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Who's hungry in America?

Survey will find answers

More than eight million children in the U.S. have inadequate diets yet go to schools without breakfast programs. Half of those eligible for food stamps do not receive them. More than 25 million Americans exist on incomes lower than the poverty level (about \$7000 for a family of four).

To demonstrate the needs of these hungry Americans, Bread for the World is targeting its 1979-80 "offering of letters" to encourage Congress to mandate a U.S. hunger survey. Bread for the World Director Arthur Simon feels the survey will benefit "the hidden poor who slip through the cracks between our various assistance programs (and who) are part of what might be

called an 'underdeveloped country.' "

The survey's results will, according to Bread for the World, "spur the government to expand successful food programs to meet crises, to mount efforts to increase jobs, and to re-examine economic policies."

Bread for the World's membership has gone beyond 26,000 and Simon feels the hunger survey will give the

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organization "the opportunity to involve new people, whose main concern is domestic hunger." Resource materials are also available to help local BFW

groups conduct hunger surveys in their own communities.

To participate in the offering of letters, one or more persons in a congregation pass out flyers and other information to church members. A Sunday or other worship time is selected, and people are encouraged to bring letters they've written to their Senators or Representatives. These letters are then placed in the offering plate or gathered after the worship service.

Congregations can conduct an offering of letters any time through the Spring of 1980. Many select Thanksgiving week for such a focus on hunger concerns.

Last year's BFW-sponsored offering

of letters was instrumental in getting Congress to pass legislation reforming U.S. food aid. Those reforms will help target aid to the most hungry people overseas and will encourage self-sufficiency in poor countries.

Bread for the World is an independent Christian citizenship movement involving Christians of all denominations. BFW members are urged to use the political process to change U.S. policy to deal with the root causes of hunger and poverty.

Resources to help you conduct an offering of letters are available free of charge from Bread for the World, 207 E. 16th St., New York, NY 10003. Special worship bulletin inserts can be ordered for \$1.00 per hundred.

Gift will help retired pastor on low pension

Hope Lutheran Church in Omaha, Nebraska, will be giving a \$6000 check to its former pastor, the Rev. R.F. Jenkins. Pastor Jenkins has been at the center of the controversy over Missouri Synod's pension program (September 1979 VANGUARD).

Pastor Jenkins currently receives less than \$150 per month under the pension program. More than 600 other Missouri Synod retired church workers receive \$200 or less per month.

The current pastor of Hope congregation, the Rev. Julius Myhr, receives double the salary Pastor Jenkins ever received, although he now serves two congregations.

Pastor Jenkins, however, is grateful to Hope, stating, "They realized they hadn't paid me as they should have, and they wanted to show their appreciation and help me out in my retirement."

The congregation's decision came after a voters' meeting heard from Dr. Richard Dickinson, director of Missouri Synod's Black Ministries Commission. Pastor Jenkins indicated the congregation has for sometime wanted to do something for him, but Dickinson may have "motivated them somewhat."

All the attention focused on the Missouri Synod pension program does not disturb Pastor Jenkins, who continues to work in a CETA-funded city youth program. He says, "I'm just grateful I can still work. I hope all this controversy helps the many others (on low pensions) who can't work."

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Lutheran Human Relations (LHRAA) is an independent association of individuals and congregations from all Lutheran church bodies. LHRAA's mission is to enable Christians to carry out an active witness to Christ's life and love, to alleviate and, when possible, overcome racism, sexism, and other forms of injustice.

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ALC CONFERENCE

Preus tells staff, districts: 'do justice'

"The biblical witness calls for advocacy in behalf of the oppressed. . . the fundamental task remains: to do justice."

With those words, American Lutheran Church President David Preus concluded a late September conference of ALC national staff persons and representatives from the ALC's 18 districts.

A few years ago, a similar conference had stressed the need for a continued focus on economic justice issues. The

1979 conference was the effort on the part of three of the divisions to pursue that goal.

The two-day meeting was not designed to produce specific proposals or resolutions, but rather to "raise awareness of district bishops and national staff," according to ALC's Herb David.

But the meeting did generate strong discussion at the point of specifics, says David. President Preus told the

participants there are no unallocated dollars to start up any new projects. He stressed the large number of dollars already committed to social justice ventures and encouraged "willingness at the local level" as the chief goal.

