



The  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
of  
UNITED CHURCH AOTS MEN'S CLUBS

("As One That Serves")



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Hi! We're Back

This is the second edition of my term as your President. All Systems are GO so expect more of the same.

STATE OF THE UNION

Fair to good is the forecast. As information passes over my desk one can see a lot of activity. Enough dedicated AOTS leaders are putting it together and the movement rolls along. Keep digging, men.

MEMBERSHIP

We have a new National Chairman for Membership. Welcome aboard the National Ship Ross Adams of Consecon, Ontario. Your many AOTS friends will expect to hear from you soon.

Individual Membership

\*\*\*\*\* How many application forms have you made available to AOTS men who haven't a Club? The Machinery is all set to go. Think Individual Membership. Write a letter. Make a phone call. Start a campaign. Several application forms containing complete information are enclosed.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Do it now! Don't wait! Let him appreciate the honour you wish to bestow on him for those many years of service. For further information drop a line to John Aspin at H.Q.

REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS

Canada West

\*\*\*\*\* Ralph Tennant has sold his car and has bought a horse to conserve that Alberta oil for the East. His ranch is in Lethbridge, Alberta at 518 - 15th St. T1J 2Z7

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He will use Shank's Mare if need be, to get out and see you. Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba is his territory.

Canada Central

\*\*\*\*\* With top hat and tails, a cane and gloves, Ken Lane is ready to fly your way as our suave Vice of the East. His personal landing strip is in Oakville, Ont. on 354 Stanfield Dr. L6L 3P6. Ken will be glad to add you to the list of the many clubs he has already visited. Good work, Ken.

Canada East

\*\*\*\*\* Back from Bermuda with a healthy tan is our smiling Vice from the Far East. He wants to hear from, and about, you fellows in the Maritimes and also from the Newfie Boys. When at home he keeps his Lobster Pots at 29 Palmers Lane, Charlottetown, P.E.I. C1A 5V7. He's Dave Murphy.

Canada Far West

\*\*\*\*\* Yours Truly while National Pres. will cover B.C. for Ralph. There are many other National Officers already visiting clubs. Don't hesitate to call on any one of us. We wish to serve.

ATTENTION PRESIDENTS OF CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT AOTS COUNCILS

You are to be tested soon. We hope you see your duty and earn your salary and mine! One of your jobs is to keep in touch with your clubs. For a starter you will be asked to encourage them to complete Club Officer Registration Cards. Also encourage them to pay their national fees. Enter them in the D.R.

*AOTS is a church-related movement of men initiated in 1923 and dedicated to promoting Christian fellowship, deepening the spiritual life of men and developing effective programs of Christian service.*

Poole Contest. Insist they fill in the latest questionnaire. You might even fill it in for them via the telephone.

#### COMING SOON

A new revised Executive Handbook. Under the guiding hand of the President's Advisory Committee. Copies will be in your hands in the New Year. 1975 that is!

#### Coming Sooner

A Promotional Pamphlet. Intended to be an excellent background document for those wishing to form a new club and for the new or prospective club member.

#### Already Here

Jack Bank's History of AOTS. A fine Nostalgia Item. Of particular interest to those familiar with the earlier days of AOTS and those who had the pleasure of working at the National level. One free copy has already been sent to your club. It is a wonderful P.R. instrument for ministers, staff and any other persons in the United Church who don't know the AOTS Story. They sell for \$2.00 each or \$1.50 each if you order ten or more. Some of you will see at once that a similar work covering your own Conference is a must. There are oh so many names that come to mind but there just wasn't space.

#### COMING LATER

Registration forms for the 1975 Biennial Convention in Ottawa August 22-23-24. Plans are all but completed. The rest depends on your plans to attend.

#### Help Wanted

\*\*\*\*\* A Chairman for the Leadership Development Committee. The terms of reference are right in the title. Leadership Development of Men to lead AOTS in the years ahead. Also we need a Chairman for our Youth Committee. Jim Pollock is carrying on for now but would like to be replaced to devote more time to Youth work that he is already involved in.

#### Field Staff

Have you thought of making him an Individual Member of AOTS. He will feel more at home and be a lot more interested if extended the hand of fellowship in this way. In B.C. we have done this to three staff members and plan to cover them all in time.

