

# Local Churches Back Leaders On Manifesto

Church people of this area are mainly in agreement that the demands of black spokesmen for millions of dollars reparations are "unacceptable, irrational and fail to recognize efforts and progress that are underway."

This consensus showed in a survey by the OBSERVER NEWSPAPERS of ministers and members of various local denominations.

Widely publicized demands for \$500 million in "reparations" from the churches by the National Black Economic Development Conference are the subject of discussion, study and decision in churches throughout suburbia.

"OUR VESTRY and clergy are in agreement with Bishop Emrich's stand rejecting the irrational approach of the Black Manifesto," the Rev. Robert Shank, assistant pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church of Plymouth, stated.

Fr. Shank, speaking in the absence of Canon David T. Davies, pastor of St. John's, explained:

"At the last general council of the Episcopal Church we set up long term plans funded with some \$5 million a year for direct aid to grassroots community organizations.

"One requirement is that at least half of their directors be residents of poverty areas so that they are decision makers in establishing and carrying on self-help projects our members are financing.

"This is a new emphasis in church work and the authors of the Black Manifesto fall far short of the mark.

"My recent experiences in Alaskan missions were revealing. After a number of years of working for and with the Indians we whites are now needed less and less because their own native clergy are staffing more than half the missions. So I believe self-help projects do pay off, but it's not an instant process.

"WHY WERE the Episcopal and Presbyterian churches prime targets of the Black radical demands? Probably because of our public image of affluence, although I haven't had much personal contact with any of them."

Fr. Shank said plans for this Sunday's service include the reading of the complete preamble and text of the NBEDC document.

THE REV. JAMES A. MACLAREN, pastor of St. Andrew's Episcopal church in Livonia, summarized the situation with these words:

"This manifesto is being received with considerable hostility, largely triggered by fear and by the violent rhetoric. We are presently preparing copies of the full preamble and text to mail to our 550 registered families so they can read the whole document for themselves and not have to judge on the basis of fragmentary reports.

"I happen to be a member of the executive council of the diocese of Michigan and have been discussing this with black people. Their reaction is that this NBEDC, which is an outgrowth of the recent Black Economic Development Conference, simply seized power. Probably NBEDC expresses the feelings of a significant number of black people but other important segments of the population disagree with the ideas and tactics and fear, as I do, that this document will increase hostility and division."

ROSEDALE PARK Presbyterian church has furnished its 1,850 families with copies of the text of the manifesto accompanied by literature from PAL (People Against Racism).

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THE REPERTOIRE includes sacred songs, Chinese and gospel hymn arrangements. A short dynamic missionary or evangelistic challenge will be given by one of the Chorale speakers after the singing.

Though all are Chinese, they have come from many different places, such as Free China, Hong Kong, the Philippines, and with one recently come out of China Mainland. They are here in North America to pursue higher education and at the same time are willing to use their summer vacations to sing and to testify for Christ.

THE CHORALE DIRECTOR, Walter Wan, is doing graduate work in New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and also serves as Minister of Music at the Chinese Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 1.

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moderator. But members of the pulpit committee are providing support to their second annual day camp which brings black children from central city areas into contact with their children in the relaxed atmosphere of the seven-acre wooded grounds of the church.

"This day camp for children from seven to 11 years of age is our local church's practical project and we believe it benefits our children as much as the city youngsters, especially our teenagers who help direct the activities," commented Mrs. Don Friedrichs, who with her husband, is active on the local and national levels of the church.

"Financial support of our church service work with and for black people has increased at least 300 per cent in the last two years," Mrs. Friedrichs stated, rather than comment on the manifesto demands.

copies of my sermon commenting on it to the entire parish about two weeks ago. I do think a good number of people find it thoroughly. We will agree with the actions of a governing body in the rejection of the document from the premise that the 'intention' should or can be met. This is wrong on theological and tactical grounds.

The idea of reparations has spiritual basis and is not in keeping with the spiritual concept of forgiveness which does not involve going back or approving revenge, but is forward looking with emphasis on trying to do better.

"We realize what we have done in the past and even what we are doing now is not enough. However a great deal has been done but problems of poverty are so great and widespread that whatever our efforts may be, they will be inadequate and must be bolstered by faith and hope for a better future through greater effort and understanding.

It will be tragic if this racist manifesto generates so much hostility as to discourage and destroy whatever progress is possible. This is completely contrary to the completely unselfish idea of communion and ignores the facts of current and past works."

UNIVERSALIST-UNITARIAN Church of Farmington members will not be meeting during the summer, according to George A. Nahstoll Jr., newly-elected minister and youth.



## Chinese Choir Sings At Ward

The Chinese Christian Chorale, under the sponsorship of the Chinese Christian Mission, Detroit, will appear in a gospel concert in Ward United Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 1.

