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The Church Takes Action in Human Relations

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The following action was taken at the Spring Council held at Washington, D.C., April 13-15, 1965:

WHEREAS, The Seventh-day Adventist Church in its Autumn Council of 1961 took action rededicating our denomination to the basic principles contained in the following representative statement by Ellen G. White: "No distinction on account of nationality, race, or caste is recognized by God. He is the Maker of all mankind. All men are of one family by creation, and all are one through redemption. Christ came to demolish every wall of partition, to throw open every compartment of the temple, that every soul may have free access to God. . . . In Christ, there is neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free. All are brought nigh by His precious blood."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 386.

WHEREAS, It is our belief and conviction that all persons should be given full and equal opportunity within the church to develop the knowledge and skills needed in the building up of that church, and that all service and positions of leadership on all levels of church activity should be open on the basis of qualifications without regard to race; therefore,

We recommend, That the following principles and practices be adopted and carried out in our churches and institutions:

1. Membership and office in all churches and on all levels must be available to anyone who qualifies, without regard to race.

2. In our educational institutions there should be no racial bias in the employment of teachers or other personnel nor in the admission of students.

3. Hospitals and rest homes should make no racial distinction in admitting patients or in making their facilities available to physicians, interns, residents, nurses, and administrators who meet the professional standards of the institution.

It is further recommended that these recommendations be given very serious consideration and that every effort be put forth to implement them as rapidly as is consistently possible.

At the time of the meeting of the Human Relations Committee of the General Conference held on March 9, 1965, at Takoma Park, at which time the above action was recommended to the Spring Council for consideration, we were informed of forward moves already being made in various areas of the church, such as actions by the boards of Southern Missionary College and Southwestern Union College voting to admit students regardless of race; the Florida Sanitarium and Hospital being fully integrated in the nursing staff and in the receiving of patients; and several academies in the Southern Union likewise opening their doors.

Two unions have led out in taking direct action in declaring full integration. They are the Atlantic and Pacific Unions. The two actions are somewhat similar, so we quote from one.

The Pacific Union executive com-

mittee took the following action during 1964:

1. That membership and office in all of our churches be available to anyone who qualifies, without regard to race; and that this apply to all levels of church life.

2. In our educational institutions, there shall be no racial lines for teachers, students, or clientele.

3. That our hospital and rest home facilities shall be available to physicians, interns, residents, nurses, and administrators who meet professional qualifications, and patients, without regard to race.

4. That denominational institutions and conference offices throughout the Pacific Union Conference territory seek to employ qualified persons of varied races and nationalities who by their influence and ability can implement the finishing of the work of God in the earth.

5. That our school boards give consideration to minority groups in selection of teachers, that by precept and example, our children may be brought to a clearer understanding of the brotherhood of men.

6. That we earnestly endeavor to remove from among us every vestige of discrimination and exclusiveness.

FINALLY, that we recognize the importance and urgency of initiating and following a program of educative action in order to make these recommendations a vital factor in our total church life in the Pacific Union Conference.

ALLEGHENY

Mother Sees Five of Seven Children in Church Work

PICTURED is Mrs. Naomi Simons, of Milton Junction, Wisconsin, with her son, Donald B. Simons, home missionary, Sabbath school, and public relations secretary of the Allegheny Conference. Mrs. Simons has the enviable record of seeing all seven of her children in professional posts in various parts of the United States.

Her father, Franklin G. Warnick, was the first colored teacher to work with J. E. White on the missionary steamer, the *Morning Star*, which carried the gospel to Negroes in Mississippi.

"It has been a long, hard struggle, but it has been worth all of the costs," she stated to a newspaper reporter. "My husband and I can now sit back with satisfaction and watch the family tradition carry on."

Five of the children presently have positions with the denomination. Donald B. Simons is a conference officer of the Allegheny Conference. Norman G. Simons, of Nashville, Tennessee, is administrator of the Riverside Hospital, where his sister, Mrs. Lois Benson, is a nurse. A brother, Raymond, was formerly public relations director there. He is currently doing professional photography in Atlanta, Georgia. Another son, John, is an ordained minister employed by the South Atlantic Conference. A fifth son, Richard, also an ordained minister, is principal of the Los Angeles Junior Academy in California. The youngest of the Simons children is Mrs. Estelle McMillen, a nurse at the Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C.

