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As One That Serves

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## The 18th Biennial National AOTS Convention

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Aug 13-14-15

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WESTERN  
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AOTS  
70 Years  
Young

### Theme Speaker

Meet the Reverend Michael Ward who is serving at Central United in Downtown Calgary. He has been at this church for 12 years and he leads by example. Michael, as he likes to be called, has dedicated his life to God and to leading and teaching people.



His love for the world appears unending. Yes, he is a warrior, a trouper, and will help you find your goal that is achievable. Michael meets everyone half way, where the rubber hits the road.

Come and hear his words of wisdom as he lays out the path during these troubled times. Yes come and join us at the 18th Biennial Convention and our 70th Birthday Party.



### President's Report

My how time flies, here it is time to start planning the fall and winter meetings and activities for the coming year. I hope everyone had a safe and happy summer vacation. To some it has not been a happy one, due to some of the petitions passed by their respective Conferences.

#### "Time to join together"

At the time of this writing, General Council has not yet met, so we have no idea what will happen there. To me, I believe it is time for all United Church men, to join together, so that we may have a much stronger voice in the Church, Yes there are some changes happening between the AOTS and the United Church, but

they are slow. I am sure if we can get a stronger men's voice, across Canada things will happen much faster, with God's help.

#### Time for Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the United Church of Canada AOTS Men's Club will be held in North Bay, hosted by the St. Andrew's club, Oct 23, 24 and 25th. This is the time when the National Council comes together to plan for the coming year.

#### Time For Planning

It is also time to start planning for 1993 summer vacation, in order to include your attendance at the 18th Biennial National AOTS Convention at Trinity Western University in Langley, B.C. August 13th 14th and 15th. Men don't forget, your wives and family are also invited. This is your chance as AOTS members to have your say on what path AOTS should take.

#### Time for Elections

The Convention is also time to elect members of the 1993-94 Council. All positions except the President Elect and the executive Director are open for nominations. The nomination forms will be out shortly (if not already). Please give this your utmost consideration. Wouldn't it be great to have at least two names for every office? Anyone wishing and willing to let your name stand for office, please make your thoughts known to members of your local club or any council member.

#### Time for Work

Someone once asked me if there is much work and time involved as a member of council? My answer is "The amount of work as in any office is the amount of time and effort it takes is only what you yourself are willing to give". May God Bless, as we plan for the coming year.

President Lloyd Richards Reporting

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## St. Andrews of Rossland\*

This AOTS meets for dinner meetings on the third Monday of each Months at 6:00 P.M., hosted by the various units of the UCW.

### Projects

On April 25th, 1992 the Club concluded yet another successful Spring Smorgasbord for the community. This annual event, together with a Fall Supper, are the main fund raising events of the 15 to 20 members of the Rossland Club. With the Kootenay Regional Presbytery meeting in Rossland this spring there was yet another opportunity for the AOTS to host supper for those in attendance.

### Fund Distribution

In the recent past funds raised have been used: toward the purchase of new windows for the Church Sanctuary and Annex; assisting in the purchase of a TV/VCR unit for the church; support of a local grade school swimming programmes; as well as contributing to local volunteer organizations. In addition, the members contribute their time and talents to diverse repair and upkeep projects and to a Church Garage sale which will hopefully become an annual event.

### Social Functions

Includes a Ladies Night at the regular meeting in February. For this meeting the men provide the dinner and there are games and entertainment for all. Together with the men's club of Trail there is an Annual Steak Fry in June and a curling bonspiel. Yes they do have summer Bonspiels.

Frank Fowler Sec. Reporting(right)



\*Rossland is a small town in the South East

corner of B.C. just a whoop and a holler from the Canadian American border. With a population of 3472 It is sometimes referred to the as the bedroom of Trail but realistically its work base is dependant on the smelter at Trail. Times have been tough. As Cominco goes, so goes the fortunes of Trail and Rossland.

## From the Duncan

**Minutes:** Support for Citizen's United for Safety and Justice \$200.00. For Denali 91-Mike Taylor. \$300.00. For Stewards 700.00.

