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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

FINEST CITY SUNDAY *(Sabbath)*

Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. –Psalm 127:1

This and other Psalms, such as 122, refer to the city. Jesus and Paul focused their ministries in cities. Thus there is ample material for sermons and prayers on the city on August 26 in churches.

EC set the date for *FOLK FAIRE* August 25 and 26 as part of this celebration and is receiving co-operation from the Mayor's office. There will be an added dimension if clergy on August 26 direct their messages to involvement in city life. EC Board has named Dr. Robert Mayo to arrange some special recognition of the day in co-operation with the Mayor. These plans are still to be announced.

FOLK FAIRE
AUGUST 25-26

Julia Schilling is having frequent meetings of the Special Events Committee to complete details of this celebration, including the exact times on Saturday and Sunday. Success will depend on persuading members of congregations both to participate and attend. For booth information call Julia Schilling at 582-2984.

Organizations already committed to participation are: San Diego Armenian Club; St. Agnes Church (Portugese); Filipino-Catholic Society; Hale Aloha Club (Hawaiian); Pacific Beach Methodist Church (Colonial American); Bank of Tokyo (California Historical Society Art Exhibit); Ocean View United Church of Christ (Japanese); House of Scotland (House of Pacific Relations, Balboa Park; Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood; St. George Lebanese Church; Serbian Orthodox Church; Vasa Krets, Women's Auxiliary to Scandinavian Lodge No.667 (Swedish); California Federation of Folk Dancers; House of Ireland, House of Pacific Relations, Balboa Park; Historical Costumes, Mrs. Midge Mills; Church Women United; Ballet Folklorica (Mexico); Sons and Daughters of Guam; Blessed Sacrament Parent-Teacher Group; E.C.Youth Council; Quartet from S.D. Chapter of Sweet Adelines.

SPONSORS FOR FOLK FAIRE

$5.00 minimum donation will list you in program as a Faire sponsor. Send check to: San Diego Folk Faire, c/o Ecumenical Conference Office, 1875 Second Ave., S.D.92101.

ECUMENICAL TRENDS

A World Council of Churches authority on the ecumenical movement, **Dr. Gerald F. Moede**, will speak on "Concepts of Christian Unity" at the University of San Diego, Thursday, June 28, beginning at 11:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend the presentation which will take place in the Auditorium of De Sales Hall.

Dr. Moede has served on the staff of the Faith and Order Secretariat in Geneva since 1967. He specializes in church union negotiations all over the world at a time when the COCU (Consultation on Church Union) plan to merge nine Protestant denominations in the United States is being seriously questioned. While "Ordination" has been Dr.Moede's major study project for the World Council of Churches, he has now been given responsibility for a new study on "Concepts of Church Unity and Models of Church Union."

The task of this assignment is to press for a more precise definition of the unity being sought. Now that Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian, Anglican, Eastern Orthodox and other world confessional bodies have entered into bi-lateral conversations, there is a need to see how this affects churches which may be seeking to unite at the national level. Since the more controversial social-action issues of the World Council usually capture the headlines, few clergy and laymen are aware of the emerging consensus on such heretofore irreconcilable doctrines as Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry. Dr. Moede will attempt to interpret the significance of these developments.

A United Methodist clergyman from Eland, Wisconsin, Dr. Moede received his undergraduate training at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, and Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. He holds a Th.D. from the University of Basel (Switzerland), and his doctoral thesis on "The Office of Bishop in Methodism" was published by Abingdon Press in 1964.

His appearance at U.S.D. is in connection with the Pacific Regional School of Christian Mission sponsored by the Women's Division of the United Methodist Church, and also has the endoresement of the Ecumenical Relations Committee of the San Diego County Ecumenical Conference.

Information regarding this program, as well as the Faith and Order Consultation with Dr. Moede in Los Angeles on June 27, can be obtained from Campus Pastor John G. Huber of University Lutheran Church, at 459-8855 or 453-0561.

Tired but happy skaters at Balboa Park Convergence May 12 were Sue Moore, Heather Glissman, & Kim Smith from College Park UP Church where their skate started.

They are members of EC Youth Council planning fall drama festival. Drama groups interested in participating should call Devore Smith at 582–8480 or have representative at Youth Council meeting 4 p.m. at St. Mark's UM Church on June 20.

IT HAPPENED

The June 2 *DAY OF RENEWAL* was just that – an ecumenical experience of new life – with stirring messages, significant sharing sessions, some time for meditation, and a keen sense of history from meeting in the oldest mission in the U.S.

Its pastor, Msgr. I. Brent Eagen, in addition to welcoming the group, gave some fascinating facts about its origin with Father Serra in 1775. This was enriched by the tour led by Msgr. John Portman, who conducted the opening and closing worship. Fr. Kenneth Treat was the able chairman for the day. Irene Dunham served a delicious luncheon.

