

Missouri Synod Debates Doctrinal Controversies

MILWAUKEE "It is no secret that in our time we have certain doctrinal problems within our church," Dr. J.O.A. Preus, told some 2,000 persons attending the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod's 49th meeting.

"On the one hand it can be pointed out that doctrinal controversy is the sign of a living and concerned church. It can also be said that no church is every totally free of doctrinal controversy," he said.

The question of authority for its doctrinal and confessional stance underlies many of the controversial issues which have been debated widely in the Missouri Synod, and which are reflected in more than 500 pages of memorials, overtures and reports which comprise the workbook used by the 1,000 voting delegates and 1,000 officials, and consultants during the week-long convention July 9 to 16.

CITING A STATEMENT of Martin Luther, 16th century reformer, Dr. Preus said, "The Word of God alone should establish articles of faith and no one else, not even an angel."

"We must address ourselves to the relationship of Article II of the Constitution (of the synod) and the status of doctrinal statements, such as resolutions, adopted by the synod."

"The Constitution states in simple language that 'The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as the written Word of God and the only rule and norm of faith and of practice' and 'all the Symbolical Books of the

Evangelical Lutheran Church as a true and unadulterated statement and exposition of the Word of God' are to be accepted 'without reservations' by members of the synod."

"But some seem inclined to believe that the synod must hold that doctrinal controversies to be in effect an exhaustive, and in fact, comprehensive, list of the Articles of Faith. 'Some specifically suggest that the Augsburg Confession prescribes a quantitative total of articles of faith which Lutherans must accept. According to this view, Lutherans are not bound by anything that the Scripture teaches unless it is at least implicitly taught in the Augsburg Confession or the Book of Concord.'"

DR. PREUS quoted extensively from Dr. C.F.W. Walther, one of the founders of the Missouri Synod, who he said interpreted Article II of the synodical constitution as requiring acceptance only of what the Scripture teaches, but everything and anything that the Scripture teaches. "It is ironic," Dr. Preus said, "that some of those who accuse the synod of 'traditionalism' are in a sense promoting it by elevating the Confessions above the Scriptures. Such a practice is contrary to our confessional position itself that only the Word of God can establish articles of faith."

"We have a right to expect our pastors, teachers, and congregations to stand according to our understanding of the Word of God," Dr. Preus declared.

"Any other kind of 'confession' by a church which subscribes to the Lutheran Confessions could only be arbitrary, subjective, and ultimately self-defeating as well as untrue to the Lutheran Confessions themselves."

Dr. Preus report also dealt in detail with the fellowship relationship with the American Lutheran Church, voted two years ago at the synod's Denver convention. A movement to suspend or rescind this action has been underway.

ALTHOUGH fellowship (permitting free interchange of pastors and acceptance of communicants at each others' altars) has been "well received in some areas of the church, there are many other areas where it has been almost totally unaccepted," Dr. Preus said.

Dr. Preus joined with his church's inter-church committee in calling for the fellowship implementation with the ALC in recommending that the synod ask the ALC to reconsider its action in approving the ordination of women.

"One fellowship with the ALC would no doubt have made better progress had that church in 1970 not adopted the policy of the ordination of women," Dr. Preus said.

Another issue, relationship to the Lutheran Church in the U.S., Dr. Preus said should be the subject of an intensive study of needs and potentials in cooperative work.

The convention also voted to continue operation of Saint John's College, Winfield, Kan.



GETTING AWAY FROM THE CITY and making new friends as well as these members of the Pot Luckers Camping Club. An inter-racial, inter-denominational club, it has held one campout and is planning more for the summer and fall. Prospective new members should call Aileen Grey at the YWCA of Western Wayne County in Dearborn. Present members come from Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Romulus and Inkster.

New Interracial Club Is Organized For Campers

Want to do something different? Want to test your beliefs? Do you mean what you say about liking people? Do you want to add your voice to the growing thousands of control of the environment? Do you want to have fun and share travel plans and outings?

The Pot Luckers Camping Club of the YWCA of Western Wayne County is looking for members who can answer yes to these questions.

The group is interracial, interdenominational and includes persons of all ages. Members are from Livonia, Westland, Garden City and Inkster.

