

# Religion

### Rev. Lester Kinsolvin's

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Next October's general convention of the 3.6 million-member Episcopal Church "could result in a damaging split," even schism," according to San Francisco's Bishop C. Kilmer Myers.

"Forces on both the extreme right and the extreme left are girding themselves for what may become a destructive confrontation," writes Bishop Myers. Primary points at issue are the national Episcopal headquarters' funding of (1) the Black Economic Development Conference of "Black Manifesto" author James Forman, and (2) the trigger-happy followers of New Mexico's Rev. John Ellison, presently serving time in a federal prison for assault.

Since this funding began last fall, Episcopal headquarters in Manhattan has experienced its worst financial crisis since the 1929 Depression. Presiding Bishop John E. Hines has described the split between the various dioceses (\$147 million) and what these dioceses have actually pledged (\$11.3 million) as "the widest in 30 years." And 39 of these dioceses were behind in even these pledges on May 1 after the maximum period of church income (Christmas-Easter).

**HAVING EXHAUSTED** its reserves, the national Episcopal headquarters is now countering the usual summer decline in offerings — on top of the stock market slump. By next October, the financial situation may be so dire that it will require the selling of its \$12 million headquarters building, a course already requested by the central California Diocese of San Joaquin.

There has also been discussion by the Executive Council

## ECONOMIC REFLECTIONS

What I see in the church today is a massive diversion from primary to secondary issues. Of course the secondary issues are important, but they are secondary.

Summarizing a good deal of scripture, God's intention for the existence of the church is that it is to be in the context of spiritual growth, in a "body" or group which is knit together in love and unity, and in a committed community who are dedicated to working together with Christ and His

## Area Deaths

**HERMIE E. MULLIGAN**, Funeral services for Mr. Mulligan, 65, of the St. Charles St. Episcopal Church, were held recently at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1000 N. 1st St., at 10 a.m. Burial was in the Mount Olivet Cemetery.

**JEANNE LEKEMB**, Services for Mrs. LeKemb, 78, of 2942 Belmont St., were held at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1000 N. 1st St., at 10 a.m. Burial was in the Mount Olivet Cemetery.

**AGNES LINHART**, Services for Mrs. Linhart, 83, of 2000 Woodland St., Farmington Township, were held in the Holy Sepulchre Episcopal Church in Farmington. Burial was in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Rev. Albert C. Koch, of St. Alexander's Catholic Church officiating.

**HELEN J. DOWDY**, Requiem Mass for Mrs. Dowdy, 65, of 2920 N. 1st St., Farmington, was held July 15 in St. Peter's of the Holy Sepulchre Church. Rev. Joseph Drowski officiating. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

**GEORGE G. BOWE**, Mr. Bowe, a Farmington and Detroit resident for 30 years, died July 4 after an extended illness. He had been employed at William M. Perrett Lodge 57 of the National Automobile Club. Services were held July 8 in the St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1000 N. 1st St., at 10 a.m. Burial was in the Mount Olivet Cemetery.

**MRS. FLORENCE C. NEEDS**, Services for Mrs. Needs, 79, of 2009 S. 10th St., Farmington, were held July 17 in the Trinity Episcopal Church, 1000 N. 1st St., at 10 a.m. Burial was in the Mount Olivet Cemetery.

**MRS. FLORENCE C. NEEDS**, Services for Mrs. Needs, 79, of 2009 S. 10th St., Farmington, were held July 17 in the Trinity Episcopal Church, 1000 N. 1st St., at 10 a.m. Burial was in the Mount Olivet Cemetery.

## Missouri Synod Sets Convention

The 84th biennial convention of the Missouri Synod of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod will be held on the campus of Concordia College, Ann Arbor, July 26-30. Pastors, lay delegates and youth representatives from the 324 congregations of the district will meet to review the church's program and to establish its future policies. Attendance at this, the largest district convention of the national body, is expected to be about 1,000.

The convention will take on a new look. Present for the first time in the history of this district will be two women delegates. Youth representatives will be invited to attend sessions to participate in the "open forum" hour and to attend the president's dinner preceding the special worship services on Wednesday, July 29.

**OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE** from the national body will be the Rev. Dr. Jacob A.O. Preis, president of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. He will address the plenary sessions of the convention and meet in sectional sessions with pastors, laymen, and educators.

A convention essay will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Ralph A. Bohlmann, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., entitled "Lutheranism: Crisis in Theology." He will discuss the following crises: "The Authority Crisis: Will We Hear the Word of the Lord?" "The Mission Crisis: Will We Preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ?" "The Ecumenical Crisis: Will We Seek True Christian Unity?" and "The Ethical Crisis: Will We Keep God's Commandments?"

Among the issues to be discussed on the floor of convention will be greater support of the program of foreign missions, a full-time district presbytery, encouraging district



**ESTHER MIRACLE**, one of the founders of the Missionary Baptist Church of Farmington, Shilohwase, near Middle Belt, was present for ground-breaking ceremonies for a new chapel. The 30 by 60 feet building will be completed in 90 days, and will replace the old church in which the congregation has worshipped since 1952. Assisting her is her grandson, the Rev. James E. Miracle (left, associate pastor, and the Rev. Curtis Cobb, pastor of the church.

