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Conference Call

SAN DIEGO COUNTY
ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE

PHONE 232-6385

TO WITNESS FAITHFULLY AND VISIBLY TO OUR UNITY IN CHRIST

MANAGUA ASSISTANCE

Catholic Relief Services, Church World Services, and Lutheran World Relief made an immediate response to the needs of this stricken Nicaraguan city with supplies and funds provided by churches in the U.S. and throughout the world. This is a coordinated and cooperative service ready to respond wherever needed. MONEY is the most useful gift which will be forwarded to national offices by your local church if designated for "Managua."

CLOTHING COLLECTION for Church World Service and Lutheran World Relief will begin February 18. EC has information on countywide collection centers where Modesto trucks will pick up contributions beginning February 26.

ASSISTANCE, Inc., is receiving gifts in kind—tools, equipment, and household goods for shipment to Nicaragua later this month. Volunteer services can also be used. Call 280-5483 for information.

CALLING TO THE WORD

Ecumenical Bible study groups for the Gospel of Luke on "Meet the Christ" with distribution of Scriptures is the February emphasis for **Key 73 as outlined in RESOURCE GUIDE** available at EC office.

CALLING TO THE RESURRECTION is the March-April theme focusing on training for evangelism during first week of April. Union Good Friday and Easter services are planned in many areas. Preparations should be made for youth outreach and service during Easter vacations. EC Youth Council will welcome invitations from area clusters of churches to conduct FAITH SHARING service, as in Clairemont on January 20.

THE GREENSHEET sent to member congregations has and will continue to share information on ecumenical **Key 73** programs. It carried the news that KGTV had cancelled January 6 showing of Launch film: **Faith In Action.** Pacific Beach United Methodist Church used cable TV for for showing from Channel 5 that afternoon at 4:30. Cost for purchase is $200.

ASSEMBLY AGENDA

7:00 p.m. . . . . REGISTRATION in Narthex
7:15 p.m. Song Service led by youth of host church in sanctuary
7:30 p.m. . . . . BUSINESS MEETING
Committee Reports
Election of Officers
Approval of budget for 1973
Report from Donor Committee
8:00 p.m. . . . . Reports of Program Area Conveners
Question of need for EC Workshop
8:30 p.m. . . . . Service of Worship
Irene Johnson, Organist
9:00 p.m. . . . . Adjournment and benediction by president

OFFICIAL NOTICE
THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF ASSEMBLY
SAN DIEGO COUNTY ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 1973 from 7 to 9 p.m.
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SAN DIEGO

Member congregations as of December 31, 1972 are entitled to 5 delegates plus clergy. Certification cards have been mailed to clergy.

Date of this Annual Meeting was set originally to become part of the observance of the WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY. This year there will be added two celebrations: the 20th anniversary since publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible and issuance of a new COMMON Bible authorized for use by both Protestants and Catholics. This will be part of the worship service being prepared by Monica Clark, Mike Milch, Herbert Lazenby, and Ralph Johnson.

Program highlighting achievements of 1972 will be presented by Program Area Conveners with colored slides from the new version of the EC Story. Mel Harter, Julia Schilling, and Clark Plummer are doing the planning. Delegates are urged to report back to their congregations on this event.

Msgr. John Portman is being nominated for the presidency. He heads the Department of Religious Studies for USD, is Chairman of the Ecumenical Commission for the Diocese, and pastor for the Immaculata parish. His contribution to planning for formation of EC was a major one and he has been vice president during the past year.

Other nominations are for the Board of Directors: Irene Dunham of First United Methodist Church in San Diego, Janet Goggins of Pacific Beach Christian, Raymond Alexander of St. John's AME Zion, Rev. Douglas MacConnell of the United Church of Mission Village, Vera Linton of the Chula Vista Christian, Thomas Umekubo of Ocean View UCC, Jack Stump of First Lutheran in S.D., and Marvin Stoneberg of Ascension Lutheran. Arlyn B. Carr of the Pacific Beach Community Church has been named for the Personnel Committee. The Rev. Charles McClain, host pastor, will conduct the installation.

EC BOARD REPORT *December 21, 1972*

New congregations welcomed into EC membership were St. Luke's Episcopal (120) and Golden Hills United Presbyterian (121).

