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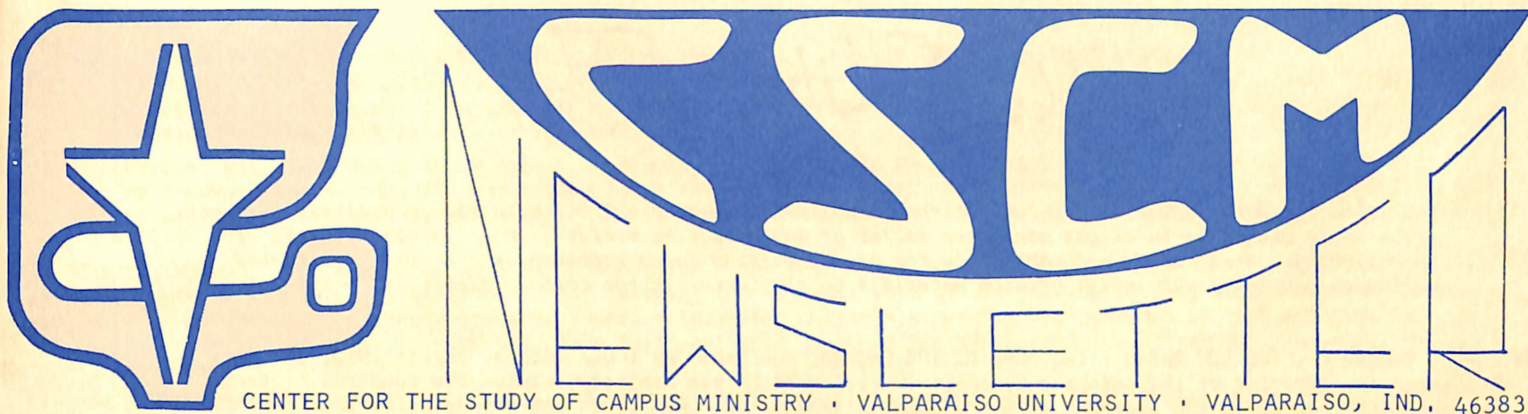
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CSCM SUMMER SEMINAR

CHURCH AND ACADEME: FAITHFUL MINISTRY
 18-30 June 1978 - at Valparaiso
 first week: *deepening theological roots*
 conversations with Martin E. Marty
 second week: *theologizing on academic turfs*
 conversations with respected academicians
 and theologian Loren Halvorson
 cost = \$225 for both weeks, \$125 for one week
scholarships available!

CAMPUS MINISTERS AND FACULTY

One of the campus minister's very important relationships is with faculty. It is important for several reasons:

- + The work of research, teaching, and service in which faculty are engaged is an important part of God's work among us and essential to the humane society and as such worthy of the church's recognition, support, and celebration.
- + Working with faculty can broaden our perspectives and enlarge our understanding as campus ministers. In this relationship we are uniquely challenged, stimulated, and "gifted": It enhances our student ministry at the same time that it takes us beyond student ministry into the broader parameters of the institutions we seek to serve.
- + If all the members of the church are its ministers and if many faculty in higher education today are baptized (and often committed) members of the church, then a large number of ministers, potential and actual, is to be found among the ranks of the faculty. Campus ministers do well to identify, encourage, celebrate, and enable such ministers.

But it isn't easy. It takes aggressive personal contacts, intellectual acumen and inquisitiveness, and an imaginative vision of the mission of campus ministry. To mention the topic is to confirm awe in many who are not doing campus ministry and to create apprehension (and sometimes guilt) in many who are. "I have the impression," said someone who should know the other day, "that not many campus ministers are working with faculty." My immediate reaction was that that is both unfortunate and understandable.

The Center is concerned to encourage campus ministers in their work with faculty. Last spring we announced a policy that encourages campus ministers to invite faculty to our continuing education programs. One of the five regional conferences this winter - the Western Region's - will make a heavy investment in the campus minister/faculty relationship and provide for faculty participation on two days of the conference. Particularly that component of the Center's Summer Seminar that aims at "theologizing on academic turfs" is interested directly in the campus minister/faculty relationship, dialogue, and "joint ministry".

