

Moral perspectives

Church must look in and out

A friend of mine believes that the religious outlook in our country is becoming increasingly privatized.

Churches and religious groups are interested in saving souls, attracting more people, and in individual, personal growth, and are not paying attention to issues in our world and society. People are more apt to be encouraged to pray for the health of a neighbor than they are to pray for peace in the Middle East.

I agree with my friend that there is evidence that his concern is well founded. However, I differ on what I believe is the underlying problem.

THE ISSUE for many, I believe, is finding religious concepts and practices which are comprehensive and integrate both dimensions.



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How does one pray for peace and for the health of a friend and believe that prayer is equally effective? How do religious institutions provide effective ways to serve the community needs at the same time they deal with the spiritual issues?

How will the churches help people integrate all dimensions of their lives? A neighboring church reports that

great numbers of people in its congregation want to do something worthwhile in the community to serve human need. They find little that they can recommend for these people to do.

THE MANNER in which the churches are serving society and the world, with few exceptions, the same old approach of the past.

People are urged to give money or do good deeds and this is the extent of it. What we need is comprehensive and integrative concepts and practices which tie the individual and his growth into an area of service and involvement in the world.

What we have seen in the past, unfortunately, and what we still see today is people who pay attention to either the soul or to the world. Religious leadership has not helped people

integrate their concern for both.

Personal growth and social witness must be linked together in exciting new ways. Religious institutions and leaders have not found the keys to such a mix but it must be done.

The reason it must be done is because of the heightened consciousness of people in our day. The reason it must be done is the hunger people have now for integration in life, for wholeness.

IT IS AS THOUGH the two halves of the brain now function independent of each other, one in action, the other in creativity and personal care and growth. Neither has paid attention to the other, but no longer will this satisfy people.

In 1968 this duality was recognized in the title of a book, "Journey Inward, Journey Outward." The author, Elizabeth O'Connor, believes that individual growth and outward service must be kept in creative tension. When this does each feeds the other.

CURRENTLY the integrative concepts and practices that are most striking are in the field of health, wholistic healing and the mind-body relation.

The book, "Getting Well Again" by Simon, Simon, and Creighton, presents exciting research and results in wholistic approaches to cancer treatment. It is a remarkable book, yet, it also stops just short of a social dimension to the issues it addresses.

Wholistic approaches to both the personal and the social realm need to be the concern of our most creative and effective people among the religious leadership in our time. Until this happens religious institutions will continue to seem irrelevant.



REV. FRANK GENTILE

U-U minister to get roasting

Northwest Unitarian-Universalist Church will present its 25th annual Gold Plate Dinner with entertainment at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, in the church, 23925 Northwestern, Southfield.

"A Silver Roast on a Gold Plate" will recognize the Rev. Frank Dana Gentile on his silver anniversary. The evening is open for Northwest members and their friends.

A "roast" consisting of comments from church members and friends will provide entertainment for the evening. Participants in the "Silver Roast" will give their recollections of personal experiences with the minister during his tenure. The Northwest Singers, a group from the church, will add to the evening's entertainment.

Walter Hemming will be master of ceremonies and there will be remarks by Marilyn Gentile, Lois Hitchcock, Wilber Williams, and Joann Coates, all of Southfield; Robert Boerger of Livonia; the Rev. David Phares of Farmington; and Ben Bernan and Henry and Kitty Stokes of Birmingham.

The Northwest Singers include director Lois Hitchcock, Tina and Ernest Del Favero, Mark Williams, Mary Walton, and Brian Walton, all of Southfield; June Dover of Farmington; Marilyn Azarbayegan of West Bloomfield; and Robert Boerger of Livonia.

The general chairperson of the event is Laura Sink of Royal Oak. Carla Rosenblum of Farmington Hills is in charge of reservations and Ms. June Dover is in charge of decorations.

President's Day planned at Bnai David

The League of Jewish Women's Organizations of Greater Detroit will hold its "All President's Day" meeting at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12 at Congregation Bnai David in Southfield.

All presidents of Jewish Women's Organizations in the Metropolitan Detroit area will be honored at this opening meeting of the 1978-79 administration of the league, headed by Esther Rosenblum.

