



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • TALLAHASSEE, FLA. • VOL. 9, No. 2 • FEBRUARY, 1982

Monthly Tidings

Commissions To Hold Planning Meetings Feb. 8

The commissions that plan and carry out the program and mission of Trinity United Methodist Church will hold organizational meetings on Monday, February 8, beginning with a covered dish supper at 6:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

Following the supper, Griff Pugh, chairman of the Council on Ministries, Bill Mattice, chairman of the Administrative Board, and Lay Leader Kitty Ball will review Trinity's goals for 1982. The commissions will meet separately to begin their work for the year.

Elected by the Charge Conference last November to serve during 1982, the commissions are Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, chaired by Elise Lawton and assisted by staff member Rubie Butterworth; Church and Society, chaired by Giff Hale and assisted by Associate Minister Brent Byerman; Education, chaired by Edna Bennett and assisted by Associate Minister Carol Kowalski; Evangelism, chaired by Peggy Hughes and assisted by Brent Byerman.

Higher Education and Campus Ministry chaired by Myron Blee and assisted by Carol Kowalski; Missions chaired by Vernon and Jamie Parra-more and assisted by Rubie Butterworth; and Worship chaired by Kathy Pope and assisted by Dr. Walter Kalaf and James C. Davis.

The same staff and ministerial support will be assigned to the commissions throughout 1982 to give assistance and guidance as needed. In addition, Dr. Kalaf will work with the Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee, and he and Rubie Butterworth will both work with the Council on Ministries.

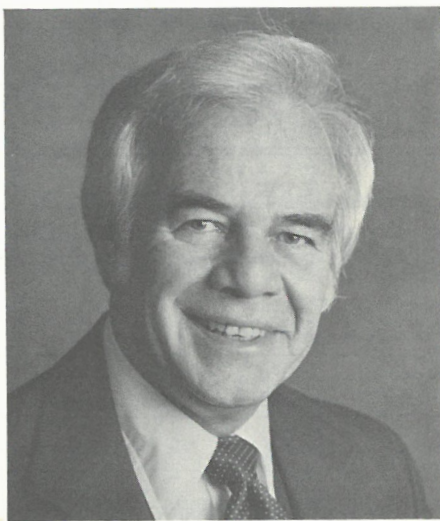
Come To Lunch After Church February 7th

Trinity's youth will be preparing and serving a soup n' sandwich lunch on Sunday, Feb. 7, after the 11 a.m. service.

The purpose of the lunch is to raise money for the youth mission projects this year. The profits will be split evenly between Vashiti School in Thomasville and ECHO (Emergency Community Help Organization).

The youth are very excited about the chance to serve the congregation a delicious lunch and at the same time raise money for their mission work, their counselors report. The meal will include homemade vegetable soup, a selection of sandwiches, choice of dessert and a beverage.

Tickets for the lunch will be sold before the service on Sunday, February 7 and after church in the fellowship hall. Cost of the lunch is \$3.00. Please come and support the youth in their mission work.



Dr. Donald J. Welch

Administrative Board Approves \$405,000 Budget For 1982

The Administrative Board approved a budget for Trinity's program and ministry for 1982 totaling \$405,000, \$10,000 less than the budget proposed by the Board last November.

The formal acceptance of the budget came during a Board meeting January 8 following a stewardship crusade report that showed total pledges and anticipated member contributions of \$336,308. A cash carry-over of \$10,026, plate offerings of \$10,000 and \$48,665 income from trusts held by the church, Sunday school offerings, parking lot fees and meal tickets will provide the additional revenue budgeted.

The budget was reduced \$10,000 from the proposed budget as published in the November *Tidings*. The Administrative Board approved recommendations that \$1,000 be deleted under local missions. The amount had been designated as the District Superintendent's Fund and it was upon his recommendation that the change was made.

Some \$600 in savings was realized in recent changes in staff personnel, and \$500 was added to the budget to assist in implementation of the new adult ministries program getting underway at Trinity this month.

