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## Ramblings From Your Editor

Arrived home from Jamaica to read a few positive letters re: the December NEWSLETTER. Did things seem to get better? Thank you for your support.

We had the pleasure of delivering a suitcase and meeting Rev. Barry Pridham, his wife Lolla and their two daughters. Barry is a United Church minister serving as a missionary to Jamaica. They gave us tour of their churches and parish. That the people have so little and we have so very much was evident. You can help these people in Montego Bay — next time you or a friend go to Jamaica, take a suitcase full of Bibles, low-heeled shoes (men's and women's), story books, Sunday School materials, church envelopes, Barclay commentaries (any edition greatly appreciated), and flannel graphs. Add a little chocolate or peanut butter and watch the smiles of the children and adults.

We spent our time in Ochio Rios. The need is the same there. Call at the local church — you will be most welcome. If all else fails you can call:

Howard Cook  
President, Cornwall Council  
Montego Bay, Jamaica

I'm sure the whole Carribean is much the same. Please take the suitcase, don't mail it. Mailing can create horrendous problems. By taking it you can have the holiday.

## Festival to Draw 40,000 Participants

Coming from all corners of the country, 40,000 people are expected to attend the Canadian Christian Festival in Calgary, Alberta from May 15-19, 1986.

Travelling across Canada as the festival's national representative, Marlene LaMontagne has been encouraged by the enthusiasm for the five-day gathering.

"This is a national event," she emphasizes, "and church representatives from Newfoundland to Vancouver Island have assured me they will be coming to the festival.

Not only will people from all denominations across Canada be coming to Calgary, but they will be arranging for charter buses and charter aircraft to bring others as well," she added.

Sponsorship at a national level is coming from the Presbyterian, Lutheran, United, Roman Catholic, Anglican and Salvation Army churches. Many members of evangelical churches are also assisting in the putting on of this interdenominational celebration.

Participating in the theme of "our common journey in faith," will be noted personalities from all major denominations.

Some of the more prominent speakers include Dr. Philip Potter, former president of the World Council of Churches; The Right Reverend Robert Smith, moderator of the United Church of Canada; as well as Dr. Leighton Ford, Canadian-born evangelist and vice-president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Other well-known guests include Beyers Naude, General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches; Dom Helder Camara, Archbishop of Recife in Brazil; and Sister Miriam Theresa Winters from the Medical Missions Sisters, who has recently returned from Ethiopia.

"This is an opportunity for Albertans and all Canadians to join together as a family in worship," according to Father Stan Pietlock, president of the festival's local executive committee.

"We, who are planning this festival of the Christian faith, are recognizing the basic unity of all Christians. It is like being part of one vast family and we envision the festival as being like a huge family reunion," he said.

Families will be pleased to know the festival has something to offer for people of all ages.

In addition to special activities for children, much time has gone into planning youth workshops, concerts and rallies, featuring such names as Ken Davis, Freddie Langston and Clayton Barbeau.

With over 200 workshops to choose from, festival participants will be able to take part in sessions ranging from evangelism and social justice to liturgical dance and banner making.

There will be dramatic presentations, art exhibits, a parade, concerts and other musical events.

Families and friends will be able to stroll through the Christian marketplace and displays and then join together in worship and in song.

This is a unique celebration for which the city of Calgary is proclaiming "Christian Festival Week" and the premier of Alberta has written a letter of welcome to all.

On Sunday, local churches will be holding special services to welcome festival visitors. Meanwhile, Bible studies will be led each day by national and international church leaders.

Organizer Ed Mullen sees the event as five days of dialogue and worship calculated to create new understanding among Christianity's numerous denominations.

The immediate past president of the Calgary Council of Churches said at a recent media conference, "I am looking for an infusion of fresh air into the religious ghettos of this city.

"Maybe it will blow us out of the water. We'll get a good start, then."

At the same conference, organizers were officially presented with some tangible assistance from the federal government in meeting the festival's \$675,000 budget. The financial assistance to hire temporary office help will relieve some of the pressure on the hundreds of volunteers who have dedicated themselves to making the Canadian Christian Festival into the worship experience of a lifetime.

The Calgary festival is only the second celebration of its type to take place in Canada. Patterned after the German Kirchentag (Church Days) which regularly attracts over 100,000 people, Canada's first Christian Festival took place in Ottawa in 1982 and was attended by 25,000 enthusiastic worshippers.