Samuel Lerner, since 1963 executive director of Jewish Family Service, Resettlement Service, will speak on "Problems of Jews in Metropolitan Detroit."

In addition to a master's degree in social sciences from Smith College of

Social Work, Northampton, Mass., Lerner has done post-graduate doctoral studies at the University of Minnesota.

He is president of Michigan Society for Clinical Social Work, and a current member of board of directors of Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies; member of task force on Children, AJFCA and the author of a number of professional papers.

Vice-president of program for the host organization is Margot Klein, and vice president of public relations is Sandy Schore. Dessert and coffee will be served by the Bnai David Sisterhood. The public is invited.



SAMUEL LERNER

Lectures coming on widowhood

A four-part lecture series on widowhood will be sponsored by the Greater Detroit Section, National Council of Jewish Women, beginning Thursday, Oct. 12.

Men and women who have been widowed can attend.

Sister Margaret Basso, president of the Coordinating Council Widowed Services of Southeast Michigan, Inc., will present the program. The first lecture is aimed at helping the widowed understand the grieving process, she said.

West Bloomfield and Lori Graff of Birmingham. There is a \$5 charge for the series.

Also coming up on the SPACE calendar is an evening entitled What You Always Wanted to Know About Rap Groups But Were Afraid to Ask. The no-charge evening has been scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, at the office. Sal Gorge of West Bloomfield and Dave Maseioff of Birmingham will be on hand to clarify the purpose of SPACE rap groups and to answer questions from people considering

joining one of the on-going discussion groups.

For further information about either of the programs, call the council office 557-9604.