#### THE D. R. POOLE CONTEST

The Annual Meeting of National has opened this contest to all congregations in our Church. The entry form will be simplified. So look to your laurels men. You should have some stiff competition.

#### The Dave Sherwood Memorial Trophy

It goes to that affiliated club showing the greatest percentage increase in paid-up membership during a two year period. It's on for sure with the two year period ending 31 December 1974.

#### L O N G R A N G E P L A N N I N G

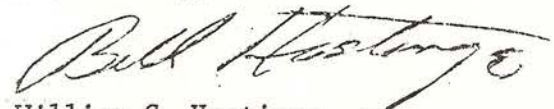
This committee brought in many good to excellent recommendations. These were accepted as operational principles for AOTS in the years to come by your National Executive. I can't go into details here but I must mention the most important recommendation. The National Association is to become by gradual steps financially dependent unto itself. Our separation from the Division of Mission in Canada is to be only financial. In every other aspect we wish to retain our bond with the United Church of Canada. This will mean a lot of work fellows - right down to the individual Club Member. The implications of this report will be discussed thoroughly at the 1975 Biennial Convention in Ottawa.

#### CONCLUSION

This ends my part of the President's letter. The rest will be memos from H.Q., Committee Chairmen, etc. Please, believe me, I would like to hear from you. As we work together under our name As One That Serves there is a great need to feel fellowship returned.

This letter will reach you as we prepare to celebrate the Birthday of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. With this in mind may I wish you one and all a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. William G. Hastings  
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West Vancouver, B.C. V7T 1T1

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#### TREASURER TALKS

To the 89 UC AOTS MC whose membership fees have been received, thank you for helping to achieve our financial goals. To the 106 UC AOTS MC whose fees are to be received, thank you for helping to exceed our financial goals before 31 Dec. 1974.

Keith MacFayden, National Treas.

#### Let Your Light Shine (Blow Your Own Horn)

Something your club does for its church and community may seem ordinary and routine. To another club it may provide the spark for a

completely new worthwhile venture appropriate to their local situation.

Successful clubs have planned their programmes for 1975, even those during March, April, May and June. Every detail may not be known at this point in time. None the less let us know what you have planned. We'll do all we can to let others know about it through Combo and this Newsletter. The input deadline date for the Spring Issue is 10 January 1975.

One Conference, three District Councils and eleven clubs are regularly mailing bulletins, or monthly minutes.

St. Andrew's UC AOTS MC, Moosejaw, Sask. - "For many years this has been our first project in the fall. Each club member is given a list of church members to phone. Letters and other materials suitable for wiping rags are asked for. An evening is set aside for collection and several evenings are devoted to sorting and cutting up the rags. Our market is the city workshop which uses them as wipers in the maintenance of machinery. We enlist the help of the St. Andrew's boys of the Church Hockey League for whom the club pays ice time and uniforms. The demand is ever increasing and with no expense to the club, we find it most profitable."

BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE -Lorne's Lift "How's your FAITH this month fellas? Are you right with God? Do you say to yourself when you get up in the morning, 'It's going to be a great day!' It will be. Indeed it will be. How long is it since you read Revelation, Chap. 21. Just check it over, - closely."

Lorne Myles - Sec.-Treas.  
Bay of Quinte AOTS Conference

#### R e g i n a D i s t r i c t C o u n c i l

Four first time visitors to the Banff Conference appreciated how much the success of the Conference depends on planning and work done by the committees. It was a moving personal experience never to be forgotten. 684 men actually attended while many registrations had to be returned for lack of accommodation.

The Mutchmor Lodge organ fund is increasing rapidly.

Represents 7 clubs.

#### Winnipeg District Council

\*\*\*\*\* plan to adopt another foster child - hopefully a Canadian child. Minaki Conference plans are well underway.

Represents 4 clubs.

ESQUIMALT UNITED CHURCH AOTS Men's Club decided to book four reservations to next year's 21st Banff Conference.

At Holyrood House, will host the Annual Christmas Ladies Night on Tues. 10 December.

Happy to send a \$100 cheque to Lifeline House.

FAIRFIELD UNITED CHURCH AOTS Men's Club, Victoria, B.C., and "Nuts to You, Too", here's advertising and it's free. Residents of Victoria and environs, for your mixed nuts for Christmas contact any member of the Fairfield UC AOTS MC.