News Notes

► March 13 was a high day for the Glenville-Cleveland congregation. Their church edifice and school were dedicated free of debt. Aaron Brogden is the pastor.

► The Ephesus church of Columbus, Ohio, where J. A. Washington is pastor, was dedicated free of debt April 3.

► In Montclair, New Jersey, a new church has been built and the members began using it March 27. W. A. Thompson, the conference secretary-



At the right is Mrs. Naomi Simons of Milton Junction, Wis. At the left is one of her sons, Elder D. B. Simons, of Pine Forge, Pa.

treasurer, was the speaker on that occasion. Charles Cheatham is the pastor.

► The Allegheny workers residing in the western half of the conference met in a joint workers' meeting with the workers of the Ohio Conference at Mt. Vernon, March 14. On March 16 the workers residing in the eastern section met in a joint workers' meeting with the workers of the Potomac Conference at the Capitol Memorial Church.



Frank W. Hale, Jr., chairman of the department of English at Central State College, has just been appointed communications consultant for the Career Development Branch, Aeronautical Systems Division, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, where he is responsible for on-base instruction in "Staff Presentations," a course blending basic communications skills and Air Force Research and Development. Dr. Hale conducts two two-and-one-half-hour sessions each week at the base. The program has been in operation since early January, 1965.

► Recent district changes in the Allegheny Conference are: Leon G. Cox to Berea Temple, Baltimore, Maryland; Jethro Lester to Cincinnati, Ohio; Milton Thomas to Ebenezer, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Alfred Jones to Bethel in Cleveland, Ohio; John Wright from the Lake Region Conference to the Trenton, New Jersey, district; and Oliver Cheatham, principal of the Baltimore Academy, to the Lake Region Conference.



WINNER. Barry Black of Pine Forge Institute (second from left) is congratulated by E. M. Peterson after winning the Columbia Union Conference Temperance Oratorical Contest at Blue Mountain Academy. Looking on at the left is Herbert Davis, sponsor of the temperance program at Pine Forge Institute, and at the right is Daniel L. Davis, MV and temperance secretary of the Allegheny Conference.

CENTRAL STATES

Wichita, Kansas, Members Change Churches

WHENEVER reports were taken or a roll call of the churches in the Central States Conference was made alphabetically, Wabash Avenue church in Wichita was always last. A few months ago the pastor and members decided that it was time for a few firsts. At the close of a good evangelistic effort, which resulted in a baptism of 28, they set about the task of raising the Ingathering goal quickly. This was accomplished in record time, with eight persons reporting \$100 or more: Ethel Summers, the Bible instructor from Washington, D. C., \$130; Isaac Oden, baptized during the effort, \$350; W. A. Darby, \$305; C. B. Carter, \$200; Ida Lucas, one hundred years of age, \$250; Alma Pyles, \$275; Eugene Toussaint, \$100; and Floren. Darby, \$150.

The conference Ingathering campaign was launched at the joint workers' meeting held in Cassopolis, Michigan, on October 5, 1964. As usual, Wabash Avenue church in Wichita was last on the list as goal assignments were made. This was quickly changed when the pastor presented a check for the full amount of the Ingathering goal. Hereby Wabash Avenue not only became the first church in the Central States Conference but the first church in the union to present its Ingathering goal.

Approximately three weeks ago another milestone was reached, and the Wichita believers became the first congregation in the conference to occupy a new church building in 1965.

Eighteen months ago when Elder W. A. Darby was sent to Wichita, the church members were in the process of purchasing twelve beautifully situated lots on an easily accessible street. They had high hopes of erecting a new church home under a lovely oak tree that would provide shade as well as beauty for the lawn. Before the end of the pastor's first year, the lots were paid for and the mortgage ceremoniously burned at the Ingathering banquet. Plans were laid for groundbreaking in 1964. However, during 1964 the 140 members were able to raise only \$11,000. The day of the new building seemed a little further in the future.