It will help us in our understanding of campus ministry and planning of continuing education 1) to hear stories (not just success stories!) of what campus ministers are doing with faculty and 2) to have the names and addresses of faculty (not just Lutheran!) who would welcome the encouragement and the resources the CSCM seeks to offer to the mission of the church in higher education.

VISITS-TO-VALPO

November: Richard & Dawn Stewart (Central State, O.)
 January: Richard Pflieger (Concordia, Seward, Neb.)
 March: Robert Schmidt (Univ. of Washington, Seattle)
 April: Erich Heintzen (Florida State, Tallahassee)

OVER-THE-SHOULDER VISITS

November: Phil Bigelow (Miami), David Imhoff (Richmond), and Loren Rude (Spokane) to Los Angeles Metro Campus Ministry (Bill Jeffs)
 January: Ted DeWald (Marshall, Minn.) to Western Washington University, Bellingham (John Kintner)
 March: John Kintner (Bellingham, Wa.) to Southwest Minnesota State, Marshall (Ted DeWald)

Applications for both of the above programs continue to be welcomed.

CSCM/LCMA REGIONAL CONFERENCES

CENTRAL: January 30-February 1, 1978
 Yokefellow Institute - Richmond, Indiana
The Intellectual and Ethical/Spiritual Development of the College Student
 resource: Sharon Parks - Cambridge, Mass.
 contact: Richard Stewart - Wilberforce, O.

NORTH CENTRAL: February 27-March 1, 1978
 University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee & St. Mary's Retreat Center
The Church and Society - Liberation Movements
 resource: Valerie Russell, NYC
 contact: June Nilssen - Milwaukee

SOUTHERN: January 16-20, 1978
 Lutheridge - Asheville, N.C.
Law and Gospel in Current Social Visions
 resource: Robert Bertram - St. Louis, Mo.
 contact: David Lange - Baton Rouge, La.

WEST CENTRAL: February 26-March 1, 1978
 O'Donnell Retreat Center - Omaha
Grace and the Christian Confrontation with Contemporary Humanisms
 resource: Harold Ditmanson - St. Olaf
 contact: David Bronstad - Kearney, Ne.

WESTERN: January 25-28, 1978
 Bay Area
Values for An Emerging World
 resource: Walter Stuhr - Berkeley (tentative)
 contact: Joyce Bella - Corvallis, Oregon

C.S.C.M. Library

The items indicated below, mostly unpublished, have been received and filed in the CSCM Library, a place where materials by campus ministers and/or of importance to ministry in a learning society can be collected. Most can be made available for use by persons doing research or otherwise interested. We invite continued submission of such materials to the Center (three copies, please, if possible).