### Projects Committee

Garage Sale \$1533.00 Pancake Brunch \$411.00. Nuts \$328.00

Erratum The Handshake apologizes to Wilson Billingsley for blowing the report on the number of boxes of nuts he sold. He individually sold 180 boxes. We still dub him "King of the Nut Salesmen" and promise to run his photograph as soon as we get a suitable one. Again "Sorry" Wilson.

### Spring tea has a visit from friend

*A special visitor welcomed to the 38th Annual spring tea of the Duncan AOTS club on Saturday May 16.*

*Mrs Nixon, who is in her 95th year, had attended every one of the men's teas since they were started in 1945. She was Mable Flett, the oldest living member of the pioneer Flett family of the Maple Bay area.*

*She moved to Nanaimo a few years ago to live with a niece, but makes a point of coming down to the tea to meet old friends. Keith Bennet, general chairman drew attention to her [presence when he was speaking of the official opening.*

The newspaper item went on to report on the cooperation between AOTS and the other organizations of the Church. It reported a cooked food stall, a variety of plants for sale, and a display of arts and crafts.

*Reg Brownley headed the baking stall; Fred Brown the kitchen staff; Bill Powell was head waiter with a corps of correctly attired waiters; Des Morris and Art Mann were the clean up crew.*

*Altogether some 35 men were involved. Socially it was very successful and financially described by the chairman as most satisfactory. (\$ 400.)*

From The Citizen  
Duncan, B.C.,  
Don Morton Reporting



## Celebration of Faith throws in with 18th Biennial



While reporting on a most successful 39th Celebration of Faith, Coordinator Bill Pike announced that besides using the same sight the 40th Celebration would be part and parcel of the 18th Biennial National Convention.

This years Celebration of Faith, although holding at 45 attenders saw within its celebrants at least eight new faces. We never cease to be amazed that each time we gather we go into greater depths of sharing, prayer, singing and an all around aura of Christian fellowship so precious it is impossible to describe.



We were inspired by yet another outstanding theme speaker the Rev. Norm Peterrsson who challenged us to overcome our "individual Dragons."

Well done Reverend Norm.

You All Come Now  
Lets Celebrate  
In Prayer and Song and Thought  
at the 18th AOTS Convention  
on  
August 13-14-15 1993  
at  
Langley, B.C.

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## From South Burnaby's Minutes

### South Burnaby is for the Birds?

May meeting saw an in house workshop in the figurative sense. With the kids present, there was a cooperative effort with the adults to build bird houses. If the noise factor is related to the production factor then the project was a huge success. It is hoped that the birds appreciated the effort put into their new homes.

Dealing in pounds sterling the steering committee recommend 200 pounds be allocated to deliver a computer to Samuel Kabui. Passed

Plans were discussed for a garage sale for Sat. June 13.

A year end picnic (rain or shine) is planned for Saturday June 13th Sorry "Dear Out of Province Reader" but that was in the middle of near drought conditions here in B.C., and sunshine was the order of the day.

Disbursements up to the Spring of 92 totalling \$1700.00. By years end in December it is expected that up to 27 deserving causes and institutions will be supported with a total budget of near \$13,000.00 as was the case in the last fiscal year.

Yosh Yasunata Secretary  
South Burnaby United Club

## Then and Now

### Vancouver Island 1956-1992

On May 27, 92 The Duncan Club represented by Bob Waldey, Norm Carter, Fred Brown and Alf Lloyd took the Travelling Gavel down to the Centennial United Club in Victoria.

Don Morton conducted the Devotional during which he brought to light a quotation dating back to an AOTS address at Duncan in 1956. The occasion was the the installation of Officers, the installation officer was Dr. Harry Grant\* and he said in his after dinner speech " *There is no economic, financial, or social prestige to be gained from joining AOTS; but it offers more opportunity for giving, with less chance of getting*

*any tangible return, than any other group.*" \* Harry was a Founding Member of AOTS.

