



by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

RELIGION

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK:
II CORINTHIANS 9:7-15

Local, National Church Leaders Seek New Concepts of "Sharing"

Local and national American church leaders meeting recently took steps away from a "donor-recipient" mindset in which "haves" give to "have nots."

In its place: a concept of sharing that recognizes all have gifts to share and all have needs, whether a wealthy parishioner in a "tall-steeple" church, a homeless person in one of America's cities, or a villager in Botswana. Money is not the starting point, as in the old mindset.

The nearly 100 persons from the U.S. National Council of Churches, 13 of the NCC's 32-member communions, the Canadian Council of Churches, the Association of the Churches' Development Services (AGKED) in Germany, and the Portland-based Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon came together here to advance a process that is challenging the church worldwide at all levels, including the local congregation, to learn to value non-material as much as, or even more than, material resources.

The "Consultation on Ecumenical Resource Sharing" was to follow up on a 1987 conference convened by the World Council of Churches (WCC) in El Escorial, Spain, at which new "guidelines for sharing" were developed. Several U.S. church bodies already have begun to study and implement the guidelines.

"This is not another program," commented one participant at the Portland consultation. "It's an approach we need to soak in until it permeates every aspect of our doing and being."

Hubert van Beek, one of the consultation's three resource persons from the Geneva, Switzerland-based WCC, provided a synopsis of the new model of sharing, which runs to six single-spaced pages in a document provided to the consultation and which is explored in greater detail in the book, *Sharing Life*, available from the NCC and WCC. Key elements, he said, are:

*Solidarity, which begins with passionate identification with the weakest members of our world and our communities, those who are victims of the system, the marginalized. Solidarity includes analysis of the reasons for societal brokenness.

*Empowerment, which makes it possible for people to act for themselves and includes shared power and decision-making. This new model of

sharing calls for both "givers" and "receivers" to participate fully in decision-making about allocation of resources and services. It further asks that all decision-making structures in the church locally, nationally and globally include 50 percent women and 20 percent youths.

*An entirely new quality of relationships, characterized by mutuality, openness, mutual accountability, and mutual correction.

Christopher Duraisingh of the WCC, the consultation's Bible study leader, said one way to picture the difference between the "old" and "new" models of sharings is to consider the difference between a dinner at a rectangular table and at a round one.

At a rectangular table, he said, the host and hostess sit at the ends, generally in special chairs. The food is clustered at the two ends, and the host and hostess decide what to serve when, and to whom. Guest are on an unequal footing with the host and hostess. In contrast, at a round table there is no "head". Everyone sits an equal distance from the food; everyone is equally positioned to serve and be served.

He cited as an example of true sharing Jesus' parable about a rich householder who invited his friends to dinner. He was lonely, Duraisingh said; he longed to break the monotony of his life, and to fill his house with laughter. But for his friends, this was just another dinner they could miss, and they all sent excuses for not coming.

When the householder invited street people in, they could come just as they were, and the host in turn had the company he so desired, Duraisingh said.

He continued that the new model of sharing demands that Christians address unjust local, national and global structures that keep people poor. "The market has no more human face to it," he said. "Its goal used to be the production of goods. Now growth of capital for the sake of capital has become the ultimate goal."

An integral part of the Portland consultation was interaction between participants from national and global ecumenical and denominational bodies and those involved in local ecumenical endeavor, in order to reinforce the planners' conviction that ecumenical sharing of resources must first and foremost be applied at the local congregational level.

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In an evening panel and full morning of field trips, participants became acquainted with Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon programs ranging from a day center for HIV-infected persons to a home for young mothers who want to get clean of drugs and alcohol while continuing to care for their children.

Steps Toward Implementing the Sharing Guidelines

In general, the consultation challenged U.S. churches to receive the sharing guidelines for study and action at the national, regional and local levels. Consultation participants proposed strategies including development of resources for use in parish Christian education, seminaries, and ecumenical schools of mission.

They shared models, including that of a cluster of local congregations sharing common staff for coordinated community ministry. Myra Blyth of the WCC described how European churches have developed resources for congregations in 18 countries to explore the sharing guidelines. One group of churches is publishing study materials examining major ministry challenges in their countries, including loneliness, homelessness, and racism.

The U.S. Church of the Brethren already has adopted the guidelines for sharing and is seeking to implement them at all levels, including through a new Global Women's Project administered by women for women, said Rev. Donald Miller, that denomination's general secretary.

The United Church of Christ and the Episcopal Church are looking for ways to apply the guidelines, and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will submit the guidelines to its October 1991 General Assembly. In the meantime, said Rev. John Humbert, that denomination's general minister and president, the Week of Compassion Committee, key both in parish education and in the denomination's ecumenical participation, is seeking to implement the guidelines.

Denominational representatives present at the consultation pledged to press for adoption of the sharing guidelines in their structures. The Portland consultation was co-chaired by Humbert and Rev. Donald Wilson of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and called by the National Council of Churches.

