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Conference Call

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY
ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE

TO WITNESS FAITHFULLY AND VISIBLY TO OUR UNITY IN CHRIST

DAY OF RENEWAL

Saturday, June 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All Hallows in La Jolla

Theme:

THE CHURCH AS THE CREATION OF THE SPIRIT

Ecumenical Bible study, prayer, and meditation is the purpose of this annual day together. Following opening devotions by Father William Springer of host church, Dr. Herbert Lazenby will share his insights on the theme.

Remainder of the day will be free for sharing sessions and private devotions. Among those serving as leaders will be Clark Plummer, Kenneth Treat, Mel Harter, John Huber, Edward Donovan, and Douglas MacConnell who heads planning committee.

$3 registration fee includes luncheon at Mt. Soledad United Presbyterian Church with 50¢ reduction for those sending checks to EC before June 4.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

June 3 will probably be the last San Diego area pick up. Organizations should make previous week their deadline for getting together contributed materials boxed and ready for delivery to collection centers which are listed at EC. Many thanks to them for serving these several years.

Clothing needs are changing with more emphasis on providing self-help materials: sewing, health, school, and soap kits, plus layettes. There is great demand for almost-new children and men's clothing, particularly sweaters. Most needed are blankets which have many uses and can be purchased by CWS for $3 with your cash gift.

Your gifts have made it possible for CWS to help churches aid victims of tornadoes in disaster area of U.S.

Mrs. Joseph Fagot will be a hostess for reception honoring Episcopal Bishop Robert Wolterstorff at Darlington house in La Jolla April 28. Mrs. deWitt Hiram Merriam heads planning committee consisting of Mesdames John Cranston, William George Hubbard, S. Falck Nielson, Gilbert Rohlf, Elizabeth Van Horn, Joseph Fagot, Vernon Gaston and Lawrence Waddy. This is an event of the Century Club of EC and attendance will be by invitation.

YOUTH OUTING

BEACH PARTY AND CRUISE

VENTURA COVE FROM 6 to 10 P.M.
FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Youth Council is in charge of this get acquainted and have fun time in beautiful Mission Bay Park, just south of Bahia Motel, off West Mission Bay Drive. High School and College youth are invited to bring sack supper, hot dogs, plus $1.25. This covers punch to be provided and cruise on the Bahia Belle. Bring guitars.

Devore Smith is advisor for the group and son Jeff is in charge for the evening. Jerry Eubanks heads committee planning worship and celebration.

Phone 232-6385 for reservations before April 15.

Mrs. Donovan Myers (Betty), wife of a Lutheran pastor, is new chairperson for Social Concerns. She attended Eastern Montana College of Education and has done graduate work in psychology at San Diego State University. She is employed as a Social Worker with Welfare Department with office at the State Service Center.

PRESENT SHOCK

At first workshop Dr. Robert Neher gave a lecture with colored slides showing how multiplying populations have put us on collision course with disaster. Some illustrations were from *The Limits of Growth*, edited by Donella and Denis Meadows for the Club of Rome using MIT computers.

Next talk to be given by Walter Jaconski, Senior Planner for Comprehensive Planning Organization on the alternate means of controlling growth.

CHOICES FOR SAN DIEGANS
8 p.m. Wednesday, April 24 at EC. Everyone is welcome

Mr. Philip Corvo — *April 2, 1974*
KGTV Program Director

Dear Mr. Corvo:

KGTV is to be commended for giving prime time coverage of a very significant event in the religious life of our community – the consecration of the new Episcopal Bishop which took place in a Roman Catholic Church.

Gratefully yours,
Melvin H. Harter

Susan Buchenau of Lemon Grove UCC, Rev.Priscilla Chaplin, Southern California Council of Churches Executive, and Sister Patricia Gannon of San Diego State University taped *Challenge* program for March on *Women in the Church.* Paulist film *Free to Obey* will be used to spark panel discussion on response to authority due to be shown at 1 p.m.April 27.

Monica Clark and Mel Harter appeared before Coalition of Broadcasters March 26 to give opinions regarding problems and needs of community. Those listed were integrity in relationships and public trusts; compassion for poor and handicapped; responsibility in planning to slow growth and energy uses; respect for persons vs. racism, sexism, and dehumanizing treatment of people, particularly in institutions; purpose and meaning as offered in the worship and work of churches.