Also added was \$1,000 for an audit of financial records as required annually by the *Methodist Discipline*, \$3,500 start-up funds for computerized membership and financial recordkeeping, and about \$3,000 increase for contingencies.

These were balanced by reductions of \$1,500 from 1982 stewardship crusade expenses, \$1,000 from postage, \$500 from cost of an office copying machine, and \$10,200 from repairs and improvements to church buildings. The last item was eliminated because, with the recent creation of the Trinity Hall Modernization Committee, improvements to the buildings will be delayed until that committee completes its report and recommendations sometime next fall.

Stewardship crusade chairpersons Bettye and Tommy Roberts gave the Administrative Board an evaluation of their committee's efforts in raising the budget and made recommendations for methods to be used for the crusade next fall.

"We agree if you involve a great many people as we did on crusade

Scarritt President, Singers Here March 7

The president of Scarritt College, Nashville, will preach and the Chamber Singers from that national graduate center for Christian education and church music will appear in concert during both worship services at Trinity Sunday, March 7.

Dr. Donald J. Welch, interim manager, interim president and then president of Scarritt since 1979, will preach on "Jesus Loves Me; This I Know," a sermon on the vital role of music and education in the transmission and celebration of the Gospel.

A former Methodist pastor, teacher

of religion and philosophy at Union College and Berea College, lecturer and assistant dean at Duke Divinity School, and dean of students, campus minister and instructor at Wofford College, Dr. Welch in the short time he has been at Scarritt has led it from a senior college and graduate school in numerous courses of study to a national graduate center for Christian education and church music. He recruited an internationally renowned faculty and secured enough funds in one year to move from a low cash flow situation to a balanced budget and recovered endowment.

Before appearing at Trinity Sunday morning, March 7, Scarritt's Chamber Singers will present a concert at Centenary United Methodist Church in Quincy, Saturday evening, March 6. Members of Trinity United Methodist Church will greet the singers as they arrive in Tallahassee earlier in the day on Saturday, and provide lodging for them Saturday night after they return from Quincy. The performances will be part of a ten-day tour which takes the group into Georgia and Florida.

Under the direction of David Stuart Blackburn, chairperson of the Dorothy E. and Stanley S. Kresge Department of Church Music at Scarritt College, the Chamber Singers' repertoire on this year's tour includes renaissance, baroque, and classical works, contemporary songs, and spirituals. Among the choral masterpieces to be performed are Haydn's "Te Deum, Laudamus," A Scarlatti's "Exultate Deo," G. A. Perti's "Adoramus, Te," Palestrina's "Adoramus, Te," and J. S. Bach's "Praise the Lord, All Ye Nations."

The 16 singers come from ten states and are preparing for careers in church ministry.

Help plan your church's future. Fill out the questionnaire on page 2.

Trinity Invites Senior Members To New Adult Fellowship February 12

Friday, February 12, will be a special day for members and friends of Trinity who are now or soon will be retired.

A new Adult Fellowship will be inaugurated that day with a program beginning at 10 a.m. and a luncheon at 11:45.

The program will begin with coffee and fellowship, to be followed by singing at 10:30 led by Rae and Walter James.

Dr. George Foster will then share with the new fellowship group "Some Funny Things That Happened to Me on the Way to Heaven." Next will come lunch prepared by members of UMW, and a closing inspirational message by Mrs. Martha Hall. Also on

the schedule is planning time for the group to decide what type of programs they would like to have in the future.

The program is planned to end by 1:30 p.m. Reservations must be made with the church office no later than Wednesday, February 10. Cost of the meal will be \$2.

Persons needing transportation may make arrangements with the church office.

Assisting in planning for this first meeting of the Adult Fellowship in addition to members of the church staff were May Hamilton, Mallie Slater, Dr. Jack Anderson, Dr. George Foster, Louise Leathers and Georgi-anna Wollschlager.

