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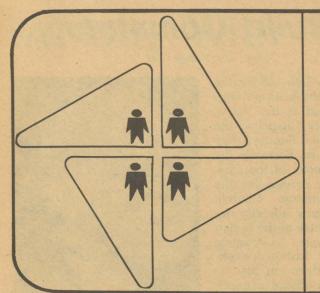
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For in him we live and move and have our being. Acts 17:28

"...Because Jesus is the Lord of space and time, there are no times and no places outside his time and space... For Christ is not only present in the church where the Word is truly preached and the sacraments are rightly administered, as the Reformers taught.

"Jesus is first and above all outside us and around us, so that when we come out of church we stumble over him. The God who is known and confessed in the church is none other than Jesus, who is secretly but no less really present in the least of his brethren, God in Christ—the suffering, weeping, oppressed, hungry, lonely God—is all around us and cries out to us. . ."

"Eating and Drinking With Jesus" by Arthur C. Cochrane Christian Century April 10, 1974

Ministry With

Indian People

In January 1974, Paul Boe resigned from his position as Director of the Division of Social Service for The American Lutheran Church, in order to begin his Special Ministry With Indian People.

This ministry will seek to support and work with Indian people in their struggle for justice and opportunity. Dr. Boe has received a call from his home congregation, Westwood Lutheran Church in St. Louis Park, Minn., to a ministry at large with Indian people.

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Appalachian People

Through representatives who have been appointed by the synodical Board for Social Ministry The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has contributed to shaping a process aimed at meeting human need in Appalachia.

The Commission on Religion in Appalachia (CORA) works directly with a variety of poor people's self-help groups, seeking to develop community organizations designed to give the people an economic, social and political voice.

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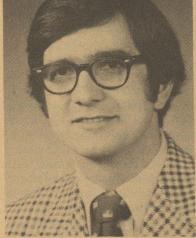
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Charles W. Dull



Herluf M. Jensen

EMPHASIS WILL BE

Process And Skills To Build Community

Keynote Speaker HERLUF M. JENSEN

Pastor, St. Matthew Moorestown, N.J. former staff official, Board of Social Ministry LCA former Board member, LHRAA

Dinner Speaker
WILLIAM H. GRIFFEN

Assistant Professor Concordia Teachers College River Forest, Ill. Director, Diaconate Program Chicago, Ill., former Board member, LHRAA.

Preacher and Resource Person PAUL A. BOE

former Executive Director Division of Social Services ALC; now in ministry to the Indian American people How can individuals with different histories, interests, and responsibilities work effectively together to develop strategies and action which will address real needs within their local

Institute Director Charles W. Dull will be leading participants through a series of large and small group sessions with this question in mind.

Mr. Dull, Assistant Professor of Education and Psychology at Concordia Teachers College in Seward, Nebr., is also Director of the Center for Field Experience at that college. He is Consultant for the Center for Social Development in Minneapolis, and is in private practice as Laboratory Educator and OD Consultant. He has contributed articles to a number of church publications, and has served as trainer and consultant for a variety of organizations including business, university, elementary and secondary schools, church boards and districts. Currently he is co-authoring a book on "Values Clarification and The Film."

The Rev. Herluf Jensen, pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Moorestown, N.J., will keynote the sessions on Friday afternoon. Pastor Jensen is a former staff official of the Board of Social Ministry, LCA, and carried principle responsibility for the work of that board in the areas of race, poverty and intergroup relations. He will present to the Institute the scriptural model for creating community.



Joseph W. Ellwanger

A model for developing a Christian community in a contemporary urban setting will be discussed by a panel of members of Cross Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, Wis. Participating in the discussion will be the pastor of Cross, The Rev. Joseph Ellwanger, formerly pastor in Selma, Ala.

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Pastor Art Simon of Trinity Lutheran Church Lower East Manhattan author of THE FACES OF POVERTY **BREAKING BREAD WITH** THE HUNGRY

THE POLITICS OF

A strange and terrible thing happened late last January. Congressmen had just returned from Christmas recess, and the first piece of legislation to surface in the House of Representatives was a bill to approve funding from the United States for the International Development Association. They voted it down.

The IDA is the branch of the World Bank that lends money to the poorest of the poor countries at no interest. For most of them it is the only major source of development capital they have. These are countries like India, Bangladesh and those below the Sahara in Africa. A majority of their people suffer from "absolute poverty." Most are hungry. Many starve every year and countless others die too soon of causes related to hun-

and forget not the poor

embark on an ambitious new program to reach people that development projects have almost always bypassed: some of the 800 million of the poorest rural dwellers on earth. Onefifth of mankind. People who till the soil but get so little from it that they live at a subsistence level.

