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# Cranbrook blazes ecumenical trail

## Lobenthal will run Ecumenical Institute for now

### National search started for Lyons' replacement

Dick Lobenthal will be the interim director of the Southfield-based Ecumenical Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies, succeeding the late Rev. James Lyons who died last month.

Lobenthal headed up the Michigan office of the Anti-Defamation League for more than 30 years until his retirement in 1996 to become a private consultant in civil rights, human relations and cultural diversity. He is also the interim director of the Michigan office of the American Civil Liberties Union.

"We consider ourselves fortunate in obtaining Dick's services," Institute president Pearlens Bodzin said. "He co-founded the Institute with Rev. Lyons 16 years ago while he was still with ADL and was its president three times and served on its board for many years."

"He's intimately familiar with our mission, our program and all of those things that make us unique and so extraordinarily effective," Bodzin added. "Obviously, no one can replace Dr. Lyons."

With Lobenthal's appointment, the Ecumenical Institute announced a national search for Lyons' permanent replacement. Members expect the search to be completed in the next six months.

"In the meantime, between our staff and our board members and other volunteers, our programming — though saddened by Jim's loss — hasn't missed a beat," Bodzin said. "Churches, synagogues, schools, youth groups, civic groups, universities and all our other sites continue to call us."

Remaining with the Institute are program director Barbara Yuhans, who has been there 11 years, and Rabbi Amy Brodsky who began working with Lyons in 1996.

"Jim's death was a horrendous loss," Bodzin said, "but the Institute will continue to grow and flourish, nourished by his vision and his memory."

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The Revs. Lloyd Buss and Edward Mullins serve side by side at the high altar at Christ Church Cranbrook, surrounded by a fresco illustrating the worldwide building of the Christian church.

Together, the Lutheran minister and Episcopal rector lead Sunday liturgy, distribute the Eucharist and share the pulpit at the Episcopal church with hopes that their mutual commitment in Bloomfield Hills will be replicated on a national level next year.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for us at Christ Church," said Mullins, who heads the Gothic landmark church at Cranbrook and Lone Pine roads. "When you bring someone in from another denomination, it's like a breath of fresh air."

As rector of Christ Church Cranbrook, Mullins encouraged his parishioners to take a larger step toward ecumenism when 25 years of dialogues between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the Episcopal Church USA culminated in proposals for full communion.

Though the Episcopal body voted in favor of the proposal last August, mutual agreement was stalled when the Lutheran constituency came up six votes short. The major snag involved disagreement on the historic episcopate maintained by the Episcopal Church. The ELCA is currently re-writing the Concordat of Agreement, which is due for an assembly-wide vote in August of 1999.

As national dialogues continued between both church bodies, Mullins initiated an ecumenical dialogue with his own 2,000-member congregation via the church bulletin. His suggestion for a Lutheran pastor in residence evoked an immediate response not only from parishioners, but also from Buss, who just happened to be visiting the church that day with his wife, Betty Jo.

"It was the work of the Holy Spirit. We got the right man at the right time," Mullins said. A West Virginia native who makes his home in Bloomfield Hills. "Both of us have always intended to see beyond our denominations, but we each have a passion for our own denomination."

Drawn by that common bond of faith, so-called friendship and respect, Buss and Mullins began their partnership in January with the support of both the South-



Working together: The Rev. Edward Mullins, pastor of Christ Church Cranbrook, left, and the Rev. Lloyd Buss, a Lutheran pastor in residence, share the pulpit at the Bloomfield Hills Episcopalian church.

east Michigan Synod of the ELCA and the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan.

Having just retired from a 37-year pastorate at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church in Rochester Hills, Buss re-entered the ministry full time to work among his Christian counterparts at Christ Church Cranbrook. In addition to his liturgical and staff responsibilities, Buss convenes the parish's 16-member ecumenical committee, serves as a resource for program leaders and leads adult Bible study classes.

"Scripture is being taught here, not through the eyes of doctrine, but through the eyes of faith. And faith is seen through the eyes of an individual, not through the eyes of the church," explained Mullins. "We have a great appreciation for who he's coming from. He really comes in offering his gifts to the body of Christ. It's a mutual sharing."

In keeping with the mission of the ecumenical committee, Buss also teaches Sunday school classes for children and

youth and leads sessions on Confirmation instruction.

"Ecumenism is not an adult activity. We very much want to incorporate all the new groups," said Buss, an Illinois native involved with ecumenism since his college days at Wayne State University in Detroit and Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. "To think and act ecumenically is a real challenge for the community at large. What Christ Church wants to do is to share it with other people. There's growth both ways when you do ecumenical giving and receiving."

Christ Church Cranbrook is the first affiliate within the Episcopal Church USA to add a Lutheran pastor to its staff. Members of 70-year old congregation are responding enthusiastically to the parish's mission of enlarging the vision of their Christian faith and more thoroughly defining their Episcopal ethos.

"One third of the people here are not Episcopal. People come here to be spiritually uplifted and to be trained in the

faith," said Mullins. "One of the by-products of this work is that it makes us more Episcopal. It helps us to define and redefine what it means to be an Anglican."

A Rochester resident, Buss was involved with Campus Ministry at Oakland University in Rochester for 37 years and currently serves as chairman of the ecumenical committee for the Southeast Michigan Synod of the ELCA. His length of stay at Christ Church Cranbrook is yet to be determined. But the forecast looks good.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to share the joy of the Christian faith, and to experience the challenge of living the faith today as we join in worship with the people of Christ Church," said Buss. "We feel very much that this is our parish. Me and my wife celebrate the wholeness of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. We have four grandchildren and we would like for them to have the same fullness, purpose, satisfaction and joy in the church that we have."

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