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## Livonia Couple Joins Seminar

Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Hanford, 31825 W. Elgin Road, Livonia, recently attended a special invitational seminar held on the campus of Old Roberts University, Tulsa, Okla. Featured speakers for 600 participants were President Orr Roberts and several of the ORU faculty members. The seminar was the ninth in a series of 10 directed towards laymen, ministers and youth.

CAMPUS MINISTRY LEADER—Jim Sorogow of Ann Arbor will speak Sunday, June 29, at the 11 a.m. service of the Plymouth Assembly of God, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail. He will explain the summer action program on Michigan campuses. Students from several states will distribute literature, stage open air rallies and make door-to-door visits in dormitories to involve college people in their programs.



COME AS YOU ARE — Mr. House Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia, has decreed casual dress for its Thursday evening summer services, and worshippers were just that at the first one June 19. The Rev. Richard Campbell, second from right, chats with several parishioners after the service. The informal evening services will continue all summer. (Observer photo)

## AREA DEATHS AND FUNERALS

MRS. JOAN SACKETT, Services for Mrs. Sackett, 68, of 14431 Inland Lake Road, Chelsea, were held in Schrader Funeral Home, Plymouth, in charge of the Rev. David T. Davies. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Sackett died June 23 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. She was a retired registered nurse with Maybury Sanitarium and a member of the Mums Club, American Legion Auxiliary, OES Plymouth chapter 115, Revue of Plymouth, and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Carl Mitternast of Chelsea, a son, Richard Clark Sackett, Mrs. Cleva Rose of Dexter, a stepson, Don Gray of Plymouth, three sisters, Mrs. Millard Loyd of St. Peoria, Ill., Mrs. Peter Meyers of Peoria and Mrs. Katherine Stone of Everett, Wash.; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

MRS. VERA NITALE-OLSEN, Mrs. Olsen, 84, who made her home with her son, Charles, of 7383 Katrin, Farmington Township, died June 22 in the St. Joseph's Nursing Home, Pontiac. She had been hospitalized since she broke her hip in March and was a retired secretary for the athletic director of the University of Illinois, a position she held for 25 years.

Services were held in the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, the Rev. Walter Raskewicz of St. Paul's Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Additional survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Frank-Lynn Holly of Lady Smith, Wis. and Mrs. Harold (Estelle) Thompson of San Diego, Calif.; and one grandchild.

MRS. ANNA GERTRUDE BLAKE, Requiem Mass for Mrs. Blake, of Farmington, was held in Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Funeral clergyman were the Rev. Thomas Bussanese and Mrs. Blake's nephew, U.S. Army Chaplain John P. Wallace, who was called home from Vietnam to officiate at his own funeral. Chaplain Wallace also read the Rosary in the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mrs. Blake had been ill for some time and died June 22 at Carmel Mercy Hospital.

Surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Monica (Mary) Blake, who made her home with her mother.

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## UD Plans Summer Institutes

Three special institutes in theology and philosophy will be offered by the University of Detroit this summer.

They will cover the philosophy and Christianity, sacred scripture and ethics and moral theology.

The institute on the philosopher and Christianity runs afternoon sessions on July 21 through 25.

The series will be an attempt to show how the crises in Christianity, and in particular the Catholic Church, developed from a confrontation with the philosophical ideas of the time.

The sacred scripture institute, opening June 30 and continuing for two weeks, is designed to bring outstanding scriptural experts to share their latest scholarship with the priests, religious and lay theologians of the Detroit area.

This annual institute presents one scholar each week for intensive daily sessions.

The institute in ethics and moral theology runs two days, mornings, afternoons and evenings, Saturday and Sunday, July 19 and 20. Pioneering a new format of a single weekend of intensive exchange, this third annual institute engages the topic "The Human Use of Information."

Guest experts and institute participants will discuss the technological, psychological, social and political aspects of the information explosion and attempt some basic moral and ethical analysis of threats to and promises of more human use of information.

For reservations in any of these programs, write to Summer Session, University of Detroit, 4001 W. McNichols, Detroit, 48221.

Plan Ice Cream Social Sunday

An old-fashioned ice cream social is scheduled for Sunday, June 29, from 4 to 6 p.m., at Grand River Baptist Church, at Six Mile in Livonia. Homemade cake will be featured along with sundaes and ice cream.