Correspondence received included request for THE CALL from John Huber in Switzerland, George McKinney on 10th Anniversary of St. Stephen's Church, Mrs. Charles Theuer giving stewardship statement of husband at Christ United Methodist Church the Sunday before his death, Helen Beardsley's invitation to participate in Peace Vigil, Senators Cranston and Tunney on inadequacies of welfare legislation, and Navy League request that EC head plans for a stand by plan for civic peace celebration.

Named to explore the latter were Robert Mayo, Herbert Lazenby, Mike Milch, and Jackie Williams.

Dr. Robert Mayo and Mrs. Alice McIntyre told of plans for the Lay Institute for Evangelism April 1–8. Weekday sessions at First United Presbyterian Church will be from 9:30 to 12 a.m. and 7:30 to 10 p.m. under the direction of Campus Crusade. Sister Elizabeth Sandmeyer of the Catholic Department on Aging urged concern for needs of large population of elderly in the County.

Board approved the following statement:

The Ecumenical Conference urges State and local officials to give high priority to monies from Revenue Sharing to provide supportive services for the elderly, such as transportation (including DIAL–A–BUS) and better health services, such as home health aides. Aging persons need to be cared for in their homes rather than being forced into institutions.

Charles Brown told of La Mesa UCC's experience in meeting a growing need for Child Care centers. Church is eager to share its knowledge with others willing to provide this service.

CHRISTMAS EVE MUSIC

Sister Monica Clark expressed appreciation to Manager Jerry Jackson of KOGO Radio for programming church choirs on Christmas Eve and to Chaplain Richard Hayward for arranging same. Churches participating were University Christian, Immaculata, St. Martin's, All Saints Episcopal, Logan Temple AME Zion, Pioneer and Kensington UCC, All Saints Lutheran, and First Baptist.

Julia Schilling told of plans of Special Events Committee for 7 p.m. dinner at Chinese Church, 1750 – 47th St., for Board members and spouses on Feb. 22. Homer Pacely has been asked to arrange for entertainment.

Wendy Holman read a letter from Ralph Johnson stating that increased schedule of out of town work precluded his nomination for EC President for the coming year. He is willing to be Vice President. Msgr. John Portman has accepted nomination for the presidency. Other present officers are being renominated.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE MEETING *January 12, 1973*

This strategy group consisting of denominational executives or representatives and EC officers also prepares agenda for EC Board, which meets January 18 after THE CALL has gone to press.

Guest present was the Rev. Hubert C. Noble, formerly head of the Dept. of Higher Education for NCC who is now representing the Division of Christian Education on the West Coast. Committee accepted his suggestion for recognizing the 20th anniversary of RSV Bible publication and issuance of a new Common Bible accepted by Protestants and Catholics. Matter was referred to committee planning Annual Meeting.

Paulo Freire, noted Brazilian educator and advocate of conscientization as a means of freeing the oppressed, visits San Diego January 19–22. He is now Educational consultant to WCC and makes this trip under NCC auspices. He will meet with Mexican leaders in San Diego and Tijuana under EC auspices.

The following statement from the Southern California Council of Churches was referred to the Board for action:

The General Board of the Council of Churches in Southern California, meeting at the Hollywood Beverly Christian Church on January 3, 1973, recognizes the difficult role of the President of our Country in this time of international conflict and strongly supports him and other national leaders in the renewal of negotiations for a peace settlement in Vietnam. We urge that these negotiations be carried to a conclusion without further bombing in Indo-China by United States Armed Forces. We also join many national legislators in raising the question of continuing financial appropriations for the war effort in Southeast Asia.

1973 BUDGET

1972 receipts from churches was $15,453 (December receipts exceeded expenditures by $603). While this is $1,795 less than that for 1971, it is more than the $1400 anticipated when the 1972 budget was prepared. On the recommendation of Dr. C. Carroll Cannon, this amount was raised to $16,000 and that $2,000 difference was recommended to the Board and Assembly to be used for expenses of fund raising. This would bring the budget to $26,000.

While there seems no immediate prospect of a cease fire in Indo-China, there was discussion of the kind of thanksgiving service that should be prepared on a standby basis. Results were to be reported to a meeting of civic and religious leaders the same day.

Statement on Functions and Qualifications for Institutional Chaplains was forwarded to Board for action.

Jack Eason has accepted a new position in San Marino and is no longer with the Interfaith Housing Foundation. EC will serve as answering service and information Center.