IDA wants to aim its money at projects that will reach these people, enable them to improve their standard of living. New seeds, new technologies, onfarm irrigation, access to credit, farm extension services - a whole package of improvements are envisioned. You have to call it a genuine self-help, anti-hunger program.

A LOT OF MONEY was involved: \$4.5 billion spread over several years. Not that this could reach all 800 million of those rural poor, but it would get to lots of them. And if the approach worked, the world would have taken a giant step toward coming to terms with its biggest development failure.

It sounds almost like a motherhood issue.

TO MAKE THINGS EVEN EASIER for Congress, the Administration had negotiated a reduction among major donor nations of the share that the United States would contribute. Our share declined from 40 percent to 33 percent even though we have 43 percent of the total income of major donor nations combined. The dollar amount was to go A PRETTY GOOD CASE up, to be sure, from \$320 milwas presented to Congress this lion a year to \$375 million. But

time by IDA. It was about to that turns out to be no increase at all when inflation is taken into account.

So when the vote came to the floor of the House, what did our congressmen do? They voted against it. Not just barely, but by a 248 to 155 vote. Three years ago the New York delegation voted 29 to 6 in favor of IDA. This time the New York vote went against it.

WHY? PARTLY BECAUSE congressmen had been mixing with voters who were angry about inflation and angry about the energy crisis. Congressmen didn't want to get caught voting aid to poor countries that might spend it for Arab oil. The fact that no such connection existed didn't deter our congressmen.

After all, it's what the folks back home think that matters.

Perhaps we can't blame our congressmen. After all, few of us have been writing to them in support of assistance to the poor countries. By our silence we've encouraged them to vote just the way they did.

UNLESS IT IS REVERSED, however, that vote will do more to spread hunger than all our private contributions combined will do to alleviate it. It's worth thinking about next time we put in our \$10 for world

WHAT CAN YOU DO? The issue is now before the Senate. Write one or both of your U.S. senators urging that this country contribute its all-too-meager share to the International Development Association.

To Build Community

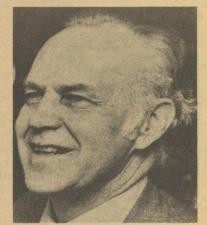
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Dr. Paul A. Boe will be the preacher for the Institute worship to be held at the Valparaiso University Chapel of the Resurrection on Sunday, July 28 at 10:30 a.m. Formerly the Executive Director of the Division of Social Service for the American Lutheran Church, Dr. Boe is now directly involved in ministry to the Indian American people. As resource person for the Institute weekend, he will draw on his experience as an official administrator within the church structure and as a minister from the church to a particular community.

Dr. William H. Griffen will be the speaker for the Institute dinner to be held on Saturday evening, July 27.

Dr. Griffen, a former member of the LHRAA Board of Directors, is Assistant Professor at Concordia Teachers College in River Forest, Ill. He also is the Director of the Diaconate Program, Chicago, which he initiated several years ago.

The subject of his dinner presentation will be the use of myths and symbols in the development of community.



Paul A. Boe



William H. Griffen

As in the past, the Institute will be co-hosted by Valparaiso University and LHRAA. Registration is scheduled from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, July 26, with an informal 'punch-and-cookies" reception at 2:30 p.m.

The keynote address, by The Rev. Herluf Jensen, will begin at 3:30 p.m., and orientation for the participants will begin at 4:30 under the direction of Mr. Charles Dull. Friday evening and Saturday sessions will concentrate on the process and skills necessary to develop a functioning Christian community.

The annual meeting of the Lutheran Human Relations Association will be held on Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. The membership will hear reports from the executives, the president and treasurer, and will consider the budget for the coming year as well as the constitutional amendments (see page four) for the restructuring of the election and membership of the Board of Directors.

Reviewing a review

Schulze's "Race Against Time"

In the fall of 1972, LHRAA published the book, Race Against Time, by Dr. Andrew Schulze, "A History of Race Relations in The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod from the Perspective of the Author's Involvement 1920-

In January, 1973, the Concordia Theological Monthly published a review by Dr. Arthur Carl Piepkorn, who said,

"Only one man could have written this engrossing chronicle and happily he did. Every pastor of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod should read it and we hope that each one will.

