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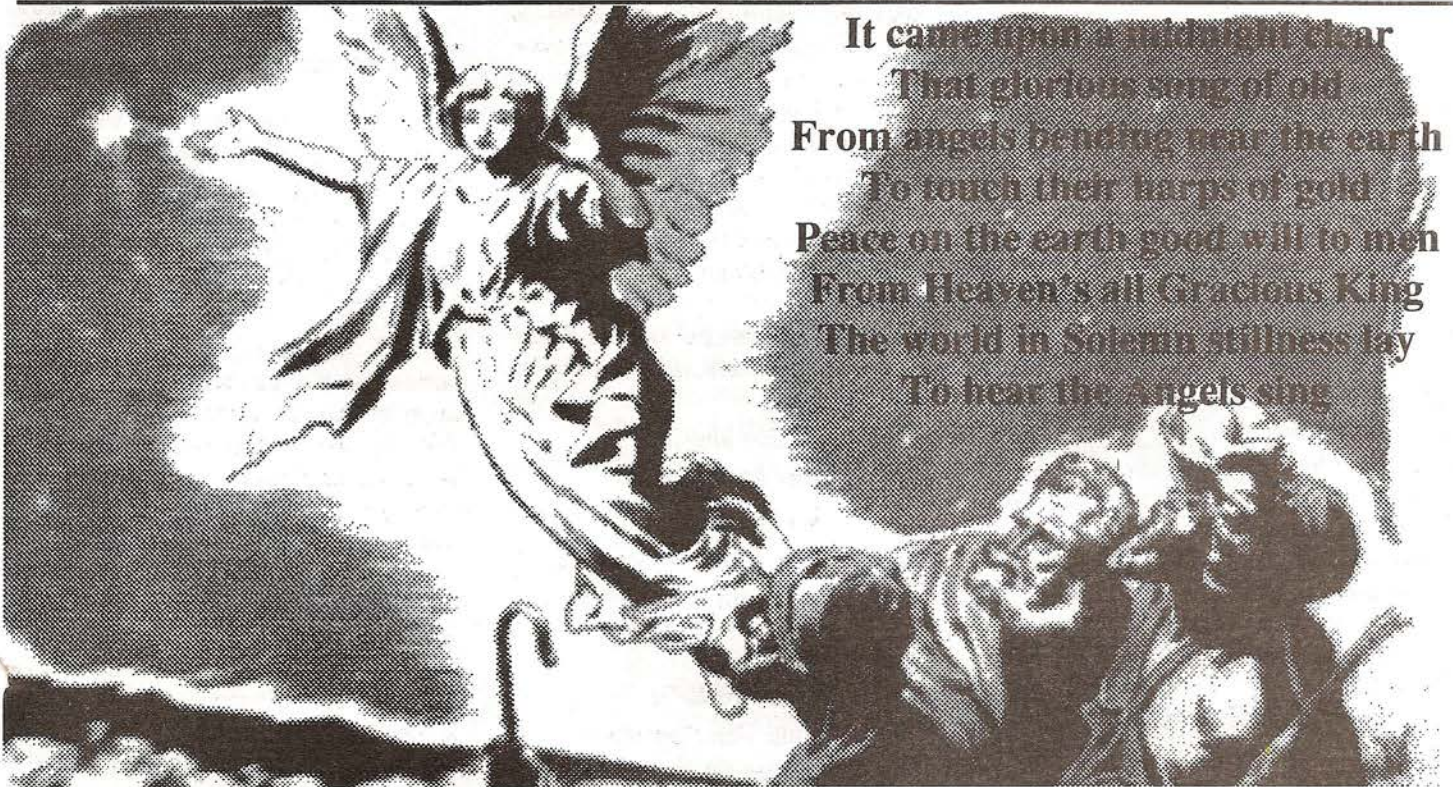
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It came upon a midnight clear  
 That glorious song of old  
 From angels bending near the earth  
 To touch their harps of gold  
 Peace on the earth good will to men  
 From Heaven's all Gracious King  
 The world in solemn stillness lay  
 To hear the Angels sing



## President Lloyd Richard's Message

### Seasons Greetings!

Greetings to all men of the Church, as we approach the end of another year. We think back on the many hopes and dreams of things we were going to accomplish and do in the year past. As we reflect back we remember some of the things that lost their importance, while others fell along the wayside, but God is always with us, helping us to set our priorities and the way we are to go.