God intervened. The believers heard of a church that was being offered for sale. Although another church group was slated to purchase it, they went immediately to see the building. All were favorably impressed. Unanimously, the church decided to purchase this lovely brick building which is 81 by 41 feet and situated on a 150 by 219-foot lot in a very



Grove Heights SDA church, Wichita, Kansas (Inset—former church building).

desirable neighborhood. The building is completely furnished with oak pews and chairs and tables for the junior division. It is of modern construction with laminated beams and lovely decor. With assistance and counsel from the union and local conferences, the purchase was made.

On January 20, 1965, \$25,000 was paid to the trustees of the Church of Christ, and the congregation of the Wabash Avenue church took possession. So, after forty years, from 1925 to 1965, the Wichita members changed church buildings.

The grand opening of the newly named Grove Heights SDA church was held February 7, 1965, with F. L. Bland, associate secretary of the General Conference Regional Department, as the keynoter.

For years to come, when the members pass 1121 Wabash, the site of the old structure, they will cherish memories of the brothers and sisters who helped build and who worshiped in the Wabash Avenue church.

J. L. BUTLER
Public Relations Secretary

LAKE REGION

A Word From Lake Region's President

1964 was a good year for the Lake Region Conference. We began the year with a membership of 6,106 and ended the year with 6,673, a net gain of 567. The baptisms, 710, and the professions of faith, 22, made a total of 732 persons added to our church. Our 1964 tithe was \$571,062.03, a gain of \$64,712.02 over the 1963 tithe.

In 1961 the membership of the Lake Region Conference was 5,187. Our baptisms have not been phenomenal, but our net gains are quite steady, so that during these years approximately 1,500 persons have been added to the churches. We are pressing another conference for second place in the Lake Union Conference. Their membership is approximately 7,000. At our present growth rate we should overtake them by June, 1965. Our great burden now is to organize more churches in the cities. From the experience that I had working in New York City it has been made very clear to me that the best way to conserve our gains in large cities is to organize new churches.

Leland B. Mitchell Taken by Death

LELAND BARRETT MITCHELL was born in Newark, New Jersey, April 26, 1930, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mitchell. He attended the Newark Seventh-day Adventist church school, Washington Academy, Pine Forge Academy, and Oakwood College. He married Lottie Mae Jones of Otisville, Michigan, in 1953.

Upon graduating from Oakwood College, Elder Mitchell accepted a call to the Central States Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and began his ministry in the Pueblo, Colorado, district, where many precious souls were baptized by him. His next assignment was in Wichita, Kansas, and from there he went to St. Joseph, Missouri. It was while serving in St. Joseph, Missouri, that Elder and Mrs. Mitchell accepted a call to the mission field.

His first assignment was as director of the Bassa Mission, Lower Buchanan, Grand Bassa County, Liberia. Elder Mitchell's faithfulness and untiring labors were rewarded with a promotion to the presidency of the Liberian Mission in Monrovia, Liberia. He served in this capacity until the time of his terminal illness.

His many friends and relatives, together with his wife and little son, Leon Barrett, mourn their deep loss.

His favorite Bible text was: "When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him" (Prov. 16:7).



Leland B. Mitchell

NORTHEASTERN

Farewell Banquet Honoring the F. L. Joneses

F. L. JONES, the secretary-treasurer of the Northeastern Conference, accepted a call to be secretary-treasurer of the South Atlantic Conference, with headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia.

For the past eight years Elder and Mrs. Jones have served this field faithfully, rendering unstinted service. Their names have become household words in practically every family throughout the field. While Elder Jones served as treasurer, Mrs. Jones rendered excellent service as a teacher in our Manhattan Elementary School.

On Sunday, January 24, the Northeastern Conference workers assembled to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the conference and hold a banquet honoring Elder and Mrs. Jones and their family, in the newly purchased French Seventh-day Adventist church in Brooklyn, New York.

During the workers' meeting certain statistics were pointed out which are as follows:

In 1945 the conference membership was 2,400 and at the close of 1964, 8,891.

In 1945 the conference tithes was \$140,000 and at the close of 1964, \$1,033,000. After the workers' meeting the conference ministers, teachers, and Bible instructors, assembled to give honor to the Joneses because it was while Elder Jones served as treasurer that many achievements were attained.