Sister Monica is also assisting Dan Griffith in taping hour long special for *Let There Be Light* program on KFMB-TV Easter morning. Some tapes from youth groups participating in family World Day of Prayer program will be used.

OPEN SESAME – KPBS–TV AUCTION – MAY 20–24

Buy a bike, take a trip, or get a hydroponic garden at a bargain rate–when a wealth of donated, exciting merchandise and services opens for bidding on Channel 15's fund-raising event ! This is your chance to participate in supporting the non-profit station–with a goal of expanding and enriching the current programming throughout the coming year.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Explore New Paths is theme for May Fellowship Day on the 3rd. Meetings thro ughout County will explore ways in which women are developing careers to meet social needs and work together. Plans for Youth and Family program on *New Adventures* are yet to be announced.

RENEWAL FOR WOMEN
Wednesday, May 29 from 10 to 2
University Christian Church

Theme will be *A Treck in the Wilderness* with Wilda Tillmanns of Causeway '74 as guest speaker. Read Exodus in preparation. Dorothy Hines and Mary Sprague are in charge of devotions. Arlene Dempster will lead the music. State officers will be attending this great day of inspiration and renewal. (Bring sack lunch.)

Over 3,000 attended the 30 services for World Day of Prayer. Youth and Family program was condensed for showing by Dan Griffith on *Let There Be Light* March 24. It will be reviewed by New York office for possible use at National Assembly in Memphis. Special thanks to Devore Smith and EC Youth Council for participation in this and preparation of World Day of Prayer program for 1975.

To purchase lung and heart capacitor for Linda Vista Health Center will require 100,000 Betty Crocker coupons. Four small desks and good typewriter are also needed. Call Irene Dunham at 284-8365.

NEWS ON LEGISLATION

Family of four, one being disabled child under 18, are now eligible for Supplemental Security Income if income is less than $551 a month. Apply at Social Security Office. There may also be Medical benefits.

Viet Nam veterans are trying to get inadequate school benefits of $220 a month increased. Senator Schrade supported move to get Cal Vet supplement of $50 doubled, but it was killed in committee. Unemployed vet can only turn to General Relief paying $113 a month, which EC is trying to get increased. This has had no cost of living adjustment since 1968.

March 19 the Supervisors voted to have aged persons accepted at Edgemoor Hospital after being refused at one other residence or hospital.

ELIMINATION OF TAX DEDUCTIONS

An inquiry to Wilbur Mills, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee brought this response from him April 2:

Apparently there is widespread misunderstanding as to the status of the proposal embodied in H.R.15230, which provided for the termination of 54 provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, over a three year period. No action was taken on the bill in the 92d Congress, and the Chairman has not reintroduced the bill in the 93d Congress. A similar bill (H.R.636) is pending before the Committee on Ways and Means at this time, but no action has been taken or scheduled on it.

The Chairman stated at the time he introduced H.R.15230 on May 31, 1972, that the bill was designed to give assurance of an "orderly and systematic review of virtually all provisions of the Internal Revenue Code giving any special exclusion or deduction or special tax rate to any particular type of group or category of income," and that in doing so he was "in no way expressing an opinion about the merits or demerits of any of the provisions listed . . . for review." As indicated above, however, no action was taken on the bill in the 92d Congress and the agenda of the Committee on Ways and Means does not presently contemplate consideration of the proposal.

SUPERVISORS RESPOND

General Relief payments to single persons was increased from $113 to $135 by vote of Bear, Walsh and Conde April 9, to be effective May 1. This was in response to appeal of EC, Southeast Ministerial Alliance, METRO, WRO, and Welfare Board. Basic allowance for couples was also raised.

Dr. James Angell of the Claremont Presbyterian Church answers questions during closing session of CRISIS INTERVENTION WORKSHOP March 27 conducted by Dr. Herbert Lazenby of Episcopal Community Service who heads Special Ministries for EC. Dr. Thomas Rusk invited clergy and other church counsellors to continuation sessions at 8:15 a.m. on April 3 and 24; May 8 and 22 at offices of the Western Institute of Human Resources, 7522 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. WIHR is a team treatment center for mental health problems. For information, call 292-4220.

Dr. Angell has been nominated for election as moderator for next session of the National Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in October.

