

Moral perspectives

Looking anew at liberation

It may be a surprise for white people to learn from black people. Or it may be a sign of progress in human relationships to find that white people may be more open than before to learning from a minority person. I recently had just such an experience.

I learned some new perspectives and values from a black man. He spoke of his liberation theology in a way which was fresh and helpful to me.

We were talking of a committee and its lines of responsibility. "If a committee is appointed for a task," he said, "it should have the power of making decisions and the authority to carry them out." This was his example of liberation theology. If you give people a job you don't take away their power of executing their task.

I HAD THOUGHT of liberation theology as "freedom now." Never before had I thought of applying liberation theology to the oppression present in a committee's work.

I also learned by this man's example that liberation theology means you speak of who you are rather than what you do. "Roots" has meaning for the white person. My identity is basically who I am rather than how I perform.

Different values come to the fore when we think of who we are rather than evaluate ourselves or others by what we do. "Roots" has meaning for the white person. My identity is basically who I am rather than how I perform.



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A third thing which I learned from him is to value the experiences of those who bear hurts and wounds.

FROM ANCIENT Israel to modern race and sexual prejudice, people who have experienced oppression and have

pursued the struggle for liberation have contributed much to humanity.

Religion, values and the qualities of compassion and healing have matured through the teachings of those who have been wounded themselves. Henri Nouwen suggests this in the title of his book "The Wounded Healer."

Many may wonder what is the next step for race relations in our communities. I believe that whites will need to understand and learn from the history and values of our black brothers and sisters.

Hopefully "Roots" is just the beginning in a new chapter in race relations in our great country.



REV. VAHAN TOOTIKIAN

Armenian Church marks anniversary

Members of the Armenian Congregational Church of greater Detroit will commemorate the 60th year of the founding of the church at an assembly and banquet beginning at 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23 in the social hall, 28210 Twelve Mile, Southfield.

Friends, distinguished guests and political and religious dignitaries will join in the festivities which will also mark the 55th anniversary of the church's incorporation and the 10th anniversary of its new sanctuary.

Throughout the year, through various means, these triple anniversaries are being observed.

A 13-member steering committee is organizing the observance, and a number of religious and political dignitaries as well as civic leaders will share in observing this milestone.

Entertainment will be provided by the 40-member augmented choir of the church.

Tickets may be purchased or table reservations made by contacting the

church office at 332-0680 or Mrs. Harry Kaloogian at 641-0966.

A new Saturday Armenian School will open at the church at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24 in the Christian Education Building under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. Vahan H. Tootikian.

Armenian language and culture will be taught by a team of teachers. The school is open to all age groups. Stress will be placed on knowledge of the language, history, customs and traditions of the Armenian people.

Dr. Tootikian, director of the school, is also a visiting professor at Lawrence Institute of Technology in Southfield. Last year he taught courses in "The Bible as Literature—Old and New Testaments" and this semester he will teach a course called "History of Christian Thought," which covers the history and development of Christian thought from the early Christian period to the present from historical, philosophical and theological perspectives.

Conscience theme of OL workshops

Conscience—how it is formed and how it works—will be the underlying theme of a series of six one-day workshops this fall at SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake.

Each workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Dombrowski Fieldhouse on the seminary campus at Orchard Lake and Commerce Roads northwest of Detroit. The fee for each workshop is \$10.

Registration information is available by calling the Office of Continuing

Education at 682-1885.

The first workshop, "Conscience: Rational, Psychological, and Theological Dimension," will be offered Oct. 4.

The three-man staff will include the Rev. Anthony Kosnik, professor of moral theology at the seminary and co-author of a recent controversial book, "Human Sexuality," the Rev. Richard Fournier, director of continuing education and special services for the Archdiocese of Detroit; and Dr. John Gache, an alcoholism therapist and

for the Midwest Mental Health Clinic.

The other workshops, their dates, and staffs include:

Oct. 11—"Creative Family Relationships: Formation of Conscience," conducted by Rev. Cornelius Van Der Peet, director of the Family Life Bureau for the Detroit Archdiocese of Detroit.

Oct. 18—"Perspectives on Social Responsibility: Jesus' Situation and Our Own," by Rev. Richard J. Cassidy, director for justice and peace

office for the archdiocese.

Oct. 25—"Conscience Formation and the Religious Educator of the Youth and Adolescent," by Robert Totten, supervisor of teacher training and coordinator of parish religious education in the archdiocese, and Elizabeth Hogan, a staff member of the archdiocese's religious education office.

Nov. 5—"Conscience Formation and the Catholic Elementary School," by Sr. Annellee Sinnott, candidate for the master of divinity degree at the Orchard Lake seminary, and Sr. Patricia McCarthy, director of campus ministry at Mercy College, Detroit.