Some participants argued for an extensive rearrangement of church priorities to do more to achieve economic justice.

There was agreement, though, in describing the problem. Dr. Johannes Schiller of Pacific Lutheran University (Tacoma, Washington) noted that there's really been no redistribution of the country's wealthy since 1910: the lowest 20 percent of the U.S. population gets only five percent of the income, the highest 20 percent gets 43 percent.

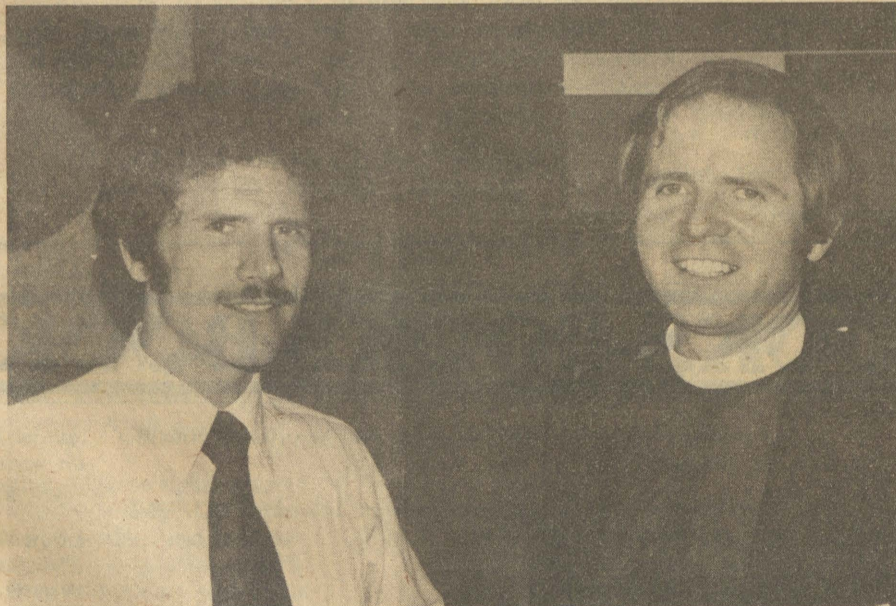
Dr. Schiller criticized the lack of adequate income for the labor of the poor. "Where can you find in the Gospel," he asked, "the mandate that tightening bolts in a factory is worth \$8.00 an hour but picking lettuce is worth only \$2.50?"

The energy shortages and their impact on the poor were also a major concern of the conference. Aleggernon Johnson, director of the Minnesota Energy Commission, called for more efficient and equitable distribution of resources.

Not only experts shared their opinions at the conference. A panel of low-income persons expressed their views. And the district representatives had opportunity to indicate what were the issues—and solutions—from their perspective.

Time was also spent in discussing possible actions to stand with the poor and oppressed: dealing with increased consumption among the middle class . . . supporting congregations in poverty areas. . . developing alternative economic systems. . . and political action.

Whatever action conference participants do take, they will have ringing in their ears the words of Dr. Wayne Stumme, of the ALC's Division for Theological Education. In a bible study, Dr. Stumme, criticized efforts to spiritualize scripture passages about God's care for the poor. The biblical message is clear, Stumme said, "God is going to reverse what's going on in the world, he's going to turn things upside down."



Seals lead to careers for urban youth

The Rev. Werner Boos (left), a district representative for the Wheat Ridge Foundation, talks with the Rev. Norman Theiss, director until this fall of Lutheran Congregations for Career Development — one of 50 projects supported by proceeds from the Wheat Ridge Christmas seals campaign. The career development program provides summer jobs and career counseling for inner-city youth in Chicago. For more information about Wheat Ridge Christmas seals, contact Wheat Ridge, 7 S. Dearborn, Chicago, IL 60603; phone 312/263-1182.

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EDITORIAL

While you're eating Turkey...

It's hard to get together with a group of concerned Christians these days without hearing about "changing our lifestyles." All the Lutheran church body publications (and this very issue of VANGUARD) admonish us to put wasteful consumption behind us.