Have a voice in your church's planning

Fill Out And Return This Questionnaire

All members of Trinity are invited to have a voice in determining the program and ministry the church will undertake during the next five years. The Trinity Planning Committee is now evaluating the total church program and needs the advice of the church family to know what programs are needed and desired, which are successful and should be continued, and which should be phased out.

What parts of Trinity's program are you enthusiastic about? What improvements would you like to see made? What would you like your church to be doing two years from

now? Five years from now? Today? Let the Planning Committee know by filling out the questionnaire below and either mailing it back to the church office or delivering it by hand to the narthex when you attend worship services next Sunday.

Responses should be returned by February 14 if they are to be considered by the Planning Committee. That committee is in the final fact-gathering stages of its assignment and later this month will begin work on recommendations it is scheduled to present to the Administrative Board in May.

Members of adult Sunday School classes filled out this questionnaire during their class hour on January 17 and 24. The questionnaire is printed here in order to reach all other members of the church, whether active or inactive.

Fill out the information requested below as completely and thoughtfully as possible. Your personal evaluation, suggestions and desires will be an important contribution toward a plan to fulfill our mission as a church.

Instructions: Cut along dotted lines, fill out, and mail to:
● Evaluation Committee, Trinity United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 1086, Tallahassee, Fl. 32302;
● Or bring to church office or drop in box in Narthex;
● By Sunday, February 14

Section I — You, Your Family, Your Involvement in Our Church

1. How long have you been a member of Trinity United Methodist Church of Tallahassee?

Less than 1 year	1-3 years	4-6 years	7-10 years	11-20 years	More than 20 years

2. How old are you?

Under 20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70 or older

3. Do you have children living at home?

Yes	No

4. If the answer to Question #3 is Yes, please indicate their ages, making one X in the appropriate box(es) for each child:

Less than 1 Yr. Old	1-6 Yrs.	7-12 Yrs.	13-17 Yrs.	18 and older

5. In a typical four-Sunday month in 1981, how often did you attend Sunday School?

No Sundays	1 Sunday	2 Sundays	3 Sundays	4 Sundays

6. In a typical four-Sunday month in 1981, how often did you attend either the 8:45 a.m. or 11 a.m. worship service?

No Sundays	1 Sunday	2 Sundays	3 Sundays	4 Sundays

7. Over the last 24 months, would you say your Sunday School attendance has become:

More regular	Less regular	No change in regularity

8. How far in minutes of driving time do you live from our church?

Walking distance	Less than 5 minutes	5-10 Min.	11-15 Min.	16-20 Min.	21-25 Min.	26-30 Min.	Longer than 30 Min.

5. Our Outreach Ministry: (HEO, ECHO, Vashti, Wesley Foundation (F.S.U.) Scarritt College, community service programs, Florida migrant ministries, missionary support, etc.)

What do you like?

What changes would you suggest?

6. Our Fellowship and Service Ministry: (UMW circles, Senior Adult Fellowship, guilds, young adult and young marrieds groups, intergenerational nights, Scout program, church bazaar, etc.)

What do you like?

What changes would you suggest?

7. Future Ministries and Services of the Church: (Please indicate your ideas below.)

Signature (Optional)

Membership information: Soon Trinity will computerize information about members of the church in order to minister better to their needs. Please assist in bringing your church's rolls up-to-date by completing the form below. Cut out and separate from the above questionnaire and return to the church office, or leave in the box in the Narthex.

Section II — Your Feelings About the Church and Its Program

1. Our Worship Ministry: (8:45 and 11 a.m. Sundays services, music, liturgy, special programs)

What do you like?

What changes would you suggest?

2. Our Education Ministry: (Sunday School, week-day study groups, UMYF, Mother's Morning Out, special study groups)

What do you like?

What changes would you suggest?

3. Our Pastoral Ministry: (Shut-in visitation, hospital visitation, attention to personal needs and crises, etc.)

What do you like?

What changes would you suggest?

4. Our Preaching Ministry: (Sunday sermons, mimeographed copies of sermons, radio ministry)

What do you like?