As we approach the New Year, let each one of us set a common goal to go forth as men of the Church.

Let us reach out, as an arm of the Church, to our brothers in Christ. Let us reach out in fellowship as a local group in our own Church, to other men's groups in a neighbouring charge, to the Presbytery to the Conference. I would ask each club to make a special effort to visit, to get to know at least three other clubs in your area.

May each of you in your own special way, reach out to be an arm of the Church, As One That Serves, in the year ahead.

Eileen and I extend to each of you and your families a sincere wish of happiness and goodwill at this very special time of the year. May God bless each one of you throughout the Blessed Season, and all through the coming year.

Lloyd Richards  
National President, AOTS

## Coming Events 1992

B.C. Round Up  
 March 1  
 South Burnaby United

Alberta Round Up  
 March 8  
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 Calgary

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 April 3-4-5  
 YMCA Centre  
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Celebration of Faith  
 May 29-30-31  
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 Langley, B.C.



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## Our Purpose

Is to share inspiration in service in His name with all Christian Men regardless of where and under what Christian banner they gather.



## The Moderator's Corner

The Right Reverend Dr. Walter Farquharson, Moderator of the United Church of Canada, has since taking office, shown a marked interest in the men of the Church. Already he has attended one annual meeting of the AOTS National Council and has brought messages and participated in meetings of some clubs. John Carswell with the help of Rev. Del Johnstone has opened up the lines of communication with the moderator. These men have composed a letter headed "Greetings Brothers in Christ"(see letter



below) with the suggestion that it be a part of the Moderators answer when he queried on Men's work in our Church. His response to this idea lies in the following letter.

**Dear Del:**

*Thanks for your letter. I will as I travel, emphasize the need for men to take the opportunities available to deepen their faith and I will carry some copies of "Greetings Brothers in Christ", and from time to time promote men's work explicitly.*

*I do perceive a growing desire on the part of men to know true fellowship in the church and to meet with other men who seek a deepening spiritual awareness.*

*Thank you for writing. Blessings in your work - and all of the men in the Church*

*Yours in God's care and call,*

*Walter Farquharson*

## Greetings Brothers in Christ

We are representatives of the United Church Men

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The Handshake is free and it provides news of Men's Work and other activities all across Canada. It carries information on Rallies, Round Ups, Men's conventions and other happenings which involve men. The paper comes out with 3000 copies each printing which is 4 times a year. If you would like to start receiving a copy, please ask.

If you are wanting to start a group/club etc., and would like some help, we would be pleased to help any time.

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## A Successful Club Part VIII

by John Carswell



Club attendance and involvement is every ones responsibility. It is important that you attend the meetings, that you become involved by participation, to add to the numbers and the quality of the meeting.

Another area where it is important for your involvement is in helping to increase the numbers. This can be done by you inviting someone to join you at the next meeting. If they agree to come you should offer to pick them up and bring them to the meeting. If they would rather come on their own plan on meeting them when they arrive. and stay with them during the meeting. Make it a point to introduce them to many of the other members of the club and make them feel comfortable and at ease. If they enjoy the fellowship and all, they will likely return again. It is most important that you be cooperative and helpful with people, especially when they are new to the club.

This is an area where everyone can participate and if you fail to be active in this there is a real loss in involvement. Your cost to become involved is such a small amount in real terms. You are serving the Lord as you participate. Plan to be a participant.

John Carswell

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## Bibles n' Prayers

by  
Bill Hastings



### Good News!

This column in its search for Prayer Study Groups\* has with God's help found as suspected that the numbers are legion. Before we share yet another discovery, a friendly reminder that we want to hear from you. Our source once again is the B.C. Image which is a regional insert in the Observer.