- Baerwald, Reuben C., *THE LSM DREAM - THE HOPE OF THE CHURCH*, published by LCUSA - dcmes, August 1977, 15 pages
The executive director of the Lutheran Council's Division of Campus Ministry salutes the Lutheran Student Movement (LSM) in these two speeches at LSM's Tempe Assembly. He enumerates the strengths of LSM, begun in 1969, as worship, Bible study, church vocations and parish leadership, critical application of faith to current issues, world community, and renewing vitality. For the future, he calls LSM to be the hope of the Church by supporting the development of faith and life in worshiping communities, studying the implications of the Gospel for professional and occupational life, enabling serving ministry, providing well-developed programs of study and action, encouraging participation in the Lutheran churches, promoting Lutheran unity, cooperating ecumenically and witnessing to non-Christians.
- Columbia University - Program of General Education in the Humanities, *SEMINAR REPORTS*, October 1973 to Spring 1977
This continuing series publishes the record of the Thursday Seminars of Columbia's General Education Program, a university-wide forum devoted to the exploration of issues in education. The Center's file goes back to Vol. 1, No. 1, and includes essays by Bell, Trilling, Adler, Kuhn, Aiken, Barzun, Frankel, Messerli, Shriver, and many others. A full list is available upon request.
- Gribbon, Robert T., *THE PROBLEM OF FAITH-DEVELOPMENT IN YOUNG ADULTS*, Washington, D.C.: The Alban Institute, 1977, 15 pages, \$2.50
This is a valuable paper that puts the insights of Erick Erikson, *A Study of Generations*, Wm. Perry, and John Westerhoff in focus for campus ministry and parishes ministering to young adults. It points to the traditional lack of support and encouragement for faith-development as it passes through independent, anti-structure, searching stages on the way, hopefully, to interdependence, commitment, and ownership. We should not expect of young adults what we expect of compliant children or of settled adults. Gribbon's seven general principles of young adult ministry conclude with his "hypothesis that ministries to/with young adults need to focus on the individual and his/her growth as a responsible person and growth as a responsible person in faith" and his "second hypothesis that this can best be done through significant inter-generational contact with other adults who are willing to share their convictions without judging others". A 4-page study guide is provided for use with clergy and laity involved in decision-making for campus ministry to help them better understand the ways in which campus ministry works with students. This paper is a "think-piece" for a longer study-action project Gribbon is continuing this year as a researcher of the Alban Institute.
- Hartzell, Karl D. and Sasscer Harrison, editors *THE STUDY OF RELIGION ON THE CAMPUS OF TODAY*, Washington, D.C.: Association of American Colleges, 1967, 76 pages
These are "selected papers from the Stony Brook Conference on Religion as an academic discipline," by which the AAC's Commission on Religion in Higher Education aimed to examine and clarify issues arising from the teaching of religion on college campuses, especially public. Phenix, Welch, O'Dea, Ulanov are among the ten authors. "The study of religion is too important to be left in the hands of the religious."
- Jones, George W., *THE PUBLIC UNIVERSITY AND RELIGIOUS PRACTICE: AN INQUIRY INTO UNIVERSITY PROVISION FOR CAMPUS RELIGIOUS LIFE*, Muncie, Ind.: Ball State University, 1973, 64 pages
The Ball State director of religious programs gives a useful survey of public university policies governing religious practice on campus and models of religious coordination (with 15 brief case studies) and a description of the personal characteristics and responsibilities of religious coordinators. There is much diversity. The study, recently reprinted, is based on a national survey (responses came from 273 colleges and universities) in 1968 and a follow-up in 1972.
- Kussrow, Van C., Jr., and Baepfer, Richard, editors, *CHANGING AMERICAN LIFE STYLES*, published by Valparaiso University, 1977, 156 pages
Ten major papers are included in this volume of "proceedings from a conference designed to aid in developing theological perspectives on changing American life styles". Victor Ferkiss and Joseph Coates discuss "life patterns and political institutions", and Paul Heyne explores "the potentialities of parochialism". Parker Palmer discusses "the quest for community in America" and Richard Neuhaus "pluralism as religious imperative". Brigitte Berger and Stanley Hauerwas take up the family. H. C. N. Williams offers an international perspective and Martin Marty a homily on Phil. 4:4-8.
- Palmer, Parker J., *A PLACE CALLED COMMUNITY*, Wallingford, Pa.: Pendle Hill Pamphlet, 30 pages, 1977, 95¢
The sociologist/theologian Dean of Studies at Pendle Hill writes to correct the romantic fallacy and to emphasize the religious basis of community. He describes the quest for community and the risk of seeking it and distinguishes true and false community sociologically and theologically. An inversion of conventional wisdom is needed: "the ultimate therapy is to identify our own pain with the pain of others, and then band together to resist the conditions that create our common malady". Community means not only the comfort of souls but also the survival of species; it is "a place where therapy and politics meet". Palmer sees the church as containing the potential for true community life, but the church "has failed to be the kind of community God (and some of us) had in mind". He cites Bonhoeffer and focuses in the last four pages on the Quakers. He warns: "We cannot have it just because we want it - precisely because the foundation of community itself goes beyond selfishness into life for others."
- Reisz, H. Frederick, Jr., *CREATIVE TRANSFORMATION, A Meditation* delivered at the Opening Faculty Meeting, Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, September 1977, 3 pages
"A commitment to creative transformation is openness to a new future which is relevant to the past but emergent out of it by the enhancement of life, of all forms of power and meaning.... The process of learning and creative reflection is an aesthetic as well as a rational process.... In scholarship, the adventure of ideas is only undertaken as we guess as well as calculate, project as well as reflect, risk as well as reason, feel as well as formulate."

