

PROMINENT LEADERS HEAD DALLAS CONVOCATION



DR. ROBERT G. MAYFIELD

Drs. Mayfield, Lundy Named

Two prominent Methodists have been named to head the National Convocation of United Methodists for Evangelical Christianity planned for August 26-29, 1970 in Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Robert G. Mayfield of Lexington, Ky., who led the General Board of Lay Activities for 16 years, has been elected as General Chairman.

Dr. Robert F. Lundy, Former Bishop of the Southeast Asia Central Conference, presently serving as an executive with the U.M. Board of Missions, was named vice chairman.

Dr. Mayfield, a Lexington, Ky. lawyer, is now serving as Director of Stewardship for Asbury Theological Seminary. He has wide contact with United Methodist pastors and laymen across America. A man of spiritual depths, the new General Chairman is in constant demand as a speaker. His vision for the spiritual revitalization of the church motivates his leadership in this Convocation.

After successful pastorates in Holston Conference, Dr. Lundy served as a missionary in southeast Asia for 18 years, including four years as Bishop of the Southeast Asia Central Conference. Since 1968, when an autonomous Methodist Church was formed in Malaysia and Singapore, he has served on the staff of the Board of Missions as Secretary for Furloughed Personnel and Laymen Abroad.

Other leaders of the National Convocation include:

Rev. Michael Walker, pastor of Salem-Kinser U.M. Church, Greenville, Tex. and Associate Editor of Good News—Secretary and Chairman of Publicity.

Mr. Howard Ball, Director of Lay Ministry, Campus Crusade for Christ, San Bernardino, Calif.—Chairman of Program Committee.

Mr. James K. Rush, Attorney, Orlando, Fla.—Chairman of Prayer Committee.

Mr. James Wellons, President, General Air Conditioning Corporation, Little Rock, Ark.—Chairman of Finance Committee.

Mr. J. Herschel Fisher, Architect, Dallas, Tex.—Chairman of Local Arrangements.

Watch Good News for further announcements of Convocation leadership, speakers and program.

Steering Committee Appeals for Support

The Steering Committee for the National Convocation of United Methodists for Evangelical Christianity issued this statement:

"We call on all United Methodists to pray that God will so completely direct the Convocation planning that the larger goal of Biblical renewal for United Methodism will be realized.

"We now call upon every Good News reader to join in this effort to bring spiritual renewal to United Methodism. We earnestly implore you to do the following things: (1) Seriously consider attending the Convocation. (2) Tell others about it. Call your friends immediately! Tell them of this opportunity. (3) We need dedicated Christians in every annual conference to serve as Convocation recruiters. If you would be willing to serve in this capacity, write Rev. Michael Walker, 1315 Rees, Greenville, Texas 75401. (4) Help support the Convocation with your gifts. Good News has no surplus out of which to finance this costly venture. Your gifts, large and small, will help. If every Good News reader gave only \$10.00 marked for the Convocation, the expenses could easily be met. (5) Start praying now that the Convocation will accomplish God's purpose in and through the United Methodist Church.



DR. ROBERT F. LUNDY

Regional CONVOCATION CAPSULES

This fall, U.M. evangelicals met in five regional convocations and a number of subsidiary rallies. With the help of Rev. James Rush, Regional Convocation Task Force Chairman, we now present some impressions gleaned from these meetings.

- The "Silent Minority" is no longer silent—and perhaps it is not even a minority.

- Dr. Claude Thompson of Candler School of Theology asserting that the greatest source of theological erosion in the U.M. Church lies in her seminaries.

- Charles Keysor, Editor of Good News declaring that "The moment of opportunity for U.M. evangelicals is now! The rising tides of lay concern and involvement are a sign that this moment of opportunity will not be lost."

- Laymen across the U.S.A. expressing hurt, frustration, and indignation over radical departures from New Testament Christianity by too many ministers, educators, curriculum writers, and denominational officials.

- U.M. evangelicals at Red Lion, Del. singing with great joy and assurance, "Jesus is coming again!"

