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## Have church, will travel

By ROSE WEBER

When the Reverend James Lyons of Pine Hill Congregational Church in Bloomfield Township travels, his congregation doesn't complain.

"The church has been most accepting because they recognize when I travel, they travel," the minister said.

His most recent trip was to England where he taught two courses in sociology on contemporary social problems and their solutions.

Previously he went to Paris, France, for a year to satisfy the language requirements for his doctorate in Biblical Studies.

MR. LYONS said there are many pluses for a church whose minister is also involved in the lay world.

The church has incorporated into its study program much of his work.

"They have four study groups. I provide the expertise on languages, archeology, background and history," he explained.

The groups read the Book of Genesis in different translations and then discussed it.

"They were very much aware of having read the Bible rather than just listened to a lecture on it," he said.

MR. LYONS feels his dual roles of teacher and minister complement each other.

"I can't approach teaching without my theological baggage nor the ministry without the intellectual

baggage; it helps keep me relevant on both levels," he said.

Pine Hill is a small congregation of 150 members. He feels they will never be very large, partly because of the neighborhood and partly because the people want to belong to a small group.

Mr. Lyons thinks the only way a small church can survive is to share a minister or have one who works part-time.

"But that's not all bad because one of the dangers religion faces is to become separated from the world," he added.

FOR HIMSELF, being a teacher helps relieve one of the frustrations of the clergy.

"Ministers are not able to judge effectiveness as people in other roles can. You can go through a whole year not knowing if your sermons are effective," he said.

He hopes his work at the University of Michigan will form a bridge between the biblical scholar, popular religion and religious people. Sometimes popular religion is far removed from biblical scholarship and ministers don't know where they are working.

"But, biblical scholars don't have the foggiest idea of how to sit down with someone who is dying and talk about their destiny," the minister explained.

Although he enjoys his academic role tremendously, he thinks being part of a small struggling church such as Pine Hill is fascinating.

"I was tremendously encouraged that they continued study and worship along the lines I had started for them while I was gone," he said.

## Director announced to serve retarded

Gerald Miller has been appointed executive director of the Oakland County Association for Retarded Citizens Incorporated.

The organization, at 50 Wayne Street in Pontiac, works to serve the needs of retarded individuals and their families.

Miller is a graduate of Oakland University where he majored in psychology.

He is near completion of a mas-

ters degree in counseling and guidance at the same university.

MILLER STRESSES more involvement with the recreational programs in Oakland County such as YMCA, YWCA, Boys Club and Scouts.

He said he hopes that the Oakland County Association for Retarded Citizens can move forward in serving mentally handicapped young people who need extra help.

Miller replaces Brent Glazier who has accepted a position in Lansing as assistant director for the Michigan Association.

## Mrs. Bergman is honored

Mrs. Theodore Bergman is being honored by Knop Circle Chapter of Women's American ORT as Woman of the Year.

The recognition is being accorded Mrs. Bergman for many years of work for ORT.

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