Nov. 8—"Conscience Formation of Adults," by Dr. Carl L. Middleton, theology instructor and director of the seminary's office of continuing education, and the Rev. Francis Koper, pastor at the seminary and an instructor of religious education and pastoral theology.

Nature centers open year round

Three Metropark nature centers are open year round, including Stony Creek Metropark near Rochester/Utica, Kensington Metropark near Brighton/Milford, and Oakwoods Metropark between New Boston and Flat Rock. Seasonal exhibits are on display and nature trails are open for self-guided walks. Free nature study brochures are available.



REV. PATRICK PEYTON

Friends honor Fr. Peyton

As part of a "Weekend Celebration of Family Prayer" the Detroit Friends of Fr. Peyton will hold a 35th anniversary dinner in his honor Oct. 7 at Mercy Center, 28600 Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills.

The Rev. Patrick Peyton, CSC, is the internationally known rosary priest. He has carried his message, "the family that prays together stays together" to more than 30 million people on all the continents through mass media and crusades.

The reservation deadline for the dinner to be held in his honor is Sept. 28, and tickets for the 7:30 p.m. champagne party and dinner at 8 p.m. are \$15.

Checks should be payable to Friends of Fr. Peyton, and sent to Grace Cusumano, 41 Woodland Shore Drive,

Grosse Pointe Shores 48238.

The second event of the weekend will be a mass in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary to be held at the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, Thirteen Mile at Middlebelt at noon Sunday, Oct. 8.

The formation of a "Living Rosary," sponsored by the Michigan state chapter of the Knights of Columbus, will be the weekend's final event. It will be held at St. Francis of Cabrini Catholic Church, 8000 Laureate, Allen Park at 3 p.m., following the mass.

The Rev. Peyton will be the speaker at the living rosary and will join the Msgr. Hubert A. Maino, chaplain of the Michigan state Knights of Columbus, in benediction.

Informal receptions will follow the mass and the rosary where Fr. Peyton will greet his friends.