- Dr. Horace Weaver, Editor of U.M. Adult Publications, an uninvited though welcome guest at Cleveland, S.C., blaming concern over unbelief in U.M. literature on failure to understand its inductive teaching approach. Then a voice

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S.D.S. LAUNCHES ANARCHY FROM GARRETT

Garret Theological Seminary, a U.M. institution at Evanston, Ill., joined with four neighboring U.M. churches in housing radicals of the "Weatherman" faction of the S.D.S. during the week of October 8, 1969. In so doing, a large part of the Evanston U.M. community became the base of operations for an S.D.S. campaign of disruption, destruction, and disorder, protesting the Vietnam war and the conspiracy trial of eight radical leaders arrested during the Democratic National Convention.

In answering the angry flood of protests which ensued, Dr. Orville McKay, Garrett president, called the housing of the S.D.S. anarchists "redemptive communication with alienated, angry, violence-prone, perplexed human beings."

In correspondence with the Editor of Good News, Dr. McKay observed: "I am aware . . . that there is a great deal of suspicion and hostility latent in our society and in the church. It is easy, under these circumstances, to feel that people in positions of leadership are guilty of . . . unworthy sympathy [with the radical revolutionary tactics of the S.D.S.]. I hate to think that the only way . . . [hostility] can be avoided is simply to turn our backs on a whole segment of our society which is so deeply alienated as these S.D.S. young people. I confess that I do not know how to reach them, but I do hope somebody may find a clue."

Dr. Charles Elzey, faculty member, said, "There's no reason for us to stress the negative. I'm proud of what Garrett is trying to do."

The Garrett Board of Trustees backed the seminary administration's decision to house on campus about 30 of several hundred S.D.S. visitors (others stayed in four U.M. churches nearby).

A recent graduate of Garrett said, "Our seminary has betrayed us in becoming the launching pad for anarchy."

He said the Garrett action is a clear violation of paragraph 93 in the 1968 U.M. Book of Discipline which reads, "It is the duty of all Christians, and especially of all Christian ministers, to observe and obey the laws and commands of the governing or supreme authority of the country of which they are citizens or subjects or in which they reside, and to use all laudable means to encourage and enjoin obedience to the powers that be."

The Administrative Board of First United Methodist Church, Chicago Temple, asked Bishop Pryor of the Chicago Area to discipline the entire annual conference for its part in the S.D.S. rampage against Chicago.

The Rev. Dr. Carleton C. Rogers, senior minister of First U.M. Church, Elgin, Ill., said, "The past history of the S.D.S. and its announced intentions for coming to Chicago should have been reason enough to have caused the Garrett Administration to have refused admittance to any S.D.S. person or sympathizer. In my opinion, the action was wrong both theologically and pragmatically."

As word of the S.D.S. presence at Garrett spread across the country, reaction was swift and sharp. One D.S. expressed shocked surprise that such a thing could happen at a U.M. Seminary.

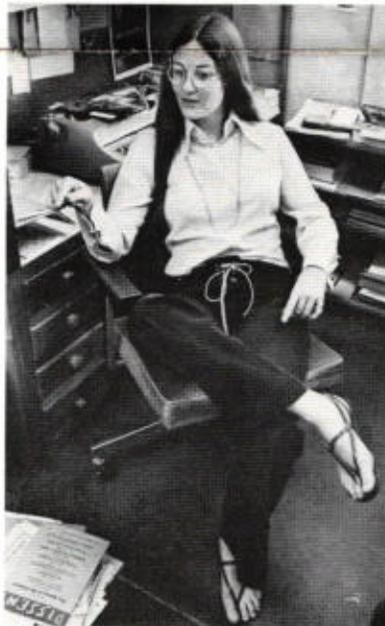
In another state a pastor summarized the matter by remarking, "Our theological schools were meant to be seed beds of Scriptural truth and spiritual regeneration. Apparently, some would like to make them hot beds of political propaganda and social revolution."

What's COOKing In Nashville?

Miss Joanne Cook, Associate Editor of "Motive," is getting to be quite an arresting personality. Back in April, her COOKed up editorial "brew" of four-letter words (spiced with nudity) led to the "arrest" of "Motive" by Dr. Lloyd Wicke of the General Board of Education. Then, on Oct. 3, she was literally arrested in Summerville, Tenn., charged with refusing to obey an officer and obstructing traffic, after she had helped to COOK up a civil rights "stew."

In an Oct. 5 interview with Frank Ritter of the Nashville Tennessean, she did little to allay the growing uneasiness of United Methodists over Motive's methods and message. She "roasted" those who hold traditional ideas about morality, dress, sex, and the role of women.