*Since when has Bible Study in the church become Good News . well when people become excited about doing it, it becomes Good News.*

*Last summer Fern Sanson, who lives in McBride, asked me where she could get hold of some good, study material for adults wanting to learn more about the Bible. I suggested that she inquire of the United Church Bookstore in Edmonton. They sent her the "Whole People of God Adult Bible Study" packet.*

*After that Fern never looked back. All through this year, between eight and 12 women have been meeting in Fern's home on Wednesday morning. At first they were a "little frightened" she said, but the gatherings were not intended to argue about religion, rather to look carefully into the Bible, trying to determine " what is it saying to us to-day."*

*Looking back on the weekly experience since last Fall, Fern ( who certainly doesn't consider herself a biblical scholar) says it, was a very rewarding time." and would heartily recommend " the Whole People of God material to anyone thinking of starting a local study group.*

*There is Good News in many ways here not the least of which is the demonstration of what lay people can do in times of a clergy shortage.*

Jack Hooper

( Reprinted from Cariboo News)

\* For Prayer Study use Bible Study, etc.

# News From Across Canada

## Newfoundland



### Bert Butler Deceased

Bert was a very active member in Serving Jesus Christ. A member of the Botwood AOTS Club for 19 years where he served as President, Chairman of the Projects Committee, Treasurer of the Boys and Youth Committee and a member of the Club Cooking Committee.

In the early fall of 91 he may have left us physically, but the many rich memories will live on forever.. Well Done - A good and Faithful Servant.

Gordon Butt Reporting

## Ontario

Page 3 is usually reserved for Ontario News. This issue of the Handshake features, for our Ontario readers only, a two page Ontario Newsletter. Lots is happening there and we highlight some of their AOTS activities.

Hats off to the Harrow-Walden club whose youth group made 300 souvenir napkin holders for the Convention. They were made in a permanent workshop for the youth that this club set up. We salute Gwen Salter of Harrow United who crocheted 300 souvenir book mark crosses for the convention.

Another outstanding item comes from St Pauls of Oakville where our immediate past honorary



President, Sid Bagnall and his Taylor Place senior choir of 65 voices put on a concert at St. Pauls United Church. The proceeds were to

go to church debt reduction. There much more and we will tell you about it in subsequent issues.

## Sakatchewan From the Menu Vol.34 No.7

Imagine nearly 35 years of publication Congratulations St. Andrews of Moose Jaw. From their latest issue we learn: Of a Gang getting together to paint the Social Hall. Of a work party working on their designated cabin at Camp Capernaum. Of the Sick and Visiting committee visiting Bill Edwards and Jack Batty in Hospital.. Of a turn at Meals On Wheels come November.

Chuckwagon Dinner and Bake sale Oct.19. The Major fund raising event of the year.

Next meeting to take form of work party to help paint Social Hall. Starts at four with a pause for supper. Arm chair superintendents welcome.

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## Prince Edward Island



### Hall of Honour for Willard Proud

Willard Proud of P.E.I was supposed to be granted a life membership in AOTS at the National Convention in Windsor. His untimely death caused the award to be granted posthumously for only the second time ever. Known to the Handshake as the "Voice of the Maritimes" we feel we have lost a dear friend who was a great communicator. We have lost contact with his various helpers who gathered news for the Hadshake.Please step forward someone.





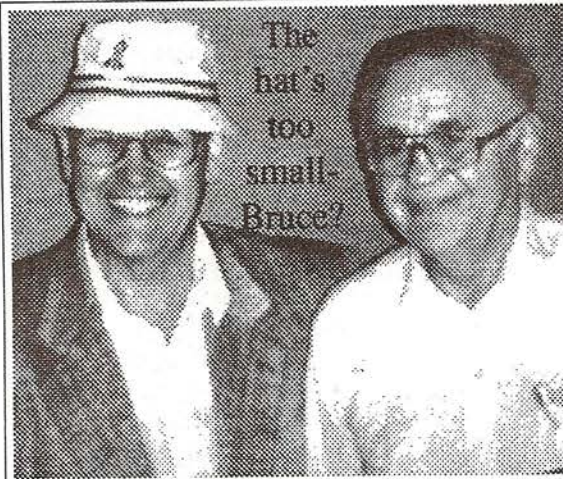
### Fellowship through 40 years

Our Provincial President Jack Shenton (above) has set the wheels in motion to revive a time honoured luncheon that dates back at least forty years.