- Reisz, H. Frederick, *THE LEGAL HEDGE: DEFENSIVE LAW AND INSTITUTIONAL MINISTRY*, Fall 1977, 13 pages
In the face of increasing legal complexity and lawsuits, institutions seek protection behind solid and higher legal walls and increase their reliance on lawyers. Reisz, chaplain at Wittenberg who is heavily involved in the administration, is concerned "for the drift toward the dictatorship of defensive law" and urges pastoral concern for "the integrity and justice of policy formation" within the institution. He points to the way public acknowledgment of failure and culpability is inhibited and to increasing inflexibility in the care of employees and to the manipulative and defensive management of change. He calls for creative models of institutional functioning and policy formation, persons close but independent enough to serve as para-institutional prophets, and ministers to perform a type of literary criticism within the institution.
- Sleeper, C. Freeman and Spivey, Robert A., editors, *THE STUDY OF RELIGION IN TWO-YEAR COLLEGES*, Missoula, Montana: Scholars Press, for the American Academy of Religion, 1975, 104 pages
The academic study of religion has established itself in community colleges around the country. There are a number of legitimate ways to structure it. Teachers should have an academic background comparable to that required in other fields and be effective teachers. This valuable study not only reports on the study of religion in two-year colleges but in considerable detail (14-17-page syllabi) describes different models for beginning courses in religion: "introduction to religion", "world religions," and "blood: the lifestream of civilization."
- Townsend, John T., *A LITURGICAL INTERPRETATION OF OUR LORD'S PASSION IN NARRATIVE FORM*, New York: The National Conference of Christians and Jews, 1977, 34 pages
This is an attempt to reconstruct the Passion narrative with a special care for those passages that relate directly to Jewish participation in the Passion. To the text of less than five pages are added ample explanatory notes.
- United Methodist Church, *ENDANGERED SERVICE: INDEPENDENT COLLEGES, PUBLIC POLICY AND THE FIRST AMENDMENT*, Nashville, Tenn.: National Commission on United Methodist Higher Education, 1976, 145 pages
The National Commission is concerned to preserve the service (now endangered) of independent colleges against rapid inflation, rising tuition, and declining enrollment by the development of adequate public policy. Three basic principles are advocated: to recognize and maintain the public service role of independent institutions, to preserve diversity and autonomy in American higher education, and to facilitate student choice among types of institutions. These issues and the legal issue of the constitutionality of public programs are analyzed here extensively and helpfully.
- U.S. Catholic Conference - Department of Education, *CAMPUS MINISTRY GUIDELINES FOR DIOCESAN DIRECTORS AND CAMPUS MINISTERS*, 1976, 82 pages
This collection pulls together many fine materials useful to Roman Catholic campus ministers and their directors, including a concise national mission statement, an extensive description of the role of the diocesan director, a thorough discussion of personnel and program evaluation (by John Marschall), complete descriptions of diocesan models and a state model, a list of campus ministry organizations, and job descriptions.
- Van Hoeven, Donald, *THE DIALOGUE COMMUNITY: SOME CONSIDERATIONS ABOUT BELONGING*, Fall 1977, 9 pages
A Reformed (RCA) campus minister at Kalamazoo spells out in this study paper an understanding and a modest structure for his local campus ministry that takes seriously a cultural loss of community, his own tradition, and the ecumenical church.

Book List

The books listed below and those on previous booklists have been placed by the CSCM in Moellering Memorial Library at Valparaiso University. They are available for loan upon request to CSCM.