Hey, your Annual District Rally is on Sunday, June 1, 1975. Reserve the date now. The time 2:00 p.m. Watch locally for more details. What more do you want? It's to be held at George Pringle Memorial Camp at Shawnigan Lake (wherever that is).

Harrow-Malden United Church AOTS Men's Club (Ontario) have more nuts than they know what to do with. Please help them get rid of all their nuts at the church. Guy Iler is the guy to see. The money is needed to meet the needs, i.e. supplying paint for the south auditorium.

Shuffleboard anyone? Join the Harrow-Malden UC AOTS Men's Club.

Ryerson AOTS Newsletter, Vancouver  
B.C. - Sweepings from the Dustbin

The average AOTS Club is full of willing workers ... those willing to work and those willing to let them.

Did you know, jogging kills germs ... if you can get them to do it!

W I L M A R H E I G H T S U N I T E D Church, Scarborough, Ont. AOTS Men's Club will be selling quality Christmas trees again this year. This is a way to help the club help others.

AOTS SLIDE-TAPE PRODUCTION \*\*\*\*\*  
We are attempting to put together a tray of slides (gathered from across the country) representing as many UC AOTS MC in varying forms of action as possible. These trays would be available to Men's Clubs, District and Conference Councils for Round-Ups, Rallies, Banquets, etc. to pictorially tell the AOTS story.

Time is short; after 31 December is too late.

Slides in the following subject areas are needed:

Conventions, conferences (national)  
 Round-Ups, Rallies, Workshops (regional)  
 Local Clubs in action:

- typical meeting                    - worship
- dinner meeting                    - discussion
- projects & services  
 (painting basement, etc., halfway  
 house, youth camp, pool at Five Oaks,  
 hockey clinic, Can. Crossroads Inter-  
 national, men in leadership roles  
 because of experience and training  
 in AOTS, picnics, variety shows, etc.)

Name or other identification of contributor should be on each slide. Contributor should state whether he's (she's) prepared to accept duplicates in return for those actually used in slide set so originals can be retained as masters. Slides will be needed until 15 February 1975.

It is essential to have names of people in, and location of, slide picture, with the date and circumstances of its being taken. Slides should preferably have been taken in the horizontal format.

#### INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE

The National Executive urges the Youth Committee of local men's clubs to participate in the United Church's 50th Anniversary plans by promoting the International Youth Exchange. Have you offered assistance to the Youth Exchange Committee of your Pastoral Charge? Participate in every way you should. Support a Youth in whatever way you should. Ask your minister for details.

#### FAIRFIELD UC AOTS MC

As we put this letter to bed we've heard that the membership target of 60 for '74 was reached on Monday 5 November 1974. The new target is now 75 for '75. Congratulations, Harry, and all the members of Fairfield UC AOTS Men's Club.

T o r o n t o   C o n f e r e n c e  
 A O T S   C o u n c i l   \*\*\*\*\*

Its second Annual Church Service featured Chas Burritt as guest speaker, with music and song by the Scarborough AOTS Glee Club. The Rexdale UC AOTS MC were the hosts in their own church.

The Fifth Annual Fall Rally held at Cedar Glen with 133 men attending dealt with issues relating to Roughness in Sport, Growing in Faith, Retirement and Penal Reform. Keith MacFayden and his committee take a bow. Thanks.

National Membership Drive  
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A new National Council Membership Committee has been created with Ross Adams of Consecon Ontario as Chairman. Ross has recruited an excellent group to work with him and one of the Committee's first tasks has been to spell out the guidelines for the awarding of the David Sherwood Memorial Trophy in a national membership drive by affiliated clubs.

This competition was announced at the Winnipeg convention and the first awards will be presented at the 9th Biennial Convention in Ottawa next August. Originally the period for the competition was to be from Jan. 1 1973 to Dec. 31 1974 but this period is now extended to May 31 1975. This will give every club in our National Association a full chance to participate.

The winning club shall be the one which achieves the highest percentage increase in number of regular members during the competition period. The determination of the percentage increase shall be based on the club's official membership as of May 31 1975 compared to the club's official membership as of Dec. 31 1972.

With this Newsletter you'll find a complete list of guidelines for the David Sherwood Competition and a declaration form. Clubs wishing to enter this membership drive must complete and return an entry form within 30 days. Don't delay! Here's a chance to go all out to build your club membership and extend the fellowship of AOTS to more men!