It is expected that these Christian Festivals will happen every four years in Canada, with the next one taking place in the Maritimes in 1990.



Celebrated festival speakers . . .  
DOM HELDER CAMARA

DAVID MAINSE



# CANADIAN CHRISTIAN FESTIVAL '86

May 15-19, 1986 Calgary, Alberta

## FEATURING

### Scheduled Speakers & Entertainers

- |                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Alexander, Canon Charles | Morley, Pat                |
| Armstrong, Jean          | Murray, Norm               |
| Barbeau, Clayton         | Murray-Hayes, Morar        |
| Bird, John               | Muttart, Gallery           |
| Bromely, Lois            | Naude, Beyers              |
| Bryce, Gladysann         | Neehall, Dr. Roy           |
| Burkhart, Dr. John E.    | Nicoll, Cathie             |
| Camara, Dom Helder       | Nunez, Jesus               |
| Coltvet, Ben             | O'Driscoll, Rev. Herb      |
| Cook, Bob                | Ogle, Fr. Bob              |
| Covenant Players         | Paley, Sandy & Lee         |
| Curtis, Bishop Barry     | Patterson, Rev. Marney     |
| Cyril, Fr.               | Potter, Dr. Philip         |
| Dale, Jean               | Porte, Arleigh             |
| Davis, Ken               | Posterski, Don             |
| DeRoo, Bishop Remi       | Pratt, Commissioner Will   |
| Dobbin, Michael          | Puffer, Dr. Francis        |
| Duggan, Rev. John        | Purdy, John                |
| Duggan, Fr. Mike         | Ray, Honey                 |
| Duncan, Rev. John        | Ripple, Paula              |
| Ellis, Dr. Marc          | Rolheiser, Fr. Ron         |
| Foothills Brass Quintet  | Rose, Louise               |
| Frod, Jean               | Ross, Adrian               |
| Ford, Dr. Leighton       | Ruah Dance Theatre         |
| Fraser, Dr. Brian        | Ryan, Fr. Tom              |
| Friesen, Dr. John        | Salvation Army Band        |
| Gariepy, L'abbe Gilbert  | Saude, David               |
| Gasque, W. Ward          | Sauer, Dr. James           |
| Gaston, Lloyd            | Scott, Archbishop Ted      |
| Gray, Rev. Don           | Sjoberg, Bishop Donald     |
| Gross, Keith             | Skelton, Dr. David         |
| Hacault, Bishop Antoine  | Smith, Bernie              |
| Hanson, Dr. Gordon       | Smith, Right Rev. Robert   |
| Hengel, Sr. Helen        | Sniatynski, Gillian        |
| Hiemstra, John           | Tache, Fr. Alex            |
| Hopko, Rev. Dr. Thomas   | Taize Community            |
| Hordern, Rev. William    | Thompson, Peter            |
| Hubert, Bishop Bernard   | Tillsley, Col. Bramwell    |
| Jacobson, Bishop Robert  | Tousignant-Barnes, Sheila  |
| Jansen, Bro. Leon        | Trevor, Brian              |
| Klempa, Dr. Bill         | Turner, Rev. Dr. Gordon    |
| Klusmeier, Ron & Kris    | van Andel, Dr.             |
| Langston, Freddie        | Vandezande, Dr. Gerald     |
| Larre, Fr. Lucien        | Van Duyvendyk, Adrianna    |
| Mainse, David            | van Seters, Dr. Arthur     |
| Marshall, Bishop Michael | Wallace, Rev. Bob          |
| Martin, Cathy            | Walters, Rev. Trevor       |
| McCord, Rev. Dave        | Weibe, Rudy                |
| McKay, Rev. Stan         | Williams, Betty            |
| McKitrick, Frank         | Williams, Fr. Fred         |
| Miller, Dr. Roland       | Winter, Sr. Miriam Theresa |
| Moddle, Rev. David       | Wise, Joe                  |
| Molnar, Rev. Dr. Amadeo  |                            |

## STREAMS

- Major Events
- Worship/Celebration
- Theology/Bible Study
- Evangelism/Witness
- The Arts/Music
- Social Concerns
- Youth/Children
- Marketplace/Displays