What changes would you suggest?

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH
MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Name

Address (Street)

Address (Mailing)

City & State

Zip Code

Telephone (Home)

(Business)

Occupation & Place of Employment

Household Contact Person

Age Category

Birthdate

Male

() 18-39 () 40-60 () 60+

Female

() 18-39 () 40-60 () 60+

Children

Birthdate

1.

2.

3.

4.

Church Involvement

Church School

Volunteer Interest

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Visitors, New Members Welcome
Advanced Studies Class Begins Series on Alcohol, Drugs

A series of Sunday school lessons on Alcohol and Other Drugs begins Sunday, February 7, in the Betty Phifer Advanced Studies Class, meeting at 9:45 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Class member Dan Stainer will introduce the series with an esoteric discussion of the problem, using the study book, *Faith Meets Life* prepared by the United Methodist Publishing House, Nashville.

Because almost everyone's life has been or may be touched by someone with an alcohol or other drug problem, all Trinity members are invited to attend the Advanced Studies Class during February to learn about the

problem and what help is available in resolving it.

On February 14, Frank Hargadon, a youth counselor specializing in substance abuse, will lead the discussion on "Basic Ideas of Dependence on Alcohol and Other Drugs—Both Physical and Psychological Aspects."

Richard Shepard, also a professional counselor specializing in substance

abuse' is scheduled to speak on February 21 about "Chemical Dependence and the Family."

On February 28, Bill Ray, a counselor at Apalachee Mental Health Association, will discuss the problem as it relates to teens and adolescents, either as a user or as a member of a family in which alcohol or drug abuse exists.

"Our greatest failure as a church right now may be our denial of the existence of the alcohol problem. We contribute to the problem when we are not willing to become involved or even to discuss the use and abuse of alcohol."

—"Alcohol and Other Drugs," by Patricia Merrill
Faith Meets Life Study Book, Graded Press, 1981

FSU Opera Department
Presents 'Noah's Flood'
At Trinity Feb. 21

At Trinity United Methodist Church from 4 to 5 p.m., Sunday, February 21, the Florida State University School of Music will present the musical play, *Noah's Flood* by Benjamin Britten.

The FSU Opera Department directed by Gene Dybdahl and children of Tallahassee will take part. There will be no reserved seating and admission is free.

Noah's Flood is a musical work written by the contemporary English composer, Benjamin Britten. Presented first in England in 1958, it is one of the 10 most performed contemporary operatic works today.

The work is based on a miracle play that was performed in England during the Middle Ages. *Noah's Flood* calls for an intimate situation, preferably in a church, because of the interplay between the audience and the performers.

The story is simple . . . it is the Bible story of Noah, the ark, and the flood.

The orchestra and leading characters will be from Florida State University. A secondary orchestra and Noah's animals will be students and adults from Tallahassee. Art work and production properties will be created by Tallahassee school children.

Wollschlagers to
Chair 1982 Bazaar

Georgianna and Lynn Wollschlager have agreed to serve as chairpersons of Trinity's second annual churchwide bazaar next fall.

Bob Bass, who with Jane Love chaired the church's first bazaar on December 5, made the announcement to the Administrative Board during the board's meeting January 19.

He reported that proceeds of approximately \$3,000 resulted from the 1981 event and will provide funding for the HEO program this year.

"The bazaar was a first for most of us," Bass said, "but we had terrific involvement from most of the Sunday school classes and United Methodist Women," Bass said.

Earlier in the month, members of the bazaar's executive committee held an evaluation session to discuss better ways to plan and stage the event. Date for the 1982 bazaar was tentatively set for late October or early November.

Board of Trustees
Elect 1982 Officers

The Board of Trustees, at their organization meeting on January 4, elected officers to serve for the year 1982.

Ernest Menendez and Kitty Funderburk were re-elected as chairperson and vice-chairperson respectively. Bob Yates was elected as secretary and Palmer Williams was elected as trustee representative on the Finance Committee.