The club is open to all who would like to join. Those interested may call Aileen Grey, program director at the YWCA of Western Wayne, 1034 Monroe, Dearborn.

Ida for the club came from Mrs. Charles Anderson, a YWCA member who enrolled in the camping class last spring.

Interested to continue the interest shown, she suggested to Miss Grey that maybe a club could be formed. In the fall of 1970 invitations were sent to former class members,

other persons with trailers and YWCA members interested in camping. The club was organized in October.

The name was chosen in March after three successful pot-luck affairs, and the first campout was held in May.

THE EMBLEM, designed by Robert and Janet Galea of Livonia, features a large cooking pot swinging from crossed poles against a green background.

Aims of the club are now being written into a constitution. They include acceptance and understanding of all peoples, practice of good human relations, conservation, fun and relaxation in the out-of-doors and relating the children to these goals.

Campouts are scheduled through the summer and fall.

Rev. Lester Kinsolving's Religion Update

A gift of \$10,000 to the Angela Davis Defense Fund from the national headquarters of the United Presbyterian Church is causing a nation-wide uproar throughout the 3.2 million-member denomination.

In Northern California, where Miss Davis is being held for trial on charges of alleged involvement in a Marin County courthouse shooting resulting in four deaths, the Presbytery of San Francisco has called for an official investigation of the \$10,000.

Among a growing number of churches in the San Francisco Bay area and nationally who have passed resolutions of censure, or have voted to withhold financial support to the national or area Presbyterian headquarters, is the Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, in a suburb east of Oakland.

THE MORAGA CHURCH'S Session (church board) has deplored the fact that although officials of the Synod of the Golden Gate had known of the grant for months, there was no mention of it until after the annual Synod meeting on May 8.

Replied the Rev. John Turpin, a staffer of the Golden Gate Synod:

"Would you have been less angry had you known about it earlier? Miss Davis is trying to help this country become what it should be. She is the kind of woman we need in the system to change the system. When she says she is a Communist, what does she mean?"

A somewhat less infuriating statement was made by Turpin's superior, the Rev. G. Davis Illingworth, the Synod Executive:

"When the Council on Church and Race made the grant to the defense of the New York Black Panthers they announced it immediately. But they didn't in the case of the Angela Davis grant. And since it was their grant, neither did we."

But Dr. Illingworth, in a letter to all the clergy of his Synod, took issue with the denomination's national Office of Information, which he charged with issuing an "inaccurate" news release, reporting that his Synod's

Office of Ethnic Church Affairs had requested the \$10,000. This agency, he wrote, "never requested any specific amount."

The Rev. Frank Heinze, director of the Office of Information in Philadelphia, replied that he had a March 22 letter asking for the \$10,000 from a Rev. Eugene Turner, director of the said Office of Ethnic Church Affairs.

"This was not a request for the money," retorted the Rev. Mr. Turner, angrily, "but a request for the release of the money which had already been appropriated."

IN NEARBY San Mateo, the Rev. Charles MacKenzie, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, said:

"I know of at least 30 churches in this area who have already passed resolutions of censure or who have voted to withhold funds. And I have heard from churches all over the country who are doing the same thing—or even considering resigning from the denomination altogether."

In San Francisco, the Rev. Dr. John Bodo, pastor of Old First Presbyterian and one of the denomination's most prolific and socially concerned writers, emphasized the Christian obligation to love one's enemies. "I do believe, however," he added, "that we are not expected to finance them."

Dr. Bodo also deplored the money being given before the trial had even begun. "Should we not treat our courts as innocent until proven guilty?"

The gift was made, noted another church resolution, with the insistence that it benefit Miss Davis alone, rather than helping her lesser known co-defendants. The Rev. Mr. Turpin explained that "Many blacks identify with Angela." Just how many blacks, he did not specify.

For there are surely some black Presbyterians who must wonder why so many poor, uneducated and non-Communist black prisoners were never aided by the United Presbyterian Church in favor of "bandwagonism" which decent blacks must surely despise—just as Angela's disciples must be highly amused.