In his opening message on salvation by faith, Rev. Donald Shelby warned against religion as repute or reform, the do-it-yourself kind. Christ comes to do what we cannot do for ourselves – rescue and save. The Rev. Douglas MacConnell gave suggestions on disciplines to become open to PRAYER POWER –letting go, listening, and letting God take over.

Members of the Ecumenical Relations Committee served as facilitators for the sharing sessions that were very meaningful.

JULY 3 MEETING OF ECUMENICAL RELATIONS AT 10 A.M.

The Rev. John Huber of University Lutheran Church (MSLC) will report on his several months of study at the WCC Ecumenical Institute in Bossey, Switzerland. *You are welcome to attend.* He has been chosen by the World Council of Churches to participate in the Faith and Order consultation on **Concepts and Models of Unity** to be held next September in Salamonca, Spain.

At the September 4 meeting the Eastern Orthodox interpretation of the Eucharist will be presented by Fr. Velimir Petakovich of the Serbian Orthodox Church.

At June 5 meeting, Donald Wrigley presented information helpful to clergy when counseling regarding funeral practises and costs, indicating which were required by law.

DAY OF RENEWAL for State and local officers of Church Women United was held May 22 at Convent of Perpetual Adoration. Left to right are Joanne Wheeler, Heartland; Virginia Novak, Tri-City; Virginia Easterly, North San Diego; Ruth Segerhammer, State President; Betty Kees, San Diego; Dorothy Heinz, El Cajon; Ieanor Maund, La Jolla; and Irene Dunham, County Chairman.

SOCIAL CONCERNS
Meeting of May 23, 1973

Health planning, ex offenders, farm workers, Farah clothing boycott, Watergate, and Project Hospitality were among subjects discussed at Commission meeting May 23. William Davis of Santee UM Church was welcomed as a new member.

Donald Sherman, Assistant Director of Comprehensive Health Planning Association for San Diego, Riverside, and Imperial Counties, discussed pending legislation affecting its work. Beginningwith federal law enabling it to pass on all projects using federal funds, responsibility was expanded by state law requiring its approval for all new programs before state licensing would be given. Before latter went into effect January 1, 1970, a grandfather clause permitted a rash of new construction that resulted in a costly oversupply of medical facilities.

Senator Beilenson's original version of SB 413 would have established a State Commission to assume full responsibility for planning new construction, cost and quality control. It is being amended to continue function of local CHPA as advisory groups. At issue is degree of local control over appointments.

There was discussion of how large campaign contributions were related to the Watergate matter, pointing to the need for reforms supported by EC.

A decision was made to wire Assembly Speaker, Bob Moretti, urging him to appoint a replacement for Bob Crown on the Criminal Justice Committee who shared his conviction against capital punishment. (Moretti acknowledged message.)

PROJECT HOSPITALITY

Betty Meyers gave a progress report on this program to provide exposure week-end in homes of whites, blacks, and browns. (Rev. and Mrs. Minoru Fukuda are first to respond with an invitation.

Next Human Relations course for Marines will begin August 27. September would be the month for churches to have a hospitality week-end, hosting one or two men of a different ethnic background – black, white, brown, yellow, or orange!

PRAYERS FOR PEACE JUNE 17

The World Council of Churches and the Vatican Secretariat for Justice and Peace through their joint commission, SODEPAX, have issued a call for intercessory prayers for peace in Northern Ireland. With the sponsorship of most of the religious leadership of Ireland, and counterpart leaders in England, the United States and Europe, they ask that Christians all over the world on June 17, join in this spiritual effort to help bring justice and peace to a small country where people identified by their religious traditions are fighting and killing one another.

It is suggested that some explanation be given in the Sunday liturgy of each parish and congregation. Although the conflict is the result of past religious divisions, bigotry and sectarian politics, it is not a religious conflict in the sense that it is not over religious or theological issues. Unfortunately, the divisions along political lines are almost coterminous with those along the general religious lines of "Protestant" and "Catholic." Discrimination in the past has been along these same lines, and undoubted injustices have resulted, primarily for the minority, who are mostly Catholic. The Protestant poor have also suffered injustice in various ways, so our prayers should be for all those on the Island who presently are afflicted by injustice and civil strife.

Keith Mitchell of GPM introduced Chris Hartmire of National Farm Worker Ministry at the forums held May 15. Chavez' UFW is in a desperate struggle for worker representation.

There will be an interfaith celebration in support of the farm worker's struggle for self determination at noon on June 27 in Balboa Park at corner of Juniper and Sixth Avenue.