A unanimous vote of appreciation was extended to Ralph Johnson for his outstanding leadership as president of EC during the past year.

As of December 31, 1972, giving to EC from congregations by judicatories was as follows:

	1972	1971	1970
Catholic	$ 2,975.00	$ 3,770.00	$ 3,735
Christian	695.00	683.00	796
Episcopal	1,172.00	922	868
Lutheran (ALC)	250.00		
Lutheran (LCA)	1,175.00	1,625.00	1,998
UCC	2,176.27	2,154.00	2,070
United Methodist	4,130.37	4,512.00	4,590
United Presbyterian	2,585.00	3,335.00	3,584
Other	294.50	247.00	247
	$15,453.14	**$17,248.00**	**$18,024**

PRAY FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

JANUARY 18–25

Since 1920 both WCC and NCC bodies have urged participation in THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY. In 1941 the time was changed from Whitsunday to concur with the January dates of the Octave.

Even prayer can be controversial, according to an article on the history of **The Week of Prayer for Unity** in the October issue of **Ecumenical Trends** by Charles Angell,S.A., editor of **The Lamp.** Differences have existed and still do over what to pray for and with whom.

Various proposals that Christians jointly pray for unity were made in the early nineteenth century. The Association for the Promotion of the Unity of Christendom founded in 1857 by a Catholic and an Episcopal layman in England started a publication and found ready response among the laity. Participation fell off when Association was condemned by the Pope in 1864 for its "branch Theory" of the Church. However Catholics were encouraged to pray for the return of "dissidents" to the Roman Church. Lambeth Conferences of Anglicans began to regularly request prayers for the reunion of all Christians "according to the will of Christ." Various times for this were set until Whitsunday was named in 1906.

In the U.S. this movement was strongly influenced by an Episcopal priest, Paul Francis Wattson, who early in his career concluded that the successor to St. Peter, the Roman Pontiff, was by divine plan the center of unity for the Church.

In 1898 with an Anglican nun, Lurana Mary White, he founded a new Franciscan religious community near Garrison, N.Y., on an isolated mountain along the Hudson, Graymor. This is the present location of the Ecumenical Institute that continues to prepare materials for THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

THE LAMP began publication in 1903 dedicated to the purpose of Christ: "that they all may be one." The first week of prayer was held in 1908 for eight days, beginning on the feast of St. Peter's Chair at Rome and ending on the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul (January 18-25). This Church Unity Octave received the blessing of Pope Pius on October 30, 1909 when the community at Graymor was received as a group into the Roman Catholic Church, except for one Spencer Jones and some others who continued the Octave within the Anglican Communion. A strong supporter of the Octave, Fr. Abbe Courturier of Lyons, France, in 1939 urged that all Christians pray the prayer of Christ, to ask God to reunite His children at the time He wills and by the means He wills. In 1964 the Vatican II decree would refer to the priestly prayer of Christ and make it desirable that Catholics should join with their "separated" brethren under special circumstances, such as prayer services " for unity."

Key 73

CALLING OUR CONTINENT TO THE WORD—Advent 1972 through Lent 1973. Distribution of Scripture, massive Bible study, and witness confrontation.

Beverly Schneider from San Bernardino was part of the husband-wife team that addressed clergy preparatory conference Jan.4 for L.I.F.E. conference April 1–8 at First United Presbyterian Church. Emphasis was on door-to-door visitation and coffee klutch as means of starting neighborhood Bible study groups. EC endorsement of this program does not support focusing on conversions from other faiths.

DR. GRANGER E. WESTBERG, Professor of Practical Theology at Hamma School of Theology, Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, speaks to clergymen and physicians about their service as a health care team to the community, February 20, 1973.

Dr. Westberg is the author of numerous articles in medical and theological journals, as well as the author of many books.

CLERGYMEN/PHYSICIANS DAY is sponsored by the San Diego Medical Society, EC and Veterans Administration Hospital. The program theme is, **"Can the Clergyman Help the Overworked Physician"**; and is open to all who are interested in health care to the Community.

Various topics are included in the program throughout the day at the VA Hospital, 3350 La Jolla Village Drive. The day program begins at 8:30 a.m. with Psychiatric Ground Rounds, and will continue through 2:30 p.m. with a lunch break at 12:30 p.m.