Initiated by the Vancouver and District Council it marked the beginning of our Christmas Celebration honouring the birth of Jesus Christ. Last year saw a break in this winning streak but we look forward to a fresh start.

One custom that has survived down through years is the bringing of clothes for the less fortunate. These men are served by First United which is one of Vancouver's inter city mission churches.

We are looking forward to the singing, to worshipping, and to hearing from Bob Stewart our Provincial Archivist and Pastor of First United. Above all we look forward to the wonderful Christian Fellowship that always prevails when men of the church gather



"Not so!" says Bruce Sawyer right, when he presented the hat on behalf of the Boys of the "Upper Room" in Abbotsford B.C. "We knew your head would swell when you became President Elect of the National Association. We chose your regular size in anticipation that the swelling would go down.

\*The "Upper Room" is the upstairs dining room of a Pancake House. They meet every second Friday morning.

### AOTS Sunday

Oct. 20th was Laity Sunday in Duncan. It was wonderful to hear the 20 men choir sing the song entitled "Majesty". Other beautiful music was the solo by Brian Carter "Because all Men are Brothers". Members of the UCW and AOTS lead the worship service. The message "the Bridge and the Cross" was delivered by Don Morton in his usual exceptional fashion.

Other Key People were Club President Roy Laird who was the presider with Bob Waldy the reader.

Well done my Good and Faithful Servants  
**From the Church Bulletin.**

Both the AOTS and UCW have a fine tradition at Duncan United Church. The Duncan Club was chartered in 1951. The UCW formed in 1962 with the merger of the W.A. and the W.M.S which began in 1913.

In our denomination we have a horizontal view of ministry. All of us are members of the LAOS, which is a greek word that means "The whole people of God" and all of us has a ministry. By having Lay people lead worship services we are reminded that it is not just the ordained clergy who minister. The observance of this special Sunday began in 1942. At first only the Session and the AOTS conducted the service. Recently, the U.C.W. has moved into the leadership.

### The Hall of Honour



### Norm Carter of Duncan Life Member

"I am honoured and completely surprised", said one of B.C.'s most dedicated AOTS men. Norm Carter has served as B.C.'s National representative, as Provincial President. Always active in the Provincial and the Vancouver Island District Council where he also served as President. He was of course President of the Duncan Club. After serving in these positions of leadership Norm picked up where he started as a dedicated serving club member.



### The Charlie Burritt Fund

A self sustaining Scholarship fund from which 3 awards are made each year. Below we see John Carswell presenting a \$300 cheque to the Fund Chairman, Ernie Baird in memory of John's father who passed away recently.



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**Dr. Peter Newberry Reports.**

Dr. Newberry has replied to queries made on your behalf by the Handshake. I am sure you will agree, the getting down to a personal basis, as far as fund distribution goes, makes the whole thing worthwhile.

Dear Fellows,

The AOTS did indeed contribute money towards the equipment for our Ophthalmic Clinic.(see image across) Your group will be happy to know we now have an ophthalmologist working

with us, based in Hazelton but covering a major portion of the northwest. The equipment he uses varies depending upon the clinic he is working from, but the equipment bought by AOTS is based here in Hazelton and is used on a regular basis. In addition this ophthalmologist is now able to carry out cataract surgery among other things, for which the equipment you helped supply is invaluable.

### Grants

One has been made using your funds to a young man who has been doing some volunteer health work in the Community of Hazelton and now has gone on to further his studies at the University level. The grant was used to assist him to register for his program and make his move to his new community.