YOUTH EXPOSURE WEEKEND with workers in Coachella is planned beginning June 29. Others are welcome to join the group leaving Padre Hidalgo Center (2277 National Ave.), 1 p.m. Friday. Call Brother Martin at Center (235-6291) or Betty Myers (262-0841), Soc.Concerns V.Chmn.

PRE MARITAL COUNSELING

Judge Richard L. Vaughan of the Juvenile Court has announced that those under 18 desiring marriage licenses must comply with California Civil Code, Sec.4101(c), which states: *Minors desiring marriage licenses shall be required to participate in premarital counseling concerning the social, economic and personal responsibilities incidental to marriage.*

This goes into effect on June 19. This means that those minors applying for license must have a letter stating that they have complied with the law.

The local Association of Pastoral Counselors had a Spring seminar suggesting content of four counseling sessions by clergy to competently meet this legal requirement with those under 18 wanting to get married. Another is planned for Fall.

Bob Ekhaml of St. Therese and Paula Browning of P.B.United Presbyterian led May Board meeting in The Lord's Prayer, using sign language that originated with Abbe Charles Michel de l'Epee in 1755 in Paris. They are leaders in classes for deaf at USD and P.B.U.P. Deaf should be involved in planning of new programs, probably under ecumenical leadership, since there are relatively few of them. Contact EC for information.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ?

The Chorister's Guild had a workshop on multiple choir programs at Oceanside Presbyterian Church June 5 ..... Chaplain training program for BSA summer camps will be held June 16–22 ..... UCSD Extension will offer course on running political campaigns June 23–24 and June 30..... Morning and evening courses in **The Psalms as Christian Prayer** are available from Fr.L.A.Schokel at USD July 2–13 ..... Dr. J. H. Cunningham will offer course on **Human Relations** at USIU August 20–31 ..... **Time Management** course for clergy will be available from MARC Sept.27–8.

COALITION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS have arranged to have Fr. Lawrence Waddy conduct workshop on drama Sept. 29 from 10 to 3 at St.James Episcopal Church.

Rev. Harry Long has recruited an all-Indian committee to oversee work of **San Diego Indian Ministry** .....Methodist Mid-City Greater Parish and Cal Western Law School offer legal services with graduated fees evenings on Wednesdays at 2860 North Park Way and Thursdays at 3345 Adams Ave. ..... METRO residence for ex-offenders has relocated in the State University area. Call 287–6845 to offer gifts. ..... Model Cities funds have been made available to Padre Hidalgo Center to give vocational training to Spanish speaking women.

LOOKING AHEAD

Church Planning brings together representatives of local judicatories to share information on new church development or to plan cooperative action. Many of these have made commitments for co-operative ministries in Rancho San Diego. Now a significant new proposal is being referred to them.

To: Judicatories participating in co-operative church planning
From: Les Atkinson, chairman, Church Planning & Development
Date: May 30, 1973
Subject: Proposal to make early purchase and hold property for church use.

The Situation

Large new developments have no provisions for church sites. By the time the judicatories decide they wish to locate in these areas, land is scarce and prices greatly increased.

In 1990 both Mira Mesa and Tierrasanta are expected to have populations of 37,500. Neither area has provisions for church sites. In Mira Mesa UCC bought land for $5,000 an acre and later sold it. Now joint project with UP is seeking land at $45,000 an acre. Mormons recently bought land in Tierrasanta for $53,000 an acre. No churches bid on land up for auction by U.S.government May 24, 1973.

University City is the place where judicatories accepted invitation to buy raw land and hold for development. Savings have been considerable.

In meetings with **Church Planning**, city and county planners have indicated willingness to co-operate by giving information on new developments when maps are filed. They can be persuaded to reserve land for churches IF sites will be purchased within three years. Usually this will be so far ahead of development that churches will not be prepared to make commitments individually.

Proposal

To pool resources or buy into a corporation that will purchase undeveloped land and hold it for resale to churches, selling that which is not needed by churches later – at a profit.

How much capital would be needed?
Could this be subscribed by judicatories?
How would decisions be made?

Church Planning is suspending meetings to give judicatories time to respond to this proposal, hopefully before September 1, 1973.

(A promising way to get this project started would be for someone to make a gift of property, securities, or cash, say $100,000. It should be done soon before charity tax deductions are repealed! Editor.)

Fr. Douglas Regin and Maria Estrada of the Department on Aging get acquainted with **Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross** May 19 when latter spoke to an overflow audience at Central Christian Church.

Dr. Ross reported on project with theological students and others who interviewed 200 dying persons and found them eager to talk. This helped them work through the stages of dying: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance.