The evening program begins at 6:00 p.m. with dinner (no host) at the VA Hospital Canteen, and concludes at 8:45 p.m. A slide presentation, "Tour of VA Hospital" is being shown at 2:35 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. for those who wish to attend.

No fee is charged for this one day seminar.

EC HIGHLIGHTS FOR 1972

Notable progress has been made in bringing about co-operation and consultation among judicatories in all Program Areas:

Preparing for KEY 73 Launch with youth rap sessions on SHARING OUR FAITH and publicity workshop;

Sharing interpretations of the Eucharist and Lord's Supper;

Focusing on concern for needs of farm workers, housing for poor, and preserving natural recreation areas such as Tijuana Slough;

Pioneering in planning for human service delivery in advance of physical planning in new development, Rancho San Diego;

Conferring with City and County planners to have provisions made for future church sites.

– Mel Harter
Executive Director

CHURCH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Representatives of 9 judicatories (one executive and two laity) meet monthly to consult regarding future plans. One specific development during the past year was organization of the United Church of Mira Mesa jointly by the United Presbyterian Church and the United Church of Christ.

To develop a working team, day-long retreats were held with assistance from the Rev. Howell Foster. The Committee is now reserving desirable church sites for future use. Testing our Covenant of Cooperation will come in the development of cooperative ministries in Rancho San Diego.

– Leslie Atkinson,
Chairman

RANCHO SAN DIEGO PLANNING

EC is entering its third year of leadership in planning for this new town to be located on 6,000 acres at the intersection of Highways 94 and 54. Our role has been to bring together public and private agencies to design new and better means for delivering human services. At a conference with HUD officials from San Francisco and Washington, D.C., they noted that this is the first instance where developers had consulted social planners before beginning the physical design.

EC contracted with Rancho San Diego to provide consultant services in preparing its HUD proposal. If accepted as a new town for HUD underwriting, there would also be a possibility for funding social planning. EC received $2,261 from RSD for administering this project.

EC role has been taken over by the Human Services Corporation of which EC is a member. It is negotiating a new contract with RSD. Plan is to form task forces for planning cooperation in various fields of human service delivery. The EC Task Force also is responsible for cooperative ministry and church planning for RSD and the Rev. Casper Glenn is Chairman of this group.

– C. Richard Shanor, Chairman
EC Planning Task Force for RSD

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMISSION

The past year was one of accomplishment and commitment for the Social Concerns Commission, despite the resignation of the Reverend Leo Davis as chairman on his doctor's advice.

We provided continuing support and liaison for the Farm Workers action in San Diego County, and a channel for necessities provided by the churches to the families of the workers. Participation was general and generous on this concern. Our most time consuming activity was planning for the expected influx of protesters at the Republican convention to avoid conflict–which fortunately never came.

We took a successful position on retaining the unique Tiajuana slough area in its natural state, encouraging parks and restricted development. We sought continued autonomy and internal improvement of the Honor Camp system in San Diego County.

For the November elections the Commission hosted Cesar Chavez in the effective campaign against Proposition 22. We supported open space issues and needed construction for schools, low income and elderly housing, colleges and medical centers. We took positions on veteran assistance, against the death penalty, segregation, and censorship, in most instances successfully.

For 1973 we urge the various judicatories to insure representation on the commission. Send us your best–the ones who make you uncomfortable by constantly seeking action on social issues.

–Mitchell E. Prior,
Chairman

CALLING OUR CONTINENT TO REPENTANCE AND PRAYER–Advent 1972 to Epiphany 1973. A launch period with local mass media emphasis on the need to pray for forgiveness and the Spirit's power.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Ten units of Church Women United in San Diego County have been working on the ideas of "budgeting according to growth factors"and the "listening and responding process." We participated in the seminar led by Comity to study health services in our community and supported the establishment of the Community Health Clinic in Linda Vista, which opened in November.

Meetings of unit presidents have been held quarterly. We are considering rearranging our units according to geographical areas. We need to find ways to make our units stronger. Many are having difficulty finding leadership.

We worked four months with the Interfaith Task Force on preparations for the Republican Convention before it was cancelled.

We hostessed a reception for Cesar Chavez; Tri-City unit has a tutoring program; and La Jolla unit is "Sharing their Treasures" as part of KEY 73.