This Thanksgiving many persons will be participating in fasts of one sort or another—giving up one meal or eating lentils and water instead of turkey and dressing. The money saved will be contributed to world hunger efforts.

All of this is very dangerous. And very wrongheaded. These efforts threaten to delude us into thinking we've done something about world hunger. We need to change more than our behavior patterns at the grocery store. We need to change our *political lifestyles*. We need to challenge the government, corporations, and other institutions to get at the *causes* of hunger and poverty in our world.

Thanksgiving is not a time to give thanks to a God who helps the world merely survive, to get by on relief shipments from First World Christians. Rather, in Christ God *redeems* the world. He's got the *whole* world—not just individuals—in His hands. And he uses us as instruments of a *new creation* where all people share His bounty.

So whether you fill up on turkey and dressing or fast on lentils and water, take time to write your Senators and Representatives about foreign aid and domestic hunger (see story on page 1). Urge your congregation to take part in the offering of letters for a U.S. hunger survey. And join in local efforts to carry out such a survey in your own community.

In this way, we can give thanks that God enables us in Christ to change our lives—and the world.

Lutherans protest hospital closing



The Rev. Steven Krueger talks with concerned Lutherans about the closing of Homer Philips Hospital in St. Louis. (photo: C. Eldredge)

Residents of the predominantly black north side of St. Louis will now have to travel to the southside to reach the city's only remaining hospital. In late August, despite community protests and a city council committee report, St. Louis Mayor James Conway closed Homer Philips Hospital.

Lutherans have been in the forefront of protests over this closing. The Rev. Theodore Schroeder, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, was arrested during a protest at city hall. He was one of the persons holding a bullhorn for Civil Rights leader Dick Gregory, who has

joined in the continuing protest.

The Rev. Richard Hoffmann of St. Philip Lutheran Church, which is across the street from the hospital, circulated a letter soliciting support from St. Louis congregations. Hoffmann feels the closing was an effort by Mayor Conway to pay off political debts.

Mayor Conway argues the hospital closing will save taxpayers \$7 million. A special committee of the aldermanic council (city council) has heard testimony charging the city with misdirecting patient care funds to medical schools.

The aldermanic committee concluded that these misallocated funds would have been more than enough to keep Homer Philips open.

The Rev. Steven Krueger, pastor of another north side Lutheran parish, Pilgrim Church, contends the Mayor is seeking to benefit the private hospitals, which need "indigent patients" to receive federal assistance.

The American Friends Service Committee has helped coordinate these protests, including now a boycott of two downtown department stores. The hope is that the business community will pressure the mayor to reopen the hospital.

"The movement to reopen may not succeed," says the Rev. Arnold Bringewatt, former director of Lutheran Family and Children's Services in St. Louis. "But our involvement addresses a larger issue, which is broader than the closing—how the system rapes the black and the poor in an ongoing way."

"Our protests," Bringewatt continued, "are a faithful witness to what we are as Christians. They grow out of our biblical convictions about justice."

Regional Resource Network

Lutheran Human Relations is an association of *people* who care about justice and equality because they're convinced God's love in Christ Jesus is an active, lived-out caring.

LHRAA's Regional Resource Network is, therefore, *people* who help make that kind of caring possible. In the months ahead, we'll share some of the names and skills these resource persons offer.

We hope this encourages you to contact us to talk about how these resource persons can work with your congregation or other local groups.

Paul Schulze is director of internships and field education for Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, California. He's also pastor of St. James Lutheran Church in nearby Richmond. His commentary appears in every other issue of VANGUARD. Paul has conducted hundreds of workshops dealing with racism, sexism, urban church concerns, and he's had extensive experience in public relations and in managing effective organizations.

Lucy and Gerhard Fischer work as a team in coord-

inating LHRAA-initiated projects in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, area. Their special expertise is working with residents in low-income neighborhoods. They've helped develop innovative models for housing and rent management, as well as for seeking support from city government.

Elizabeth and Keith Olstad are available to conduct workshops and seminars about changing roles in family. With personal experience as well as work with college students and congregations, Libby and Keith have developed some ways that couples can share responsibilities and support each other's career needs.

These are just a few of the almost 100 resource persons involved in our Regional Resource Network. They can work with you in a variety of ways—meetings, workshops, retreats, on-going consultation. The costs involved depend on the extent of service, but it's kept to a minimum because there's usually a Regional Resource person in your area.