Some "arresting" questions are simmering in many Methodist minds. "What is COOKing in Nashville? What's the "motive" for allowing Miss Cook to continue COOKing in the United Methodist kitchen? Have you looked at some of the "dishes" COOKed up in recent issues of "Motive"?"



MISS JOANNE COOK OF "MOTIVE"

CONVOCATION CAPSULES (Cont.)

of protest from the audience: "No, doctor, it's the *seductive* method that we don't understand." Dr. Weaver also made the significant admission that the 1968 Book of Discipline does not require local churches to use literature published by the United Methodist Board of Education . . . although this is strongly urged.

- The curriculum workshop at St. Louis listing eight criteria for ideal church school literature.

- Rev. Phil Worth, Pastor of First U.M. Church, Collingswood, N.J.: "In the spirit of Nehemiah, who was called to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, U.M. evangelicals are now called to rebuild U.M. foundations."

- The recurring note of a new evangelicism which is involved in seeking the world's salvation—but not entangled in worldliness.

- Dr. Dennis Kinlaw, President of Asbury College, seeing our hope as a transcendent God who reveals Himself and His Word rather than an imminent Deity, trapped in history, whom men claim to have discovered in themselves and the processes of time.

- United Methodists at Redlands, California reflecting the nationwide "marching mood" of evangelicals who earnestly desire "to serve this present age."

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THINK ON THESE THINGS

Dr. Frank B. Stanger, United Methodist President of Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, Ky., recently announced that the 26th annual Asbury Ministers' Conference will be held January 27-29, 1970. Featured speakers will be: Bishop Richard C. Raines of the United Methodist Church; Dr. Donald G. Miller, President of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary; Dr. Samuel Kamaleson, minister and evangelist from South India; Mr. Arthur DeMoss, Christian layman and President of the National Liberty Corporation.

This Methodist-oriented seminary has been a bastion of Biblical truth and a fountain head of spiritual life for countless United Methodist ministers and laymen.

The "Hounds of Heaven" is the rather intriguing title of a special evangelistic group in Memorial U.M. church, Elizabethtown, Ky. Those participating are expected to take special clinical training for evangelistic visitation. Each member is asked to visit in the homes of the community every Thursday evening. The purpose of the group: "tracking down" the lost.

Dr. Phil Hinerman, Good News board member in Minneapolis, has available a great library of sermons taped by evangelicals. Those interested should contact Dr. Hinerman at 3400 Park Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. 55407.

The Rev. Doctor Curtis A. Chambers, Editor of Church and Home, the former E.U.B. family magazine, has been named Editor of Together, the official family magazine of the U.M. Church.

Dr. Chambers will have the herculean task of bolstering Together's circulation which sagged to an all-time low in October.

If degrees from two evangelical institutions, Marion College and Asbury Seminary, mean anything, the new editor may institute some changes that will broaden Together's appeal.

The Fall '69 New Creation, U.M. church school manual for seniors, contains the following:

- Page 22: "Perhaps Jesus had been married but was either widowed or divorced."

- Page 26: "Thus, stories of Jesus' miracles were doubtless embellished and even invented after His death. The apochryphal gospels abound in them. Very likely some have slipped into the canonical gospels."

- Page 82: "In all probability, Jesus did not actually say or do the things reported in John . . . If Jesus himself did not speak in exactly this way, it makes no great difference."

Those who want this sort of teaching should keep on using United Methodist literature.

A southern district superintendent writes, "I appreciate what you are doing and the total effect Good News is having upon the church." Other district superintendents have likewise expressed support for the Good News Movement. An increasing number of men with stature are standing with us.

Because many have requested the names of U.M. Churches with an evangelical and evangelistic emphasis, Good News is offering to serve its readers a clearinghouse of churches with pastors and programs that are true to Christ and the Bible. Will you help by sending us a list of such churches in your area? If you are moving to a new section, we will be glad to help you find a Christ-exalting church. Write Shepherds Dept., Good News office in Elgin, Ill. 60120.

Be a "Good News Hound". Be on the lookout for newsworthy items concerning the activities of United Methodist evangelicals. Also, keep alert to nonevangelical actions and statements about which Good News readers should be informed. Write us at Box 446, Rockwood, Tenn. 37854.