Your invitation to Worship

<p>For Church Directory Information Please Call: Debbie 644-1100 Ext. 217</p> <p>CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia Pastor Gerald Fisher 474-3444 9 a.m. First Worship Service 11:15 a.m. Second Service of Worship</p>	<p>ANTIOCH LUTHERAN CHURCH 13 Mile & Farmington Rd. Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Sunday School 9:30 Nursery Provided Pastor Bert Anderson LCA 626-2866</p>	<p>"I AM THAT I AM" TEACHINGS OF THE ASCENDED MASTERS • SCIENCE OF THE SPOKEN WORD • STUDIES IN THE ALPHABET • MANIFESTING CHRIST • TRANSMUTING KARMA (SIN) • KEEPERS OF THE FLAME • STUDIES DECREES & SHROUDING NEW STUDENTS MON 7:30-9:30 WED 7:30-9:30 FRI 7:30-9:30 SUN 10:00-12:00</p>	<p>BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH 5631 North Adams Road Worship 8:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM Communion 1st Sunday Pastor Fred W. MacLean Pastor Duane F. Schuler MI 654-5111</p>	<p>EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 23425 E. 13 Mile Rd. Worship 9:30 AM Church School 9:45 AM Pastor Rev. L. Alden Anderson</p>	<p>COVENANT BAPTIST Covenant is a church where Christian Education is important. There is a place for you and your family to study and grow. Worship 11 AM & 5:30 PM 3800 W. Maple Rd. Livonia, Mich. 48033 855-9191</p>
<p>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH English/Spanish 26715 Farmington Rd. Farm. Hills (across from Orchard Ridge Campus) SERVICES Sun. 9:30 AM Mon. 8:00 PM V.H. Meserbrink</p>	<p>NORTHBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 14 Mile and Laker Road Morning Worship and Church School 9:30 & 11:00 Pastors L. J. Peterson E. W. Dunn Phone 642-0700</p>	<p>St. Andrew Lutheran Church LCA 6555 Telegraph Rd. Birmingham MI 4806 Worship 8:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Thursdays Church School 5:00 PM Charles Wilcox Rector 646-5207</p>	<p>ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 155 E. Square Lake Road Bloomfield Hills (2 MI. East of Livonia) 338-8233 Minister: Dr. Roger Irenon Church School 9:45 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Pastor's Office 10 AM, Christian Relief</p>	<p>Bethlehem Lutheran Church 35300 Eight Mile Road Farmington Hills ENO M. TUORI, PASTOR 474-2579 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 AM</p>	<p>HOLY CROSS Greek Orthodox Church 25225 Middlebelt Rd. Farmington Hills 477-1677 Rev. S.J. Anthony, Th.B., Priest 9:30 A.M. Orthodox 10:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy English Sermon Pastor: Maria Mavrou</p>
<p>First United Methodist Church 1589 West Maple at Pleasant Ministers: James W. Wright, G. Bryn Evans John H. Bunce, Thomas H. Beven Harold E. Weenhoff Church Services 8:30, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m. 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Nursery Care Provided Nursery School: Monday through Friday 9:00-11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Solemn United Church of Christ Church at River Farmington Church School 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Church Office 644-4880 Outlets at E. River, Farmington Rev. James A. Nelson Pastor: James A. Nelson</p>	<p>Birth in the Hills PRESBYTERIAN 13425 W. Laker Road James F. Anderson Robert L. Lindsay Ross H. Goch Worship Services and Church School Sundays at 9:30 and 11:30 A.M.</p>	<p>St. John American Lutheran Church 23275 Giff Road, Farmington 8:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM Worship 9:30 AM Church School Nursery at 11:00 Service</p>	<p>CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER 18149 Corned Rd. Southfield Sunday Services 8 & 10:30 AM 1929 Prayer Book Services Only</p>	<p>FARMINGTON HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH 28301 Middlebelt Road, 1/2 Mile N. of 12 Mile A FULL-SERVICE CHURCH SUNDAY GRADED BIBLE SCHOOL 9:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICES 11 AM and 5 PM CHILDREN'S CHURCH 9:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT 7:30 PM Douglas B. Brown, Pastor Pastor: Douglas B. Brown Nursery Provided at All Services 851-0310 Ample Parking C.B.A. Affiliated No Steps</p>
<p>First Baptist Church Bates and Wadsworth, Birmingham, Mich. Robert C. Middleton, Minister David W. Davis Home 3 Armstrong Estates Church School 9:45 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Bloomfield Hills Christian Church The Community House 380 South Bates, Birmingham Sunday 10:00 A.M. Bible School 11:00 A.M. Worship Church School & Nursery Wednesday 7:15 P.M. Bible Study 851-8516</p>	<p>The Orchard United Methodist Church 3810 Farmington Road Livonia 12 MI. W. 12 MI. S. 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM Church School & Nursery 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM Social Service 1:00 PM Evangelical Youth & Young Adults 9:30 AM Pastors: Robert L.S. Brown James P. Thomas</p>	<p>Franklin Community Church Bible Ministry Private & Public 9:15 & 11:15 Services of Worship Nursery Care 10:25 Adult Study Class 11:15 Sunday School Nursery thru 6th grade Senior Minister Frank B. Cowick Associate Minister J. Chester Stubbs</p>	<p>FARMINGTON HILLS CHRISTIAN CENTER Drake Road at Freedom Road Farmington Hills, Mich. 48034 Rev. Edmund Lother, Pastor Rev. John Walasky, Associate Pastor</p>	<p>Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Missouri Synod 12 Mile & Farmington Roads Behind Crowley's The Rev. R.A. St. Pierre, pastor Sunday Worship 8:30 and 10:45 A.M. Sunday School and Bible Class 9:30 A.M. Church Phone: 553-3380</p>
<p>WARD UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIVONIA Farmington Road & Six Mile Road 422-1150 Worship & Sunday School 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION "Are You an Encourager?" Dr. Bartlett L. Hess 7:00 p.m. Message by Mr. Roy LeTourneau Wednesday School of Christian Education Family Dinner 6:00 p.m. Classes & Choirs 7:00 p.m. Activities for All Ages</p>	<p>The Congregational Church of Birmingham, U.C.C. Woodward at Cranbrook Bloomfield Hills MI 4-4511 Worship and Church School 9:30 & 11:00 Minister: Rev. Charles G. Erickson</p>	<p>Dial 646-5555 For Inspiration DIVINE SCIENCE CHURCH 1128 West Maple Road Birmingham, Mich. Sunday Service at 11 A.M.</p>	<p>First Baptist Church of Farmington Richard Duncan, Pastor - Phone 474-0350 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 A.M. EVENING SERVICE 8:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>First Church of Christ, Scientist BIRMINGHAM 191 Chester at Wilkins 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.</p>	<p>First Church of Christ, Scientist Franklin-Meadowlake Maple at Inkster 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.</p>
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