Clarey Harvey was here with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom when they entertained 9 Russian women. CWU women participated.

All units are doing a great job on the celebrations. We've appreciated the support they have given the area.

–Nancy Miller & Ruth Lane
Area Co-chairmen

PUBLICITY AND PROCLAMATION

Our purpose is to give visibility to ecumenical activities and the Conference itself. We do this through regular press releases to local media.

EC's *House of Happiness* with Ruth White continues weekdays on KGTV at 6:55 a.m.

The Reverend Clifford Fugate hosts *Religion in the News* each Sunday on KFMB radio at 9:00 a.m.

Priests and ministers from the Conference provide KGTV with its daily sign-off.

On Awareness Sunday, September 17, speakers presented the details of the Conference to member churches as part of the worship services.

A Christmas special on KOGO radio (December 24, 10 p.m. to midnight) featured 9 local church choirs with commentary by Sister Monica Clark and Richard Hayward.

At a media workshop on January 4, church publicity chairmen heard Marguerite Sullivan, religion writer for the San Diego *Union* tell of effective ways to publicize their organizations.

This committee also acts as liaison between media and national church groups who produce radio and television materials.

–Sister Monica Clark
Convener

ECUMENICAL RELATIONS STEERING COMMITTEE

The primary emphasis of this Committee's work continues to be an examination of "trends" in the various churches primarily from a theological viewpoint. This does not preclude a concern for and involvement in other more "active" aspects in the general ecumenical enterprise.

In March of this year the Ecumenical Relations Steering Committee was asked to produce a statement regarding religious observances in public schools. This statement was produced, accepted by the Conference and published in the *Call*.

The Committee has begun to be involved in the observance of KEY 73. Because of the varying degrees of involvment on the part of the various churches that make up the committee and the Conference, it was felt that the Ecumenical Relations Steering Committee's responsibility should be limited to providing information and advising of recourses for co-operation, emphasizing autonomy of churches in their participation.

Our major work this year has been a study of the Eucharistic doctrines and practices of the various Christian churches. This is an area of real theological problems; at the same time it affords a most fruitful possibility for ecumenical study. The committee (and any who wish to attend) hear a presentation of a particular church's eucharistic theology. The fourth Sunday of each month in the evening the Eucharist is celebrated according to the rite of the group under consideration. Frankly the attendance at our first two services (Disciples of Christ and Episcopal) has been disappointing. I hope this has been due to lack of knowledge rather than lack of interest. These studies will continue for the next several months. It is the Committee's feeling that only as we begin to understand a church's thinking and feeling and doing of worship can we understand what that church is.

– Kenneth R. Treat,
Chairman

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Fr. Robert Pinta continues his excellent leadership of the EC Youth Council. The number of judicatories naming representatives has increased. Programs during the past year were a VD Workshop in June, Youth Sunday celebration in November, and Picnic Rally January 20 in South Clairemont Recreation Center.

Co-ordinators of programs for the Coalition of Christian Educators have been Jane Minchinton and Nancy Hester. The bi-monthly meetings have dealt with such significant programs as singles expectations of churches, non-graded Church Schools, and contemporary worship.

More recognition should be given to work of the Church Related Nursery School Fellowship that has been headed by Ruth Sayre. This group has a fall and spring retreat for directors and semi-annual workshops for teachers--an excellent opportunity for sharing program ideas and teaching methods.

Endorsement was given to EXPLORING, a division of Scouting for older youth.

–Devore Smith,
Convener

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

The Special Ministries area of the Ecumenical Conference is a kind of umbrella under which a number of San Diego metropolitan agencies may cooperatively meet the needs of the community. Included are United Methodist METRO, United Presbyterian Greater Parish Ministry, Senior Adult Services, Cedar Center, Hidalgo Center, Institutional Chaplains, work with retarded children, etc.

The collective projects can be illustrated through the following:

COUNSELING CENTERS (5) – bringing together the needs of people and professional help.

GOOD NEIGHBOR CENTER – dispensing of food and clothing to the needy.

TUTORIAL PROGRAM – Volunteers working on a one-to-one basis.

COMMODITY CENTERS (4) –distribution of foods to those who qualify.

METRO RESIDENCE CENTER – Resident home for men ex-offenders.

NUESTRA CASA – Resident home for women ex-offenders.