Pastor Locke Comes to Portland

BY MATTIE ANN CALLIER-SPEARS

Iona Locke, assistant pastor of the Perfecting Church in Detroit, Michigan, will arrive in Portland this week for the sole purpose of delivering a spiritual awakening message that will convict and revive complacent Christian Believers. It is her hope and prayer to equip each believer and to teach those to teach others.

When I spoke to the team sponsoring her arrival, it was stated, "We really believe that Portland can be changed by a move from God. We need the Spirit of God to fall fresh on us."

Perfecting Church is pastored by Marvin Winans, of the Gospel singing

Winans. How does the Question go? "Oh, no! Not another revival!" Portland needs a giant bucket of cool, spiritual water thrown in its face. "Wake up! Wake up Portland!" This is what the ministry team of Maranatha Church is attempting to convey.


Churches (various denominations) are uniting as Christian brothers and sisters, as during the time of the return of the "Day of Pentecost". The Pentecost Church was born out of this happening, in the 1930's. It was on Azusa Street, back east, when the Holy Spirit fell on a group of Believers, during a worship service. It was so powerful that the people, being lifted up in prayer, were healed far distances

away. People began shouting and speaking in tongues. According to great theologians and scholars, this was the first time, since scripture, that the Holy Spirit had manifested itself, again, in this manner. This is what we need to happen in Portland.

Come out, on the 7th and 8th of March, 7 PM nightly at the Maranatha Church, to receive a blessing. Come and be "slayed in the spirit"! Come and have your life shaped by God's chosen maiden of the Gospel.

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NEWS OF YOUTH

Cash For Community Service
Community service projects planned by clubs and troops of the nation's Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire, 4-H, Boys Clubs and Girls, Inc. are eligible for cash awards as high as \$2,000 in Colgate's 18th annual Youth for America campaign.



Alex Trebek Dionne Warwick

"Jeopardy's" Alex Trebek and five-time Grammy-winner Dionne Warwick are among the judges who will choose the nation's top programs. More than 200 winners will receive checks from Colgate-Palmolive Co., which started this national youth program in 1972. Past winning projects have included community restoration, senior citizen assistance, anti-drug abuse campaigns, environmental preservation and other community help programs.

Youngsters have until March 15, 1991 to devise and execute ideas that will help their communities and send their reports to the Youth for America campaign. Entry forms are now available through regional or local offices of the six organizations above. For additional forms, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Colgate's Youth for America, P.O. Box 1058, FDR Station, New York, NY 10150-1058.

Q&A

Q. Proper insulation of your attic floor can reduce annual energy costs by how much?

A. Up to \$342.

Q. Leaving the damper open in the fireplace can increase your annual energy bill by how much?

A. By as much as \$34.00.

These energy saving tips were prepared by the experts at Texaco, a company that recently launched a multi-million dollar public information campaign designed to encourage consumers to save energy in cars and homes under the theme: "Let's Put Our Energy Into Saving It."

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Dr. George D. McKinney
National President, NBEA

Wednesday, April 3
through
Sunday, April 7

at the
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WORKSHOPS AND LUNCHEONS: to be held at various local churches and Warner Pacific College.

YOUTH TRACK: with Rev. Henry Greenidge, 287-5226

CHILDREN'S TRACK: with North Portland Assn. of Christian Educators, 288-2919

RECONCILIATION RALLY

Sunday, April 7, at 7 p.m., at the Oregon Convention Center
Black and white pastors and congregations join in a reconciliation service!

For programs and further information
NBEA office - 5736 N. Albina - 289-0143

Bishop A.A. Webb Convention Chair Bishop G. Osborne Co-Chair Rev. G. Carney Co-Chair Rev. A. Hamilton National Coordinator

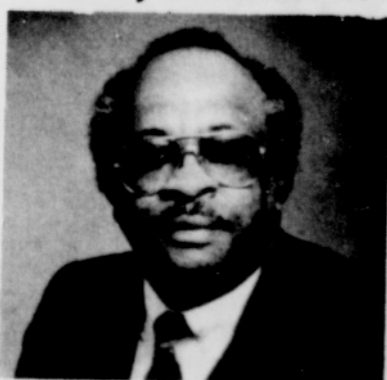
St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

8101 N. Fiske Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97203

Church Phone: 289-0147

Study Phone: 289-1911

Sunday Service
10:45
Sunday School
9:30
Bible Study
6:00
Evening Service
7:00 P.M.



Pastor, Rev. James C.E. Faulkner

Theme: Whatever you're going to do for the Lord, do it now.
I Peter iv.11

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4222 N.E. 12th Avenue, Portland, Oregon

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9:00 A.M.
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10:30 A.M.
Evening Worship
6:00 P.M.
Midweek Service - Wednesday
7:00 P.M.
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7:00 P.M.



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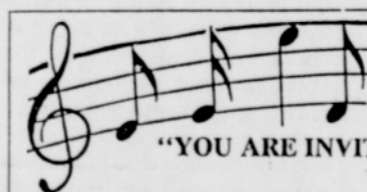
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