"Christian News" (a "conservative" newspaper published in New Haven, Mo. by Lutheran News Inc.) carries a lengthy review of Dr. Schulze's book in the April 8, 1974 issue.

The review is grandly generous in its reprint, using as it does about 62 column inches for the entire review which includes about 33 column inches of direct quotations from the book.

Deceptively docile in tone, the review sets up the quotations as a backdrop for repeating the historical/theological warnings which have been issued by "Christian News" in the past. These warnings have consistently belittled, and apparently misunderstood, the social concern emphasis of Dr. Schulze, Dr.

Martin Luther King, Dr. Fredrik Schiotz (ALC), Dr. O.P. Kretzmann, Valparaiso University, The Cresset, William Stringfellow, and others.

It is, in a sense, heartening to read in the review that, "We sympathize with some of the views expressed in Race Against Time. . . Schulze had some valid concerns when he first began serving congregations in Negro communities some 50 years ago. He should be commended for his many sacrifices and much of what he did during those years when even many within the LCMS showed little concern for the black man. .

Heartening because, although sympathy is not what the black man needs, for some of us white church people it could lead to understanding, concern, and even action.

It is, on the other hand, amusing to read in the review that, "Unfortunately, he (Dr. Schulze) has swallowed too much of the social gospel of younger liberals who have misled him. .

Amusing because, while Dr. Schulze gladly acknowledges that he has learned much from younger colleagues, there are many of us who acknowledge a much greater debt to him as a leader in an area of human concerns and relationships which are of the essence of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

REGISTRATION FORM

LHRAA-VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

INSTITUTE ON HUMAN RELATIONS

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Ministry With People

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Indian

This national ministry, which has the endorsement and financial support of the ALC, will seek to interpret Indian needs, to confront society with the realities of the systems which oppress Indians and to urge action directed to change.

It has been Dr. Boe's experience during the last several months that there is a high public demand for speaking and discussion occasions. Such events will be coordinated with Indian people who have expressed the desire to speak with groups of church and community people about their concerns and needs.

Critical to the success of this ministry will be a continuing relationship with Indian people and shaping activity with their guidance and direction. Persons throughout the country, already aware of Indian concerns, frequently ask what they can do. It would be the intention of this ministry to develop resources with Indian people — materials for study and courses of action — so that interested people and groups may actively participate.

A group of concerned and interested individuals have pledged their support to Dr. Boe and have organized "The Paul Boe Ministry and Support Fund." (9001 Cedar Lake Rd., St. Louis Park, Minn. 55426). Contributions are being requested and received for this fund which will provide a part of the financial base for this national ministry. The ALC's Division of Service and Mission in America has approved a grant of \$10,000 for the first year.

There will be no attempt to structure a new organization, but rather to provide Dr. Boe and others with whom he will work, a flexible framework within which coordinative efforts will provide opportunity for increased understanding and effective action on behalf of and with Indian people.

Appalachian

CORA is an ecumenical coalition supported by 17 national church bodies, including the LC-MS, LCA, and ALC, the National Council of Churches, Lutheran Council USA, and other church and community agencies. It serves the thirteen-state Appalachian region, extending from southern New York to the northern part of Georgia and Alabama.

The key concepts which activate CORA are empowerment of the powerless, human dignity, human fulfillment, self-determination, liberation, and Church and mission renewal. The major problem areas for this vast mountainous region include: a changing population, with young people moving out; low income, with a less than \$3,000 annual income for 30% of the families; high unemployment, running 3+% above the U.S. average; poor education, with government funds per capita per year at \$8.70 for the region and \$27.88 nationally; strip mining, making large areas unhabitable; less of everything in services, opportunities and choices for people; some 26,000 local churches making cooperative efforts difficult.

The CORA newspaper, "Vantage Point" describes the problems of the area as well as the activity of the task forces involved in bringing the combined resources of the churches and the people together for understanding and action directed to change.

The Rev. Don Prange LCMS Staff Person, will send information about this ministry. His address is:

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W. Sterling Cary: "A new world is emerging, a world that affirms the value and worth of all individuals. Loyalty to the nation must be tempered by accountability to the family of nations."



Joseph L. Bernardin: "Keep primary things primary. We suffer from moral shortsightedness. The church must help to grind the lenses so that we have better vision."