Meet A Good News Director

Rev. James Rush, Box 205, Trenton, S.C. 29847. A.B. Millsaps College; B.D. Duke Divinity School; Special study at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland; eight years as Methodist camp leader; Served as minister of evangelism in large city church and has organized one new church. Married with two sons. Chairman, Good News Task Force on Regional Convocations. Associate Editor, Newsletter from Good News.

Furman Wesley Foundation Espouses "New Left"

The Rev. Mickey Fisher, director of the Wesley Foundation of Furman University and minister of the Berea-Friendship U.M. Church in Greenville, S.C., recently published a mimeographed document entitled, "A Statement of Design, Purpose and Perspective". He announces on page one that Furman's Wesley Foundation expresses its ecumenical commitment in three ways. The third way is "through joint projects with the Southern Student Organizing Committee." He then describes S.S.O.C. as having a strong identity with the "New Left". "It embraces black power and champions the cause of the disenfranchised poor. It opposes the draft and the Vietnam war. It is anti-establishment."

Further on, the paper describes the fourfold role of the campus minister: "He wants to enable them [students] to do their thing, to be the unique person they were created to be. He is not in the business of shaping their lives according to some pre-conceived pattern of approved behaviour nor of imposing upon them some approved standard of orthodox belief."

If Rev. Fisher wants to align his Furman ministry with the "New Left" and if he doesn't intend to carry on United Methodism's historic belief in the Biblical "approved" standards of faith and morals, why bother to call it a WESLEY Foundation? Why should laymen give their \$ \$ to support it? Why should college students be victimized by humanism masquerading in the disguise of historic Methodism?

TAKE A METHODIST TO LUNCH THIS WEEK!

And tell him all about "Good News—a Forum for Scriptural Christianity in the United Methodist Church."

On the other hand, why not give him his own quarterly subscription? Costs just \$3 a year (including tip)!

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AMERICAN METHODISM WAS BORN AT CHRISTMAS TIME

The Christmas season has extra-special meaning for United Methodists. It is a time of remembering two sacredly significant events.

We who are the spiritual heirs of Otterbein, Albright and Asbury remember not only the glory of the first century birth of Jesus Christ at Bethlehem in Judea, but also the miracle of the 18th century birth of American Methodism at Christmas time in Baltimore, Maryland.

Both Christmas nativities were miracles wrought by the Holy Spirit. The Virgin Birth meant the coming of God into human flesh, in a unique sense. The American Methodist birth meant God the Holy Spirit indwelling and empowering men.

At the birth of Jesus, the Eternal Word became flesh and dwelt among us. In the other birth, the same Living and Eternal Word possessed men and women, giving them a mission: spreading Scriptural Holiness across the land. (This was—and still is—the plan and purpose of God for a people called *United Methodist*.)

So, Christmas ought to be a time of inventory for United Methodists—a time of meditation and reflection. First, as Christians, we center our attention on the living Word lying in a manger. Then, as United Methodists, we recall how the living Word inspired and sent countless circuit riders across the wilderness.

At Christmas, men and women of faith hear again the patient plodding of camels following a star to the birth place of God's only begotten Son. And by faith, we also can hear at Christmas the thundering hoofs of early American horsemen following that same star—to the birth of a new church. The gathering of shepherds to a stable in Bethlehem is reflected in the gathering of those circuit riders at a chapel in Baltimore. Both shepherds and circuit riders "went out" to proclaim glad and joyous news: A Saviour is Born!

The Good News Movement came into being because many Methodists have not forgotten the essential meaning of Bethlehem and Baltimore. Concerned ministers and laymen across the Church are determined that neither birth shall be forgotten. More and more United Methodists are marching under the banner of Good News

—as found, first, in the angel's message, and then in the message of Wesley, Asbury, Albright, Otterbein . . . and in our day, in the Good News Movement.

Feeling that God was calling it to 20th century Methodism (as the circuit riders were called to 18th century Methodism), Good News took one little step which has since become a giant stride. Today the Movement seeks to be a symbol of hope to thousands of Methodists whose hearts are hungry for a Christ-exalting Gospel.