L. H. Davis, youth director of the conference, served as master of ceremonies. There were musical selections by Yon Robertson, Dorothy Hudson, Laura Straker, Benito Hodge, a ministers' quartet, and readings by Henrietta Jackson and Elizabeth Martin. Mervetta Lister and Emerton Whidbee presented a skit.

Timely remarks concerning Elder Jones's ministry in the conference were made by Samuel Farrell; Zilda Forde; Lester Valentine; G. R. Earle; L. B. Reynolds, General Conference associate secretary, Sabbath School Department; and R. T. Hudson, Northeastern Conference president.

The guest speaker for the occasion was H. D. Singleton, General Conference Regional Department secretary, who was president of the North-

eastern Conference when Elder Jones was elected treasurer.

Presentations were then made to Elder and Mrs. Jones. Following the closing song, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," H. W. Kibble closed with prayer asking God's blessings upon Elder and Mrs. Jones and their three children, two boys and a girl, as they departed to serve in a similar capacity in the South Atlantic Conference.



Pictured from left to right: Frank Jones, Jr., Elder and Mrs. F. L. Jones, H. D. Singleton, and L. B. Reynolds.



Pictured above are the officials of the New York City Ministerial Association of the Northeastern Conference. Left to right are: E. A. Lockert, treasurer; E. J. Humphrey; R. T. Hudson, conference president; B. T. Rivers, secretary; G. R. Earle, president; and J. A. Edgcombe.



The newly purchased building for the French-speaking believers in Brooklyn, New York, of which René Adrien is the pastor. T. X. Perry and the congregations and choirs of the Brooklyn Temple and Christian Fellowship churches visited the French-speaking congregation during January and helped christen the edifice.

OAKWOOD

News Notes

► The enrollment has reached 432 in the college, and the academy has registered 110.

► A galaxy of speakers have graced the Oakwood campus, each bringing with them words of challenge and encouragement. Dr. Albert I. Oliver from the graduate school of education, University of Pennsylvania, spoke on the subject "Finding Certainty in a World of Uncertainty." Dr. Oliver was given a tour of the rocket facilities. He is an authority on curriculum development. His new book *Curriculum Improvement* was published in January, 1965. E. E. Cleveland, of the Ministerial Department of the General Conference, conducted the evangelistic workshop for junior and senior theology majors. Rabbi Sherman Stein of the B'nai Sholom Temple, speaking for the Jewish Chautauqua Society of New York City, spoke on the subject "Judaism—What Shall We Call It?" The Chautauqua Society is giving the library twelve books of the librarian's own choosing from a prepared list of outstanding works on the Jewish people.

Dr. Joel Levin, who is connected with Princeton University and is associated with the special institutes conducted to assist predominantly Negro colleges, was with us and spoke on the subject "The Limitations of Science."

The mayor of Huntsville, Glenn H. Hearn, visited the campus, responding to an invitation extended by the United Student Movement. The mayor was free in outlining the progressive program which Huntsville will follow under his administration. Prof. Fred Schmidt, representing the Southern Teaching Program, also was on the campus. The educator developed the causes of the split with Red China and Russia.

► The Fine Arts building is now in use and its facilities are making a contribution to the total academic program. It is expected that the old Industrial building will be completely renovated and will serve the needs of the academy.

► The Youth Church idea has taken hold in a strong way. Ned Linsay, the college church pastor, is very

well pleased with the results. A new spirit of mission endeavor has been born and groups of students are now working to save souls every Sabbath in the surrounding towns and villages.

Special Issue of the *Message Magazine* Features Oakwood College

THE *Message Magazine*, dated May-June 1965, features an eye-catching photo story of Oakwood College. The feature story, entitled "The Dynamic Outreach of a Christian College," was written by the president of the college, A. V. Pinkney.

By means of words and pictures, the multifaceted activities of our beloved Oakwood are presented in a most attractive manner. It is altogether likely that substantial, tangible benefits shall accrue to Oakwood as a result of the publication of this photo story. We are assured that scores of Oakwood College students and well wishers from all points of the compass will be out to give the public an opportunity to get a glimpse inside Oakwood through the distribution of this magazine.