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CONFERENCE CALENDAR

JUNE

17 – Request Prayers for Peace in Ireland
20 – YOUTH COUNCIL at St.Mark's United Methodist, 4 p.m.
21 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS meets at EC, 7:30 p.m.
24–30 – National Association of Ecumenical Staff meets at Lake Geneva
27 – SOCIAL CONCERNS, 7:30 at EC
28 – Lecture by Dr.Gerald F.Moede at USD, 11 a.m.
29 – Youth Exposure with Farm Workers. Leave 1 p.m. from Padre Hidalgo

JULY

3 – ECUMENICAL RELATIONS at USD, 10 a.m. John Huber reports on work at Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies, Bossey, Switz.
13 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE luncheon
25–31 – ASILOMAR MISSIONS CONF.

AUGUST

10 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE luncheon
25–26 – FOLK FAIRE at Scottish Rite Auditorium
26 – FINEST CITY SUNDAY

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THE CALL is not published during July and August, September 1 is next deadline for news. EC members will be kept ecumenically informed by occasional issues of the **GREEN SHEET.**

Mel Harter will be on vacation the first two weeks of July and August.

EC GIVING BY JUDICATORIES
to June 1, 1973

Advent Christian	$ 67.00
Catholic	2.300.00
Christian	324.00
Church of the Brethren	50.00
Episcopal	501.00
Lutheran (LCA)	420.00
Lutheran (ALC)	187.50
United Church of Christ	270.00
United Methodist	1,182.44
United Presbyterian	1,192.00
	$6,493.94

As of this date income is $11,816 as against expenditures of $10,133, which is under budget of $10,833. Favorable balance is due to 1973 receipts from churches due in 1972 and increased giving by individuals.

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ON THE EC SCENE

East San Diego United Presbyterian Church has been welcomed as latest member of EC ..... Jack Lindquist (LCA) is arranging for clergy to give invocations at public meetings during June; Dean Charles Conder (Episcopalian) is scheduling for July. County Supervisor Chairman Jack Walsh has indicated they would welcome use of lay persons for this service ..... EC assistance has been requested ty UCSD Medical School to secure kidney donors; by S.D.Transit to design poster to persuade people to ride busses to church ..... Bureau of Vital Statistics reports that clergy have conducted services and made confidential records of same for 175 common law marriages in 18 mos. To order recording forms phone 236–3197.

Thanks to Clifford Fugate for 5 years of covering **Religion In the News** for EC on Radio KFMB Sundays at 9 a.m. He expects to take a new parish July 1 and will be replaced by Sister Monica Clark with Mel Harter as back up ..... Dr. Carroll Cannon has resigned as chairman of EC Donor Committee. He and his wife will be moving to New York in July, where he will be Provost of Pratt Institute, the well-known professional and liberal arts college ..... Ruth White will complete another year as producer for **House of Happiness** on KGTV, now back at 6:55 a.m. daily. Anna Ramirez has been telling of Senior Adult Service work with Spanish speaking. Program will shut down for summer on June 25. It is expected to have a new format in fall to feature **Hope** in significant programs of churches.

Let There Be Light did not show Great Day Singers and GPM programs June 3 due to studio failure to complete recording. Keep watching ..... KPBS will present program on problems of the deaf June 27 at 7 p.m. ..... NBC religious special **Reach Out!** is to be screened afternoon of June 24 – life styles and religious dimensions. ..... Have you seen the movie **Brother Sun, Sister Moon.** – ?

Six downtown San Diego churches are participating in union services for 6 weeks beginning June 24 Sundays at 9:30 am at Balboa Park Organ Pavilion..... Joint Vacation Church Schools are being conducted in North Park, Mission Village, and North Clairemont ..... After joint start in Mira Mesa, United Presbyterians and United Church of Christ are designing joint mission for Otay Mesa.

KEY 73 PROGRESS

Week of May 14–20 began with youth rally, featured noon prayer vigils, and ended with beginning of Saturday surveys and Scripture distribution ..... May 20 Rabbi Monroe Levens responded to Key 73 sermon at S.D.First United Methodist ..... May 26 Bethany Lutheran and Vista La Mesa Christian exchanged choir programs ..... Six Pacific Beach churches participated in Scripture distribution and Bible study. Recreation ministry this summer at Vacation Village is under consideration ..... Seven Fallbrook churches distributed Scriptures in May. Methodists and Presbyterians joined in six-month film study of Acts ..... Poway-Rancho Bernardo brought together three churches for Scripture distribution.

Pastor Norlan Hanson of Our Saviour's Lutheran did some socializing with **Dr. Gerald Bubis** of Hebrew University in L.A. at Clergy Institute May 21. Bubis' message on values and priorities suggested: 1. Enhance and accept differences; 2. Intensify co-operation in matters of common concern; and 3. Respect the tentative nature of most truths.