WORK CENTER PROGRAM – Work with severely handicapped, emotionally disabled, or physically disabled.

ECHO CRASH PAD – a family atmosphere for transient youth.

MEALS ON WHEELS – hot meals delivered daily to shut-ins.

NUTRITION COMMITTEE – provide meals for aging in central locations.

COUNTY CHAPLAIN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE – seeking fair salaries for County religious chaplains.

Official positions prepared during the year included GUIDELINES FOR VOLUNTEERS and FUNCTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR INSTITUTIONAL CHAPLAINS.

WIDOWED TO WIDOWED PROGRAM – Ministry to persons who have recently lost their mates.

Member ministers are being polled to ascertain interest in Spring **WORKSHOP ON AGING.**

–Clifford Fugate
Convener

COUNTY CHAPLAIN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Rev. Charles Harlow chairs this group consisting of representatives from departments of Probation, Honor Camps, the Sheriff, EC and the Association of Evangelicals. The following position paper acted on by the EC Board meeting January 18 becomes the basis for EC advocacy on behalf of chaplaincy services.

ROLE OF THE CHAPLAIN COORDINATOR

The purpose of chaplains in institutions is to provide a pastoral ministry to persons in its custody and to serve as advocate with his institution on behalf of meeting their their needs as persons. This function is extended as they are able to recruit and supervise other clergy in this special ministry, coordinating their work as volunteers or paid personnel.

FUNCTIONS

1. To create an awareness of the spiritual dimension that the Chaplain brings to the tasks undertaken.
2. To serve as a resource and consultant to persons and staff regarding church policies and objectives.
3. To be an advocate for dignity and decency in all personal relationships and the innovation of essential human services for inmates.
4. To enlist and assist persons aiding inmates returning to community life after their release.
5. To initiate essential services approved by the administration, providing they do not detract from his services as Chaplain and these responsibilities are temporary until others can assume them.

SERVICES

6. *Worship* – to facilitate adequate worship services for all faith groups as indicated by need.
   a. Instruction – to provide religious instruction which includes basic tenets of the various faith groups.
   b. Sacraments – to provide sacraments for persons of various faiths.
7. *Counseling* – to provide individual and group counseling for persons and staff as need indicates.
8. *Literature and Library* – to recommend and distribute religious literature that may be provided or obtained.

SUPERVISION

9. To recruit, train, and coordinate clergy and laity for maintaining an effective religious ministry. (Consult to policy statement: Guidelines for Volunteers)
10. To promote, supervise, and interpret to his volunteers the institutional policies, programs, and philosophies pertaining to religious opportunities.
11. To require that volunteers not depreciate other human services being offered within the institution and show respect for religious differences among persons.

COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS

12. To be available for interpreting the Chaplaincy program to congregations and the community, striving for distinction as a resource person in this field.
13. To inform administration regarding church and community concerns and attitudes.
14. To serve on committees and attend conferences as need indicates.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

Education: Applicants must possess a B.D. or higher degree from a seminary or university accredited by the American Association of Theological Schools.

Training and/or Experience: Applicants must have either (a) Four quarters of clinical pastoral training meeting the accreditation standards of the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, or (b) sufficient full-time chaplaincy experience for one quarter of training, for not more than 2 quarters of clinical pastoral training lacked under requirement (a).

Ordination: Applicants must be ordained ministers and recognized as such by the San Diego Ecumenical Conference. By time of interview, applicants must present evidence that they are in good standing with their own denomination and that full-time employment as a Chaplain Coordinator will be approved by their Church as a recognized ministry.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS statement is the present County Civil Service job description for Chaplain Coordinator position.

When Ralph Johnson gave the invocation at the Board of Supervisors meeting December 26, Chairman Harry Scheidle arranged to have the following resolution approved for the Key 73 Launch, which was covered by KFMB TV:

RESOLUTION ON THE CALL TO PRAYER

Whereas a major portion of the Christian community here and throughout the nation is preparing for the launch of Key 73 on January 7:

Whereas this is to be preceded by prayers of preparation and anticipation to draw people together in the awareness of God:

Whereas the concerns for our County and its human needs is a vital part of this movement:

Therefore, be it resolved that as Chairman of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, I do call all believers, each in his own way and wherever he is, to join together for a minute of prayer at twelve noon each day for the next ten days. *–Harry Scheidle*

Msgr. John Portman was prepared for the same action when he gave the invocation for the City Council, but something misfired.