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCHES

CHRIST LUTHERAN
14350 Warner Road, Redford
Pastor Donald H. Grandall
Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday School 9 a.m. 9-12-14-15

ST. JOHN
23225 Road, Farmington
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Pastor GR 4-0584
Pastor Charles Fox

WORD OF THE SPIRIT
34543 Seven Mile Road, Livonia
Pastor William D. Wolfe
Family Worship 10 a.m.
Study for All Ages 11 a.m.
Phone 476-2819 or 531-6555

TIMOTHY
8820 Wayne Road, Livonia
Pastor George Fischer
Worship Services 8 and 10 a.m.
Sunday Church School 9 a.m.
427-2290 or 425-3194
Nursery Provided

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CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR
Reformed Church in America
38100 Five Mile Rd.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Evangelical 10:30 a.m.
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Nursery Care is Provided at All Morning Worship Services
484-1082
Rev. Ronald Vandeweyer, pastor
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Rev. Maddy Fay

APOSTOLICAL
SPECIAL SERVICES
Sunday Nights Only
APOSTOLICAL FAITH
Clothing of Power Ministry
7:30 p.m.
American Legion Hall
31775 Grand Road
Farmington 476-7284

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43065 Jay Road, Plymouth
Phone: 453-6749 or 455-0022
Services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Bible School 9:45 a.m.
Singer: Rev. Samuel Bowser
Stephen Howells, Minister of Education
Tom Hovemarle, Minister of Music

GRAND RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH
34500 Six Mile
1/4 Mile West of Farmington Road
SUMMER HOURS
Family Sunday School 9 a.m.
Worship 10 a.m.
Air-Conditioned Sanctuary
Nursery from 9-11:15 a.m.

Bethany Baptist Church of Livonia
36500 Ford Road, Livonia
427-2890
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Evening Study 7 p.m.
Church Center Open for You
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Pastor: 681-9833

Westland Baptist Church
35375 Ann Arbor Trail
Westland, Michigan 48170
Pastor: 427-2890
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

Main Street Baptist Church
35500 Main Street, Plymouth
481-4785
The Rev. W. H. Hines, Pastor

North Farmington Baptist Church
(American Baptist Convention)
25000 North Farmington Road
Farmington, Michigan 48170
Pastor: 427-2890
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Study 7 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

NANKIN MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH
Ann Arbor Trail and Hubbard Rd.
Rev. Walter J. Johnson, Pastor
427-2890
Sunday
9:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.
11 a.m. Morning Worship
7 p.m. Youth Hour and Gospel Service

You Are Invited to Attend ALLEN HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH
11005 Michigan Rd.
Plymouth, Michigan 48170
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Evangelical Service 11 a.m.
Baptist Training 7:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
Fundamental/Independent
Phone 483-8122
Pastor: 483-1098

Community Baptist Church
28237 W. Warren, GA 2-3226
Rev. James R. Allen, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sun. Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
Where the Spirit leads you, He will guide you.

Livonia Baptist Church
Southern Baptist Convention
25500 Livonia Road
Livonia, Michigan 48150
Rev. Elton Clark, Pastor 474-1073
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Bible Training Union 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
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UNIVERSITY HILLS
(in Community Ministry)
1000 University Hills
Livonia, Michigan 48150
Rev. Elton Clark, Pastor 474-1073
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Bible Training Union 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
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CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
LIVONIA CHRISTIAN CHURCH
30075 W. 16th Rd. 474-8923
Rev. Charles Meredith
Church School 9:30 a.m. (ages 3-12)
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF GOD
Riverside Park
Church of God
11771 Newburgh Road
Livonia 48150
Pastor: The Rev. J. D. Hines
The Rev. Robert L. McFarlin
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Morning Worship
6:30 p.m. Evening Service

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1001 W. Westland
Westland, Michigan 48170
Pastor: 427-2890
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
6400 Main Street
Phone 421-8628
Pastor: Rev. Glenn Kattberg
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 a.m.
Infants through 6th Grade 11:10
Adults, Young Adults, St. High and St. High MORNING WORSHIP 10 a.m. only

NEWBURGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Livonia 427-0149
Rev. W. H. Hines, Pastor
Pastor: 427-2890
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
(Methodist Episcopal)
10000 Beach Drive Road
Livonia, Michigan 48150
Pastor: 427-2890
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Farmington 476-8860
29867 West 11 Mile Road
Pastor: 427-2890
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

ORCHARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
30450 Farmington Road
Livonia 48150
Pastor: 427-2890
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

CLARENCVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
20300 Middlefield Road
Livonia 48150
Pastor: 427-2890
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Farmington
33112 Grand Road, GR 4-8373
Worship Church School and Nursery 10 a.m.
Rev. Hugh W. Hines
Rev. Howard F. Dine

For Information Call Miss Kathy Porter 261-8600 ext. 250

KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST
20200 Meridian, Livonia
South of East River Road
Lee B. Miller, Minister

SUNDAY SERVICES
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 p.m.
Hour of Prayer
Christian Hour 11:30 a.m.
Rev. W. H. Hines 7:30 p.m.

Area Deaths

ROY D. MANSON, Services for Mr. Manson, 78, of Texas City were conducted in the St. James Episcopal Church by the Rev. Sidney J. Rowland. Burial was in Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Texas.

Mr. Manson moved to Texas three years ago from Livonia. He died July 12. He was a life member of the local Masonic Lodge 474 F.A.M., Detroit, and a former employee of the City of Detroit.

He is survived by his wife, Carry.

FRANK R. DELY-LYNN, Services for Mr. Dely-Lynn, 68, of 42574 Harlan, Plymouth were conducted in the St. James Episcopal Church by the Rev. Canon D. Deves. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Dely-Lynn died July 13. He was a member of the St. James Episcopal Church. He was a member of the St. James Episcopal Church.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; son, William J. of South Lyon; daughter, Linda of Plymouth; son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dely-Lynn; two brothers, seven sisters, and three grandchildren.

BERNARD E. GRAMMEL, Services for Mr. Grammel, 87, of 8087 Proctor Rd., Canton Twp. were conducted by Fr. Robert J. Burroughs in St. James Catholic Church, Ypsilanti. Burial was in St. James Catholic Church, Ypsilanti.

Mr. Grammel died July 10 in Beyer Memorial Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dely-Lynn; two daughters, Mrs. Dely-Lynn and Mrs. Dely-Lynn; and three grandchildren.

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LOCAL DELEGATES returned to their home congregations with six new books designed to aid Bible students in examining the Bible as Schroeder recommended.

Included is the publication "Aid to Bible Understanding," a 196 page volume containing some 4,000 subjects on historical, geographical, religious and social facts concerning Bible persons, places, plants and animals life and activities.

According to Donald Borgula of Redford Township, overseer of the Detroit congregation, "This book will be an invaluable aid in increasing our knowledge and understanding of the Bible. It will be incorporated into the regular study program of all the congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses." Other releases include a large-type edition of the Bible and a book for children.

IN A BAPTISM pool, especially built at the site of

Plans Fall Calendar

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Jacob, oldest reform congregation in Oakland County, will hold its opening general meeting Sept. 14, in the temple, located in Pontiac.

The date was set for a meeting of the executive committee and board members held in the home of Mrs. Henry Winkelman.

Among other events planned for the fall will be a Succot cutting Oct. 5 at Echo Park, Birmingham, for the entire temple membership. Chairman for the day will be Mrs. Cyril Kusel of Oak Park.

Witnesses Receive New Book For Bible Study

An audience of more than 11,000 persons was on hand to hear a Bible discourse recently given by A.D. Schroeder at Jackson Harness Raceway. Schroeder, a special representative of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, was guest speaker at a five-day assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses in Jackson, titled the "Divine Name" district assembly.

Schroeder, who titled his address "When All Nations Collide Head-On With God," said that "what would world domination by God be like?"

He continued, "We could never know unless we examined the Book that this God caused to be written and in which he tells us of his purpose toward man and why he has permitted such international conflict, violence and anarchy until now."

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH
23800 W. Chicago
Dr. G. B. Vick, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 7 p.m.

Speakers
11 a.m. Dr. G.B. Vick
7 p.m. Rev. James Allen
Lesson: John 18:28-40

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