For more information, contact Lutheran Human Relations, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383; phone: 219/464-5223.

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War and taxes

By JAMES HUBER

The Tax Dilemma: Praying for Peace, Paying for War
By Donald Kaufman
Herald Press, 1978
Paperback, \$3.95

As the title suggests, this book issues a challenge to Christians who are called to seek after peace, and yet who support war efforts by paying taxes for "national defense."

In the preface, Donald Kaufman author states, "Perhaps it is good to be challenged once again by the example of those who have tried faithfully to apply the gospel of Christ to complex and questionable tax requirements." He goes on to present examples of numerous Christians who have resisted the payment of war taxes—some even to the point of death.

The mini-history lesson is enlightening. To see that many Christians have considered opposition to war a basic tenet of their faith causes the reader at least to restudy what the Bible has to say on the subject. That other people have resisted not only the drafting of their bodies, but of their dollars, as well, constitutes a challenging precedent.

The tone of the book, while definitely thought-provoking, is not strident. Kaufman realizes that some will be unable to accept the path he's chosen to walk. But he does offer a number of valuable, practical hints on how Christians can influence the government. Obviously, he believes it is the duty

of every Christian to work for peace and he offers a convincing argument.

Reviewer James M. Huber is assistant editor for LUTHERAN STANDARD.

Ford Foundation at Work
By Richard Magat
Plenum Press, 1979
Hardbound, \$14.95

The Ford Foundation At Work by Richard Magat is a staff report made public. In 1975 the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ford Foundation requested a review of the foundation's experiences during its first twenty-five years. The trustees mandated a study of broad objectives, means and results.

Occasionally *The Ford Foundation At Work* does, indeed, read like an inhouse planning paper. However, this attribute is no deterrent when you consider that the book, to the extent possible, provides "a faithful representation of what the Foundation thinks about itself." It also reveals much of interest about the nature of the voluntary sector.

Roughly half the book is devoted to issues involved in developing objectives, pursuing ends and evaluating and planning from results. The second portion of the book presents sixteen case studies illustrating the foundation's work and reflecting failures as well as successes.

All in all, we in the non-profit world can be grateful to those Ford Foundation trustees and staff members who believed the public would be well-served by having access to this report.

Reviewer Jane Anderson is resource development con-

sultant for the Lutheran Resources Commission-Washington, an organization that advises Lutheran and other groups in seeking grants and other funds.

Love Within Limits
By Lewis Smedes
Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1978
Paperback: \$3.95

As a reviewer, I approached Dr. Smedes' book somewhat skeptically, wondering how he could have objectified "love" enough to write a book about it—without either losing hold entirely of "love's power" or merely giving some warm but fuzzy examples.

By exploring the principles in Chapter 13 of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians and making systematic application of these principles to examples from life, Dr. Smedes appears to have done much more than either of the above.

For example, Paul says, "Love endures all things." Smedes expounds that endurance includes both patience and courage. Patience is "the power to see point and meaning in living while one's life is under assault." Courage, on the other hand, is "the power of love in active resistance to evil . . . love's power to re- create reality."

Paul says, "Love abides . . ." Smedes comments that "love is a power that moves *within* the limits set by our human weakness and human power."

In short, *Love Within Limits* is written close to life. It takes both joy and tragedy into account. It is a good potential catalyst for both discussion and growth.

Dr. Kenneth Christiansen is chairperson of the Department of Social Systems and a member of the Department of Religion at Defiance College (Defiance, Ohio).

Will U.S. close its hand to the world's hungry?

As VANGUARD goes to press, Congress is taking action that will affect 1.25 billion of the world's population—for good or for ill. These people depend on the World Bank's "soft loan" program for food aid and for economic assistance.

The House of Representatives in September overwhelmingly passed legislation that would prohibit U.S. funds from being used by World Bank and other international lending agencies to aid certain countries. Senate action in October turned back most of those restrictions. A House-Senate conference committee is now forging a compromise.

If the prohibitions become part of U.S. foreign aid, that would mean a virtual end to World Bank's loan program, according to Bank President

Robert McNamara. World Bank receives 31 percent of its loan funds from the U.S. But it cannot accept restricted funds, and other supporting countries may well cut back their contributions to the World Bank if the U.S. doesn't come through with its share.