### Historical Background

Men's service groups of all types and descriptions were booming including AOTS in 1956. Our service record was second to none but being of a Christ centered nature there was indeed none of the social amenities as outlined in the quote. However, as AOTS evolved into a Christian service club there also evolved a driving force within its membership that was wonderful in itself.

Not too far along this path we were to discover the wonderful rewards, the fuel if you will, that made it all worthwhile. As we went along through this busy but chosen route we started to share. We shared with counsel we shared in prayers, we sat at the feet of the finest of theological minds lay and clergy but the biggest plus of all was our growth in Christ " *both in body and in wisdom, gaining favour with God and man.*"

## Saskatchewan

### Regina Men's Rally

On April 10, 1992 United Church Men of Regina and Moose Jaw met for their annual rally. It was held in Westminster United Church with the "Cross Town AOTS" as hosts. There were 110 men in attendance. The Honourable Frederick Johnson, former Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, was the main speaker. He chose as his topic; "An Agenda for the 21st Century". Wally Shoults of Calgary, Western Vice President of AOTS, was in attendance and brought greetings from National AOTS as well as leading in the devotional.

A sad note was cast over the Rally when it was announced that a long time AOTS member, Donald (Duke) Day\* had died suddenly that afternoon. Duke had worked on the planning of the Rally and was to have been at the door collecting tickets. Being one that had served right to the end, Duke and his wife Hazel were delivering Meals on Wheels when he

was stricken and died beside the car. The capacity crowd that gathered a few days later for a memorial service told of the high esteem in which Duke was held by his many friends.

This rally has been held regularly for many years and while it is still organized by AOTS people it draws men from United Church Men's clubs and many individuals who are not affiliated with any men's group. Ben Peterson from St. Andrews Moose Jaw extended an invitation to the group to come to that church for the 1993 Rally.

Ross Evans

Saskatchewan AOTS President Reporting.

\* The Editor of the Handshake would like to pay a personal tribute to Duke. For many years in the 70's and 80's Duke was the Saskatchewan presence on the National Council while he served as the Saskatchewan President of AOTS. It was an honour to share with him our Christian devotion to service in His name at Annual Meetings and Conventions. It was also an honour to call him "friend."

## From The Menu

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The St. Andrews club reports, in what has to be the longest running AOTS publication since the days of the old B.C. Handshake, some good happenings. First a most successful garage sale the proceeds of which they shared with the general fund of the Church to the tune of \$250.00. Second they held their annual Camp Capernum work parties wherein they spruced up their cabin there. And finally they supported each camper from their church to the amount of \$25.00.

Harry Dow

Publisher Editor

The Menu

We're Celebrating?

Our Faith

Our 70th Birthday

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# Scenes and Stories from the Ontario Round Up 92

## The Boys From Manitou Plus One



The image left taken from a photo supplied by Lloyd Richards shows from Left to Right- Charlie Martindale, Lloyd Richards National President, Gil Reashore and John Thompson. Lloyd was meeting with these men from Manitou Conference at Ont Round Up 92 to set up the Annual Meeting of National at White River Ont. on Oct 24th 1992. Charlie has a long history of AOTS service and has been a faithful attender at Ontario Round Ups. Gil Reashore is the present National Spiritual Life Chairman ( see a sample of the devotions his committee has made available to all AOTS on Page 10) and John Thompson, Mr. AOTS of Northern Ontario is the Manitou Conference AOTS President and has been for 30 years? Has it really been that long John ?

## Attendance Award

The image on the right shows Craig Watson, Central Vice President and Chairman of Ontario Round Up planning committee presenting the attendance award to Prescott Sterling AOTS Men's Club. Sterling had 21 of its 27 members in attendance. Well done Sterling.

Champions Declared: The Handshake hereby declares you the champs, Sterling. Can any other group claim a 77% attendance at such a gathering.

You will have to take our word for it but that is Larry Wilson, Bay of Quinty Conference President, beaming his approval from the platform. Not shown on this page are several other just great shots of Round Up activities. The Handshake has filed them in its archives and will make them available at the National Convention and next year's Ontario Round Up.