- Baum, Gregory. *RELIGION AND ALIENATION: A THEOLOGICAL READING OF SOCIOLOGY*. New York: Paulist Press, 1975, 296 pages, \$6.95
Both the Scriptures and the social sciences testify that religion is ambiguous, having both creative and destructive tendencies. Studying especially Hegel, Marx, Toennies, Freud, Durkheim, and Weber, the respected Roman Catholic theologian explores the content of religion in the depth of its social functions and consequences and examines the critiques of religion coming from the social sciences. This is a fine introduction to sociology for the student of theology.
- Bonjean, Charles M. and Schneider, Louis and Lineberry, Robert L., editors. *SOCIAL SCIENCE IN AMERICA: THE FIRST TWO HUNDRED YEARS*. Austin: University of Texas Press, 1976, 221 pages, \$10 & \$3.95
Six essays, originally published in the *Social Science Quarterly* (June 1976), describe the distinctive major contributions of U.S. social scientists, their impact on our understanding of society, and their relation to the character of life in the U.S.: history - Wm. Goetzmann, Texas; economics - J. J. Spengler, Duke; sociology - R. M. Williams, Cornell; political science - H. Eulau, Stanford; anthropology - W. Goldschmidt, UCLA; and geography - K. R. Cox, Ohio State. "The authors do report a number of successes, but the general tone is hardly one of unqualified celebration," says Schneider in his concluding essay.
- Brokering, Herbert F. *LORD, IF*. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1977, 74 pages
Here are 80 prayers - or thought and discussion starters - like this: "Lord, if I am the only one, unique, different from any before or ever to come, then take away my competitive spirit, and any war against others, for they too are unique."
- Brooke, Avery, editor. *ROOTS OF SPRING: A NARRATIVE ANTHOLOGY*. Noroton, Conn.: Vineyard Books, 1975, 96 pages, \$4.95
This simple, provocative book consists of drawings by Robert Pinart and quotations from the Bible, St. Francis, B. Fuller, I Ching, Capon, Teilhard, Dubos, Claypool, Napier, and many others.

The Catholic Theological Society of America. HUMAN SEXUALITY: NEW DIRECTIONS IN AMERICAN CATHOLIC THOUGHT. New York: Paulist Press, 1977, 322 pages, \$8.50

Of importance not only to Roman Catholics, this well-written report is not an official statement but "the invited thought of a committee of concerned theologians," including one layman and one woman. It understands human nature in dynamic rather than static terms and proposes to ask not whether specific acts are right or wrong in themselves but whether they promote "creative growth toward integration" for individuals and society. Chapters summarizing the biblical teaching, the Christian tradition, and contemporary empirical research on sexuality lead the five authors to propose a theology of sexuality. This is followed by 140 pages of pastoral guidelines in counseling on such matters as responsible parenthood, contraception, child-free marriage, communal living, non-marital sexuality, homosexuality, masturbation, etc.

Doig, Desmond. MOTHER TERESA: HER PEOPLE AND HER WORK. New York: Harper & Row, Publishers, 1976, 175 pages, \$15
Lovingly told by an Indian journalist and friend and rich with quotations and photographs, this is the story of the 67-year-old Yugoslav woman who in 1948 left her convent to work among the poorest people of Calcutta and started the Missionaries of Charity. "That is why we need the Eucharist, we need Jesus.... If we can see Jesus in the appearance of bread, we can see Him in the broken bodies of the poor." "Her smile is a benediction." "She's something of a saint, isn't she?"

Fynn. MISTER GOD, THIS IS ANNA. New York: Ballantine Books, 1974, 1976, 180 pages, \$1.75

This is the true story of Anna, only four years old when Fynn found her on London's docks, who could astonish with her questions and answers and who had a very special friendship with Mister God.

Genser, Cynthia. TAKING ON THE LOCAL COLOR: POEMS. Middletown, Conn.: Wesleyan University Press, 1977, 67 pages \$3.45

The Seattle poet aims her metaphors "at the banality and reductionism of our world". "Her men and women exist in their effects." Best lines: "The world, the stiff world/isn't truth./But it's where your heart is,/Damaged and complete."