Bread for the World and other hunger-global concerns groups see a disturbing trend in recent Congressional actions. The foreign aid package will, for example, provide at least \$1 billion less than President Carter requested.

In the words of Mark Schomer, issue analyst for Bread for the World, these cutbacks come at a time "when poorer countries need more help than ever before because of rising oil import bills."

And the prohibitions against aid to certain countries will mean special suffering in Southeast Asia. In October, under emergency relief provisions, President Carter was able to send \$7 million to famine-ravished Kampuchea (Cambodia).

But long-term aid to Kampuchea will depend on Congress declining legislation that would withhold aid from Kampuchea and other countries not aligned with the U.S. (Vietnam, Laos, Cuba, Panama, Angola, Central African Empire). Fortunately, both the House and Senate are considering bills providing \$30 million in aid to Kampuchea.

An effort to permit aid to Vietnam faces stiffer Congressional opposition, though. Bread for the World's Schomer

feels U.S.'s warming relations with China make Congress reluctant to allow such aid since China had earlier cut off aid to Vietnam.

But such assistance is desperately needed. Schomer notes, "More bombs were dropped on Vietnam than were dropped during World War II and the Korean War combined. . . (destroying) vast areas of forest and rice paddies, much livestock, irrigation systems, and many experimental farms."

Thus Vietnam will probably have only about one fourth as much food as is needed. This hunger, according to Schomer, further increases the flow of refugees and "boat people" from Southeast Asia.

resources we recommend

"Alternatives for a Safer Society" Slide Cassette Presentation

This 25-minute presentation includes 120 high quality color slides that help viewers consider some new responses to crimes and victims. Personal interviews and specific projects are included as well as a cued script and two discussion outlines. \$55 to purchase, \$7.00 to rent from Safer Society Press, 3049 E. Genesee St., Syracuse, NY 13224; 315/446-6151.

Adult education course on Jewish/Christian relations

Written by one of the founders of Lutheran Human Relations, Dr. George Hans Liebenow, this course outline—entitled "Comfort, Comfort, My People"—introduces Christians to Jewish history, culture, and religion and takes on some of the tough issues facing Christians who want to carry on conversations about their faith with those who share the same religious roots yet view Christ differently. Includes discussion of specific Bible passages. Leader's guide: \$1.25; study guide: \$1.75 from Concordia Publishing House, 3558 S. Jefferson Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63118.

"A Decade of Lutheran-Jewish Conversations"

An excellent companion to the above study course is this brief interview with Paul Opshal, former theological studies

director for Lutheran Council. Gives a fresh, sympathetic view of Jewish reaction to Christians. Also includes guidelines for conversations between Lutherans and Jews. August 1979 issue of INTERCHANGE from Lutheran Council, 360 Park Ave. South, New York, NY 10010.

Stories and Legends of the Northwest: Indian Reading Series

Books, teacher's manuals, activity cards, and cassette tapes designed to be used by both Indians and non-Indian students (including bi-lingual students) are available in this reasonably priced series. Send for free brochure and check it out for your public or church library or church day school. From Educational Systems, 2360 S.W. 170th Ave., Beaverton, OR 97005.

**A Child's Journey: Forces
That Shapes the Lives of Our Young**
By Julius Segal and Herbert Yahraes
McGraw-Hill, 1978
Paperback: \$3.95

Children still tend to be around, and they make an important contribution to our lives. Whether two or 12, kids are

independent characters with the gift to create their own lives. Given a favorable environment with some warmth, some guidance, food and shelter, kids can amazingly make it in life. It is even more amazing to realize that some kids make it through an unfavorable environment.

A Child's Journey makes readers aware of the variety of forces that may have a positive or negative impact on a child's making it. The most disturbing negative influences arise from poverty, racism, and mental illness. However, much of the negative impact on a child can be alleviated through the intervention of caring adults and programs which foster a positive self esteem.

The main weakness of *A Child's Journey* is that the authors almost completely ignore the impact of sex discrimination. Further, homosexuality is recognized as deviant behavior. In spite of these faults, *A Child's Journey* will help parents, teachers, social workers, pastors, and psychologists unravel the complexities of the forces affecting the lives of our children. Acting upon what we know will improve the lives of the children we care about.