Good News magazine and Newsletter from Good News are fast becoming strong voices for scriptural Christianity within the United Methodist Church. The call for Methodist evangelicals to rally has resulted in dozens of evangelical renewal groups in annual conferences, districts and local churches. A further impact has been felt in five regional convocations across America this fall. This rising crescendo of concern has led to the planning of a great National Convocation of Methodist Evangelicals in Dallas, Texas August 26-29, 1970. By the grace of God, this will be a convincing demonstration of the desire of United Methodists to emphasize the two

births that constitute our great heritage as United Methodist Christians.

Now, at Christmas 1969, it is our conviction that God is calling Bible-believing Methodists to help our church re-capture and re-live the spirit of Bethlehem . . . and of Baltimore. Today, the Good News Movement seeks to serve God by challenging Methodism to vital Christianity so we might really "serve the present age"—and thereby fulfill our sacred calling.

The voice of Good News must become stronger and more urgently insistent. Your help is needed.

YOU CAN HELP IN THESE WAYS:

(1) Know—experience—express vital Christianity in all your relationships.

(2) Pray without ceasing for revival in the United Methodist Church.

(3) Let God use some of your financial resources for the Good News Movement. (We guarantee to use ~~your money~~ for Scriptural causes only.) Send all gifts to Good News, Box 421, Elgin, Ill. 60120.

(4) Subscribe to Good News. \$3.00 a year. \$2.00 a year—10 or more copies to one address. \$4.00 yearly overseas.

NOAH NUMSKULL SEZ

Those who subvert the Christmas Message by describing the Virgin Birth as an ancient and beautiful myth miss the truth as badly as a "Man from Mars" who came to earth seeking the meaning of Christmas. After observing one American Yuletide celebration, he sent the following dispatch back to his home planet:

"At Christmas, earthmen act strangely in celebrating the birth of a baby named Rudolph to an old fossil called Santa Claus. The baby was born in Bethlehem, a business and industrial center of Pennsylvania. As a result the commercial world prospers at Christmas time.

"Santa Claus seems to encourage lots of people to celebrate his baby's birthday by getting drunk! This results in visions of pink camels and floating objects called

Angels. Others see stars and hear strange music.

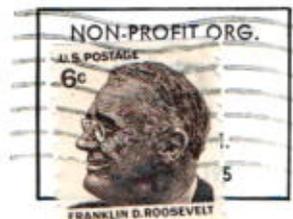
"Three wise men of the Santa Claus family come riding on reindeer, and present the baby with gifts of toys, turkey and whiskey. On Christmas eve, the new arrival is lying in the arms of his baby sitter, an elderly spinster named Mary. The proud parents are rumored to be celebrating at a local Bethlehem Inn."

The Martian correspondent added that he had gained invaluable help from a Methodist lecture entitled "Christmas Myths: Santa Claus and the Virgin Birth."

The moral of the story: Be sure your Christmas living reflects the Gospel truth about Christmas. A "Man from Mars" may be watching—or even a man from earth.

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DALLAS CONVOCATION: MIRACLE OF FAITH — 1970

Registrations Top 1600; World-wide Participation Heralds United Methodists Evangelical Resurgence

A 20th Century Pentecost came to 1,625 United Methodist laymen and pastors gathered in Dallas, Tex., Aug. 26-29 for the Convocation of United Methodists for Evangelical Christianity.

The Convocation was sponsored by *Good News*, independent quarterly publication of the Forum for Scriptural Christianity *Within* the United Methodist Church.

Facilities of the 1100-room Adolphus Hotel were taxed to the limit by the crowd, which came from 48 states and four continents. A computer survey indicated that 53 per cent were laymen.

"These people are heart-hungry," commented one observer. "They came here for new hope, and for fellowship with other U.M. evangelicals."

The *Texas Methodist* editorialized that some people came asking the question "Are [they] a divisive force aimed at tearing Methodism apart?" T.M.'s answer: "Yes, they are divisive. Divisive in the same way that Jesus was to First Century Judaism. Divisive in the same way that Martin Luther was to 16th Century Catholicism. Divisive in the same way that John Wesley was to 18th Century Anglicanism. And, strangely enough, divisive in the same way that many liberal 'church renewalists' are to Methodism in our own day."

Still others, suggested the *Texas Methodist*, "may have come hoping to hear a gospel of 'Christianity and America' proclaimed. Instead, the word of evangelicals is that God loves people of all nations, and that America, despite all of its positive attributes, is in dire need of God's judgment and His forgiveness for the wrongs done in its name."