In addition, the sum of \$1,000.00 has been forwarded to a medical student and his family, who has begun the third year of medical training at the University of British Columbia. This man came to medicine rather late in life, and is a resident of the Kispiox Valley near Hazelton. We felt it particularly appropriate that he be supported at this point. He intends to return to work with the United Church Health services wherever he is needed.

In addition funds have been provided to support administrative staff in Newfoundland in making a transition from administration of an acute care hospital to an extended care facility. (Baie Verte) The Newfoundland government has no funds available to provide for this additional extended training. and it is particularly appropriate that the church be involved in assisting in this development of responsibility and skill.

### National Support Sought

On Sunday, Sept 22nd the 25 member AOTS club of Grace United Church, Sarnia Ontario passed the following two motions:

1. That the AOTS support the women of Canada in their campaign to stop violence against women.
2. That we seek the support of the National AOTS for the above motion.

*It was agreed unanimously that all that is required for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing*

Thus far the campaign to stop violence against women has been almost exclusively a feminist issue. But it is not, men are responsible for the violence against women. Isn't it time that we began to practice our new creed so that women know that they are not alone? They (and we) love in God's world.

Ken Plumley

Secretary-Treasurer

Grace U.C. AOTS

### Concrete Suggestions

1. Zero tolerance of sexist jokes and anti-feminine remarks in our organization.
2. Zero tolerance of Pornography in our organization
3. Encouragement of the participation of women in the work place.
4. Encourage recognition of the significant role in society of the stay at home mother
5. Encourage recognition of the significant role in society of the farm wife.
6. Encourage the use of joint bank accounts for husband and wife.

### How about this?

In the case of wife battering, the present situation requires the wife and children to seek shelter in a special community run home.

Why should not the batterer be required to leave the family home so that the wife and children would have continued adequate shelter?







**New Executive Meets\***

The First National Meeting since the National Convention took place in Burlington ,Saturday Oct. 26. New members attending were Ed Edwards Finance Committee Chairman, Ernie Orpin, National Treasurer, and Ron Welsh Bay of Quinte Conference Rep. Vice Presidents , Craig Watson(Central) and Wally Shoults (Western) were also present.. Ken Lane will pick up the filing cabinets etc. from Al Smith thereby completing the transfer of "goods and chattels" and becoming officially the Executive Director.  
Howard Wills Reporting

\* Ordinarily the Handshake would contain reports from several areas of Canada but due to the change of office mentioned above the minutes of the executive meeting are not available. Full report next time.



**Craig Watson Reports**

We have been very busy in the Central region. Betty and I attended Toronto Conference Rally, Ladies Night at Wilmar Heights Toronto, and are leaving this evening for Chatham to speak to the Tri County Rally and share in a Laity service on Sunday at Harrow. Our recent Bellville Presbytery RoundUp was held at Port Hope a week ago Saturday with 90 men in attendance. What a great night of AOTS. We have had two meetings planning the Ontario Round Up for April /92. at Geneva Park. You notice we have lined up a very special programme which

should be of interest to both young and old.

"Let there be Peace on Earth, and let it begin with me. "

Craig Watson reporting  
AOTS Central Vice President

**Sharing Workshops**



How often have you come out of a workshop with a need to share?Here's your chance to share a workshop from Convention 91 conducted

by Rev. Allan Barnes. Although abridged the main theme is there under the title:

**Claiming your Inheritance**

*The Holy Spirit*

When the apostle Paul came to Ephesus he met a group of disciples. Sensing something missing he asked, " Did you receive the holy spirit when you believed?"(Acts 19:2.) He discovered two things: they didn't know about the holy spirit or the Person of Jesus Christ.

*Jesus is the Key*

to knowing the Holy Spirit and entering into the spirit filled life. The Holy Spirit is known in the Old Testament but never given in His fullness until Pentecost. First there must be a model of the Spirit-filled life. The model is Jesus.

*Jesus Promised*

this same spirit to his disciples. On the day of the Pentecost the promise was fulfilled. Peter said the promise of the spirit was for all- Jew and Gentile alike.

