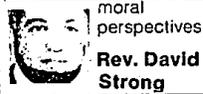


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moral perspectives
Rev. David Strong
We share links with the Soviets

NOT SO long ago, I had a disturbing thought. If we killed most of the people in the Soviet Union in a nuclear war, how many Christians would we kill?
My wife is a teacher, so I asked her how many Christians she guessed live in the Soviet Union. She said probably a million. I read up on the number.
Christian believers alone number 100 million in the Soviet Union. Add to this Jews and Moslems and you get 130 million people.
The Communist Party amounts to only 18 million people. These figures remind me of the action carried out in the Vietnam War. "To save the village we had to obliterate it."

THE PERIOD between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day is a time of peace and hope. It is a time when the contrasts of how the world should be and how it really is become sharp. It is a time when we pray for peace and we help the poor.
I do not believe that we should evade the differences between the American and Soviet systems. On the other hand, we must learn more about those we call our enemies.

My son is studying in a university in West Germany. He lives about a two-hour drive from the Czech border. Among the subjects he is studying are Eastern Europe, Russian history and Russian language.
The tensions and division of the world are very real in this part of the world. We also need to study the Soviet Union.

FROM EVERYTHING I read, it is evident that the Russians know more about us than we know about them. Our inclination is to believe that the two nations are very far away. All we need to know is that they are different from us and that they threaten us. This is not enough.
Our knowledge of Russian Christianity is pitifully small. For a thousand years the Christian faith has been separated, East from West. Peace and hope can only have a chance if we make connections with those who are brothers and sisters in the faith in a vastly different situation.

I am encouraged by the interest among younger adults in visiting Christian communities in Central America. I also believe that we must make contacts between religious people in our nation and in the Soviet Union. Our denomination's mission study for the year is the people and churches of the Soviet Union. This is hopeful.

WE NEED to keep this image in our minds: There are five Christians for every one Communist in the Soviet Union. We need to build new images which offer hope for greater understanding.

I remember a professor of history at Wayne State University telling a group that war is always built upon the concept that we are different from them. He then said that the only way to reverse this process is to establish a basis for our similarity with a potential enemy.

As a people and as individuals of faith, we can work toward reversing this fatal image.

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Teens reject seat belt use

Traffic accidents are the leading cause of death for teenagers, but a large majority still aren't buckling up, according to a survey by Michigan State University.

Teens cite their right to free choice and rebellion against authority figures as the major reasons many fail to use their safety belts, the study said.
The survey, conducted by MSU's communications department, sampled 709 Michigan high school students and found that just 21 percent wear their safety belts all of the time.

Some 36 percent of the students wore their belts usually or sometimes, and 43 percent rarely or never wore their belts.
The national average for safety-belt use in states with safety belt laws is 51 percent, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
Detroit-based Traffic Safety Now, Inc. said the survey also found teenagers appeared to be less concerned about being involved in an accident than adults, according to Dr. William Donohue, principal investigator for the study and associate professor at MSU.

Financial statements table with columns for 1987 and 1986, and rows for ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES, CURRENT FUNDS, RESTRICTED FUNDS, STUDENT LOAN FUND, ENDOWMENT AND SIMILAR FUNDS, PLANT FUNDS, AGENCY FUND, and TOTAL ALL FUNDS.

STATEMENT OF CURRENT FUNDS, REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS

Table with columns for Year Ended June 30, 1987 and Year Ended June 30, 1986, and rows for REVENUE AND OTHER CHANGES, EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS, and TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER CHANGES.

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