It is doubtless that this will be one of the most fascinating and intriguing public relations projects concerning Oakwood College that has ever been presented to the *Message Magazine* readership. Surely there are many reasons why we should give this issue of *Message Magazine* the widest possible circulation.

The alumni and friends of Oakwood College everywhere will no doubt want to preserve copies of this issue of our journal among their keepsakes for years to come. Surely you will not want to miss this issue of *Message Magazine*.

Columbus, Ohio, Pastor Writes Concerning the Christian Benefit Association

From a small beginning an acorn grew and took root, one day to become a great oak.

Since coming to Columbus, Ohio, a little more than a year ago, it has been my good pleasure to be associated

with a project that I feel can be one of the greatest helping hands to our constituency that we have ever had. If I could scream it from the housetop I would advise our constituents to learn for themselves the truth of the wonderful plan that has been obtained for the benefit of our people, many of whom now kick it about and magnify its past struggling years. A sound plan is offered today.

At the recent meeting of the Christian Benefit Association board I was elected chairman of the association. Having learned of the sound foundation upon which C.B.A. is now built, I felt that this is now a program to which I can give my wholehearted endorsement, therefore I accepted the chairmanship.

On behalf of C.B.A. I am happy to announce that it is now able to offer a type of coverage that has been heretofore unavailable. The association can now extend coverages to our Regional believers up to the age of 64, for a nominal monthly premium.

As an introduction the association is offering special rates to persons under 55 who join during the special campaign months of May and June.

The \$1,000 coverage offered by the association cannot be purchased by individuals or families at comparable rates from any other place.

For further information write:

Christian Benefit Association
1432 Hildreth Avenue
Columbus, Ohio

JAMES A. WASHINGTON

PACIFIC UNION

Family Bible School Graduation

On Sunday evening, December 6, 1964, the strains of the "War March of the Priests" broke the silence of the San Diego Thirty-first Street church listeners as the directors of the Family Bible School marched across the platform in their caps and gowns.

Hundreds packed the church to witness the first graduating class prepare to receive honor and recognition for completing the 32-lesson Bible course. The Family Bible School was organized in May, 1964.

An array of flowers, 209 diplomas and white Bibles beautifully wrapped in white with gold ribbon, decked the edge of the platform.

Closed-circuit television was a necessity for the many hundreds who attended this unique service.

L. W. Hallsted, director of lay activities for the Southeastern California Conference, delivered the address to the 209 graduates shortly after the welcome address by R. E. Berry, associate director of the Family Bible School.

A free Bible, bookmark, and a certificate were handed to each graduate as they marched across the front of the auditorium and exchanged handshakes with the directors of the school.

Special awards were presented by our Bible school director, E. C. Ward, to the persons not having missed a single question in the entire course, and to all carriers who enrolled ten or more of the 209 graduates.

The enrollment is increasing rapidly. Nearly 400 others are endeavoring to be ready for the next big graduation this year.

It was very encouraging to us to know that out of the 209 that graduated, 152 have expressed in writing their desire to unite with the Seventh-day Adventist church in their area.

E. C. WARD, Pastor
San Diego Thirty-first Street Church

News Report and Recent Changes in the Pacific Union

Recent changes on the Pacific Coast are as follows: William Penick, formerly pastor in Sacramento, California, to the Elmhurst Church in Oakland, California; Gerald Wells, of the Lake Region Conference, to the Capitol City church in Sacramento, California; Donald J. Williams, of the Allegheny Conference, to the youth

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W. S. Lee, temperance secretary of the Pacific Union Conference, serves the interests of all the churches in the union. Elder Lee was formerly the secretary of the Regional Department of the Union.



G. N. Banks, former missionary to Liberia and more recently a pastor in the Northern California Conference, is now serving as the Regional Department Secretary of the Pacific Union Conference.