*How do we receive our inheritance?*

It begins with the confession of sin and the acceptance of Jesus as Saviour and Lord. By this we are born anew through the now indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. Many stop here. The spirit is resident, but not President!

*We need to take the next step.*

Surrender the self to Jesus and ask him to baptize us in the Holy Spirit Luke 11:13- Matthew 3:11: Acts 1:5) Having asked, in faith, believe He has come. Thank Jesus for the first instalment of your inheritance, the gift of eternal life (See Ephesians 1:13,14)

Geneva Park

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**Banff  
Conference  
Oct  
18,19,20  
1991**

**A Great Conference**

Chaired by Bill Cumming(above) and Jim George, it was a most successful weekend retreat. Bob Bagshaw led the singing, accompanied by his daughter Jennifer. The singing was most inspiring and helped to set the pace for the theme speaker, Rev George Morrison,



**Theme Presentations**

George who with his 3 theme speeches, spoke on the topic of "Adventure In Discipleship". With an attendance of just over 300 the meeting was held in the Max Bell Theatre instead of the Eric Harvey which has a capacity of 900.

**Discussion Groups**

The discussion groups were exhilarating and good even if a person did not wish to participate in the discussion but rather just sit back and listen. In most cases the discussion groups followed the theme set out by Reverend George. There appeared to be a great deal of opinions expressed when it came to the subject of tolerance.

**Workshops**

A total of 17 workshops were set up covering almost every topic on which the men would like to be enlightened. Dr. Clinton Mooney chaired the session of "Living Faith Daily", Rev. Aubery Edworthy spoke on "Bible Stewardship", John Carswell conducted a workshop on "Prayer and How God Reacts" and Ray Witt held a lively discussion on "Men's Fellowship" to mention but a few.

**Communion Service**



Was conducted by Reverend Andy Owen with Harry Vogel's (left) able assistance. There were between 30 and 40 members in the choir on Sunday Morning and they sang most beautifully under the leadership of Bob Bagshaw. This service was quite sacred and real brotherhood was appreciated.

**Leadership**

Bill Cumming ,general chairman, kept the program on track with the assistance of his co-chairman Jim George who kept the conference up to date with announcements as to conference activities chairman

**Other Activities**

A group of AOTS men met also with others who were interested in discussing the needs and wants of men. It was a very good meeting, chaired by Alberta President Max Vander Brink(L), who introduced President Elect



Jack Shaw(R) from Milk River. Jack gave an enthusiastic report which caused much discussion and many opinions were expressed. The AOTS in Alberta appears to be alive and healthy. It will be in good hands under the Leadership of Jack Shaw. Western Canada's Vice President of AOTS, Wally Shoults, expressed his desires on how Western Canada should be represented. Honourary National President Al Diston(L) from Regina was also heard from.. President Elect John Carswell was in attendance at this meeting.



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**Next Year**

In the tradition of the Banff Conference , next years committee ,out of Medicine Hat Alberta, was standing at the ready complete with brochures and registration forms . Not only is this committee off and running but their successors for 1993 are on board. The 1993 committee will be out of Regina Saskatchewan and in 1994 those in charge will be from Northern British Columbia



centered around Prince George. Mr. Banff, Fred Holberton, is stepping down as President of the Banff Foundation. Due to careful planning ,his successor has things well

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**Threat To  
Unity  
Part III  
Rev Ray  
Sadler  
(Conclusion)**

Having said all that, what do you suppose St. Paul might have to say to us to-day, in the midst of our own particular turmoil? I have a suspicion that he would begin by congratulating the United Church of Canada on its proud history of faithfulness and service, and commitment to the issue of justice and truth, and as we celebrate our 65th year we should rejoice in what we have been and in what we are!