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Indiana Interreligious Conference:

Public Morality Crisis

Early in April some 200 people in Indiana — Jewish, Protestant, and Catholic — came together for 2½ days to explore and identify conditions and causes in the erosion of public morality, and to find ways of creating a new awareness of basic human values. The conference, called by Interreligious Consultations, a year-long project funded by Lilly Endowment, Inc., is now in the follow-up stage in which further discussion and activity will be centered in local areas throughout the state. The culmination of the conference itself was a presentation by the participants to Indiana governor Otis R. Bowen of specific issues of human concern through which it would be possible to create "spacious, humane and habitable institutions for our time."

In identifying the public issues, the conference said, "As representatives of religious bodies in the Judaic-Christian heritage, we admit our failure to apply fully in our personal lives and the structures and operations of our institutions those moral and ethical principles which stand as foundations of our faiths. In confronting the crisis in public morality we recognize that we have contributed to the crisis by our sins of omission and commission."

Expressing a willingness and commitment to assist and support public leaders in the state in working for justice and human dignity, the conference participants listed fifteen specific issues, which included, increased funding for the Indiana Civil Rights Commission, continued efforts to reform the state correctional system, improvement of living /employment conditions of migrant workers, examination and reform of the township trustee system, the possibility of human relations training for state employees and as a pre-requisite for state certification of teachers, and leadership of the state government in the elimination of institutional racism and all other forms of prejudice.

Keynote presentations to the conference were made by three national religious leaders: Dr. Eugene B. Borowitz, Hebrew Union College (N.Y.), Dr. W. Sterling Cary, President, National Council of Churches, and Archbishop Joseph Bernardin, Cincinnati.

Using Paul Tillich's definition of religion as that which is "one's ultimate concern," Dr. Borowitz suggested that the key issue for our society is "the power of secularity" and the extent to which we base our lives and values on man and his capacities. Although there is a close relationship between "greater goods and greater good," and the search for improved living standards is a legitimate concern, he asked if this is "worthy of our ultimate concern."



Eugene B. Borowitz

"Our civilization has become our problem. The idol of secularity has fallen," Dr. Borowitz said. Pointing out that institutional religion shares responsibility for the crisis we now feel, he called for a renewed understanding of the roots of the Judaic Christian religion which recognizes that a transcendent God stands over our culture, a God of "compelling love and purposing forgiveness." The churches must ask, "How do we conduct ourselves? How do we use our power? What do we do to persons; what happens to people and the need for human community in our institutional life?"



Carl T. Rowan

In a major address to the conference, Mr. Carl Rowan, nationally known journalist, called for a strong, free press to assure citizens of the U.S. that they will have complete information on major public issues that affect the daily lives of human beings. He suggested that we have a responsibility to understand the basic human values which are at stake, and the opportunity we have for "lifting the level of life."

The major criticism of our welfare system centers on the Aid to Dependent Children program. The question that opinion/decision makers do not ask, Mr. Rowan said, is, "How does it benefit anyone to have these 8 million children living in the vicious circle of poverty and misery?" He suggested that we must realize that if our society is structured in such a way that we have a lot of poor people, we will have a lot of welfare. "There will be no justice and no morality," he said, "until meaningful steps are taken to close the income gap. But our leaders will not tell the American people this."

Resolution and Nominations From LHRAA Board of Directors

New Election Procedure - Candidates for 74-75

AMENDMENTS

THE OFFICIAL BALLOT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE JUNE ISSUE OF THE VANGUARD.

THREE YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR THREE

OR DOROTHEA LYONS

(LCMS)

OR DAVID NELSON

Parent Coordinator, Reading Center,

Cleveland Public Schools; Board member,

Metro Ministry, Lutheran Housing Corp.,

Cleveland; former Board member, Luth.

Deaconess Assoc.; active in Urban League,

NAACP, YWCA, Welfare Rights Org.

Pastor, Bethel Lutheran Church, Chicago,

Ill.; member, Executive Board, Ill. Synod, LCA; one of founding pastors of Christian

Action Ministry, ecumenical cooperative

in Chicago West Side community; Pastor

Chairman, Love Compels Action Appeal.

At the March 2 meeting of the LHRAA Board of Directors, the following resolution was passed by unanimous vote, and is herewith presented to the membership of LHRAA for study and subsequent approval. The resolution will be voted on by the membership at the annual meeting, to be held on Sunday, July 28, 1974 at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind. This annual meeting is held in conjunction with the Institute on Human Relations.

RESOLVED, that the Board recommend to the membership that Article 8 of the Association's Articles of Incorporation be amended to read: "The number of directors of this corporation shall be nine (9).'

