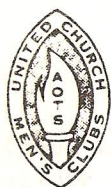


THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF

UNITED CHURCH



AOTS MEN'S CLUBS

* PRESIDENT'S NEWS LETTER *

President Hastings (left) thanks Convention Chairman Murray Kerr for a memorable weekend.



Vancouver, B. C.
October 1, 1973

This is a difficult letter to write. There are so many exciting things to tell you. Space however is limited, so here are the highlights for now.

CONVENTION - Terrific! Over 400 there and we were in the black! You have a new Constitution - very flexible, lots of new features. A copy will reach you soon. Plan to attend the next one in Ottawa in August, 1975.

MEMBERSHIP - Good news! There are signs of improvement. Life Memberships are now available; also Individual Memberships for men without a club but with a vital interest in AOTS. Send in their names.

Now for the bad news. National dues are increased to \$2.00 per member. Seem like too much?? Think big, fellows! We may have to use our own resources soon to keep National going. And we plan to give you your money's worth.

NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS - A new office created at this Convention. They are the Presidents in the areas where I can not be very often. So your National President is available to more clubs more often. We have Ralph Tennant, 518 - 15 Street South, Lethbridge, Alberta for the West. Ken Lane, 354 Stanfield Dr., Oakville, Ontario is for the Central Conferences, and Dave Murphy, 29 Palmers Lane, Charlottetown, P.E.I. is for the East. These men, in cooperation with Conference and District Councils, want to hear from you and, wherever possible, see you.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PROGRAMS - Coming soon! The new Constitution, the new Handbook for Officers, a new promotional pamphlet to give your friends and neighbours. It's for all prospective members. A new program series applicable to all lay organizations in your church is being developed and should be available early in 1974. Enclosed is a sample of the 50th Anniversary AOTS name tag used at Winnipeg. These are available right now, free of charge, from the national office. Use them for club meetings, special events during the rest of 1973. You can obtain, locally, plastic holders for these name tags, or use them as is with a pin.

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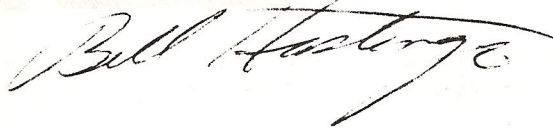
In about 10 days we'll be sending you a supply of AOTS 50th Anniversary stickers. Use them on letters, mailings, etc. to publicize AOTS. Let's spread the word - AOTS is alive and well, surviving and serving!

Information on Laity Sunday 1973 is enclosed. This has already been sent to ministers in all Pastoral Charges.

COMMUNICATIONS - Our records designate you as our contact man. No? Then I challenge you to get this to the right man to-morrow, also you may serve by getting his name to us, post haste.

FINIS - I hope you have made it to here. More news on youth programs, membership, etc., to come. Drop us a line. It's lonely here at H.Q. We need you! We want you! Please communicate!

Yours in service,



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