But then perhaps St. Paul would also want to go with our pain. And what would he say to us. I think the clue is found in the same letter to the Romans, the 14th Chapter, where all of Paul's words are cast in the "mould of grace"... grounded in "love" and not law of rigid stances.. And there he warns against judgmental attitudes... against "name calling" ... against any kind of judgmental haughtiness to ridicule or contempt in trying to score points for either side. He

would remind us, too, that we ought never to assume that any one of us has the whole handle on the truth. And, he would point out that when judging others, we must also judge ourselves- with all our shortcomings and in all our sin. And his over-riding advice to the Romans - even with all their differences, even with all the heated debate- is not to "jump ship and run", but to stay put and work out the differences in love. True this is an agonizing proposition for some! But then real love always involves heartaches and pain and struggle... real love is seldom clear sailing all through the journey.

There are faithful members of the United Church of Canada, who were waiting for this year's Council, and depending upon the results, have threatened to leave our fellowship over the current sexuality debate on what they feel are sound moral grounds. I stand with them in many of their concerns. However, I have no intention of leaving the church, but plan to remain within... speaking the truth of God helps me to see it ... certainly being open and welcoming to all people... trying to listen and to understand... and seeking to be a

faithful disciple of Jesus Christ ever when there is bound to be controversy.

I hope that those of you who have your own doubts will likewise stay with the United Church, recognizing that on both sides we are faithful men and women struggling for the truth. Let us walk with one another, and listen to one another, and work with one another, in the sure hope that Christ will show us the right ... in the sure hope that the Holy Spirit is in control, and that God Himself will have the final say. For as Paul concludes, in the end "all of us will stand before God to be judged by him."

Bishop Handley puts it so clearly:

*"How many a church controversy, now as then, would quickly die, Leaving room for a living truth, if the disputants could only gravitate to their always most beloved theme, to the praises and glories of their redeeming Lord Himself! It is at his feet, and in his arms, that we understand both his truth, and the thoughts, rightful or mistaken, of our brothers and sisters."*

**So may it be with us ! Amen.**

**Just One More Thing!**

The Handshake hopes that you have felt the spirit of the Lord within the real Christian service and witness that we have brought to you on every page. Won't you join with your brothers and offer them support by writing to us. Express your views about this feeling we have, as we reach out to more and more men. Join with us in supporting the United Church Hospitals . Join with us in our many retreats, our fellowships, our clubs our prayer study groups. Join with us in our mission to recruit men. You need us and we need you, under the leadership of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I searched for God  
But God eluded me  
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## Ontario Holds Fort For National Association



The above picture was taken at the last meeting of the 1989 National AOTS Executive. The date was June 22/91 and the place, the Probation Board Office of Ken Lane, Burlington ,Ont.. Standing left to right: Keith Arner; Craig Watson; Allan Smith; Herb Parker(Convention Chairman); Bob Lewis; Lloyd Richards; Ken Lane and Maurice Wright. Seated, left to right Tom Ferguson; Bob Brewster; Layton Stewart and Lloyd Clark. Absent: Reg Cooper, Keith MacFayden and Howard Wills. Lloyd Clark Reporting.

### Its Lonely at the Top

Ontario you can be proud of the gentlemen named above. They are representative of Ontario men who have carried the executive load since 1962 when the National Headquarters was moved to Toronto from Vancouver. Logistics dictated this centralization of the movement to be near men's work staff and the United Church headquarters.

Tom Ferguson sitting front row left, then the Eastern Vice President is representative of the rotational presence of executive members from across Canada. All of the Executive and the Standing Committee Chairmen attend the National Council Annual Meetings. Each member of the executive and the Committee Chairman is expected to send in a written report to each of the four meetings.

The Handshake will maintain the lines of communication between National and the general membership of AOTS.