## Attend Church This Sunday At The Church Of Your Choice With Your Family

<b>UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> OF GARDEN CITY 6443 Meridian Road Phone: 421-8828 Pastor: James M. W. Smith Asst. Minister: L. C. Lee SUNDAY SCHOOL 9 a.m. Seventh grade through Adults 10 a.m. Infants through Sixth Grade MORNING WORSHIP 10 a.m., only	<b>NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 36500 Ann Arbor Trail Livonia, Michigan 48150 Rev. William A. Ritter 425-0268 9:30 a.m. Worship Service and Church School 11 a.m. Worship Service and Church School 7 p.m. UMW	<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Plymouth</b> 160 Church Street 453-5280 Pastor: Mr. C. Mayo and Ronald L. Carl Summer Schedule 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service and Church School, Nursery through Kindergarten	<b>CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH</b> 20300 Middlefield, Livonia 9:30 a.m. First Worship Service and Church School 11:15 a.m. Second Service of Worship 6:30 p.m. Youth Meetings 7:30 p.m. The Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Wednesday - The Mid Week Prayer Service Pastor: A. John Miller	<b>ST. LUKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Five Mile at Haggerty Evening Service Morning Worship 10 a.m. Nursery Provided Phone 453-9497	<b>ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH</b> 20450 Farmington Road Between 12 and 14 Mile W-30 A-6520 9:30 a.m. Wed. evening Service 8 p.m. Pastor: Wm. A. Hughes, Asst. Minister	<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Farmington</b> 3310 Grand River 68-4432 Pastor: Rev. H. C. White Rev. B. Bryce Switzer	<b>WARRENWOODS WESLEYAN CHURCH</b> 1415 Varsity Road, Westland Pastor: Rev. G. D. Dyer 11 a.m. Morning Worship 7:30 p.m. Evening Service Pastor: G. D. Dyer Pastor: D. V. Bailey 453-1070 Pastor: D. V. Bailey 453-3862	<b>CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR</b> Reformed Church in America 38100 Five Mile Road Church School 9:30 a.m. Divine Worship 10:30 a.m. Vesper Service 7:00 p.m. 464-1062 Rev. Luther R. Riedinger 427-0122 Nursery Care Is Provided At All Morning Worship Services	<b>EASTERN ORTHODOX Church</b> of Saint Innocent 23300 W. Chicago 538-1700 SUNDAY CATECHISM 8:00 a.m. LITURGY - 10:00 a.m.	<b>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> NATIVITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 9435 Henry Road at West Chicago Livonia GA 1-5406 Rev. Edward H. Reinhardt 9:30 and 11 a.m. Nursery, Church School and Worship Service	<b>ST. MARK'S Presbyterian Church</b> 26701 Joy Road Worship and Church School 10:00 a.m. Church Office CWA 8-5420	<b>ST. PAUL'S Presbyterian Church</b> 27475 Five Mile Road CWA 2-1470 "Everyone Welcome" William F. Whitledge Arnold S. Daltell Donald A. Drew Ministers Worship and Church School 9 and 11 a.m.	<b>ST. TIMOTHY Presbyterian Church</b> 16700 Newburg Road Worship and Church School 10 a.m. Rev. Carl A. Gundersen 261-4844 464-1234	<b>ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> Hubbard at West Chicago Richard C. Dunkelberger, Pastor Arthur Beumler Jr., Associate Pastor William T. Lovick, Associate Pastor	<b>CHURCH OF GOD</b> Riverside Park Church of God 11771 Newburg Road at Plymouth Road Rev. J. Clifford Thor, Pastor 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Morning Worship 6:30 p.m. Evening Service DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 23-July 2 9-11:30 a.m.	<b>CHRISTIAN SCIENCE</b> You are cordially invited to attend Sunday School as listed below. Sunday Schools are conducted by all churches, and care is provided for children of pre-Sunday School age. Wednesday Testimonial Meetings at 8 p.m. Hours of Service FOURTH CHURCH, Detroit 11 a.m. 24400 W. Seven Mile near Telegraph FARMINGTON, Farmington 11 a.m. 33825 Grand River Avenue GARDEN CITY, Garden City 11 a.m. 33111 Ford Road FIRST CHURCH, Plymouth 10:30 a.m. 1100 West Ann Arbor Trail	<b>EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> SAINT JOHN'S 374 S. State Street Pastor: Rev. J. H. Thompson 423-8170 Sunday School 7:45 and 10 a.m. Church School and Nursery 10:30 a.m. Evening Service 8:00 p.m. Wed. Eve. Service 8:00 p.m. Wed. Eve. Service 7:30 p.m. Wed. Eve. Service 7:00 p.m. Pastor: Rev. J. H. Thompson Pastor: Rev. J. H. Thompson Pastor: Rev. J. H. Thompson	<b>KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> 17601 Hudson Pastor: Rev. J. H. Thompson 423-8170 Sunday School 7:45 and 10 a.m. Church School and Nursery 10:30 a.m. Evening Service 8:00 p.m. Wed. Eve. Service 8:00 p.m. Wed. Eve. Service 7:30 p.m. Pastor: Rev. J. H. Thompson Pastor: Rev. J. H. Thompson Pastor: Rev. J. H. Thompson	<b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> 1637 Middlefield at Book Garden City, GA 2-6660 Minister, Robert E. Ashby Sunday Worship 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Mid-Week & Wed. 7:30 p.m.
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