Your Club may win the beautiful David Sherwood Trophy! But win or lose, every club will gain from an enthusiastic effort to help AOTS grow in effectiveness and service.

Get set and get involved. Perhaps you will want to get a competition going within your own club to reward the present member who brings in the most new members.

Your National Association is preparing a new AOTS promotion folder and an audio-visual presentation to help show and tell the AOTS story. You'll be hearing more about these resources in the next few weeks.

Meanwhile, enter your club in the competition by returning the enclosed entry form within 30 days. Make the first 5 months of '75 a special time to promote and build AOTS.

Send your entry form and your ideas to the

National office. The next meeting of the National Membership Committee will be Jan. 13th in Belleville. Ross Adams and his group want to hear from you and help you.

LONDON CONFERENCE

Welcome a b o a r d .

Park St. UC AOTS Men's Club, chartered on 21 November 1974 at Chatham. Ralph Wensley of Harrow-Malden UC AOTS MC and Kent-Essex District Council was the guest speaker. Ken Lane, National Vice-President, Central Region, installed the officers; Malcolm Cumming, President of Victoria Avenue UC AOTS MC initiated the charter members and presented a gavel to Robert Marshall, President of the newly chartered Club. Ross Agar, President of Kent-Essex District Council, presented Charter #775. An enjoyable evening was had by all. Congratulations to all concerned and Good Luck.

A few statistics \*\*\*\*\*

	AFFILIA- TED CLUBS	CLUBS MEMBER- PAID	MEMBER- SHIP	FEES
1970	268	64	5,969	\$3,222.00
1971	243	69	5,541	\$2,778.00
1972	222	59	5,452	\$2,422.00
1973	214	60	4,895	\$2,302.00
1974	195	96	4,695	\$4,048.00

OPPOSITE SEX

The Long Range Planning Committee interpreted this new thrust as one of increasing cooperation with UCW and Couples Clubs at all levels from Local scene to National.

As a first effort towards achieving their purpose "to enrich the lives of couples" THE CENTRAL CANADA COMMITTEE FOR COUPLES CLUB WORK OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA in the five Conferences of Montreal & Ottawa, Bay of Quinte, Toronto, Hamilton and London are sponsoring a "Marriage Enrichment Seminar" in Toronto on 18 and 19 January 1975, at which Dr. Howard Clinebell and his wife, Charlotte, will be resource leaders. AOTS, UCW, UCM are cooperating with Couples Clubs in each Conference by contacting, and being responsible for the attendance of a given number of couples from their respective organizations and in their area.

Dr. Howard Clinebell will be the guest speaker at a Public Forum at St. Andrew's United Church, 117 Bloor St. E., Toronto on Sunday, Jan. 19 at 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$3.00 per couple and \$2.00 per individual. For registrants for the Marriage Seminar it is included in the registration fee. Free billeting is available for those attending the seminar from afar.

Sue and Chris Foot are grateful that London Conference has completed its commitment. The UCM, AOTS and UCW in other Conferences are reminded that the deadline date was 30 Nov./74.

Contact your local Presbytery (District) and/o: Conference UCM, UCW or AOTS representative for more details or communicate with Mr. and Mrs. Chris and Sue Foot, 161 Trayborn Ave., Richmond Hill, Ont.

O U R P U R P O S E

"Strange is our situation here on earth. Each comes for a short visit, not knowing why, yet seeming to divine a purpose.

"There is one thing we do know: Man is here for the sake of other men - above all, for those upon whose wellbeing our own happiness depends..."

Albert Einstein

CONSTITUTION \*\*\*\*\*

The Constitution is the document that outlines the structure upon which the National UC AOTS MC is organized.

Have you as executive officers of your club familiarized yourself with its contents? A meeting for this purpose would not be remiss.

Do you know who the District Council officers are in your area? Is there a District Council? Have you planned to invite your District or Conference Presidents to a club meeting?

P.S. Mail Slides referred to earlier

To: The National Association UC AOTS MC, c/o Division of Mission in Canada, United Church of Canada, 7th floor, attention: John Aspin, 85 St. Clair Ave. E., Toronto, Ontario M4T 1M8

May the Joy of Christmas 1974 be with you and yours as you venture into 1975 where no one has ventured before. Happy New Year.

John Aspin Marion Crawford Don Smith

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