Three of the trustees began a three-year term as the Class of 1984. They are Margaret Everhart, Melvin Pope, Jr., and Palmer Williams. Bob Yates began a one-year term, replacing Nick Dawirs of the Class of 1982, who found it necessary to withdraw as a trustee due to a schedule conflict.

The other five trustees are Griffith Pugh, Sr., and Ernest Menendez, Class of 1982; and Kitty Funderburk, Lewis Hall and Frank Moor, Class of 1983. The three trustees in the Class of 1981, David Kerns, Tommy Roberts and Gordon Rogers, completed their three-year term on December 31, 1981.

Missional Outreach Helps Scarritt
Train Church Musicians, Educators

On March 7 members of Trinity will be visited by singers and the president of one of the national and world mission programs this local church is helping sponsor.

For the first time this year, Trinity will contribute \$1,000 to Scarritt College, a national graduate center for Christian education and church music in Nashville, Tennessee.

Directly related to the General Conference of The United Methodist Church, the institution grants the master of arts degree in Christian education, the master of church music degree, and the master of arts degree in church music education. Persons who seek Christians vocations in the church come to Scarritt for education as professional leaders of ministries to children, youth, and adults.

The Rev. Dr. Walter Kalaf, Trinity's senior minister, is chairman of Scarritt's Board of Trustees, and has invited its president, Dr. Donald Welch, to preach here on March 7. The Scar-

ritt Chambers Singers will sing during the worship services.

Scarritt's role in Methodist higher education has differed across the span of its history. Scarritt has served as a missionary training school, and as a two-year senior college and graduate school, in addition to its current emphasis as a graduate center. Its 5,000 alumni can be found worldwide in a variety of careers.

At Scarritt, students are given the opportunity to explore their best context for ministry. They are challenged to think about the Christian faith and discover fresh possibilities for living it. The college's concern is for ministry in its total application.

The college began in 1892 through the efforts of a group of women who saw the need for religious education for women serving in the mission fields. Scarritt Bible and Training School was established in Kansas City and for 25 years provided education for women in Christian service.

Facing the need for expansion, it found a new home in Nashville in 1924, where it became affiliated with the George Peabody College for Teachers. It was renamed Scarritt College for Christian Workers to reflect its broader purpose and opened its doors to include men.

Today Scarritt College is United Methodism's only institution of higher education focusing upon the vital areas of Christian education and church music.

United Methodist Women Want You!

Trinity United Methodist Women invite all women in the church to their luncheon program meetings the first Tuesday of each month, and to become active as a member of a circle.

Elva Grow led the program during the luncheon meeting Tuesday, February 2, on a Call to Prayer and Self-Denial. An offering was taken for projects that work through the United Methodist Church to eradicate racism and projects that work for equal education, housing, employment and medical care.

On March 2, the UMW luncheon at 12 noon will explore the question: What is Tallahassee doing for the poor and disadvantaged? Michele Archangeli, project director of the Tallahassee Housing Foundation, will speak. Cost of the luncheon is \$2 and reservations may be made through circle chairmen.

If you are not currently a member of a UMW circle, you are welcome to visit or join any of the groups listed below. This month's schedule is printed in an adjacent column.