## Worship with Song

What has become one of the most popular time of fellowship at the Ontario Round up is the late snack time Song Fest .The leaders here are Craig and Betty Watson seen on the left. Craig and Betty and their son Jim lead the sing- a - longs throughout the weekend.

**The Highlight of the weekend** was the singing of Gail Elliot Ross.(right) A blind entertainer who carries the message of God through the songs of God. Gail was on the program three different times on Saturday and everyone enjoyed her great music.



**Convention 93 - Langley, B.C. August 13-14-15**



## Harrow Malden

**New AOTS Executive-**When a club makes the local paper complete with a group picture of the newly elected executive then it deserves mention. In this case it was a photograph of the Harrow-Malden AOTS Club. Unfortunately the image, thanks to duplication, is recognizable but not suitable for reproduction. We can however reproduce the article as taken from the Harrow News.

The new Executive of the Harrow Malden United Church AOTS Men's Club was installed at a meeting on Jan 8 1982.

Gene Perry Tri County President of AOTS, and Lloyd Richards, National President, conducted the installation services. Twenty-seven of the club's twenty-nine members were present, along with Reverend Don Mannell.

Past President Keith Arner joins President John McKinley, 1st Vice President Laurence Bridgen, Treasurer Bob Templeton and Secretary Russ Brown on the new Executive Committee.

## Over a ton of Christmas cakes!

At this time the Harrow Malden AOTS Men's Club wishes to thank all the people who volunteered to sell the Claxton "Old Fashioned" Fruit cakes for us. Max Calhoun who along with Laurence Bridges organized the fund raising event, especially would like to thank the folks in our local banks and the business people for their help.

Without all of your support this annual Christmas Cake project would not be successful. In 1985 when the project began we sold 765 pounds. This year we sold 3537 pounds.

**Thank you!**

say Max and Laurence  
For the Harrow Malden Club

## Wecome to AOTS "Comber"



The Scene above has Gene Perry the Tri County AOTS President installing 15 Charter members of the Comber AOTS Club, in March of 92. An official Welcome come to the AOTS ranks and the pages of the Handshake. In the scene below the new Comber President Wm. McClounie (center) has the support of Keith Arner London Conference Pres. and Gene Perry Pres. Tri County Tri County Council on the left and on his immediate right our National President Lloyd Richards. On the far right is Ken Lane National Executive Director of AOTS.



## Calling all AOTS Torontonians

You are called to a Rally at Belfair United Church on October 5 1992. The gourmet chefs and programmers will be supplied by Bellefair AOTS.

### Play Ball !

A Blue Jay's Interlude was enjoyed by over 120 members of Belfair. Organized by President Ed Cooper. Another such trip was planned for June.

### Attention Computer Aficiandos

The North American Church Computer Network is off and running. The United Church of Canada is now a member and queries can be made through UCHUG which in english means the United Church Computer Network. We have a report from Bob Brewster of solving a theological query in a matter of minutes and at minimal costs. What an adjunct this could be for the minister of your church or for that matter any church member. Full information is available from Church Headquarters.(UCHUG Our own Bob Brewster is a willing informant but beware ask for the short course.

The Toronto Conference of AOTS allotted \$50.00 to registrations of any executive members or youths of any club attending the Ontario Round Up.

**Again its October 2nd for the AOTS Toronto Conference Rally**

**Celebrating Our 70th Anniversary at Langley B.C.  
18th National Convention August 13-14-15 1993**



## Hospital Project



**Dr. Peter Reports.**

In this issue Dr. Peter tells us about the United Church Health services in Stewart B.C. plus Hazelton, Bella Bella, and Bella Coola.

**Stewart:** We have withdrawn as well from the Community of Stewart in North-western British Columbia, where the community once again was able to develop its own funding arrangements. The physicians presently working in Stewart on a permanent basis were physicians recruited through the United Church, and our efforts, and this is the hoped result from the recruiting we have done, namely that physicians will be prepared to stay and continue with the community operating its medical services under its own auspices.