## REGISTER NOW

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

FEEES		Cost	Total
# of People	Category		
_____	Adult	\$30	_____
_____	Adult Group (10+)	\$25	_____
_____	Couples	\$50	_____
_____	Students 13-20	\$20	_____
_____	Student Group (10+)	\$15	_____
_____	Disabled	\$20	_____
_____	Seniors	\$20	_____
_____	Children	\$ 5	_____
_____	Donation (Tax Deductible)		_____
<b>TOTAL</b>			_____

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**  
 Cheque  Money Order  VISA  Master Card  
 Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCOMMODATION**  
 Hotel \$30-\$40  Billet  
 Hotel \$40-\$50  Not Required  
 Hotel \$50-\$60

**MAIL WITH CHEQUES PAYABLE TO:**  
**Canadian Christian Festival '86**  
 Box 20, Suite 188, 401 - 9th Avenue S.W.  
 Calgary, Alberta, T2P 3C5

**OR**  
**PHONE (403) 287-2956**

## Expo 86 Don't Miss It for the World

The world is heading to Vancouver, British Columbia for EXPO 86 — a World Exposition in the grand tradition! From May 2 through October 13, 80 nations, provinces, territories, states and corporations will show-case an unforgettable adventure in the heart of Canada's largest West Coast city. Next to the sparkling Pacific Ocean, within clear view of the Coast Mountains, EXPO 86 will salute Canada on the centennial of our nation's trans-continental railroad, and bid "Happy 100th Birthday!" to the City of Vancouver.

Get ready for 165 dazzling days and nights. By day, EXPO 86 is a kaleidoscope of international pavilions, fabulous entertainment, spine-tingling rides and food from around the world. By night, it's fireworks and lasers, fine dining, sensational cabarets and the unparalleled Royal Bank/EXPO 86 World Festival of the performing arts.

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A Word of Advice: So live that you wouldn't be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip.

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Ken,

The Goldspring UC AOTS Men's Club wish to report a very successful 1985, including the celebration of 20 years serving this area. Members come from the border crossing town of Coutts, New Dayton (40 miles north), and east and west of Milk River for 50 miles. Quite an area, and quite a challenge, too!

We hope our typical membership of twelve to sixteen is on the increase, as we anticipate the results of a club sponsored, eight day, EXPO '86 bus tour.

The National AOTS NEWSLETTER is the only link between a fellowship club such as ours and the wider reach of United Churchmen across Canada.

Jack Shaw  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Goldspring UC AOTS Men's Club  
Milk River, Alberta

Dear Ken,

Sorry this letter is late. I do hope you can find a small spot in the NEWSLETTER for a few lines from the D. R. Poole sub-committee of the National Youth Committee. Certificates of Appreciation have been mailed to all the clubs who participated in the D. R. Poole award for the club which is judged most active in youth work. The next job for our sub-committee is the promotion of the 1987 award which will be based on the individual club's youth activities in the 1986 calendar year. Letters promoting the award will be mailed to all Conference Chairmen and individual clubs.

The participation rate of the last competition was less than 20%. We feel this is much too low and are willing to work hard to improve this figure substantially in 1987.

Bruce Reissner  
D. R. Poole Sub-committee  
National Youth Committee

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Sandy was a leader of the kirk, and his increasing redness of nose very much alarmed the other elders. Finally, a delegation from the Official Board visited him to ask the reason for the increasing colour. Sandy explained it in these words: "It is glowing with pride at never putting itself in other peoples' business."

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A Good Memory Test: Sit down and try to recall the things you worried about at this time last year.

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*"I am among you As One That Serves"*  
Luke 22:27

## Memorial Contributions

Lloyd Clark, National AOTS Finance Committee Chair

The following is a summary of an interview with Mr. William Alexander of Stephen-Alexander Funeral Home, Chatham, ON, concerning funeral home memorial contributions to the national AOTS treasurer.

Today few funeral homes take money for charitable memorials except in some small towns or villages – just too great a responsibility. Most funeral homes carry envelopes of various organizations and simply fill out a card for the bereaved and hand an envelope to the donor for personal mailing. Mr. Alexander thinks that envelopes would be too expensive for AOTS. There are over 530 funeral homes in Ontario alone and 100 envelopes per establishment would be 53,000 envelopes. He suggested, and the National Finance Committee recommends, that AOTS educate the national membership to fill out the card at the funeral home and then send the memorial donation to the National or local AOTS treasurer. These donations would be tax deductible.

