

moral perspectives

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Learn from confrontation

In this past month, two churches in this area have experienced worship interruptions — people coming in and interrupting the sermon and the service.

One church had five such visitors on a Sunday. Two of these people broke into the worship service to castigate the minister. They told the people worshipping that they should not listen to the sermon.

In one instance a man stood up in an aggressive manner. He pointed at the minister and said, "This man speaks words of evil. I am here to expose false prophets."

The visitors are from the conservative wing of the faith. They have decided that it is not they who speak judgment upon the church. It is God who is speaking through them to warn the people. They identify with the prophets of the Old Testament. They believe that God directs them each week where to go to witness against the ministers of the churches.

SEVERAL THINGS are interesting about this phenomenon. First we note that the people who come to interrupt worship do not wish to be identified. They do not readily give their name, nor do they sign the visitors sheet. This particular group were invited to dialogue following the worship. They did not accept this invitation.

Such a confrontation also recalls the image of the earliest Christians who witnessed in the town square. Here in early times they were faced with hecklers and opponents. Such visits of people who interrupt the sermon plunge the church into a market place type of setting.

It is healthy to face such opposition to one's faith. The Christian churches in Eastern Europe have faced constant opposition from the left. In this experience they have learned to recognize their own shortcomings. They have strengthened their faith. They have opened dialogue with their opponents.

IF SUCH DIALOGUE is possible, churches can be strengthened from the critics of both the right and left wings.

Many remember the recent years when people appeared in the worship services to plead the cause of racial justice. Their intention was to speak a prophetic word to their own denomination. Their goal was to appeal to the social conscience of those in the pew.

During the Vietnam war, groups would often confront their own church at conferences and in worship.

These most recent interrupters are different in that they come from outside the denominational church. They speak of judgment. When they accuse the church leaders they use a harsh language.

HOW HAVE PEOPLE reacted to such interruptions in their worship? The general reaction is that people have felt shaken and powerless. Some have felt angry. Others have confronted these interrupters by saying such things as, "Sit down, you do not speak for us."

The significant thing is that the response of the congregation has not been harsh or violent. The minister in one case offered dialogue. He was accepting yet firm about the limits which they would tolerate.

Elsewhere in the world we read of terrible violence done in the name of one religion against another. We can hope that such violent polarization will not occur within the church.

WE NEED TO REALIZE that a revival of right wing and left wing groups within our religious scene may lead to confrontation. In some of our denominations we have recently seen increased dialogue and understanding decrease polarity. This may be the case in these new confrontations.

We need to be prepared to offer dialogue and at the same time effectively stand by our own position. We can well learn from one another in such encounters.

TV pioneers to be honored tonight

The nostalgia of live television will be re-lived when the Detroit Producers Association presents "Sixth Annual Pioneer Night" awards program tonight in the Masonic Temple, Detroit.

In the thrilling days of yesteryear, it was breakfast with Rita, lunch with Soupy and movies with Bill Kennedy. In the studio, it was black lipstick, hot lights, cameras with turret lenses and kinescopes.

Some local programs were: Traffic Court, Divorce Court, Club 1270, Captain Jolly, Johnny Ginger, and the Man About Town with Bob Maxwell.

Two Joes and a Hank provided music for many of the programs and were a wonderful backup when problems arose.

"THE EARLY days were fun, it was a grand experiment, we were thinking on our feet and trying everything, much like cable TV is today," said Dick Reim, independent producer and former president of the DPA.

The Detroit Producers Association will honor pioneers of early television in Detroit. Jack Wertz, president of the DPA, said, "Many of them are somewhat forgotten, but we in the DPA feel they should be noticed and honored by their peers."

Honorees are:

- Jac LeGoff, who has worked for all three major stations in his long career.
- Sonny Elliot, news weatherman, jockey, pilot and restaurateur. Sonny is also known for his "At the Zoo" program.
- The late Lou Gordon, the fiery commentator and talk show host. His widow, Jackie, who worked for 12 years as co-host, will accept the award.
- Stuffy McGill, a videographer and independent producer, whose contributions reach back to his work at WKYC-TV, where he won many awards and honors.

Joint labor institute reorganized

The Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations (ILIR), a joint venture of the University of Michigan and Wayne State University since 1957, will be reorganized.

Both the U-M and Wayne State went to end the institute's formal linkage between the two universities. The U-M program of the institute will be reorganized independently of the Wayne State program.

The proposal was approved by the U-M Regents at their Jan. 14-15 meeting. The institute as a joint venture was established in 1957, U-M Vice President B.E. Frye explained, "to integrate the resources and facilities of the two institutions so as to make the maximum contribution to the state of Michigan and to better serve the educational and research needs of workers and management."

However, he noted, a U-M review committee recommended that the formal linkage between the two institutions be terminated. "The review committee noted that the program on the two campuses had operated quite independently for most of the time since the institute's inception. They also observed that plans were already developed to sever the financial relationship which was cited as the last vestige of program jointness."

Reactions from the Ann Arbor staff of the institute and from Wayne State University indicated concurrence with the committee's evaluation of past collaboration efforts and thus supported the recommendation to discontinue the formal linkage.

"Our continuing considerations of the other recommendations of the review committee will not be affected by the termination of the institute's relationship with Wayne State University."

The termination of the formal relationship between the two universities will become effective June 90.

Israel's digs OCC talk topic

A free lecture describing an archaeological expedition in Caesarea, Israel will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 1 on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College.

Norma Goldman, professor of Latin and the classics at Wayne State University, will describe the joint expedition to Caesarea Maritima in which she participated as part of a seminar sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The lecture will be held in J-292. The campus is on Orchard Lake Road south of I-696 in Farmington Hills.

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Please Call 644-1100 Ext. 200

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9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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3555 W. Big Beaver Rd. at Adams Hwy

CHURCH SCHOOL
9:30 AM
WORSHIP 11:00 AM

Minister
Robert H. Boyle
644-0512

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Farmington Hills
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM
WORSHIP 10:30 AM
V. H. McLaughlin
Pastor

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Episcopal
Lone Pine at Cranbrook

8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist
9:15 and 11:00 a.m.
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and Sermon
(Holy Eucharist on Sundays)
Tuesday 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday 7:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist

THE COVENANT BAPTIST CHURCH

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655-7191

9:45 AM CHURCH SCHOOL
11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
6:30 PM EVENING SERVICE

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Church School - 9:30
Worship - 10:45
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Between 13 and 14 Mile Road
626-9829
MORNING WORSHIP
9:30 AM & 11 AM
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9:30 AM & 11 AM
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Missouri Synod
20805 Middlebelt at 8 Mile
Farmington Hills 474-0275
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SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30 & 11 AM
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CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
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474-2488

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Missouri Synod
12 Mile and Farmington Roads
Behind Crowley's
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SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS 9:30
Pastor: Rev. T. Richard Marcis
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9:30 & 11 AM Worship
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10 AM - Sunday School
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WORSHIP SERVICES
8:30, 9:30 & 11 AM
Nursery Care 8:30 AM
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1385 S. Adams • Rochester
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WORSHIP: 9:00 & 11:15
CHURCH SCHOOL
10:15 - All Ages, incl. Adult Ed
11:15 - Teen Grade 8
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WORSHIP SERVICE
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Pastors:
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BIRMINGHAM
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SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM
WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING 8:00 PM

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WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING 8:15 PM

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Feb. 7 - Spirit
14 - Soul
21 - Mind
28 - Christ Jesus

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9:00 a.m. - Christian Education for all ages
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11:15 - Children & Youth
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP:
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Dr. Samuel Stout

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