EC responsibility for providing clergy to give invocations at San Diego City Council, Board of Education, and County Supervisor meetings are being rotated among judicatories. Individuals wishing to give this service should call the EC office.

Heber Pitman presides at organizational meeting of Center City Council for laity and clergy of downtown churches held Jan. 4 with assistance from **William Ortmann**, downtown president. **Key 73 Launch Service** was held at Central Christian Church January 7.

Sister Monica Clark presented **Marguerite Sullivan** as guest speaker at **Media Workshop** held Jan. 4. "Give us the facts and let us write the story," said Mrs. Sullivan. Sister Monica passed out sheet on tips for reaching radio and TV media. These are available at EC office.

EC CORRESPONDENCE

"The attached donation in the amount of $200.00 is a contribution from the Protestant Chapel Fund of this command to assist you in the excellent program you are promoting. This fund results from the offerings received, primarily from recruits in training, during our worship services. Inasmuch as our services are truly Ecumenical, yours is a cause we heartily endorse.

With this gift comes our prayers that you will be continually blessed by Almighty God in all your endeavors. With warm personal regards, I am

Yours in Christ,
James S. Ferris
Marine Corps Recruit Depot"

"Apparently we went over the top again in our contributions to the United Crusade by the Clergy Division. Having served as chairman yourself, you know our goal is not very high, although they did increase it $350 on me this year.

I would appreciate your putting some notice to this effect in the next Conference Call. I think it will help the chairman next year if we give publicity to the achievement this year.

Very sincerely,
Robert H. Mayo"

"On behalf of the Volunteers in Probation, our Christmas Program Coordinator, Jane Schimpff and myself, I would like to thank you for helping the Volunteers in Probation Christmas Program become such a success. The flyers you sent out for us drew in many fantastic gift donations. The responses we've received from recipients indicate that a little optimism and faith in humanity must have been wrapped up in the packages as well. If this is true, our mission has been accomplished!

The new year brings new plans for recruitment of volunteers to work with children and adults on probation. I feel the vast number of sensitive and concerned citizens in San Diego's religious congregation present a resource of very potential volunteers.

Our meager roster of 59 minority group volunteers has recently been drained by attempts to fill the many requests from juveniles, particularly, who would like a VIP of their same cultural background. . . . . .

Yours in Community Concern,
Maureen Craig
County of S.D., Probation Dept."

"My work will require more (and longer) out of town trips in 1973. It will be impossible under these circumstances to provide the quality of leadership I desire and E.C. needs.

I will continue to support ecumenicity in general and the Ecumenical Conference in particular. It has been a source of deep satisfaction to serve as president and I will continue my efforts in whatever ways are appropriate and possible.

Sincerely,
Ralph B. Johnson"

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY was observed by North Park Churches Jan. 14 meeting at St. Patrick's. This church hopes soon to have a center serving seniors, such as that now available at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Kensington. Volunteers are needed for this ecumenical project. Call 236–1331, Ext. 253.

Bishop Leo Maher has joined other heads of judicatories in urging participation in Key 73.

Latest area to initiate **FISH program is Point Loma and Ocean Beach.** Fred Anderson of the Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church is the organizer.

CWU announces winners of UNICEF contest to be Wendy Rathbone, Marian; Dale Fleming, Horace Mann; Leslie Tobias, Marston; Michael Jay, Horace Mann; Stacey Phillips, Dana; Kristine Lynne Menke, Dana; Julie Fulton, Marston; and Robin Siota, Taft.

EC seeks person interested in persons in penal institutions to fill vacancy on **Chaplain's Advisory Committee** . . . . . Two of the Russian Bibles refused by women from there were given to Dr. Herbert Lazenby and Msgr. John Portman by the American Bible Society . . . . . Congratulations to First Lutheran in San Diego for being named by Edgar Trexler in his book *Creative Congregations* as one where people are "lively" in meeting human needs.

Need help with odd jobs and maintenance? Call 239–2207 for Episcopal Community Service program to provide work for men released from custody . . . . . Bob Small is coordinator for UCSD Extension course on ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS 9–4:30 on January 26. Call 453–2000 (2083). He was leading influence in launch of County participation in Rancho San Diego project.