The National AOTS Executive also suggests that the local AOTS Men's Club(s) could supply the local funeral home(s) with envelopes addressed to:

Robert A. Lewis, National AOTS Treasurer  
105 Lamp Road  
RR #4

Amherstburg, ON, N9V 2Y9

The point to be emphasized is that we must EDUCATE our entire National AOTS membership to give MEMORIAL contributions to extend the work of National AOTS.

Regarding BEQUESTS, HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF "WILLING" A BEQUEST FOR THE EXTENDED WORK OF THE NATIONAL AOTS EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL? Please give this possibility serious consideration. Ensure that your Will states clearly the use to which you want your bequest put, eg. for Second Mile Support; or for National Projects; or, if the bequest is a large one, you might wish it to be invested in a special fund and the annual income directed to a particular use.

## Note of Interest

– to those in Douglastown, NB (and a few others).

Rev. Doug Alexander, Minister of Highlands United Church in Edmonton, AB, was ordained by Alberta and Northwest Conference in 1981 and settled in Douglastown Pastoral Charge in New Brunswick. One of the points on the three-point charge did not have a Church Hall. It had been the desire and wish of many members of the congregation over its 109 years of history to see this wish and dream fulfilled.

In the fall of 1982 and with Government financial support, workmen began to excavate under the existing

sanctuary. After many months of construction, the Congregation of St. Mark's in Douglastown not only had their own hall, but a kitchen, washroom facilities, two stairways, Minister's Study and a meeting room.

Since Doug was the Minister at the time of construction, and had given leadership and encouragement, the congregation officially recognized his contribution on January 19, 1986, by naming the meeting room in his honour. He was present for this service and unveiled a plaque commemorating the event.

## An Effective Motto

Ernie Stafford

One receives pleasure and help from the inspiring messages on "wayside pulpits" at various churches. While on holiday in Great Britain last Autumn with my wife, we attended Congregational, Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist and Anglican services in the many towns we visited.

One Sunday at church in my home town of Derby, I was introduced to a gentleman. The following Thursday we visited his home. He was interested in AOTS and asked to keep my card introducing me as a National Council member. The next Sunday, as we went to church again, a wayside pulpit notice made by my new friend gave proof of his handiwork and showed AOTS and its meaning to many people. I was asked to participate in the service and made many new friends. My motto is STOA = Speak To Others About AOTS, it pays!



## Pilot Project in Leadership Development

Under the leadership of Winnipeg District Council, a leadership recognition event was held in March of this year. The purpose was to recognize and show appreciation for leadership given by young adults in the various aspects of congregational work.

Forty-two churches in Greater Winnipeg were contacted and asked to name people between the ages of 16 and 25 who have given leadership in their church through the past year. The response was excellent!

The event gave these young leaders an opportunity to meet each other, enjoy Christian fellowship and a dinner, and to receive a token of appreciation from their church and the AOTS District Council.

## Help Wanted

AOTS Leadership Development Committees need leaders to plan, coordinate, facilitate and promote AOTS activities in your area of Canada.

The purpose of this leadership is (a) to strengthen spiritual life, (b) to promote Christian fellowship, and (c) to develop an effective program of Christian service.

All you need to be a leader is a bit of time, a bit of patience, lots of enthusiasm and a lot of love. You all have it. You will learn new skills, meet new and interesting people, get great satisfaction and spark a fire in others.

Apply to your local AOTS group or write to Jack Cleave, National Executive Secretary, 361 Twin Lakes Drive, Sarnia, ON, N7S 4X4.

## Club News

**Islington UC Men's Association, Islington, ON** - President Wes Coulter writes this intriguing report:

The Men's Association has been active and yet non-active this past year. No actual meetings were held. However we did undertake other activities.

In co-operation with St. James United Church Men, we have operated a Men's Curling League from October to April, curling twice a month. Fifty men from Islington United have been involved either as regular curlers or on the spare list. This is being continued this year.

From November to March we have rented ice each Friday afternoon and have twelve to twenty boys and fathers chasing the puck around - shinny hockey. Actually some young girls have also come out.

We continue to sell Christmas trees as a money-making project. The sale this past December was an all time record in numbers - 600! The cheapest price in Etobicoke and a record profit.

Each spring we sell fertilizer on a limited scale.

Profits for the 1985 sale of Christmas trees and fertilizer were about \$2000. The money was spent on youth programs, including \$500 for L.I.F.E.