Brenda Loyce Wilson and Dennis Laval Crosby were united in marriage on February 21 at the K Street SDA church in San Bernardino, California. Elder Horace Barker officiated. Brenda is the daughter of Mrs. R. M. Wilson of San Bernardino. She attended San Bernardino Valley College. Dennis is a graduate of Pacific Union College and studied at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, where his father, Dennis Crosby, Sr., was for several years manager of the college farm.

church of the University church in Los Angeles; Van Runnels, former pastor of the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, church, to the Phoenix, Arizona, church; James Middleton, pastor of the Phoenix church to the Southern California Conference for the church at Pa-coima, California; and John E. Collins from the Allegheny Conference to the new Pittsburg church near Oakland, California.

► Among the more recent evangelistic crusades here on the Coast, we would like to mention the Spears evangelistic crusade that was recently held in the city of San Francisco. The chairman of the campaign was William Galbreth, new pastor of the Philadelphia church in San Francisco. Evangelist Byron Spears, along with his company of workers, chose the Veteran's War Memorial building in the Civic Center of San Francisco as the place for the crusade. The meetings covered a period of twelve weeks. Five churches representing the many nationalities of San Francisco, were invited to take part. And it is interesting to note that 15 different racial groups were involved in the campaign. The associated ministers worked with the campaign, along with the evangelistic company, and their members from the five churches served faithfully as ushers, hostesses, and choir members. Thus far, more than 66 baptisms have resulted from this fine effort. Elder Galbreth, chair-

man of the evangelistic company, states, however, that the crusade is not yet complete. On March 21 a new evangelistic campaign was carried forward in San Francisco by the same company. The new Scottish Rites Temple was chosen as the place for this new evangelistic move. It is a beautiful, new building, located in a most representative section of the city of San Francisco. The same evangelistic organization carried forward this new crusade under the leadership of Elder Byron Spears.

► Friends of the Pacific Coast will be interested to know that the Market Street church in Oakland, California, Oakland's oldest Regional church and one of the oldest churches in the Regional department, is now in the process of building a new church edifice to the glory of God. We are hoping that in a few months, the congregation and the pastor, Harold Lindsey, will be enjoying the commodious environment of a new church home in this teeming city. The El Segundo church, under the leadership of R. Hope Robertson, is also to move soon into a new church home at a cost of \$250,000, in the Los Angeles area. The Compton Avenue church, under the direction of R. Wendell Nelson, is also relocating their church home by selling their old church and purchasing a larger and more commodious church on Normandy Avenue in the South Los Angeles area, at a cost of

\$125,000. A new recreational center, which is being developed by Adolphus Webb and his co-workers at the Perris, California, church, will be completed and open to the enjoyment of the members of that particular church.

► As a result of the Filipino branch Sabbath school conducted by Sister Austel Melendez in south Los Angeles, California, a mother and her four children were baptized, and another mother and her three boys have become candidates for baptism.

SOUTH CENTRAL



Mrs. Norman S. McLeod, formerly associate medical secretary in the Northeastern Conference and also director of nursing service in the school of practical nursing at Rivers' Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee, recently received scholarships to Peabody College at the University of Tennessee school of nursing.



Mrs. Allie Knight, the wife of Sydney Knight and a member of the Soso, Mississippi, church, died February 10, 1965. She was affectionately known as "Miss Allie" throughout the community, and served as a nurse and midwife of the Jones County Public Health Department. In 1957 doctors, nurses, and community friends honored her in a special "Allie Knight Day." Besides her husband she is survived by three of her five children: Hester, now Mrs. Paul Cantrell of Newark, New Jersey; Henrietta, now Mrs. W. C. Perry of Oakland, California; and Lt. Col. Hanon Knight (retired) of New York City. An adopted son, Dr. Herbert Holness, also survives. Other survivors are six sisters, three brothers, and four grandchildren.

SOUTHWEST REGION

Ingathering Attainments

"Every soul that accepts Jesus as his personal Saviour will pant for the privilege of serving God, and will eagerly seize the opportunity to signalize his gratitude by devoting his abilities to God's service. . . . He will covet toil, hardship, sacrifice. He will think it a privilege to deny self, lift the cross, and follow in Christ's footsteps, thus showing his loyalty and love."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 394. This



W. J. Cleveland, pastor of the New Orleans church, presents \$10,026 Ingathering to V. L. Roberts, president, and L. D. Henderson, treasurer.