Harkness, Georgia and Kraft, Charles F. BIBLICAL BACKGROUNDS OF THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT. Nashville: Abingdon, 1976, 208 pages, \$7.95

Kraft completed the project Harkness had not completed at her death, a manuscript tracing the lines from the social and political history of biblical Palestine to the events of the past 75 years. He seeks to avoid extreme pro-Israel or pro-Arab stances.

Hoyer, Robert. HE CALLS ME BY MY NAME: A PRE-MEMBERSHIP COURSE FOR ADULTS. St. Louis, Mo.: Clayton Publishing House, Inc., 1977, 103 pages, \$4.75

This course is in twelve parts (sessions) and inductive in style. The movement is from judgment and law (human situation) to grace (God's response to man's condition) to community (reason for church) to word (how church comes to be) to hope (our reason for following the Way together) to creation (our relation to all that is).

Jorstad, Erling. THAT NEW-TIME RELIGION: THE JESUS REVIVAL IN AMERICA. Minneapolis: Augsburg Publishing House, 1972, 143 pages, \$2.95

From the perspective of the revivals of the Great Awakening (Finney, Moody, Sunday) and of Billy Graham, Jorstad analyzes the current Jesus Movement, including evangelical students and Catholic Pentecostals. (TD)

Jungkuntz, Theodore R. FORMULATORS OF THE FORMULA OF CONCORD: FOUR ARCHITECTS OF LUTHERAN UNITY. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1977, 158 pages

The Valparaiso professor here studies the four men who wrote the Formula of Concord: Andreae (the supplanter?), Chemnitz (the confessor?), Chytraeus (alter Philippus?), and Selnecker (the weather vane?). He seeks to reflect both the political and the theological realities at stake.

Jurgensen, Barbara. THE PROPHETS SPEAK AGAIN: A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY. Minneapolis, Minn.: Augsburg Publishing House, 1977, 128 pages, \$2.95

Barbara does a very simple re-telling of the story and message of the prophets, from Isaiah to Malachi.

Kaiser, Otto. INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT: A PRESENTATION OF ITS RESULTS AND PROBLEMS, translated by John Sturdy. Minneapolis, Minn.: Augsburg Publishing House, 1969, 1977, 420 pages, \$7.50

By the Marburg professor of Old Testament, this OTI is organized according to the threefold division of the OT canon and so deals first with the historical narratives, then the prophetic tradition, and finally the songs and wisdom literature. "The reader who does not simply accept at a distance the results and problems of the science of Introduction, but at the same time asks what they mean for his faith, will no doubt discover that they constantly direct him to think about faith and history, about revelation and history, about revelation and the word of God, and about history and the word of God."

Kesselman, Judi R. STOPPING OUT: A GUIDE TO LEAVING COLLEGE AND GETTING BACK IN. New York: M. Evans & Company, Inc., 1976, 219 pages, \$8.95

Some studies show that one out of three students "stop out" on their way to a college degree, and among them are America's highest and most promising scholars. (The Carnegie Commission coined the phrase in 1971.) Mechanisms for stopping out now exist at most schools. Written in a popular style by a freelance newspaper and magazine writer, this study explores the personal, economic, and academic angles, including who stops out and why, credit while working and traveling, and stopping in again.

Klug, Eugene F. and Stahlke, Otto F. GETTING INTO THE FORMULA OF CONCORD: A HISTORY AND DIGEST OF THE FORMULA. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1977, 120 pages

Two professors at Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne, offer, one, a discussion of the historical background of the various controversies (Flacian, Synergistic, Osiandrian, Majoristic, Antinomistic, etc.) leading to the Formula of Concord and, the other, a new translation of the Formula's Epitome (condensed report).

Kolb, Robert. ANDREAEE AND THE FORMULA OF CONCORD: SIX SERMONS ON THE WAY TO LUTHERAN UNITY. St. Louis, Concordia Publishing House, 1977, 134 pages

The executive director of the Center for Reformation Research presents here the first English translations of the Six Sermons that Jakob Andreae (b.1528) published on the disputes following Luther's death and that helped to create both the climate and the text for the Formula of Concord. A 50-page introduction discusses the man, the controversies, and the sermons.