## Farmington Pastor Leaves

Irvin Bass, who has been the minister of the Central Church of Christ in Farmington since it started in August, 1967, is leaving the post.

He plans to resume his studies at David Lipscomb College, Nashville, Tenn. He is a graduate of Florida Christian College, Tampa, Fla. and has studied at Wayne State University.

Bass was minister of churches in Miss and Flint before coming to Farmington to work for the new congregation meeting in the Cloverdale Elementary School.

## Woman Speaks On Hospitals

A speech on "The Function of a Jewish Hospital" will be given by Mrs. Leo Silver, associate administrator of Sinai Hospital, at the regular district night service July 24, of Temple Kol Ami.

The service will be at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 651 N. Woodward, at 8:30 p.m. Dr. Irving Friedman of Birmingham will conduct the workshop service in place of vacationing Rabbi Gene J. Conrad. The service will be held by discussion and the social hour.

## St. Augustine's Plans Social

"An ice cream social will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. followed by a vintage car parade, at St. Augustine House, 3316 E. Draher Rd., in Oxford.

The social on Sunday, July 19, will feature a local entertainment. Donations will be accepted for the building of a new retreat house for women and married couples.

## Benefit Society Sells Insurance

Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL), a fraternal benefit society with headquarters in Appleton, Wis., has broadened its services to members by entering the field of health insurance.

AAL's health insurance is referred to as "Earnings Insurance," because it protects a certificate holder's earnings when he is disabled.

The 68-year-old fraternal benefit society with more than 925,000 members throughout the U.S. and Canada began offering Earnings Insurance July

## Attend Church This Sunday

**At The Church Of Your Choice With Your Family**

**PRESBYTERIAN**  
St. Mark's Presbyterian Church  
26701 Joy Road  
Worship and Church School 10 a.m.  
Church Office: CR 8-9340

**WARD UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIVONIA**  
Farmington Road and Six Mile Road 422-1150  
Worship and Bible School 9, 10:15 and 11:30 a.m.  
Holy King, Emory Hobbs, Early Decker, Rev. Franklin Williams Jr.

**"The Open-Ended Communion"**  
Rev. Frank Williams Jr. 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7:30 p.m.  
Mid-Week Service 10:45 a.m.  
AIR CONDITIONED SANCTUARY

**ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Hubbard at West Chicago  
Worship 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
CHURCH SCHOOL 10 a.m.  
Richard C. Dunkelberger, Pastor  
Arthur Seaman, Associate Pastor  
William T. Lovick, Associate Pastor  
GARFIELD 2-0494

**CHURCH OF GOD**  
Riverside Park Church of God  
11771 Newburg Road at Plymouth Road  
Livonia Phone 464-0990

**Rev. J. Clifford Ford, Pastor**  
Rev. Robert L. McFarling, Associate Pastor  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
6:30 p.m. Evening Service  
Nursery and Day Care Center Now Open  
Enrollment Limited. Call 464-3790

**NORTHWEST CHURCH**  
Christian and Missionary Alliance  
28111 West Ten Mile Road — 475-7573  
Between Middlebelt and Inker Road  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School  
6:30 p.m. Evening Service 7 p.m.  
Wednesday — 7:00 p.m. "Hour of Power"  
Paul G. Bonds, Pastor 475-8237

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Parkdale  
Assembly of God  
36516 Parkdale  
1. Bk. S. of Plymouth & Levan Rd.  
Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
Youth Service 7:30 p.m.  
425-0400 or 422-7300

**EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH**  
24313 W. Eight Mile Road  
Detroit  
Edwin T. Clemens, Pastor KE 37663  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m. Evening Service  
For information please call  
Miss Kathy Foster — 422-3175

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**  
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You are cordially invited to attend Sunday School as listed below. Sunday Schools are conducted by all churches, and care is provided for children of pre-Sunday School age.

**Wednesday Testimonial Meetings at 8 p.m.**  
Hours of Service  
24400 Church, Detroit ..... 11 a.m.  
14000 W. Seven Mile near Telegraph

**FIRST CHURCH, Garden City ..... 11 a.m.**  
33111 Ford Road

**FIRST CHURCH, Plymouth ..... 10:30 a.m.**  
1100 West Ann Arbor Trail

**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU**  
Saint John's, Westland  
555 S. Wayne Road  
721-9203  
Sunday Worship: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
1640 Andrew's, Livonia  
16260 Hubbard Road  
421-8451  
Sunday Worship: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.

**Saint John's, Plymouth**  
574 S. Sheldon Road  
453-0190  
Sunday Worship: 8:30 and 10 a.m.

**Holy Spirit, Livonia**  
8850 Newburg Road  
261-8460  
Sunday Worship: 8 and 11:45 a.m.