Circle	Type of Meeting, Time	Chairperson
1.	Traditional (Second Monday Morning) 10:00 A.M.—Meets in homes	Katie Pope
2.	Traditional (Second Monday Afternoon) 2:30 P.M.—Meets in homes	Myrtle Rehwinkel
3.	Spiritual Growth (Second Tuesday Morning) 10:00 A.M.—Meets in homes	Eunice Rhodes, Annie Andrews
4.	Spiritual Growth (Second Tuesday Morning) 10:00 A.M.—Meets at Trinity—Room 100	Nancy Kerce
5.	Traditional (Second Tuesday Morning) 10:00 A.M.—Meets in homes	Jessie Moon
6.	Traditional (Second Tuesday Morning) 10:00 A.M.—Meets in homes	Bette Jackson
7.	Traditional (Second Tuesday Morning) 10:00 A.M.—Meets in homes	Esther Leedham
8.	Traditional (Second Tuesday Morning) 9:15 A.M.—Meets at Trinity in Parlor	Gail Harris
9.	Study and Action (Second Tuesday Morning) 10:00 A.M.—Meets in homes	Walli Beall
10.	Service (Second Monday) 3:30 P.M.—Meets at Tallahassee Convalescent Home	Frances Walker
12.	Traditional (Second Thursday) 2:30 P.M.—Meets at Trinity in the Glenn James Chapel	Frances McAdams
13.	Traditional (Second Tuesday Night) 7:30 P.M.—Meets in homes	Lavinia Short, Ollie Dawirs

UMW Meeting Schedule for February

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| Circle 1 | Monday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m. at home of Mrs. J. M. Morse, 504 Plantation Rd. Cohostess is Mrs. J. Edwin White. |
| Circle 2 | Monday, February 8, 2:30 p.m. at home of Eloise Berry, 1155 Seminole Drive. Cohostess is Frances Lewis. |
| Circle 3 | Tuesday, Feb. 9, 10 a.m. at home of Mrs. Carlton Rhodes, 811 Laurel Street. The program is a study of the book, <i>A Handful of Pearls</i> (Epistle of James) led by Mrs. J. Lewis Hall. |
| Circle 4 | Tuesday, Feb. 9, 10 a.m. in Room 100, Trinity Hall. The program is a study of Isaiah led by Mary Elizabeth Black. |
| Circle 5 | Tuesday, Feb. 9, 10 a.m. at home of Helen Oakley, 1804 W. Indianhead Drive. |
| Circle 6 | Tuesday, Feb. 9, 10 a.m. meeting with Janie Kalaf, 703 Live Oak Plantation Rd. The program is a study of the book, <i>A Handful of Pearls</i> , led by Jeanette Humphress. |
| Circle 7 | Tuesday, Feb. 9, 10 a.m. at home of Mrs. Wesley Harter, 515 N. Ride. |
| Circle 8 | Tuesday, Feb. 9, 9:15 a.m. in the church parlor. The nursery is open and available. The hostess is Julie Pararo. |
| Circle 9 | Tuesday, Feb. 9, 10 a.m. at home of Margaret Witte, 717 Beard Street. |
| Circle 10 | Monday, Feb. 8, 3:30 p.m. at Tallahassee Convalescent Home, 2510 Miccosukee Rd. |
| Circle 12 | Thursday, Feb. 11, 2:30 p.m. at home of Janie Kalaf, 703 Live Oak Plantation Rd.. |
| Circle 13 | Tuesday, Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m. at home of Bessie Mary Allen, 620 E. College. Cohostess is Trudie Van Gasbeck. |

Human Sexuality Weekend Planned

The Committee on Christian Faith and Human Sexuality of the Florida Conference has planned a weekend study course for Methodist youth of four age levels: Junior High (Grades 7-8), Mid-High (Grades 9-10), Senior High (Grades 11-12) and Adults.

Theme of the Conference is Christian Faith and the Meaning of Human Sexuality. Trinity's youth will be attending the March 5-7 session held at the Youth Camp in Leesburg.

The youth will be assigned to small groups of 12 each on the basis of grade level. Groups will be comprised of both males and females to insure a balance for discussion purposes. Course content for the sessions is Biblical Theological Perspective, Human Sexuality, Freedom and Responsibility, Love and the Christian Perspective, Anatomy and Physiology, and Communicating as Sexual Beings.

The discussion groups will be led by teams of two persons who have undergone intensive training in this area. These leaders come from diverse backgrounds including clergy and laity.

Trinity's youth counselors hope that a large number of youth will be able to participate in this weekend of study and fun. Registration deadline will be February 26. Youth and parents needing additional information should contact Brent Byerman at the church office.