Marquis, Dave. MAKING LOVE A WAY OF LIFE. Niles, Ill.: Argus Communications, 1977, 71 pages, \$2.95

This is a popular, artsy book of joyous suggestions "to help you become the lover you were born to be". It examines caring, uniqueness, vulnerability, respect, rejoicing, learning, and deciding.

- Metz, Johannes Baptist. *POVERTY OF SPIRIT*. Paramus, N.J.: Paulist Press, 1968, 53 pages, \$1.75
For Metz, poverty of spirit is not one virtue among many but the ground of every theological virtue. "Only through poverty of spirit do men draw near to God; only through it does God draw near to man." This small spiritual classic describes both motions in great beauty.
- Muggeridge, Malcolm. *JESUS REDISCOVERED*. Wheaton, Ill.: Tyndale House Publishers, 1974, 240 pages, \$2.75
The renowned journalist, who moved from secularism to Christianity, has written a series of essays describing his own pilgrimage and asking searching questions regarding the life of the Christian today. Recommended by Bernhard Hillila.
- Perrin, Norman. *THE NEW TESTAMENT: AN INTRODUCTION*. New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc., 1974, 385 pages
The product of 25 years of studying and teaching the NT, this work by the late University of Chicago professor presents the NT as it now appears to modern scholarship. Perrin describes the combination of proclamation and parenthesis, of myth and history and, like Bultmann, sees Jesus as the presupposition of the NT. Strongly recommended by Joseph Sittler.
- von Rad, Gerhard. *BIBLICAL INTERPRETATIONS IN PREACHING*. Nashville: Abingdon, 1977, \$5.95
Here are 4-7 page non-technical interpretations of 21 texts (20 from the Old Testament, 15 occurring in the 3-year cycle) by the late great O.T. scholar. An essay on the task and opportunities of the preacher introduces them. "The biblical texts *must* be preached. The people need them for living (and for dying). The biblical texts *can* be preached. (But) one does not so quickly make out the aim of a text - not even the well-known ones."
- Rogness, Alvin N. *THE LAND OF JESUS*. Minneapolis, Minn.: Augsburg Publishing House, 1974, 1976, 120 pages, \$6.95
This is a delightful picture book with text. The text is a synopsis of Jesus' life and vignettes of Holy Land places. The pictures (40 color, 84 black and white) are original and give a feel for the places of significance in Jesus' life. (TD)
- Rouch, Mark. *COMPETENT MINISTRY: A GUIDE TO EFFECTIVE CONTINUING EDUCATION*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1974, 190 pages
The co-director of Interpreters' House sets continuing education in the matrix of lifelong learning and an attitude of openness to life, relates continuing education and competence, suggests techniques for planning and carrying out a continuing education program, looks at the resources available, etc. Continuing education "links together personal study and reflection and participation in organized group events".
- Schilling, S. Paul. *GOD AND HUMAN ANGUISH*. Nashville: Abingdon, 1977, 304 pages, \$11.95
The Boston professor emeritus of systematic theology describes the problem of evil (practical and philosophical) and nine proposals toward a solution (acceptance, denial, dualism, etc.) and concludes with a discussion of providence (unaware of Outler's *Who Trusts In God?*), in which he sets forth five ways God keeps people as they face suffering. He sees the cross at the heart of creation and, in the manner of process theology, God's power bounded by his boundless love; he rejects the traditional notion of God's omnipotence. "The God whose creative activity permeates and sustains our world is seeking to form a community of mutually supportive persons who strive with him and one another for the maximum realization of value."
- Selzer, Richard. *MORTAL LESSONS: NOTES ON THE ART OF SURGERY*. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1974, 221 pages, \$8.95
A surgeon at the Yale Medical Center weds science to art in these wonder-full essays on such things as the belly, the knife, smoking, car sickness - and "the exact location of the soul". Selzer is a veritable Loren Eiseley of medicine. Recommended by Joseph Sittler and David Buehler.
- Shea, John. *THE HOUR OF THE UNEXPECTED*. Niles, Ill.: Argus Communications, 1977, 117 pages, \$6.95