RESOLVED further, that the Board recommend to the membership that paragraph IV of the Association's Constitution in its present form be repealed and that there be substituted in lieu thereof the following:

"IV DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS There shall be elected at each annual meeting of the membership three directors to serve a term of three years each; provided that in the year 1974 the membership shall elect three directors for a term of one year, three directors for a term of two years, and three directors for a term of three years.

The newly elected board, as constituted after each annual election, shall in turn elect from its own members its officers, who shall serve until the next annual meeting of the board or until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified.

In the event of a vacancy occuring on the board the remainder of the board shall elect a successor to fill the unexpired term for which the vacating director was elected. In the event of a vacancy among the officers the board shall elect a successor to fill the balance of the vacating officer's term."

RESOLVED further, that the Board recommend to the membership that paragraph VI of the Constitution be amended to read:

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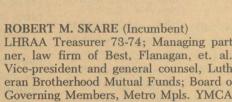
The Board of Directors shall arrange for the annual election of directors in such a way as to provide widest possible participation by the membership and to effect maximum efficiency for such bal-

RESOLVED further, that the foregoing amendments be voted upon by the membership at its annual meeting in July 1974, in the manner provided for in paragraph V of the Constitution of the Association.



RICHARD K. FOX, JR. (Incumbent) LHRAA President 72-74; Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Dept. of State, Wash., D.C.; LHRAA Vice-president 63-64; former executive, Urban League, St. Louis, Mo. and St. Paul, Minn. (LCMS)

VICTOR R. SCHOONOVER (Incumbent) LHRAA Vice-president 73-74; Director, Greater Omaha Area Lutheran Metro Ministry (GOAL); former director, Our Savior Lutheran Church Urban Center, Omaha.



LHRAA Treasurer 73-74; Managing partner, law firm of Best, Flanagan, et. al.; Vice-president and general counsel, Lutheran Brotherhood Mutual Funds; Board of Governing Members, Metro Mpls. YMCA; Director, Board of Management, U. of Minn. YMCA. (ALC)

President, Filmedia Inc., documentary

filmmaker (portraying Church's involve-

ment in various social missions); former

president, Lutheran Men, Omaha, Nebr.;

former member, Metro Board, YMCA,

Omaha; Social Ministry Committee, Aug-

ustana Luth. Church, Omaha; Church

Council, Transfiguration Luth. Church,

No opposing candidate has been nomina-

ted. Ms. Miller is completing the first year

of a three year term to which she was

RAY J. CHRISTENSEN

**CAROLINE MILLER

elected in 1973.

Mpls., LCA.



TWO YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE

Director, Luth. Housing Corp., Cleveland; serves Luth. Metro Ministry (Cleveland) in Global Justice Task Force; member, Metro Affairs Commission, Cleveland Council of Churches; former campus pastor, Case Western Reserve. (ALC)



skills); Member of Ad Hoc Committee, Corporate Public Affairs Group, United Fund Committees; Board member: Homemaker Services, Metro area, Philadelphia Child Guidance Clinic, Executive Board, SE Pa. Synod, LCA.

**J. D. THOMPSON

No opposing candidate has been nominated. Dr. Thompson is completing the first year of a three year term to which he was elected in 1973.

LHRAA Coordinator, Wash. D.C. area;

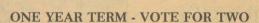
Assistant Admin., Natl. Oceanic and At-

mospheric Admin., Dept. of Commerce,

Wash., D.C.; active in Home Buyers Inc.

(low-income housing) and Annandale

Christian Community for Action (ACCA),



WILLIS L. WRIGHT (Incumbent) LHRAA Secretary 73-74; President, Alabama Lutheran Academy and College, Selma; former director, secondary student teaching, Southern Univ., Baton Rouge, La.; special consultant, U.S. Dept. HEW; member, Board of Parish Education, LCMS.

W. HERBERT KENT

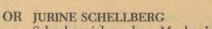
Staff official, Division for Life and Mission in the Congregation, ALC: former Executive Director, ALC Men; former editor, "Greater Works"; active involvement in social/human concerns organizations.

OR TED GLEITER

LCMS.

board member, Church Youth Research, Youth Activity, ALC; Task Force for Women in Higher Ed. ALC; delegate, U.S. Conference on Children.

School social worker, Manly, Ia.; former



















**MARGARET ANN JOHNSON No opposing candidate has been nominated. Ms. Johnson is completing the second year of a three year term to which she was elected in 1972.