BOARD REPORT

March 21, 1974

Rabbi Perry Nussbaum has been invited to be an observer on the EC Board, which carries privileges of the floor. Among his ecumenical activities have been helping start the Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference and Greater Jackson Clergy Alliance. He was chaplain to jailed "Freedom Riders" and helped raise funds to rebuild bombed Negro churches, only to have his home and newly dedicated Temple Beth Israel partly destroyed.

NO SOLICITORS

Does this mean "clergy keep out?" Question was raised when the Rev. Richard Smith was told not to make calls in privately owned trailer court in Otay Mesa - where he is a resident. His problem has been resolved, but Board voted to seek legal review of this question.

Action was taken to nominate Herbert Lazenby for the County Welfare Board vacancy left by the resignation of Casper Glenn. It was decided not to have an EC Workshop and to omit Policy and Procedure in April. Treasurer reported receipts exceeded expenditures in February.

Dr. Portman reported on Catholic Conference on Christian Unity in Charlotte. It will be held in San Diego next year. He has asked Esther Reilly to chair committee preparing statement on preparations for and beginnings of the Ecumenical Conference which is to be completed before David Bowman returns in October.

FOLK FAIRE

Indian group and Linda Vista Second Baptist Church are latest entrants for August 24-25 event. Committee is planning International Dinner for evening of June 10 at the Shrine Auditorium.

Social Concerns is supporting efforts of Welfare Rights Organization and Southeast Ministerial Alliance to have cost of living increase for General Relief recipients

WATER BONDS

Proposition W on June ballot offers this method of meeting expanding water needs, rather than by pay-as-you-go taxation. Two thirds vote is required to give Metropolitan Water Board authority to issue up to 400 million in revenue bonds during the next 16 years. This will enable 7 Southern California counties to receive Feather River water and to replace half of the presently used Colorado River water which will be diverted to Arizona by a Supreme Court decision.

Serbian Orthodox pastor V. Petakovich is seated next to Lutheran Jack Lindquist who is chairing last meeting of Ecumenical Relations to finalize practises and interpretations regarding Eucharist. Other participants were Roman Catholic, Disciples of Christ, American Baptist. Anglican, United Methodist, United Presbyterian and United Church of Christ. Lindquist is preparing material for distribution by the World Council of Churches.

On April 2 Ecumenical Relations received impressions of participants in San Diego State University Workshop on teaching about religion in public high schools from Julia Schilling (Catholic), Perry Nussbaum (Jewish), and Devore Smith (Protestant). Instructor Dr. Barbara Swyhart participated as consultant. Discussion of EC position on this matter will be continued at May 7 meeting.

MONOTHEISM AND REVELATION

Similarities of the Jewish, Christian, and Moslem religions will be presented in a roundtable discussion on May 7, 7:30 p.m. in Salomon Hall at USD. Plans for this event were announced at the March 25 meeting, when Msgr. John R. Portman, Director of the Center for World Religions spoke on exorcism. Dr. Delwin Schneider is Coordinator of CWR.

Participants in the discussion of *Monotheism and Revelation* will be Rev. George Grose, Protestant Chaplain at Whittier College; John Rothman, director of several programs for the Bureau of Jewish Education in Los Angeles; and A. Muhsin El-Biali, director of the Islamic Foundation of Southern California.

Karen Lepper (center) receives gifts presented by Mary Eunice Oliver from members of the Interfaith Committee for Justice and Reconciliation March 19 in appreciation for her generous service. Standing with her is husband, Roy, who has accepted a new position in Boston. Vi McKern succeeds Karen as convener of this committee.

April 28 has been designated by the National Farm Worker Ministry of NCC as the Sunday for congregations to make visible their concern for the struggle of field workers to gain better working conditions and independence. Gifts of money and food are needed. Alice Barnes heads speakers' bureau at 272-3281.

Materials are available from National Farm Worker Ministry, 1411 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, 90015.

MISCELLANY

Dr. John J. Tietjen, formerly of Concordia Seminary and now with Seminex will be speaking April 28 at 7 p.m. in First Lutheran Church of El Cajon and April 29 at Campus Chuck Wagon, 8 a.m.

Chaplains' office at Veterans' Hospital in La Jolla is making urgent appeal for blood donors. Call 453-7500, Ext.3668.

Adult Protective Services has opened four day care centers for seniors who have chronic illnesses or problems in living, such as unable to be left alone during the day. Locations in San Diego are 942 - 47th (263-4567) and 4095 - 55th St. (287-6420); 524 Clementine in Oceanside (722-5486); 1176 Del Mar in Chula Vista (426-0982).