The newly erected Salem church of Columbus, Mississippi. James Edson White of the Southern Missionary Society, son of Ellen G. White, began the work among Negroes here about 1895. Shortly afterward he purchased a lot for \$100 and erected a school building which housed classes and the chapel. It was on this lot that the new church was built. The present pastor is L. W. Williams. The mother of L. W. Williams' wife, Mrs. Pearl Hamilton, gave a modern sign for the new church as a last contribution shortly before her death a few months ago.

quotation from the pen of the servant of the Lord sums up the genuine spirit of loyalty and love of the truth demonstrated by the pastors and churches throughout the recent Ingathering campaign. Our people are beginning to realize we have come to the days of the latter rain, and everything we do or plan must be accomplished in relationship to this fact.

Many chapters could be written about the heroic deeds of all the churches in the conference in their quest of Ingathering victory. We refer to one in particular, our largest church with the largest goal of all, Ephesus of New Orleans. Under the able direction of W. J. Cleveland, and a wonderful band of missionary-minded leaders, this congregation, in an abbreviated campaign, raised a grand total of \$10,026 for missions in the district. When an entire membership moves in concerted action, according to advanced preparation, ultimate victory is the glorious reward.

When we think of the many lay workers who joined hands with the district leaders by giving of their time and talents, going well beyond the call of ordinary duty, the names are many of these consecrated missionary workers who love the cause of truth. Heading the list of our lay force are two outstanding laymen, Brother W. Rucker, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who led the way among the laity by gathering \$613 for our humanitarian program, and Brother Purnell Lewis, of New Orleans, who demonstrated again this year his devotion to missions by raising \$530.

The Southwest Region Conference has gathered more than \$55,600 for our worldwide mission program. The

final reports are not yet in, yet we have raised \$5,000 beyond last year's total, and \$1,000 more than the highest figure ever recorded in the history of our conference. In addition, the latest tabulations of the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference shows the Southwest Region Conference with the highest per capita of any Regional conference in North America.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our people for this grand achievement. You have made this accomplishment possible by your noble efforts to advance the finishing of the gospel among every nation, kindred, tongue and people. May we never become satisfied with our attainments and may our zeal never abate until this gospel of the kingdom is preached in all the world, and the end comes.



J. M. Hammond, a teacher at Bekwai Training College, Bekwai, Ghana, was given a D.D. degree by Friendship College, Rock Hill, South Carolina, on June 1, 1964, while on furlough in the United States. Since his return to Ghana he wrote of a new church building erected under his leadership and the baptism of seven persons in an effort on December 26.