Continued the *Texas Methodist*: "Some may have come hoping to be a part of the founding of a new sect. They were disappointed. The commitment of the vast majority of evangelicals is to a reformation within the structure of Methodism, not a cop out."

The crowd exceeded expectations of the Convocation-planners, who had to install closed-circuit television so the overflow could hear the speakers.

The program consisted of 14 major addresses, 13 seminars and nine workshops. Through it all was woven the joyful thread of prayer, repentance, and singing which one woman described as "like to that Above!"

Theme for the Convocation was



Photos . . . Bob Smith

"Good News for the Church in Crisis."

"The Convocation was a kaleidoscope of activity," reported Methodist Information. "Speakers included such well-known churchmen as 86-year old E. Stanley Jones and Bishop Gerald Kennedy, the only bishop on the program and one of two attending the Convocation. The Lake Junaluska (N.C.) singers, dressed in bright red, white, and blue, sang modern folk songs, spirituals and gospel hymns. Miss World, a United Methodist student at Southern Methodist University, dropped in to say hello [and tell of her devotion to Christ]. Evangelist Billy Graham sent a telegram of best wishes.

"Greetings of 'God loves you' were intermingled with responses of 'Amen' 'hallelujah' and 'Yes, brother.'" Prayer boxes were placed in the hotel lobby and

participants were urged to place pieces of paper on their hotel room doorknobs as invitations for others to walk in and join late-night prayer groups."

The program, climaxed at the closing session on Saturday morning. At the end of an hour-long message, Dr. Akbar Abdul-Haqq, associate evangelist with Billy Graham, called for a season of repentance. Spontaneous prayer signalled a mighty movement of the Holy Spirit. One man, in tears, turned to a stranger and said, "Today, God has convicted me of loving myself more than Christ . . . of seeking my own glory in the ministry all these years."

Afterward, a layman from North Dakota reported the Holy Spirit had convicted him of reluctance to witness to his professional colleagues. A deep experience of repentance led him to assurance of divine forgiveness—and new power to witness.

In answer to the evangelist's invitation, large numbers stood to their feet, signifying desire for greater power of the Holy Spirit in their lives. It was, indeed, a Pentecost for many.

Prayer groups held each night became a great source of spiritual power. Dozens prayed through to victory. Many testified that they had discovered a new sense of Christian fellowship in the prayer groups. Pastors and laymen



TOP: Overflow crowd during general session.
LEFT: Dr. Sam Kamaleson leads one of many helpful seminars.

reported finding new conviction to stay in the denomination, rather than quitting.

"One night I walked into a prayer circle with Methodists from 12 states," commented one man. "We prayed until one thirty that morning. It was glorious!"

Among the many answers to prayer was the matter of finances. A potential deficit hung over the proceedings, for registration costs had been cut below the safe margin to insure maximum participation. One offering was taken on Friday. That evening Dr. Robert Mayfield, General Chairman of the Convocation, was breathless as he told members of the Good News Board and the Convocation Steering Committee: "God has provided! This evening's offering of \$10,000 should finish paying the \$32,000 cost of our meeting."

Attractive displays by 17 exhibitors filled a large room next to the general sessions. All available exhibit space was taken far in advance. Convocation officials expressed regret at having to turn away many would-be exhibitors.

Former Asian Bishop Robert F. Lundy, member of the U.M. Board of Missions and Vice Chairman of the Convocation, reported at least 15 missionaries present from points far distant as Japan, India, Mexico, Argentina, and Africa. Other missionary representatives included Dr. Wesley Deuell a United Methodist from Indianapolis, President of the Oriental Missionary Society. Observers from other denominations included a Free Methodist bishop. One Methodist evangelist came all the way from New Zealand.

A television newsman broadcast this negative opinion: "I feel sorry that this movement is seeking a bygone day and a glory that is past." Asked to comment by other press representatives, Good News Director George Curtis, Jr., a layman from Portland, Me., replied: "Man, he's wrong! This is the movement of the future!"

The Convocation was begun in early 1969 by the 32-member Board of Directors of Good News. These United Methodist laymen and pastors from 22 states decided that the Convocation was urgently needed to unify evangelical forces within the denomination. The Good News Board then established a Convocation steering committee, under General Chairmanship of Dr. Robert Mayfield, Director of Development for Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky. The steering committee planned the Convocation.