Five juvenile detention centers in the County welcome having churches and youth groups conduct programs for them. Contact is Chaplain David Ellisor (565-3441).

Some Vacation Church Schools are planning to assist with *Heifer Project* which receives gifts to send animals to needy areas overseas: chicks-25¢, rabbits-$20 a pair, goat or sheep-$100, and heifer-$500. Address is 3901 N. Tyler Ave., El Monte 91731.

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CALENDAR

APRIL

14 – EASTER SUNDAY
18 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS at EC, 7:30 p.m.
19 – YOUTH OUTING at Ventura Cove 6 to 10 p.m.
24 – SOCIAL CONCERNS at EC, 7:30 p.m.
PRESENT SHOCK Workshop 8 p.m.
27 – CHALLENGE on KGTV, 1 p.m.
28 – FARM WORKER SUNDAY
28 – Reception for Bishop Wolterstorff
30 – YOUTH COUNCIL, 4 p.m., at Pioneer Church

MAY

3 – May Fellowship Day for Church Women United
7 – ECUMENICAL RELATIONS USD, 10 a.m.
10 – POLICY & PROCEDURE – Luncheon at USD
14 – Coalition of Christian Educators. Luncheon at St. Dunstan's Episcopal. Focus on Youth Ministries.
16 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS at EC, 7:30 p.m.
22 – SOCIAL CONCERNS, 7:30,EC
PRESENT SCHOCK, 8 p.m.
26 – LIVING MEMORIAL DAY
Have a Veteran speak in your church.
29 – CWU – Day of Renewal,10–2 University Christian Church
7:30 p.m. - Special meeting for employed women.

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NEXT EC NEWS DEADLINE . . . . MAY 1

Richard Killmer, Director of NCC Ministry to Veterans, recently addressed group convened by Keith Mitchell of Social Concerns and Greater Parish Ministry. District Chaplain Vaughn Lyons suggested that the caring community of the church address itself to needs of the living on May 26, which is Memorial Day Sunday.

Ad Hoc Committee is pursuing this to encourage church groups to have sessions for *Listening to a Vet*, beginning now, in preparation for May 26 celebration. Dr. George Weston (420-1080) is speaker coordinator.

ECUMENICAL SERVICES

Festival of the Resurrection was offered to Chula Vista youth April 8 at the Park Bowl by several churches.

Chula Vista clergy are providing *Chaplain A Day* service to Bay General Hospital as is also done for El Cajon Valley Hospital. Worship services are provided ecumenically at Mesa Vista, Community Mental Health Clinic, Doctor's Hospital and many convalescent homes . . . . . Ecumenical Religious Education Committee for the Developmentally Disabled is beginning a survey of all classes for the disabled. Call 234-6711 to offer assistance or information.

Some churches are conserving energy by providing bus service . EC has no information of areas doing this ecumenically yet . . . . . A few churches offer programs for the deaf. El Cajon United Methodist has sermons translated into sign language . . . . . United Church of Otay Mesa began worshiping at Juarez-Lincoln School April 7. This is the second joint project of UP and UCC. This one plans to lease facilities from Lutheran (ALC).

EC is a Courtesy Center for the American Bible Society offering a display of their materials with price lists.

Information is available on World Mission Conference July 26-30 at Asilomar featuring Dr. David Stowe of UCC. Chartered bus arrangements. Also on Canterbury School in England July 18-30, and Salamanca, Spain July 4-14.

NCCJ is receiving applications from High School Youth for *Brotherhood USA*. Dates are June 30 to July 7 and August 24 to 30 at Pilgrim Pines. Scholarships available. Call 232-6113.

Central City Inter Church Council officers installed by Dr. Robert Mayo of First Presbyterian are Isabelle Cass of First Baptist, secretary; Lou Salca of St. Joseph's, vice-chairman; John Nute of Salvation Army, treasurer; and Heber Pitman of Central Christian, chairman. These churches, First Lutheran and St.Stephen's Independent Episcopal Church have formed this unique council consisting of clergy and 3 lay persons from each of 7 congregations to minister to inner city needs. John Stump headed committee for noon Holy Week services at Horton Plaza.

ICC will launch FISH program May 1. Coronado begins May 15. San Marcos hopes to begin June 1. County Co-ordinator is Nancy Miller (273-2659). Next Board meeting will be June 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Mission Hills Congregational Church.