North American Regional Department 1964 Statistical Report

| Unions | Churches & Companies | Mem- bers | Bap- tisms | Tithe | Sabbath School and Other Mis- sion Offerings | Ingath- ering | Total Mission Offerings | Per Cap- ita | Total Local Church Funds |
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| ATLANTIC | | | | | | | | | |
| Northeastern | 35 | 8,891 | 654 | \$1,033,856.03 | \$ 135,575.74 | \$ 80,001.86 | \$ 215,577.60 | .466 | \$ 517,432.17 |
| CENTRAL | | | | | | | | | |
| Central States | 24 | 2,653 | 320 | 205,831.37 | 28,919.81 | 36,777.19 | 65,697.00 | .476 | 96,899.00 |
| COLUMBIA | | | | | | | | | |
| Allegheny | 74 | 10,352 | 839 | 1,025,545.35 | 257,100.98 | 132,103.11 | 389,204.09 | .723 | 493,235.50 |
| LAKE | | | | | | | | | |
| Lake Region | 45 | 6,673 | 732 | 571,062.03 | 82,413.22 | 68,349.76 | 150,762.98 | .434 | 387,041.11 |
| NORTHERN | | | | | | | | | |
| Minnesota-Minneapolis | 1 | 120 | 8 | 16,839.09 | 3,960.12 | 1,185.51 | 5,145.63 | .825 | 7,304.31 |
| NORTH PACIFIC | | | | | | | | | |
| Oregon-Portland | 1 | 209 | 5 | 11,782.67 | 4,345.21 | 562.89 | 4,908.10 | .452 | 531.14 |
| Washington-Seattle | 2 | 369 | 62 | 20,313.05 | 2,252.73 | 1,350.84 | 3,603.57 | .188 | 13,658.66 |
| | 3 | 578 | 67 | 32,095.72 | 6,597.94 | 1,913.73 | 8,511.67 | .283 | 14,189.80 |
| PACIFIC | | | | | | | | | |
| Arizona | 2 | 194 | 3 | 19,013.23 | 3,816.07 | 2,382.20 | 6,198.27 | .614 | 299,213.78 |
| Central California | 5 | 813 | 43 | 86,249.02 | 17,460.62 | 6,470.23 | 23,930.85 | .566 | 43,226.65 |
| Nevada-Utah | 1 | 41 | | 3,691.21 | 1,901.85 | 920.27 | 2,822.12 | 1.324 | 1,850.39 |
| Northern California | 7 | 1,337 | 59 | 147,280.02 | 25,112.07 | 9,660.06 | 34,772.13 | .500 | 63,472.35 |
| Southeastern California | 5 | 1,275 | 110 | 138,477.44 | 24,994.15 | 5,342.66 | 30,336.81 | .458 | 88,751.57 |
| Southern California | 11 | 3,571 | 78 | 417,911.06 | 53,416.05 | 28,213.04 | 81,629.09 | .440 | 141,403.45 |
| | 31 | 7,231 | 293 | 812,621.98 | 126,700.81 | 52,988.46 | 179,689.27 | .478 | 637,918.19 |
| SOUTHERN | | | | | | | | | |
| South Atlantic | 95 | 8,816 | 714 | 507,138.85 | 76,059.63 | 92,183.25 | 168,242.88 | .367 | |
| South Central | 59 | 4,833 | 419 | 309,858.89 | 44,152.36 | 48,635.79 | 92,788.15 | .368 | 38,507.85 |
| | 154 | 13,649 | 1,133 | 816,997.74 | 120,211.99 | 140,819.04 | 261,031.03 | .368 | 38,507.85 |
| SOUTHWESTERN | | | | | | | | | |
| Southwest Region | 50 | 3,700 | 470 | 213,365.25 | 86,198.58 | 57,464.94 | 143,663.52 | .747 | 62,075.36 |
| GRAND TOTALS | 417 | 53,847 | 4,516 | \$4,728,214.56 | \$ 847,679.19 | \$ 571,603.60 | \$1,419,282.79 | .507 | \$2,254,603.29 |

NOTE: Membership Reported to December 31, 1964.

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| | 1961 | 1962 | 1963 | 1964 | Increase of 1964 Over 1963 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Tithe | \$ 3,692,656.20 | \$ 3,972,621.17 | \$ 4,308,098.32 | \$ 4,728,214.56 | \$ 420,116.24 |
| Sabbath School and Other Mission Offerings | 713,316.03 | 612,636.93 | 646,972.39 | 847,679.19 | 200,706.80 |
| Ingathering | 501,902.57 | 526,382.58 | 553,418.11 | 571,603.60 | 18,185.49 |
| Total Offerings to Missions | 1,215,218.60 | 1,139,019.51 | 1,200,390.50 | 1,419,282.79 | 218,892.29 |
| Total Offerings to Local Church Funds | 1,436,422.06 | 1,643,061.83 | 1,786,229.81 | 2,254,603.29 | 468,373.48 |
| Churches and Companies | 406 | 412 | 422 | 417 | *5 |
| Membership | 45,991 | 47,456 | 50,810 | 53,847 | 3,037 |
| Baptisms and Profession of Faith | 4,599 | 2,708 | 5,317 | 4,516 | *801 |
| Ordained Ministers | 183 | 184 | 188 | 199 | 11 |
| Licensed Ministers | 48 | 49 | 53 | 55 | 2 |
| Interns | 18 | 19 | 18 | 21 | 3 |
| Bible Instructors | 28 | 31 | 31 | 25 | *6 |
| Teachers: Church School | 212 | 209 | 227 | 220 | *7 |
| Colporteurs | 406 | 169 | 132 | 177 | 45 |
| Approximate Value Church Buildings and Other Conference Properties | | \$11,236,664.74 | \$13,559,436.22 | \$16,901,597.37 | \$ 3,342,161.15 |

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