### Hazelton-Bella Bella and Bella Coola

Medical services in these three communities continue to do reasonably well being fully staffed, with well qualified physicians at this point. We continue to badly need physicians on a relatively on-going basis, so if any of our readers are physicians feel a call to serve with the church in one of these locations, I would appreciate their getting in touch with me.

These excerpts are brought to our readers to better acquaint them with how the United Church Medical Services operate. You should be surprised with the information above wherein they work toward making a community self sufficient, and leaving it well manned. You help in a small way with your support of the Hospital Fund. **Thanks Clubs and Guys.**

Next issue we describe an innovative program called "Roistered Group Practice"



## London Conference Reports

AOTS is flowing like a river with great activity in London Conference. It would appear that meeting with each presbytery, getting to know the active church people (the movers and shakers) is an effective way of promotion. I have attended each Presbytery meeting in London Conference and also arranged and made an AOTS presentation at the annual meetings with 600 plus in attendance. A letter and questionnaire has been sent out to every non AOTS men's club in the Conference. This has generated requests for visits and information from lay men and the clergy resulting in the following

**London Conference AOTS promotion and contacts Jan 1-92 to April 30-92.**

27 Contacts including a one day rally for Huron-Perth Presbytery Men

3200 Kilometres travelled

**1 new club formed**

**5 churches very interested**

There is no questioning the fact that we must "Promote AOTS" with the clergy and laymen with a well prepared message and factual information.

The next requirement is funding, if only to cover travel costs, accommodation is often supplied by the church requesting the visit.

About a year ago the National Executive considered allocating a greater portion of the budget to "filed Co-ordinators". It is hereby recommended that further consideration be given to putting men into the field having broad AOTS experience, a burning motivation and travel cost paid. Now is the time for AOTS men to stand tall for their church and make their voices heard.

In His service

Keith Arner  
London Conference President  
Reporting



## Observer on Tape Workers Honoured

Certificates of "Enthusiastic Support" were presented by Janice Waud Loper, promotion Manager of the United Church Observer to members of Queens St. AOTS. These men with the help of their spouses provide Observer-on-Tape to about 300 people each month. G. Allan Smith of the AOTS National Executive and Mrs. Smith travelled from Toronto for the occasion.

Alta McLean, the "voice" of The Observer-on-Tape was recognized for her essential part in this ministry which Queen St. AOTS has provided since July 1985 since it took it over from another club. Armando Del Gobbo, (above right) chairman of the project, thanked Ms. Waud Loper (above left) and presented her with a Memento of Kingston.

The service is free and available on request to:

AOTS  
Queens St United  
P.O. Bag 5117  
Kingston Ont.  
K7L 5P4

Submitted by  
Jan Tompkins,  
Secretary

## May I Help You



That's Ken Lane our National Executive Secretary standing on the right, ready to sell or hand out various AOTS sundries and supplies. Both he and Sid Bagnall, in the background, were attending the Ontario Round Up. Ken stands ready to supply you with brochures, AOTS pins, stationery and much more. Write him for a catalogue and other information at:

44 Paris Drive  
Elliot Lake Ont.  
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**Harry Colnett Scholarships**

**The Winners Reply With Thanks**

Our first reply is from a young lady who calls Sidney, B.C. home.

Were a Christian background a criteria for winning Julia Rodgers



would have won hands down. A dedicated youth worker in her home church is only one of her Christian traits. To quote the following excerpts from her letter of thanks is to tell it all. "Receiving the Colnett Scholarship encouraged me to pursue the goal of helping to alleviate world poverty and hunger through my studies and my career. And "I hope to do further studies in sustainable development and to work in international agriculture." I hope to do this work as a missionary with a christian missionary organization." "I will only add my repeated thanks and wish God's blessings on you and your work with AOTS" Men's Clubs  
Yours truly  
Julia Rogers



**From Julie of Ste. Anne de Bellevue Quebec**

I wish to express my gratitude and most sincere thanks to the members of your committee. My apologies for the delay but it took me awhile to get pictures taken and developed after I found that there is no photographer in the small town that I live in."