Attending meeting of the Indian Ministry of San Diego Committee are C. Richard Shanor, Casper Glenn, Harry Long (Director), and Ron Nowlin. Judicatories supporting program are United Presbyterian, United Methodist, United Church of Christ, Christian, Episcopal, and American Lutheran. Budget is $24,361. For information and offer to assist with work projects call 286–8080.

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CONFERENCE CALENDAR

JANUARY

22 at 7:30 p.m. – SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMISSION meets at EC to hear views of Bar Association pre-paid legal services Dr. Herbert Lazenby will tell of visit to Russia for world conference on aging.

28 from 7–9:00 p.m. – ANNUAL MEETING at First United Methodist Church in San Diego

31 – Annual Meeting of So.Calif. Council of Churches from 9 to 4 in La Verne Church of the Brethren.

31 – at 4:30 p.m. – YOUTH COUNCIL meeting at St.Mark's 3502 Clairemont Drive

FEBRUARY

6 – at 10 a.m. – ECUMENICAL RELATIONS. Msgr.John Portman will describe The Eucharist in the Catholic Mass.

9 – at 10 a.m. – POLICY AND PROCEDURE COMMITTEE in Rose Room at USD.

11 – Race Relations Sunday

12 – at 5 p.m. at EC – CHAPLAIN'S ADVISORY COM.

13 – CLERGY CLUB luncheon in Rose Room at USD

15 – at 10 a.m. – CHURCH PLANNING at EC

15 – No meeting of the Board of Directors.

18 – CHURCH WORLD SERVICE clothing collection begins.

22 – at 7 p.m. – dinner meeting of EC BOARD at Chinese United Church of Christ.

25 – at 7:30 p.m. – Msgr.Portman will celebrate the Mass at Immaculata Chapel on USD campus

26 – at 7:30 p.m. – SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMISSION at EC.

MARCH

6 – ECUMENICAL RELATIONS meets at USD at 10 a.m. Rev. Clark Plummer will explain meaning of the Lord's Supper for United Presbyterians and others. He will lead the observance in the Loma Portal Church at 7:30 p.m. on Mar.25

9 – – POLICY & PROCEDURE Noon luncheon, Rose Rm.,USD

15 – at 10 a.m. – CHURCH PLANNING at EC.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Church School Teachers and Youth Leaders are extended a special invitation to the Catholic sponsored Congress on **GROWTH THROUGH THE LIVING WORD** to be held in the S.D.Community Concourse from 9 to 3 on February 3 & 4. Program has a strong ecumenical emphasis with well-known leaders in EC such as William Gold, John Portman, Jack Lindquist, Lawrence Waddy, and Robert Pinta. For information, write CCD Congress, Box 80428, San Diego 92138.

DR. JAMES RUE of the American Institute of Family Relations and REV. DONALD SMITH, vice president of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors will be featured speakers at AAPC regional meeting at 9:30 a.m. on January 27 at School of Theology in Claremont. For further information call Arthur Elcombe at 298–8339.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER will be offered by Christian Family Movement January 26–27 and February 8–9. Call Neil and Marian Sampson at 277–1502.

Six week **PASTORAL COUNSELING training session** with stipend is available in Washington, D.C. this summer. For information call 276–4964.

WHAT A WOMAN WANTS TO KNOW about her family, teenagers, aging parents, and herself is the subject for UCSD Extension 9–2 on January 29, March 5 and April 9. Write Ms. James Brown, 2663 Soderblom, San Diego 92122.

NO CALL IN FEBRUARY

Because this issue contains annual reports, it is a double issue for both January and February.

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS for "The Conference Call' are due in January. Those not making other financial contributions to EC are invited to pay $1 annual subscription.

Ruth White interviewed youth from Chula Vista United Presbyterian Church on **HOUSE OF HAPPINESS** early in December. She had **Mel Harter** tell the EC Story and urge observance of NOON PRAYER CALL the first week of January.

BETHEL AME CHURCH YOUTH CHOIR had the 20 minutes of time during week of January 10 on KGTV at 6:55 a.m. Call Ruth White at 465–3775 to offer to have your church on TV with something special. When you watch, write Burke Ormsby at P.O.Box 81047 to tell him you like the program.

Future programs will present choirs from Mt.Olive Baptist, Trinity United Methodist and Christ the King Churches.