Reviewer Curtis C. Peter is Director for Teacher Training in the American Lutheran Church's Division for Life and Mission in the Congregation. He's been active in the ALC's involvement in Year of the Child efforts.

COMMENTARY

A child's right — peace

By BEATRICE PASK

The Year of the Child will soon draw to a close—with much left to be done. This special United Nations observance, which American churches have joined with special fervor, comes twenty years after the U.N.'s declaration of the Rights of the Child.

VANGUARD reprints that declaration and shares with you the commentary of Beatrice Pask, a former LHRAA coordinator in Atlanta, Georgia and a health care professional there, in the hope that we won't need another Year of the Child twenty years from now.

All children, without exception, shall be entitled to these rights without distinction or discrimination whether of himself or of his family. The child shall enjoy special protection. He shall be given opportunities and facilities to enable him to develop physically to develop mentally to develop socially to develop spiritually to develop morally in a healthy and normal manner in conditions of freedom and dignity. The child shall enjoy the benefits of social security be entitled from his birth to a name and nationality be entitled to grow up and develop in health. To this end special care and protection shall be provided both to him and to his mother. The child shall enjoy the right to adequate recreation the right to adequate housing the right to adequate nutrition the right to love and understanding the right to an education which will promote his general culture and enable him on a basis of equal opportunity to develop his abilities to develop his individual judgment to develop his sense of moral and social responsibility to become a useful member of society. The child shall enjoy the right to adequate pre-natal and post-natal care the right to be among the first to receive protection and relief the right to an education, free and compulsory, the right to be protected against all forms of neglect. He shall be brought up in a spirit of tolerance of friendship among peoples of peace and universal brotherhood conscious that his talents should be devoted to the service of his fellow men.

— Unanimously adopted by the
United Nations General Assembly, 1959

The statements expressed in this United Nations Declaration of Rights are laudable and ideal. But is there a ghost of a chance those rights might be fulfilled for children everywhere?

I cannot be but skeptical when in our own nation we seem to be more concerned with expending vast quantities of monetary and human and natural resources for building up stockpiles of weaponry as a "deterrent" against attack from an adversary who maintains similar "deterrent" arsenals; when our govern-

ment officials proclaim the monetary source of funding social security claimants is swiftly being exhausted; when poverty, unemployment, malnutrition, inadequate housing and health care delivery, unequal educational facilities and opportunities, and crime stalk our cities and towns. Can we assume that somehow justice will triumph?

We cannot isolate the child (his problems, his rights) from those of his family, his community. They are integral, each a reflection of the other—all members of the human family.

There is only one man in the world
and his name is All men.
There is only one woman in the world
and her name is All women.
There is only one child in the world
and the child's name is All children.

Carl Sandburg



For children only?

The Rev. Edwin Bersagel, (left) assistant to the president of the ALC's South Dakota District, talks with Louie Bordeaux, a Sioux Indian, at the October meeting of the LHRAA State Council program in South Dakota. The day long meeting focused on justice for children. Several Indian participants urged the church not to overlook the need for justice for all people in its concern for children's rights.

No 'little girls, little boys' in new creation

"We are afraid to proclaim the newness (of creation) because of the security of the old."

That's how Dr. Elizabeth Ann Bettenhausen challenged the first convocation of Women in Action for Mission meeting in late September in St. Louis. About 70 women from the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches participated in the three-day event.

Dr. Bettenhausen, a Boston University professor, formerly served as a secretary for social concerns for the Lutheran Church in America. In her keynote address, she stated women fail to trust God's promise of a new creation when they dominate men through manipulation, "having men play the role of little boys."

Subordination is another denial of the new creation, according to Bettenhausen. "Subordination is playing the role of little girls. It is women playing



The Rev. Jan Otte-Murphy, celebrant for the Holy Communion service of Women in Action for Mission's first convocation, greets Dr. John Tietjen, president of Christ Seminary. (photo: R. Bauer)

house when they've long since grown up."