"As I mentioned in my letter of application, my interest for the world food problem has never been more alive than since I have registered for a bachelor degree in agricultural science."

During the winter of 1982-83, I participated in a Quebec-Ontario student exchange program that brought me to Chatham, Ontario, for a three month study period in English immersion. In 1985-86, I got involved with Canada World Youth as a participant in the Alberta-India exchange program. I worked as a volunteer for the city of Edson during a three month stay in Alberta, and as a construction worker for the same length of time in Mannadokonam, Kerala, India.

My plans for the summer are well under way and I have recruited a student friend to come to Indonesia with me for a similar three month volunteer work experience in collaboration with Indonesian university professors and researchers. I hope that this learning experience will better prepare me for the conduct of the experimental portion of my Masters degree which will hopefully take place in their country. My master's degree will deal with the problem of limited phosphorous availability in soils of the humid tropics.

In closing' I want to reiterate my warmest thanks to all the scholarship committee for awarding me the Harry Colnett Scholarship.

My most sincere thanks again  
Julie Roy

**Donations**

Thanks to those listed below for their financial help and for the many words of encouragement. A special word of thanks to those of you who keep the news items coming.

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**Coming Events Stanhopes Men's Conference Sept 13-14-15- 1992**

**Cape Breton Men's Conference Oct. 1992**

**Loone Bay Men's Conference Oct 1992**

**B.C. Men's Christmas Celebration December 1992**

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# Across Canada with AOTS



## St Matthews Newfoundland.

Held its annual get together dinner in its regular meeting night of January 13 1992. On that occasion we had invited all church clubs and fellowships in Lewisporte and surrounding communities. Having sent out invitations we were advised that 111 men would be attending. We were so pleased when we had gathered that we actually had 123 present.

Max Hayward was MC for the evening. The meal consisted of hot roast beef supper prepared by our club. We then had the ladies of our senior choir to serve the meal and wash the dishes.

A representative from each club brought greetings from his club. There followed a devotional period and an old fashioned sing-a-long.

Guest speaker for the evening was Rev William Ranson, clergy of the Anglican Church in Lewisporte. He addressed us on the topic "To him who can keep us from falling" Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the whole evening's proceedings.

Raymond Grey Nfld. President  
Reporting

## Moose Jaw Sask.

### Attn. all Pancakers

We share with you a tribute to St. Andrews AOTS from a poem by Mar Milan

#### The Treat of the Year

This group of men  
Named the AOTS  
Serve us pancakes each year  
Which are considered the best  
With Aprons and Chef's hats  
They are ready to start  
To get the batter just right  
You know it's really an art.

With such expertise  
Little tricks they conceal  
It must be a secret  
They are not about to reveal  
On a griddle that's hot  
They spread out nice and round,  
When they need turning over the  
Tiny bubbles abound,  
Being so tempting and good  
For a second helping we go  
While one would suffice  
Full well, we know  
Satisfied and happy  
Soon we're asleep in our beds  
While vision of pancakes  
Dance in our heads  
So keep up the good work boys  
We'll come again every year  
For these, melt in the mouth, pancakes  
The treat of the year.

## Manitoba

### 25th Anniversary Celebration Gordon King United Winnipeg

Plans are under way for this celebration in October of this year. One of the features in the Department of Heritage has to be a book of memories collected by Dave Brown of AOTS fame. This book has within it the carefully kept minutes of the Gordon AOTS Club dating from 1947 through 1976. In many instances there are photographs of activities related to AOTS both within and without the Gordon United AOTS club. There is one group shot of a bunch of Winnipeg AOTS fellows dressed up in full costume for the Black Hills Passion Play. Spotted throughout are collected speeches and Newspaper reports of many meetings. There is an outstanding article covering the famous Alberta Missionary Robert Rundle. This book of memories is slated for the Manitoba United Church Archives but

it is hoped that before that happens it will be on display at the 18th National Convention in 1993. Speaking of Conventions there is a program covering the third national convention held in Winnipeg chaired by our first National President Charlie Atchison of Vancouver, B.C.