How about telling us a bit more about L.I.F.E, Wes?

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**Lake Cowichan AOTS** - "Nanoose Bay, just north of Nanaimo, has one of the world's most sophisticated underwater testing ranges, used by the U.S. Navy to test and develop its anti-submarine arsenal."

"U.S. ships and nuclear-powered submarines go there regularly to test their weapon systems."

This was part of the information relayed to Lake Cowichan AOTS members after a recent dinner meeting.

A graphic video portrayal of the Nanoose situation was shown and two speakers, Angela Wiles and the Rev. Ann Pollock, enlarged on the film and told something of the work of the peace movement.

They said there are 30 peace groups on Vancouver Island alone and that in the three days last August there were nuclear explosives with the power of 2.5 megatons of TNT plus a nuclear reactor docked at Nanoose - the equivalent of 120 Hiroshima bombs.

Their views and statements did not go unchallenged as several people voiced their doubts about unilateral disarming. Some suggested that having small nuclear free zones merely pushed the problem on one's neighbors.

The presentation was well received and was particularly suitable for a Remembrance weekend.

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**Duncan AOTS, Duncan, BC** - The 18th annual Burns' Supper concert and dance was up to previous standards and was attended by 175 people.

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**MEN'S FESTIVAL OF FAITH - Sackville, NB** - This is your invitation to attend the Men's Festival of Faith (ecumenical) to be held from June 13-15, 1986 at Mount Allison University, Sackville, NB. Registration will cost \$20.00, meals and accommodations, \$65.00. To register please write to Men's Festival of Faith, c/o Mr. Don Campbell, Winsloe, RR #2, PEI, COA 2H0.

## Heard From!

Fairfield, Victoria – Thanks for your help.  
 Kapuskasing – very busy group with a new secretary.  
 Duncan and West Coast – All the news clippings.  
 R.J. Grundy – Member-at-large sent proof he reads the newsletter! Thanks!  
 Willard Proud – Around the Maritimes with much to remember.  
 St. Andrews', Moose Jaw – with their many items of interest.  
 Henry Wolfram – keeps us up to date on the doings of Bellefair, ON.  
 Roy Jones, Esquimalt – reports many tons of newsprint brings in \$\$\$.  
 Vancouver Island District Council AOTS – all worked up and ready to go.  
 Dale Maris – Chairman of the AOTS Youth Committee is going back to school.

THIS IS AN IMPROVEMENT OVER THE DECEMBER ISSUE!

### FIRST CALL FOR THE 15TH NATIONAL AOTS CONVENTION

Where: Canadian Bible College  
Regina, Saskatchewan

When: July 31, August 1 & 2, 1987

Registrations to:  
Mr. Ross Evans  
24 Castle Bay  
Regina, Saskatchewan  
S4S 4X4

Telephone: (306) 586-5313

The next NEWSLETTER should be published in October.  
The deadline for material is September 10, 1986.

## A Message for the Season of Easter

Rev. Paul Mullen, Edmonton

The weeks between Easter Sunday and Pentecost are a good time to reflect on where we have been going and what we have been doing in light of the Easter event. The earliest Christians certainly did this. The Gospels of Matthew, Luke and John and the Book of Acts give us some indication of the turmoil and confusion, even despair, which followed the Crucifixion and the discovery of the empty tomb.

Violence and emptiness are two themes overlooked by most of us as we skip over Good Friday and rush into the joy of the Resurrection. For that early Christian community (which was not even called Christian yet, and would not be for several years) the violence of Good Friday and the emptiness of the tomb were not dealt with in a single day. Nor were the appearances of the resurrected Christ. These events called for a radical restructuring of lives.

First, they had to face and accept their part in the brutal way Jesus was "gotten rid of" by their own religious authorities. All felt guilty, all wanted to blame someone else, yet no one wanted to be blamed for what had happened. Eventually guilt was accepted and worked through, for the stories and accounts of those days which came to be most accepted and eventually incorporated into the Bible were the ones which did not single any person or group out for sole responsibility. That is the way it should be. We are all responsible for the death of Jesus and the death of the spirit. We all want to "get rid of" anything we don't like in life. We are all violent people.