Women's goals, she said, should not be simply "to get a piece of the power structure as that is denied today" through becoming 50 percent of the clergy or bishops. Rather women need to bring a new perspective to the whole enterprise of doing theology, according to Bettenhausen.

The Rev. Gloria Weber, a Lutheran Human Relations board member and a staff person with Lutheran Family and Children's Service in St. Louis, led one of several workshops during the convocation. Other convocation sessions heard reports on regional activities and future projects of Women in Action for Mission.

More information about the convocation and WAM is available from national coordinator Sammy Mayer, AELC, 12015 Manchester Rd., St. Louis, MO 63131.



Paul Schulze

A year ago the editor asked me to write some columns that might add a "theological note" to VANGUARD.

Fine! Theological notes are not hard to produce if one is willing to follow the prophetic principle of digging *bad news* out of situations that look good, and locating *good news* when things seem really bad.

The resurrection of Jesus sets the tone for Christians to expect the very best to come out of what seems the very worst. And it has freed us to identify demons in the landscape of beauty and success.

So let's take *inflation*. Bad news! And getting worse. Rising prices, shrinking dollars, 40 percent unemployment in some black and brown communities. No immediate prospect of reversing the trend.

The Fed tinkers with the prime rate and the President explains we have no control over OPEC. And no one promises good news. Is there any?

Probably not—not before matters get even worse and gasoline goes to \$2.50 a gallon and pension programs become totally inadequate for retirement and folks from poverty ghettos start marching through middle-class suburbs.

Good news may not emerge till the very worst comes to pass. Then, perhaps. . . .

Will the day ever come when we will be forced to discover we really can live on a lot less? That could be good news.

Will the day ever come when something other than consumerism will maintain the economy? Or we give up our individualist-security syndrome and start sharing rides to work, gardens, washing machines, emotional support? That would be good news.

Will the day ever come when our basic sense of security will really rest on The One Who Clothes the Lilly and Feeds the Sparrow? And we will have quit the economic rat race and abandoned the consumption-for-ego mentality? That would be good news.

Will the day ever come?

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IN THE NEWS...

All interested persons in Iowa are invited to participate in the second annual state-wide meeting of the LHRAA State Council program in Iowa on Saturday, November 17. For more information, write or call LHRAA State Council directors Marion and Bob Gremmels, 428 First Ave. SE, Waverly, 50677; phone: 319/352-4278.

The Lutheran Church in America's Court of Adjudication -- meeting for only the fourth time in history -- has reached a decision about the LCA's health plan coverage for severely handicapped children adopted by LCA church workers (June 1979 VANGUARD). The decision, however, has not been announced since the court intends to take some time in drafting its final statement. The court received the case as the result of a petition made by the Central Pennsylvania Synod.

In early October, the Justice Department reported that its cases involving Ku Klux Klan activities have increased to 44 in the past 12 months -- compared with 8 such cases in the previous 12 months.

The Lutheran Women's Caucus will sponsor a national convocation, May 3-5, 1980, in Minneapolis. Vivian Jenkins Nelsen will serve as keynote speaker.

Lutheran Council's Immigration and Refugee Service is encouraging Lutherans to contact the President and Congressional members about asylum for Haitian Refugees. Thousands of Haitians who have fled to the U.S. will be deported unless they are granted political asylum.

The Rev. Carlos Puig, Missouri Synod's secretary for Hispanic ministries, is serving as chairman of a new committee to coordinate the development and distribution of Hispanic worship and education materials in the Missouri Synod.

The Philadelphia Commission on Human Rights granted its 1979 award to the Rev. John Cochran, director of the 23-congregation Center City Lutheran Parish in Philadelphia.

Work crews are still cleaning up highly radioactive waste which has flowed through the Navaho Indian reservation in New Mexico and Arizona. In mid-summer an earthen dam broke at a United Nuclear Corp. mine and 100 million gallons of radioactive water escaped.

The American Lutheran Church's Board for Theological Education has outlined a five-point plan to increase the number of minority persons for leadership in the church. The plan will seek to develop an internship program at the Martin Luther King Center for Social Change in Atlanta, Georgia.

...and on the tube

A drama, "Under this Sky," will depict the lives of women leaders Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, and Mother Jones on PBS (educational TV), Wednesday, November 7. Look for future dramas, too, in this new series on American women.