

RELIGION

ALTERNATIVES

The Church

BY MARGARET ISAACS

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, the Lord. The Church is based on the Word of God, and he is the corner stone, the rock that holds her together, united and safe; secure until he comes again for the greatest wedding earth and heaven will ever know.

What man, born of a woman, in sin, dares to call God's Church by his own insignificant powerless name? What earthly man dares to put himself in God's place and proclaim himself as the originator and organizer of The Church? God calls men to preach his gospel and the only gospel known and believed by godly people is that Jesus, the Christ is anointed, by God, the Father, as the only Savior of mankind. Jehovah God is well pleased with his son.

The Church is the creation of Christ; secured by water and The Word. Christ came from heaven to seek the church to be his holy bride. With his blood, he bought his Church, and for the life of the Church, he died. Who, in all good conscience, can claim ownership or leadership of God's Church? The Church is made up of the elect from all nations, who are united as one body over all the earth. The Church is not in competi-

tion with itself. The Church's charter is salvation; one Lord, one faith, one birth. The Church blesses only one Holy Name and partakes of only holy food. She clings to one hope and is endowed with on Saving Grace; The Grace of Jesus, the Christ. Through out the ages, through toils, tribulations and wars; the true Church awaits the consummation of peace forevermore.

The Church expects to behold the glorious vision of Christ's coming; where blessed and victorious, she will be at rest. While here on earth, the Church will remain united, under the God Head Jehovah, Christ and the Holy Spirit.

The Church fervently looks forward to the mystic reunion with those who have gone to their rest; those happy and holy ones; those who are now changed from corrupt to incorruptible; now viewing the face of our Lord. Jesus is the resurrection and the life and those who die, believing and covered by his Grace, are already dwelling with God.

The Elect Church, alive and remaining on earth, holding fast to a sure hope; a hope that we, meek and lowly, forgiven, holy and sanctified; may like them who have gone before, meet Jesus in the air and dwell with

him on high.

The love of Christ for this Church will not allow his Elect Bride to be taken away by proud and vain men; nor even by that antichrist, who is destined to come; For Christ is the maker and Monarch and Savior of all who believe that he is the Son of God, the anointed one. These are the beloved of God and members of this universal Church.

Nations are in commotion as God's Church prepares for zion's war. Guard your heart well, lest you believe any man who claims that God only speaks to him; that he is the only one who understands God's Word; that he has a special blessing and special powers and special gifts that guarantees he be obeyed; that he be lifted up by the elect, to a higher plane above the Elect and exalted above the people.

God is a jealous God and him only must his Church serve and exalt and praise. God is no respecter of persons, and gives gifts, powers, visions and voice to whom he chooses, that he and he alone may be glorified. Jesus, The Christ is the head of his Elect Bride, The Church and no prostituted version will be accepted in his kingdom. To God Be The Glory Now And Forevermore, Amen.

Concordia University Awards Honorary Degree to Rev. Gilmore

Rev. Rozell Gilmore, pastor at both Lutheran Inner City Ministries and Martin Luther Memorial Lutheran Church in Portland, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws at Concordia University's Winter Commencement on December 16.

The LL.D is granted by the Concordia University Board of Regents to individuals who have made significant contributions to the field or profession in the area of civic leadership and social welfare, according to Concordia president Charles E. Schlimpert.

In addition to Gilmore's doctor-

ate, a record 130 undergraduate degrees were awarded, according to Concordia Registrar Mickie Bush.

"Gilmore has been a champion for the Lord in Portland's inner city neighborhood," said Schlimpert.

Gilmore's primary focus has been outreach to the children of the community by organizing small groups such as The Summer Street Bible Club.

After stints in the Air Force and private business, Gilmore began a career in social work and ministry. From 1973-77 Gilmore served as director of minority student affairs at

Concordia. He left Portland to study at Concordia Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and subsequently served Lutheran congregations in three states. In 1989 he accepted a call to serve as pastor for Lutheran Inner City Ministries and Martin Luther Memorial Lutheran Church

His civic contributions have included board level involvement with the Portland branch of the NAACP, the N/NE Portland Mental Health Center, the Albina Minisrial Alliance, Lutheran Family Services, and the North/Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods.

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Obituary

Shirley Elois Golden, maiden name Williams

Born Jan. 22, 1935 in St. Louis, Missouri. Died Jan 14, 1996 in Portland, OR.

Cause: Diabetes Complications
She lived in the Portland area over 40 years and attended Girls Poly High School in Portland.

Occupation: Homemaker
She was a member of St. Paul C.O.G.I.C. Church. Shirley married Anthony J. Golden March 21, 1984.

Survivors:
Anthony J. Golden, Husband, Portland, OR
Louise P. Bills, Mother, Portland, OR
Frederick G. Bird, Son, Portland, OR
Carl B. Bird, Son, Oakland, Cal.
Deborah A. Bird, Daughter, Portland, OR
No Brothers or Sisters
Services were held, Jan 18, 1996 at St. Paul Church of God In Christ, 2859 N.E. Rodney, Portland, OR.

Officiating at the services was Bishop J.C. Foster and his son-Elder Donald Foster.
Burial at Lone Fir Cemetery, Portland, OR

Here's A "Wonder"-Ful Way To Help Needy Families

By dropping off empty Wonder Bread bags, local residents will help donate fresh Wonder White Bread to Oregon Food Bank

By dropping off empty Wonder Bread bags at local grocery stores, Oregon and Southwest Washington residents can help Oregon Food Bank collect fresh loaves of Wonder-brand bread for needy families.

The promotion, called "Remember the Wonder," will be sponsored during January by Interstate Brands Corporation of Portland, makers of Wonder Bread. Local residents can participate in the drive by placing empty bags of Wonder White Bread (Regular or Thin-Sliced) in specially marked bins at participating grocery stores.

All Fred Meyer and Albertsons grocery stores in Oregon and Southwest Washington are participating in this campaign, as are a number of independent grocery stores, said Mike Conway of Interstate Brands. Donors who do not shop at Fred Meyer or Albertsons are urged to ask their local grocers if they are partic-

ipating in the Wonder Bread campaign.

"This effort by Wonder Bread to deliver fresh bread to hungry people is especially appreciated," said Rachel Bristol Little, Oregon Food Bank's executive director. "The Oregon Food network of agencies will welcome the opportunity to put fresh Wonder bread in the emergency food boxes they distribute to people in need."

"After the holiday rush, January historically is a period when low-income families need our help," said Interstate Brands General Manager Larry Postlewait. "We hope our customers will team up with Wonder Bread and the Oregon Food Bank during this time of profound need."

Oregon Food Bank, based in Portland, distributes food to more than 650 helping agencies in Oregon and Clark County, Wash.
For more information about the Wonder Bread promotion, call Kirsten Lee, 282-0555, Oregon Food Bank, or Mike Conway, Interstate Brands, 287-1114.

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Diabetes Awareness

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tion encourages learning the risks and symptoms of diabetes, how to control the disease to avoid complications and what resources are available to maintain the best quality of life.

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