Youth Plan Valentine Social

The youth will celebrate Valentine's Day with a dessert fondue party in the Gregory Room after the regular youth activities on Feb. 14. The fondue party will be from 8-9 p.m. and each youth is asked to bring \$1 to cover costs.

Impressions of Leesburg By Kimmy Kerce

Before we left for Leesburg, I had heard some interesting stories. When we arrived I felt a little scared, but at "lights out" I felt at home.

During the day at "Everything Weekend" we had classes and recreation. At recreation we could play 4-square, volleyball, football, or just walk around.

Our classes varied from folkdance to missions, and all of them were very interesting and informative. One of the best things about Leesburg is meeting people from different Methodist Churches and talking about how they raise money for things like Vashti school or Appalachian Service Project.

Well, I guess there's only one word to describe Leesburg, and that word is superb.

Will Your Picture Be In Church Directory?

Members of Trinity have been invited by a letter from the Rev. Dr. Walter Kalaf to include their picture in the church's first pictorial directory.

Appointments for photographic sittings may be made following worship services on February 7, 14, 21 and 28 or by telephone to a member of the United Methodist Women Committee handling the project.

Pictures of family groups or individuals will be taken in the Florence Clemons classroom across the hall from the Chapel Tuesday through Saturday, March 9-13 and March 15-20.

Each family whose picture is included will receive a copy free. There is no charge for having a family portrait made for the directory. Persons may purchase extra pictures for their personal use.

Church Women United Hear Speakers on Refugee Problems

By Gwen Roberts

Church Women United of Tallahassee recently held a forum on the subject, *Refugee Problems*.

Craig Mills, member of Presbyterian Mission Board who in 1979 surveyed refugee camps in Southeast Asia and in 1981 surveyed refugee problems and centers in Africa and Europe for Presbyterian Church U.S. and for Church World Service, spoke on world problems of refugees.

He explained that we in the United States tend to think that we have the burden of these problems because in the past we have been able to choose which people and how many entered our shores. The United States is not first on the list as host when one considers numbers of fleeing people or financial aid in support of these people.

In numbers Canada, which takes in more refugees than any other country, ranks first with one refugee for every 324 citizens. Australia ranks second and U.S. is third with one refugee to every 374 citizens. In financial support per capita U.S. ranks seventh giving \$.74 per citizen against Sweden's rank of first with \$3.34 per citizen.

There are more refugees in the Continent of Africa than anywhere else. Many poor countries there accept refugees from neighboring countries and share with them their meager supplies.

Mr. Mills suggests that churches work through National Council of Churches of Christ who work for peace and well-being around the world.

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The second speaker in the forum was Dr. Janis Thompson of Tallahassee Interfaith Council, who has written workbooks for adult study and discussion on Haiti and Haitian Refugees and on U.S. Refugee Policy.

Dr. Thompson defined a refugee as one who must move in order to survive. She explained the *push-pull* influencing his move. Factors like revolution and oppression *push* while factors attractive to well-being are *pull* factors. Think of the pull when you know that U.S. has 6% of the world's population but use 40% of the world's goods.

Until 1875, U.S. had no laws for immigration. Are we not all descended from refugees? In 1948 after WWII we refused to accept large numbers of Jewish people. This period is called the "dark page in U.S. history." 20,000 Jewish children were not admitted except by previous quota numbers.

An additional 6% of refugees were admitted in 1965 but by definition they had to be fleeing political pressure from a communistic country or be from the Mid-East.

In 1980 the definition was changed to be a person who could not return to his own country for fear that his life would be threatened. The top limit is 50,000 a year and the President may add to that (must confer first with Congress) if it is for humanitarian reasons. U.S. accepts people fleeing from communism but do not accept Haitians who are most greatly oppressed. President Carter gave special status to Haitians and Cubans but Congress has not acted. After 1980 these people have no status and nothing further has happened.

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Speaking from the historical perspective was Dr. Darrell Levi, associate professor of history at FSU. He specializes in Latin American history and teaches a course on the Caribbean. He gave answers to the ques-

tion, "Why are there refugees from the Caribbean?"