Chairman of Local Arrangements was Mr. J. Herschel Fisher, Dallas; Vice Convocation Chairman, Dr. Robert Lundy, New York City; Secretary and Chairman of the Publicity, Rev. Mike Walker, Greenville, Tex.; Program Chairman, Mr. Howard Ball, San Bernardino, Calif.; Prayer Chairman, Mr. James K. Rush, Orlando, Fla.; Chairman of Finances, Mr. Sollie McCreless, San Antonio, Tex. Registrar: Mr. Robert McGinnis, Dallas, Tex.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MAJOR SPEAKERS

• *Dr. K. Morgan Edwards, Professor of Preaching, Claremont (Calif.) School of Theology:* God is a God of both judgment and grace. We cannot know Him as God of grace until we discover Him as God of judgment.

• *Dr. Charles W. Keysor, Editor, Good News; Pastor, Grace U.M. Church, Elgin, Ill.:* "We have reached a point where we can no longer keep silent. We cannot remain spectators while unfaithfulness to God and to our beloved church destroys the once-great force for God known as Methodism . . . Our silence in the face of the church crisis is our own contribution to that crisis. God is counting on each United Methodist to stand for God's truth."

• *Dr. Dennis Kinlaw, President, Asbury College:* Declared Scriptural authority to be a foundation for effective Christian life and social change. He described how people under Scriptural authority have influenced the world for God.

• *Dr. Ira Gallaway, President, U.M. Council on Evangelism; Supt. Fort Worth (Tex.) District:* Effectively challenged evangelicals to take advantage of everyday opportunities to put their faith into action . . . to put legs on their doctrines and prayers.

• *Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Los Angeles Area:* Chided casual churchmen who contribute to the crisis by regarding church membership as a game—rather than enlistment for serious service.

• *Howard Ball, U.M. Layman and Director of Lay Ministry, Campus Crusade for Christ:* Told how, as an un-converted Methodist layman, he found Christ through a home Bible study and prayer group. His own pastor ridiculed his conversion and the fact of Christ's death as atonement for sin. The Ball family left Methodism—but were directed by God to return and witness to other un-saved Methodist couples. "One cannot tackle the crisis in the church until he tackles the crisis in his own life."

• *Dr. Frank Bateman Stanger, President, Asbury Theological Seminary:* Only through the ministry of the Holy Spirit can we become aware of real issues in the

church crisis. And be truly concerned about the crisis. And find power by which the crisis may be solved. Without personal knowledge of the Holy Spirit, it is not possible to understand true Methodism.

• *Tom Skinner, black evangelist:* Declared that Negroes will not accept the idea that Jesus was a white Anglo-Saxon Protestant American, with one standard of truth and morals for whites and a different standard for blacks. He declared there is a black crisis in the church, in part, because evangelicals have not been willing, as they preach Christ, to also be involved in problems of the black community. Personal involvement by evangelicals is necessary before blacks will take seriously the evangelicals' proclamation of Christ.

• *Dr. E. Stanley Jones, missionary-evangelist:* The Lordship of Jesus Christ must be recognized in every area of church and personal life. Until this happens, there will be crisis in the world, in people's lives and in the church.

• *Dr. C. Philip Hinerman, Good News Vice Chairman; Pastor, Park Avenue U.M. Church, Minneapolis:* Cautioned against over-optimism concerning the possibilities for renewal of the church in its present institutional form. There is great danger in committing first loyalty to the institution of United Methodism rather than Jesus Christ. C.O.C.U. is approaching with "breakneck speed" and will soon become a reality. The return of Jesus Christ is the only total solution to the church crisis.

• *Dr. Claude Thompson, Professor of Systematic Theology, Candler School of Theology:* Criticized evangelicals and social activists for preaching a "half gospel." We may provide the most effective social programs and yet have a pagan society if we fail to proclaim the saving gospel of Christ. But this proclamation has to be matched with deeds which proclaim the reality of the transformed life. "We should take a new look at theological seminaries. They may be doing more harm than good. What can we expect from our pulpits when men are sometimes trained under teachers who profess no faith in God; doubt His existence; regard Jesus as only a good man—

WITNESSING WORKSHOP is led by Howard Ball, Good News Director and Program Chairman for the Convocation. People were eager to exchange ideas and to learn better ways of serving Christ.