The emptiness of the tomb also had to be faced and accepted. Accepting emptiness is never easy, for it means we must face our own emptiness. We usually try to live the pretext that we are not empty by pretending we are full, or by filling ourselves obsessively. Wine, women and song, consumer goodies, power and status are some of our favorites. Many of us are so full of our own opinions (when was the last time we were really and truly wrong about something) that there is no room "in the inn" (to borrow a phrase from another season). How can the love of the resurrected Christ fill someone already full to overflowing? How do we accept our own emptiness? I don't recommend we try to "get rid of it."

During this Easter Season, members of AOTS have the opportunity to reflect on what is being done by way of service in the name of the risen Christ. Are activities being done simply because they are fun and make money? Is it important to do something just because it is important to have something to do? Is there something we should be doing which we have "gotten rid of," perhaps because it was difficult, or awkward, or annoying? Is there enough "emptiness" in our agenda for some new direction, a chance to risk total failure? Is too much being done in an attempt to gain a greater glory for ourselves, and not enough for God's glory?

None of these are easy questions, but they are the questions of Easter. May God's Easter Shalom be yours to share.

## Religion - Online News

Another missionary has been asked to leave India as part of a series of government moves expelling foreign missionaries. Father Jean Vianney, who has been in India since 1950, was ordered to leave the Uttar Pradesh province. In Cochin, a Roman Catholic member of parliament said the government had decided as a matter of policy to send out all foreign missionaries.

Most so-called "church growth" taking place today is the result of Christians moving from one church to another, said a prominent Catholic researcher. Addressing an ecumenical forum in Hartford, Conn., Father Thomas F. Stransky said the greatest challenge in Christian mission is not evangelizing Africa and Asia but proclaiming the gospel to the "secularized, western pagan."

Those opposed to ordination for women in the Church of England continue to marshal forces to make certain the church does not approve women priests. Bishop Graham Leonard of London is asking for the names of those who oppose ordination for women in order to lay the basis for what seems likely to be a schism in the church if it endorses women clergy. Bishop Leonard, the third-highest ranking churchman in Britain, has already indicated that he would lead a "continuing Church of England" if the church decides to ordain women.

Clergy of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark (N.J.) are uncertain if they will carry through their threat to withhold their pension fund contributions after the church's pension board refused to get rid of all stock in firms doing business in South Africa.

The church's pension board trustees stopped short of voting for full divestment. Instead, the panel approved a seven-point set of guidelines for divestment of holdings "in certain companies".

The pension board's action will result in the sale of its stock in U.S. Steel, a firm that has not cooperated with the Sullivan Principles, a set of guidelines for fair practices in the workplace widely used by U.S. companies doing business in South Africa.

The Episcopal Church's \$1 billion pension fund has about \$120 million in assets in companies doing business in South Africa.

The 72-year old Council on Religion and International Affairs (CRIA) is dropping "religion" from its title and will be known as the "Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs." A council spokeswoman said the word "religion" created confusion about the council's purposes among potential donors and other constituencies.

In Minneapolis, a wealthy department store family is seeking to recover some of the \$6 million one of the family members gave to a fundamentalist church in Lenox, Mass.

Elizabeth Dovydenas left the Bible Speaks Church in January and, citing a mental weakness, agreed to let her father, Wallace Dayton of Minneapolis, assume temporary control of her assets in a conservatorship. A Massachusetts probate judge issued an order for the removal of financial records from an office of the Bible Speaks Church.

The church, meanwhile, has filed a suit in Berkshire Superior Court seeking a court order declaring that the church's conduct was proper and the gifts valid. It denies claims that the money Mrs. Dovydenas gave to the church was embezzled rather than donated.

Mrs. Dovydenas, who lives in Lenox with her husband, a free-lance photographer, told the Boston Globe that she fully supported what her family's attorneys were trying to do.

A Roman Catholic priest has been ordered to spend six months in jail for possessing cocaine, which police said he shared with more than a dozen parish youths.

The Rev. Neil Kalina, 30, pleaded guilty to possession of the illegal drug and was ordered confined to the Macomb County Jail in suburban Detroit where he was told he would be assigned to serve as assistant chaplain.

The priest's lawyer said Fr. Kalina suffered from psychiatric problems which compelled him to commit the offense.

A Divine Word priest in the Philippines says he is not considering leaving the New People's Army and surrendering to the government. The Rev. Conrado Balweg said he supported President Corazon Aquino, but wanted control of the Cordillera region turned over to the people living there.

Misery loves company, but company does not reciprocate.

From listening comes wisdom and from speaking repentance.