The Chicago parish priest describes all these prayer-poems as "witnesses to grace, stuttering accounts of the one God whose ways are not our ways". Some challenge, some comfort. Not all are addressed to God. Some are serious like "A Prayer of Anger" ("Please no voice from Job's Whirlwind saying how dare I. I dare."). Some are humorous, like "The Prayer of the Commuter" ("they recognize him in the drinking of the beer").
- Simon, Sidney B. *VULTURE: A MODERN ALLEGORY ON THE ART OF PUTTING ONESELF DOWN*. Niles, Ill.: Argus Communications, 1977, 72 pages, \$1.95
Simon, of values-clarification fame, invites to membership in the vulture feather-plucking club, disposing of the invisible psychological vultures of self-put-downs that destroy self-confidence and -respect. Stories, suggestions, and illustrations combine to make it interesting and useful.
- Sontag, Frederick. *SUN MYUNG MOON AND THE UNIFICATION CHURCH*. Nashville: Abingdon, 1977, 224 pages, \$8.95
Sontag believes we are witnessing again the unfolding of the age-old religious drama, whose outcome can only be awaited: "If Moon is 'of God' he cannot be stopped. If he is not, the movement will fade away. Time and God will tell." The Pomona College professor of philosophy and theology took ten months and traveled three continents to conduct extensive interviews in Europe and the U.S., one a six-hour interview with Moon himself (Feb. 1977), reported on in 31 pages of the book. Moon sees the Unification Church as destined to change the world by a process of education, particularly education of national leaders. "Christianity somehow lost the essential vigor and the very spirit of Jesus; his purpose has been turned around. I merely came to refresh the spirit of Jesus Christ." Sontag takes seriously the question, "Is this the birth of a new religion," and discusses 15 common charges against Moon. He sees the movement inevitably evolving into another established church, whose doctrine will be demythologized. "Moon arrives as a judgement on our religious failure and complacency." The young, living in an era of self-seeking, "are attracted by the demand for selfless devotion to a cause to usher in the new world of God's kingdom now for all people." They "are looking for discipline, structure, strong parental figures, and they are willing to pour their commitment into a life of sacrifice and missionary zeal." This is a valuable investigation into Moon and his movement.
- Steiner, Claude M. *SCRIPTS PEOPLE LIVE: TRANSACTIONAL ANALYSIS OF LIFE SCRIPTS*. New York: Bantam Books, 1974, 395 pages, \$2.25
The West Coast collaborator of Berne (*Games People Play*) here identifies many different life scripts, discusses how to break free of their control and how to avoid passing harmful scripts on to children.
- Stenzel, Anne K. and Feeney, Helen M. *VOLUNTEER TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT: A MANUAL*. New York: The Seabury Press, 1976, 204 pages, \$12.95
This clear, much-needed, well-developed guide for developing volunteer programs is written by two associate professors from Iowa and New York City. It focuses on study and action, seeks to prevent inaction and blind action. Outlines, checklists, worksheets, and charts are provided. The authors begin with "What is the volunteer role" and end with chapters on evaluation and the future role of volunteering. (TD)

Torres, Sergio and Eagleson, John, editors. THEOLOGY IN THE AMERICAS. Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1976, 438 pages, \$5.95

This thick volume contains the major documents of the 1975 Detroit conference on "Theology in the Americas" which brought Latin American and North American theologians and activists into dialogue; it includes the pre-conference papers, some interesting pre-conference correspondence, the principal conference statements, and excerpts from the panel discussions. Contributors include Assmann, Coleman, Collins, Dulles, Dussel, Gutierrez, Harrison, Hellwig, Miranda, Roberts, Ruether, Segundo, and Torres. Gregory Baum writes a 30-page post-conference interpretive essay. It is an exciting story, representing, Robert M. Brown says in his 20-page preface, "a whole new way of doing theology". Recommended by Sheila Collins.

Vermilye, Dyckman W., editor. INDIVIDUALIZING THE SYSTEM: CURRENT ISSUES IN HIGHER EDUCATION 1976. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass Publishers, 1976, 217 pages, \$8.95

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