### Appreciation Night

Although the local club is no more, the ladies of the church have for years hosted the District Council meetings. Plans are under way for this council's annual appreciation night wherein they recognize individuals for their service throughout the churches of Winnipeg.

Dave Brown  
of Gordon-King United  
Reporting.

## St.Pauls of Deer Lake Newfoundland



We promised to show St.Paul's AOTS presenting their Annual Scholarship and here it is. That's President Dorman White presenting the \$250.00 Scholarship to local high School Student De Anne Babcock. It is presented to a student who shows high academic achievement, and is active in the school church and community. Received a delightful report from St. Pauls which we will run in the next issue. Malcom Fudge Reporting

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**Leadership**

**Scripture: Luke 22 : 14 : 27**

**(Key Verse 27)** " *Whose is greatest the one who sits down to eat or the one who serves him? The one who sits down of course. But I am among you As One Who Serves.*"

**Opening Prayer:** O God who dwells in all times and places: as we gather here today, we are reminded that you have called us to be a serving people through the joyful expression of our faith.

We thank you for the opportunity to show leadership.

We thank you for all those who came together here to-day in a spirit of prayer and thanksgiving.

You called us to be in a mission of service. Let us be generous in the offering of our love, our friendship, and our caring; so that Christ may be proclaimed through us. Amen

**Lesson: "Be You Followers Of Me"**

If we are going to live lives that are spiritually meaningful and useful as AOTS members, we must be prepared to

make the first move. It seems that there are far too many Christians waiting for someone to ask them to do something while all the time He has called THEM to act.

The word has already gone forth; " *You shall be witnesses unto me,*" and " *Go you into all the world and make disciples.*" Often in our clubs and homes we sit within the four walls of our buildings and say concerning the world outside "Why don't they come?" Why don't they take part?" God is saying to AOTS, " *Go forward, get involved.*"

In his book *Spiritual Leadership*, Oswald Sanders recalls an incident in the high council of the China Inland Mission: Dr. E. Hoste, was in the chair presiding. He said nothing for the longest time. The group was discussing test of leadership, Someone eventually asked Dr. Hoste what he thought the test of leadership should be. With a twinkle in his eye he said, " *I think the test of leadership is to find out if you are leading anybody.*" Now that has a quirk of humour about it, but how searching a truth it is. Seriously ask yourself, Am I as an individual or AOTS member leading

anybody? Remember that Paul in his day was able to say, " *Be YOU followers of me.*"

**Discuss:** As AOTS members fulfilling our three aims; ask yourselves these questions:

Are we taking a full active roll?

Are we leading and is there anyone following?

As an individual member: am I leading and contributing to the organization? Am I taking the initiative?

**If not, why not? Do it now!**

**Closing prayer:** We are called to the ministry of stewardship, as we offer our time, talents and to those whom we serve

Dear Lord, let us glorify your name in all that we do, and return our thanks for your many gifts to us.

Send us this day O God, into the world, to be your servant for JesusChrist. Let us offer the bread of the living water to all who hunger and thirst for our sake. Amen.

This devotional was prepared by the Spiritual Life Committee under the chairmanship of Gil Reashore. It was taken from the AOTS Handbook of Devotions which is available from National Headquarters.

**One More Thing**

Let us reflect on the Good News.

Like 123 men of various faiths in the village of Lewisporte Nfld. celebrating and sharing their Christianity.

Like 1000 plus politicians and diplomats praying and worshipping together in Ottawa.

Like the new Comber AOTS club in the London Conference.

Like 100 plus men in Regina gathering in song and prayer as clubs and individuals.

Like a handful of men in Lethbridge getting ready for 500 men at Banff.

Like a new club inspired by the "Celebration of Faith" in B.C.

Like another handful of Men in B.C rolling out the welcome mat for the 1993 Convention in Langley.

Like get on the bandwagon of Service in Christ.

Like join us now as an individual or a group serving in His name.

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