Your Invitation to Worship

<p>For Church Directory Information Please Call 644-1100 Ext. 224.</p> <p>Farmington Hills Baptist On Middlebelt Road Between 12 & 13 Mile Rds. Worship 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Bible School 9:45 a.m. Family Night—Wed., 7:30 p.m. Rev. Fred G. Fenn—Pastor Rev. Gerald Weiss, Assistant Pastor A CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH</p>	<p>The Orchard United Methodist Church 30550 Farmington Road (Between 12 and 13 Mile) Morning Worship 9:30 and 11 a.m. Church School & Nursery 626-6820 Ministers: Robert L.S. Brown James P. Thomas</p>	<p>Bloomfield Hills Christian Church The Community House 380 South Bates, Birmingham Sunday: 10-10 A.M. Bible School 11-10 A.M. Worship 6:00 P.M. Praise Service Wednesday: 7:15 P.M. Bible Study 851-8516</p>	<p>ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH 355 W. Maple Birmingham SUNDAY SERVICES 10:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Morning Prayer 9:15 and 11:00 A.M. Church School (10:00-11:00 P.M.) WEDNESDAYS 10:00 A.M. and 11:30 A.M. Holy Communion</p>	<p>FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH United Methodist on Franklin's Village Green Services at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Nursery care at both services Sunday School at 11:15 a.m. Junior High at 11:15 a.m. 7 & 8th Grades Adult Education at 10:15 a.m. Family Hour at 10:15 a.m. Senior Minister: Frank B. Cowick Associate Minister: J. Chester Stiles</p>	<p>The Congregational Church of Birmingham, I.C.C. Woodward at Cranbrook Bloomfield Hills MI 48311 Worship and Church School 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Rev. Charles O. Erickson Minister of Education: Rev. Alvin V. Walker</p>	<p>NORTHBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 14 Mile and Lister Roads Morning Worship and Church School 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Rev. L. J. Peterson, E. W. Dunn Phone: 642-0200</p>	<p>FIRST APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH 25000 Middlebelt Road Farmington Hills MI 48334 Rev. Raymond Tuck, Pastor Phone 474-6854 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Sole Service Thursday 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Missouri Synod 12 Mile & Farmington Roads Behind Crowley's Sunday School 8:30 and 10:45 A.M. Sunday School and Bible Class 9:45 A.M. Church Phone: 553-3380</p>	<p>EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 22425 Lusher Road (East of 9 Mile) Phone: 357-1848 9:30 A.M. Church School 10:45 A.M. The Service The Rev. L. Alden Elmdorf</p>	<p>St. John American Lutheran Church 22255 Old Road Farmington Pastor: Charles F. H. H. H. H. Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Nursery Provided</p>	<p>Salem United Church of Christ Coward & Old Farmington Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. Worship Service at 10:15 a.m. Parsonage GR 6-0687 Church Office GR 6-4580 Carl H. Schultz, Minister</p>	<p>First Baptist Church Bates and Willis, Birmingham, Mich. Robert G. Middleton, Minister David W. Seale Glen H. Asquith, Jr. Homer J. Anderson, Emeritus Church School 9:45 A.M. Worship Service 11:00 A.M. Pastor: Charles</p>	<p>St. Andrew Lutheran Church LCA 6355 Telegraph Road Birmingham North at Maple Worship Service Sunday Church School 9:30 A.M. Thursday Church School 5:00 P.M. Charles William Richter 646-5207</p>	<p>BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH A.L.C. 5631 North Adams Road To Add North & Long Lake Rd. Sun. 8:15 Matins 9:30 A.M. Sunday School 11:30 Morning Worship COMMUNION 1st Sunday Sun. 8:15 Matins 9:30 A.M. Sunday School 11:30 Morning Worship COMMUNION 1st Sunday Fred W. MacLean, Pastor Duane F. Schuler, Pastor MI 6-5941</p>	<p>Christian Science Church FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST BIRMINGHAM 191 Chester at Willis SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING 8:00 P.M. CHILD CARE ROOM Sunday 10:15 A.M.—Wed. 7:45 P.M. READING ROOM—355 East Maple—644-7335 Open Mon. & Tues. 9:30-5:30 & 7-9. Wed. & Sat. 9:30-5:30, Thurs. 5 P.M. 9:30-9:00 except Sunday and holidays. FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST FRANKLIN-MEDOUKAKE Maple at Inlander SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING 8:15 P.M. CHILD CARE ROOM Sunday 10:15 A.M.—Wed. 8:00 P.M. READING ROOM—in Pine Lake Mall—651-7740 Oakland Lake Rd. at Lone Pine Rd. Open Mon., Tues., Wed., Sat. 10:00-5:30; Thurs. & Fri. 10:00-9:00 All are welcome at our Church Services and the Reading Rooms</p>
<p>CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia Pastor: Gerald Fenn 9 a.m. First Worship Service 10:15 a.m. Church School 11:15 a.m. Second Service Ministry Provided at All Services</p>	<p>Ward United Presbyterian Church of Livonia Farmington Road & Six Mile Road 422-1150 Worship & Sunday School 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. "How Can You Keep Your Treasures?" Dr. Bartlett L. Hess 7:00 p.m. Service of Installation of the Rev. Douglas Thompson as Assistant Pastor "Elijah's Mantle" Dr. Bartlett L. Hess Wednesday School of Christian Education Family Dinner 6 p.m. Classes & Choirs 7 p.m. Nursery Provided at All Services</p>	<p>North Congregational Church 26275 Northwestern Highway near Latser Southfield Mich. Phone EL 6-1680 Gospel Hymn Service of favorites from the past. Rev. Paul H. Young, Jr. Pastor Dr. Harry M. Langford Music Dir. Morning Worship 10:30 A.M. Sunday School 10:30 A.M. Ample Parking No Stairs Nursery Care Provided</p>	<p>ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 145 S. Square Lake Road Bloomfield Hills 334-8023 Ministers: Dr. Roger Ineson Church School 9:45 A.M. Worship Service 11:00 A.M. Pastor: Charles 10 A.M.—New Testament</p>	<p>Beverly Hills United Methodist Church 114 S. Square Lake Road Bloomfield Hills MI 48304 Worship 10:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. (Plenty Room High School) Minister: William Verhees</p>	<p>First United Methodist Church 1589 West Maple at Pleasant Ministers: James W. Wright, G. Bryn Evans John H. Bunce, Thomas H. Beaven Rev. Harold E. Weemhoff Worship Services 8:30, 9:30 & 11 a.m. Church School 9:30 and 11 a.m. Nursery Care Provided</p>	<p>FARMINGTON HILLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH 23233 DRAKE ROAD PH. 478-1511 Rev. Edmund Loner, Pastor SUN. SEPT. 25 10:30 A.M. THE JOHN MATTHEWS FAMILY IN CONCERT 3:30 P.M. "IMPACT" ORCH. & TELEVISION 7 P.M. GOSPEL REVEAL HOME SWEET HOME THE PASTOR MINISTERS SACRED SOULS OF GREAT GOSPEL MUSIC FOR ADVENTURES IN LIVING FAITH TRY TO BE WITNESS A MIRACLE</p>	