Dr. Levi defined a historian not as a custodian of facts and dates but one who makes better use of facts for the future. For our consideration he made five points:

1. The refugees are a symptom of a terrible disease that exists in the Caribbean.

2. The land of the Caribbean is fragile. The impact of the environment on the land has destroyed its fertility. Haiti may have been damaged beyond repair by biophysical factors.

3. What is the disease referred to? It is popularly called *underdevelopment*. It is a process Europeans brought to the New World. The main symptoms are poverty and repressive dictatorship. Gross inequality of living standards is the rule.

4. Underdevelopment is a chronic disease. With slavery and sugar plantations the economy became regressive. Harold Ickes said that there had never been more exploitation than is Puerto Rico. The lower 10% of the population had .6% of the total wealth and after ten years of "development" by U.S. that 10% of the population now has .4% of the wealth.

5. U.S. is the caretaker of the disease. Trujillo was the most repressive of all dictators. The cure of the disease is up to the people of the Caribbean. We should make it more possible for them to cure the disease.

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Randy Pendleton is a reporter for the *Florida Times Union* who made the trip to Haiti with Lieutenant-Governor Wayne Mixon and party to negotiate with the Duvalier government there. He is author of a series of articles in the *Times-Union* which began November 26.

Mr. Pendleton was skeptical of the results of such a mission. The talk was about improving Haiti's image for tourists rather than improving conditions for the inhabitants. Helping images may be just propping up the government there.

He observed many missionaries there with model farms and communities. While the lives of these few are being improved, the skills necessary to run such a system are not being taught to Haitians.

Haiti imports 50% of its food. The population is increasing by 2% a year. Mr. Pendleton feels that stress of birth control and population control is most important.

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Mr. Howard Goeringer is a retired Church of Christ minister. He was director of the Metropolitan Council of Churches in Pennsylvania and helped develop the Ministry of Community Relations in New Jersey. He has worked with the Quakers in a self-help housing service primarily for

migrant workers. He has brought together a group called *Tallahassee Ecumenical Mission*, working with Haitian families here in Tallahassee.

He seeks to put the problem in Biblical perspective and explore the question, "How can churches in Tallahassee become involved in a way that is helpful?"

Mr. Goeringer suggests that God's plan is not to save us one by one in splendid isolation but to unite us in personal love—to invite us to show the kind of justice that brings good news to the poor and release to the captives.

Mr. Goeringer sees God's purpose for refugees in the event of calling Abraham from Ur to the promised land, revealed again taking the Children of Israel out of the land of Egypt. The mark of the faithful is to share bread with the hungry. If we, who have nearly one half of the world's wealth do not embrace them, how can we do justice?

He invites us to start a study group within our church to understand problems of refugees and prayerfully consider our role in helping them.

Charge Conference Approves Incorporation Of Trinity

A Charge Conference, called to order immediately following the meeting of the Administrative Board on January 8, adopted articles of incorporation and bylaws for Trinity United Methodist Church, Inc.

Incorporation papers will be filed in the Corporations Division of the Secretary of State by J. Lewis Hall on behalf of Trinity's Board of Trustees.

Hall, who drew up the corporation articles and bylaws with the assistance of several other lawyer members of the church, explained their purpose to the Charge Conference and detailed authority for maintaining, receiving and transferring property and trusts.

The new legal document authorizes a parsonage committee and a finance committee and provides guidelines for amending budgets. It explains the duties of the trustees related to the property of the church and calls for annual reports and inventory.

Hall said the new corporation follows the *Methodist Discipline* in connection with these requirements.

Two Serve in UMW Leadership Roles

Two Trinity members were elected to leadership positions by the Florida Conference United Methodist Women for two year terms beginning last month.

Miriam Pierce will serve as chairperson of the Committee on Leadership Development, and Elsie Lawton is secretary of Legislative Affairs.

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