# Religion leads members inward and outward

WHAT IS the function of religious membership? Typically, membership in a church or synagogue serves to further the grawth and spread in its beliefs and its impact upon its own membership must also mean offering peace, hope and justice to those beyond its own membership. No religious group can legitimately serve only its own needs.

Its own needs.

I was in a meeting the other night when a discussion of church memberahly took place. Strong feelings were expressed by those in the discussion. There were widelfferences of opinion on the subject. I am sure-that this will not be the last time we consider the topic.

Someone suggested that we look up the definition of church membership. I expected our rule book to give us a narrow view. Unexpectedly, the definition provides a broad and challenging perspective.

CHURCH MEMBERS are expected to be "servants" and "reconcilers in a culture of conflict." Furthermore, "each member is to identify with the agony and suffering of the world and to radiate and exemply the God of hope.

It is one thing to ask people to believe in the doctrines of their church or synagogue. It is another thing to ask persons to support their religious institution with their money and their work.

moral perspectives

Rev. David Strong

It seems almost too much to ask people to go into the world and "identify with agony and suffering." For many, a church or synagogue is the place to get away from the world's problems.

We live in a time when this is a critical

question. Are religious institutions a source of solutions for the world or a part

of the problem? There is sufficient evi-dence to argue both sides of the question.

RELIGION must call us to the needs, problems and spirituality of the whole world. Religion in its deepest sense is not a private affair. I have no sympathy with religious groups who focus entriely upon themselves. People would support their own religious needs and the institution in which they worship. They fail if they ignore the rest of the world.

Religion can no longer be an exclusive club. Profound religion recognizes that we are all the same. It recognizes that we now understand the arms race, we all live together or we perish together. It is ab-

surd to say that your God is not my God. It is equally tempting but destructive to ignore the "agony and suffering" of others.

The definition of church memberahip which I like holds a tension between the personal and the universal. Elizabeth which I like holds a tension between the personal and the universal Elizabeth O'Conner calls this kind of religion "the inward and the outward journey." In this definition, a person applies his or her faith both to inward spiritual development and to outward service to the world.

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We live in a world in which the bounds: ries between people are shrinking. Like-wise the spirituality of religion must ex-pand. Religion must lead us to establish peace, justice and hope n a world of desparate needs.

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