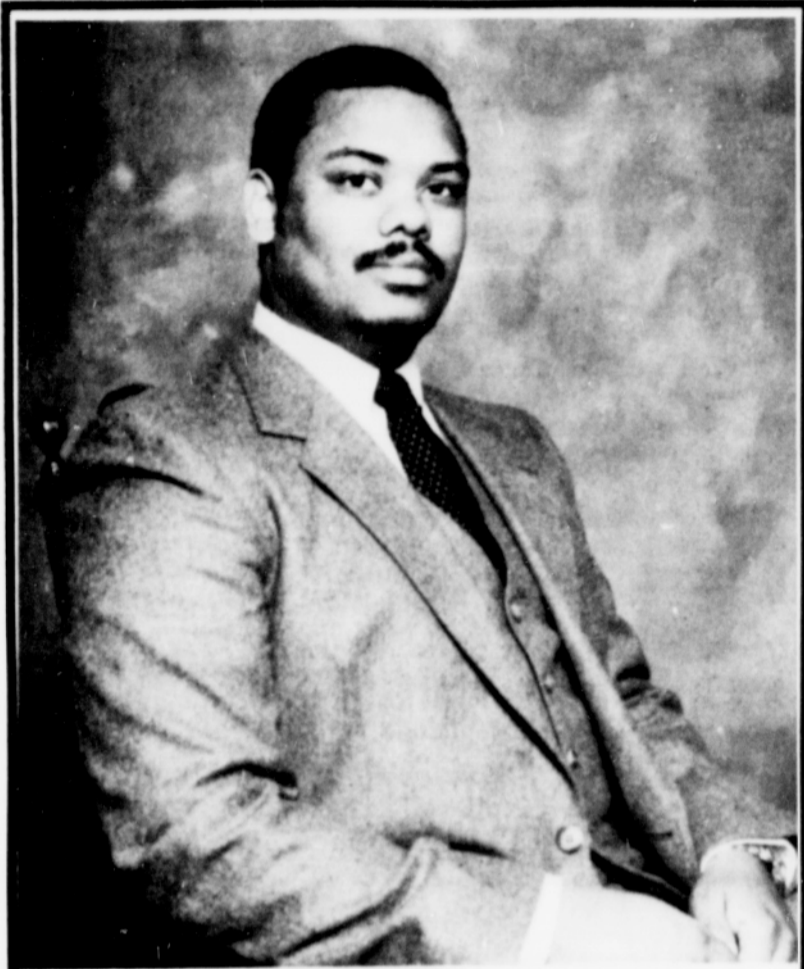


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REV. LESLIE R. WHITE

I would like to inform you that my son, Rev. Leslie R. White, Pastor of St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, Wichita, Kansas will be the Revival Minister for Bethel A.M.E. Church, December 2, 1985 through December 6, 1985.

Rev. White grew up in Portland. He was Student Body President at Highland Elementary School when the name was changed to King Elementary School. He graduated from Jefferson High School. He was Student Body President at Jefferson, also.

Rev. White graduated from Morris Brown College and the Interdenominational Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia.

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## United Church of Christ agrees to divest South African investments

The two biggest boards of the 1.7 million member United Church of Christ have agreed to purge all their stock in companies doing business in South Africa. Acting within six days of each other at their annual meetings, the United Church Boards for Homeland and World Ministries will sell their equities in companies and other financial service institutions which make significant loans, grant credit or perform services to or for the Government of South Africa and its agencies.

"Companies in which we are part owners and which trade with South Africa are supporting an evil social system," the Rev. Dr. Charles Shelby Rooks, executive vice president of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, comments.

The Homeland Board lists equities in excess of \$40 million, but Dr. Rooks says the dollar amount of South Africa-related stocks has not yet been determined. He acknowledges potential loss of long-term investment income, but insists that strong measures are needed "to send a clear signal" to the South Africans. The home mission board will divest within one year.

The United Church Board for World Ministries has agreed to sell its stock within two years. World Board treasurer the Rev. Myles H. Walburn estimates the stock to be worth \$6 million out of an equities portfolio of \$18 million.

Of the 350 U.S. companies in South Africa, 292 are considered by the World Board to be direct investors. In guidelines worked out in conjunction with the United Church of Christ's Commission for Racial Justice, the United Church Board for World Ministries defines "direct investor" as a company owning 10% or more of a South African subsidiary or affiliate.

The overseas mission agency's action concretizes a stand taken by its 53 member board of directors last May to approve divestment in principle.

The two big boards' decision to dump these stocks reverses long-standing policy. As recently as the World Board's annual meeting in 1984, stated policy was to engage only in "planned and limited" divestment. In 1979, the United Church board for

Homeland Ministries said divesting to alter corporate policy was considered generally ineffective. But "times change," says Dr. Rooks, who notes that the escalating violence in the Republic of South Africa has forced his agency to rethink its position.

"South Africa is extremely sensitive to American public opinion," he believes, and cites that Government's recent ban on TV coverage of racial clashes as evidence of such sensitivity. "We think they are just as sensitive to an economic squeeze," he insists.

Last June, the United Church of Christ's General Synod, the denomination's highest deliberative body, called for divestment by church members, local congregations, regional bodies and national agencies. In October, the finance and budget committee of the denomination's Executive Council directed a subcommittee to initiate action on the General Synod vote to withdraw United Church of Christ funds from businesses with significant South African operations. The subcommittee is to develop appropriate criteria for banking by the church, investigate banks with which to do business and report back to the spring 1986 meeting when action will be taken. The Executive Council is the highest deliberative body between biennial Synods.

Representatives of the Black constituency within the United Church have been pressing for divestment for over a decade, according to the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Cobb, executive director of the Commission for Racial Justice. The Commission instituted the call for divestment action last year that was passed by the 1985 Synod, with support from Black lay and clergy groups as well as other denominational minority organizations and the World board.

### Correction

The ad for Piedmont Church of Christ appearing last week (Nov. 20, 1985) contained a typographical error. "Workshop 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m." should have read "Worship 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m." We apologize for any confusion this may have caused our readers.

## Thanksgiving

The book of Ecclesiastes 3:1 says "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven."

Thanksgiving Day in America is a holiday of National observance. Of all the days of the year, it is welcomed with a large degree of participation. This Thanksgiving season seems to be a fit time for calm reflection and forethought. Many families will gather together for reunion and the nation will stop its busy life to remember and give thanks.

Harvest time and autumn is an occasion and opportunity to reflect upon our blessing and benefits so freely given to us by God.

The Pilgrim Fathers who in 1620 settled on the New England shore, knew that they had been providentially brought across the ocean by God's guiding hand. They decided to set apart some time for recollection and thanksgiving. This is the supreme object in Thanksgiving. No life is wealthy if God is left out. We are not impoverished if life is God-centered and God-controlled.

Thanksgiving Day has no other holiday comparable to it. It celebrates no battle, no birthday of some great one, no political revolution. This is no pagan holiday, as it consecrates the common things of life to God. It is a family day, with homes, children, laughter, games, feasting and making merry. Primarily it should be a day of worship toward God.

Thanksgiving implies thanks-living; Thanksgiving Day provides a unique opportunity to remember God's blessing and to give thanks for His bountiful provision. The greatest of God's blessing is His word. Given under the inspiration of the Holy spirit and preserved to our time and culture, the Bible is our spiritual sustenance. Those who read it regularly have learned the truth of Jesus' words: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" (Luke 4:4). The Bible is our necessary food to sustain spiritual strength and life.

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