham and Sue Berry will be conveners for the sack lunch meeting Jan. 15 on "Festival of Contemporary Worship" at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in San Diego.

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FISH volunteers for Unit 3 are convened by Liz Brown (left) to share experiences and strengthen services. Workers make themselves available on a 24 hour basis for emergency needs: babysitting, reading to blind, phone contact with shutins, housework and handyman services for the sick, transportation, etc. North County number is 748–FISH. Other sections use 582–8222. This is a significant kind of neighborliness

CONFERENCE CALENDAR

DECEMBER

14 – Association of Pastoral Counselors meet from 10 to 2 at Mission Hills United Methodist.

21 – EC BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 7:30 p.m. at EC office.

24 – Southeast Ministerial Alliance Christmas Eve Service, 11 p.m. at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church. Message by Rev. Casper Glenn.

25 – Keep Christ in CHRISTMAS. (Social Concerns will not meet.) NOON PRAYER CALL begins for Key 73.

JANUARY

2 – ECUMENICAL RELATIONS, 10 a.m. at USD Complete plans for EC Annual Meeting.

4 – MEDIA WORKSHOP for Key 73, 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian

7 – EPIPHANY
Key 73 LAUNCH services throughout County

8 – CHAPLAIN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE 5 p.m. at FC

9 – CLERGY CLUB luncheon in Rose Room at USD – "Offerings, Tithes, Campaigns, and Stewardship"

10 – Youth Council. 4:30 p.m. at 3068 Lloyd St.

12 – POLICY AND PROCEDURE COMMITTEE luncheon in Rose Room at USD

15 – Christian Educators luncheon at St.Paul's Episcopal. FESTIVAL OF CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP.

15 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday

16 – Senior Legislative Conference, 10–3 in Balboa Park Club

18 – CHURCH PLANNING, 10 a.m. at EC. Conference with County Planning officials on reserving church sites in new developments.

18 – EC BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 7:30 p.m. at EC

18 – WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY begins.

20 – Church Women United State Assembly, Los Angeles Convention Center, 9:30 a.m. Theme: FAITH AND JUSTICE Speaker: Cynthia Wedel

20 – H.S.YOUTH CELEBRATION and rap session, 11 a.m., South Clairemont Park, 3605 Clairemont Dr. Picnic lunch.

28 – EC ANNUAL MEETING OF ASSEMBLY, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, SD

31 – Council of Churches of So.Calif. 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Church of the Brethren in La Verne. Speaker: Rev. David J. Bowman of NCC on Protestant/Roman Catholic relationships in the U.S.

IN MEMORIAM

Past presidents of Council of Churches

LESTER BOND – 1892–1972
DON KELLER – 1904–1972

Retiring officers of the **CHURCH RELATED NURSERY SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP** are Verilie Engelsen of St. Mark's United Methodist, treasurer; Ruby Bandy of Northminster United Presbyterian, vice president; Margaret Clover of La Jolla United Presbyterian, secretary; and (standing) Ruth Sayre of Mission Hills Congregational, president.

ADVERTISEMENT

Foothills United Methodist Church has furniture for sale: lights, pulpit, 4 pews (9 ft. modern in light oak), 3 padded communion rails, 10 ft., 14 lights (300w.), 5 chandeliers. Call 463–9259.

1973 officers selected at November 4 meeting in Wesley United Methodist Church are Rose Thornberry of San Carlos United Methodist, president; Ann Nicoloff of Imperial Beach United Methodist, Vice president; Dorothy Lawless of Brooklyn Heights Presbyterian, secretary; and Margaret Clover of La Jolla United Presbyterian, treasurer.

Group has a fall and spring retreat for directors, also offering semi-annual workshops for teachers.