### Pork and Beef Barbecue-South Chatham Ont.



On Sunday afternoon, June 23/91, the South Chatham Tp. AOTS Men's Club held its annual pork and beef barbeque with all the trimmings. The patrons are County wide. This AOTS Club is made up of men from the three point charge of Chalmers, French's's and Lindsay Rd. United Churches, located between Dresden and Chatham. The benefits of the occasion were three point as well: 1. a beautiful day in the country; 2. a delectable meal and 3. an enjoyable, revitalizing fellowship of servers and diners. The AOTS members from left to right: Bruce Reissner(Pres.); Carl Reissner; Clayton Shaw; Bill McFadden; George Dunlop and Steve Erniel. Lloyd Clark Reporting





**August Barbeque at Don Mills**

Above we see President Bob Gardner and his wife Eugene at the Don Mills Club's Barbecue. A well attended affair supported by the members and families of Don Mills United. Some guests: Dickie & Michael Johnson from New York, President Elect John Carswell, and Toronto Conference President Bob Brewster. John was in Toronto on a business trip.



**Conference Rally**

The 1991 Toronto Conference AOTS Fall Rally was held on Friday Oct.25 at Bob Brewster Kingston Road United Church..62 AOTS Members from Toronto Conference enjoyed a superb meal arranged by the Kingston Road AOTS. Don Mills AOTS looked after the program.



Ernie Orpin National Treasurer

Lorne Taylor-Walsh, the retired Executive Secretary of the Toronto Conference was the theme speaker. His Theme "Covenants" Craig Watson, National AOTS Central Vice-

President and his wife Betty stopped by on their way to the National Executive Meeting. Other National officers present were Ernie Orpin(above), and Howard Wills Hamiton Conference Rep. David Allen Toronto Conference Minister responsible for Men's Work brought greetings from the Toronto Conference and spoke about Men's work in General.

Bob Brewster Reporting Toronto Conference AOTS President

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**Thanks**

*Mae Wolfrain 1926-91:Thanks for your support, men, during my wife's illness and since her death on October 6. Believe me it is very much appreciated.*

**Reports**

A good Toronto Conference rally. Choice of Friday Night not too suitable to Bellfair Club.

That the travelling Ivan Pike has travelled to China, and Italy complete with a video camera. Guess who was their speaker on the Nov.11 meeting.

That Annual Bazaar finds the club selling Maple Syrup and Giant colouring books.

That there are no plans for club to go as a group to Fudger House in December. Suggest individual volunteers to help residents with Bingo etc. \$25.00 donation to ladies to help pay for food and prizes.

That the final invoice for \$,279.76. for the PA system is in. Harry Nesbitt donating \$1.000. Club to pick up remaining \$1279.76. Come prepared to approve motion for payment at next meeting. Need \$200.00 for lapel microphone.

**Postings Club Bulletin Board.**

- List of New National Officers
- Resource
- Bibliography from National Spiritual Life Committee

**Editorial :Masculinity**

Do you have a best friend? Al Maclean is mine and there's nothing we didn't talk about, argue over, or commiserate with each other. But we respected each other and truly enjoyed being together. Now that he has gone I am truly recognizing how much his friendship meant to me. I am told that most men do not have best friends which may account for what comes next.

When the feminist movement got underway women began to realize how much they needed each other and I believe the world is a better place because of the changes that have happened. Lately I have seen articles in the media saying that males are finding they can no longer take their masculinity for granted and need to be able to share with other men to find out what it means to be a man in the 1990's. The Macho male isn't in now.

The Churches should have a real role to play here but the type of of fellowship offered in our club's rather socially oriented program may not satisfy everyone's needs. Look at Bellefair's other men's group "Break the Silence". I hate to admit knowing very little about their weekly program but its filling a need. The very fact that our congregation is flexible enough to allow two men's groups speaks well for Bellfair.

The AOTS program, if properly followed, provides for all men but so often we as individuals, see only a narrow view of the picture.

Harry Wolfrain

**Choir Entertains**



On Friday Oct 18, the Taylor Place Choir consisting of 50 to 60 Seniors singing in concert at St. Paul's, Oakville.

Sid Bagnall(left) led the ensemble and all present (between 180 and 200 persons) were treated to a most enjoyable evening. There were five soloists and a sing-along after the intermission. The tickets were \$6.00 per person. This choir performed in Stirling last fall. It has appeared in the Roy Thompson Hall in Toronto.

Howard Wills Reporting