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Recycling preserves God's gifts



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I am happy that Michigan recycles its pop and beer cans. It is time to go farther. I wish that I could participate in a plan like that which is working in Germany. In this program almost everyone participates and almost everyone wins. More important, it is a plan that gives hope to the future generations.

The plan began with the idea that packaging materials that pol-lute the environment should be returned to their manufacturer. Since they produced it, they are

responsible to plan for the dispos-al problem. The consumer pack-aging industry came up with their

own solution own solution.
Just one cent a packaged item
is added to the cost to insure that
all recyclable materials are collected and reused. Items are
marked for recycling, Householders sort the items. A private company collects and recycles the
items.

Most of the citizens are con-vinced of the value of the pro-gram. They play their own part in the process. The genlus of this system is that everyone partici-pates, everyone invests in the

pates, everyone invests in the plan. There is a profit motive. Those who produce the materials are made to be partly responsible for their eventual destination, and the system is leading toward cre-ating new uses for recycled mate-rials.

rials.

A further result of this plan is that manufacturers and packaging companies are evaluating and changing their packaging to more environmentally triendly designs. The rollgous dimension is clear. We witness an entire country conserving God's gifts of creation. We see a generation taking scriously the problems of resources and pollution that next generations will face.

Even more, we see community

building in the fact that many groups and individuals are work-ing together for the common good. It is a goal which gives hope to the

Recycling is just one of many problems which must be addressed by the whole community. Recycling cannot be solved by simple individual action. Governments and communities and individuals must work together toward this goal to make it truly a success.

The same is true of other more difficult issues such as population control, reduced energy use and the preservation and restoration of buildings and communities. We cannot continue to live in a throw-away, individualistic world.

The country of Halil is a nation whose future is doomed. Population growth continues to expand in a nation without sewers, with out clean water, without rees, with its soil eroded, with practically no resources. It is a very tragic situation.

What we see as hundreds of thousands of people seek to flee that nation is what the earth will be like if we do not act regarding these very difficult issues. The most important value regarding recycling is the importance of lift-ing up hope for future gererations.

Rev. David Strong is pastor of Central United Methodist Church in Detroit. If you have a question of comment, call her at 953-2047, mailbox number 1882, on a touch-tone phone.

Trees for sale from county

Orders for tree seedlings are being taken by the Oakland County Soil and Water Conserva-tion District.

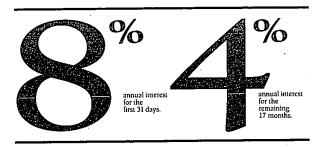
Species available this year are: red, white and Austrian pines, Norway, Colorado blue, white spruce and Spartan Spruce, Douglas-Fir, concolor and Fraser fir and European Larch. Black walnut, hybrid poplar, river birch,

tulip poplar, augar maple, white oak, Autumn olive and honey-auckle will also be available. In addition, a bird packet, shade tree packet, nut tree packet and hardwood packet will be offered.

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