

Churches

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Adventists Stress Religious Liberty

A "Religious Liberty Emphasis Week" will begin for members of the Torrance Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1610 Acacia Ave., on Saturday, at 11 a.m. worship services.

The special week, according to Pastor David H. Pillor, will be directed toward "reawakening in the minds of our church members the precious, even priceless, guarantees of religious liberty which under God, every American enjoys."

At the conclusion of the special week, on Jan. 18, said Pillor, a special service and offering to promote the principles of religious liberty among all Americans will be held.

"During this special emphasis week, we are inviting all persons who are concerned that America's traditional concepts of religious liberty shall continue to exist, to share with us a dedication to the following ecumenical statement regarding this vital area of our nation's welfare," said Pillor.

"The Declaration of Religious Liberty principles reads:

1. We believe in religious liberty, and hold that this is a God-given right exercised at its best when there is separation between church and state.

2. We believe in civil government as divinely ordained to protect men in the enjoyment of

their natural rights, and to rule in civil things; and that in this realm it is entitled to the respectful and willing obedience of all.

3. We believe in the individual's natural and inalienable right to freedom of conscience; to worship or not to worship; to profess, to practice, and to promulgate his religious beliefs, or to change them according to his conscience or opinions, holding that these are the essence of religious liberty; but that in the exercise of this right he should respect the equivalent rights of others.

4. We believe that all legislation and other governmental acts which unite church and state are subversive of human rights, potentially persecuting in character, and opposed to the best interests of church and state; and therefore, that it is not within the province of human government to enact such legislation or perform such acts.

5. We believe it is our duty to use every lawful and honorable means to prevent the enactment of legislation which tends to unite church and state, and to oppose every movement toward such union, that all may enjoy the inestimable blessings of religious liberty.

6. We believe that these liberties are embraced in the golden rule, which teaches that a man should do to others as he would have others do to him.



MRS. HOBART LIAS

Mrs. Lias Will Lead Lutherans

The parish chapter of Ascension Lutheran Church's LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) installed its officers for 1969. The installation ceremony took place in Ascension's Parish Hall, 17910 S. Prairie Ave. The LWML chorus, directed by Mrs. A. G. Ahlers, provided music of the season for the occasion.

Re-elected to a second term as president was Mrs. Hobart Lias. Others officers installed at the meeting included Mrs. Robert Raasch, first vice president; Mrs. Ronnie Waner, second vice president; Mrs. Vic Kaelke, third vice president; Mrs. Rose Brown, secretary; Mrs. Cal Pointer, treasurer; and Mrs. John Rempert, historian.

Mrs. Lias, a resident of 3831 W. 171st St., anticipates that much of the extra-congregational work of Ascension's LWML in 1969 will be in staffing the Lutheran High School Thrift Shop in Gardena.

The Thrift Shop, one of three stores of this type in the Los Angeles area, is located at 14508 Crenshaw Blvd. Proceeds from the sale of donated merchandise go towards capitol improvements at Lutheran High. More than \$50,000 was donated to the high school from this source in the past year.

Biblical Scholar Schedules Study

The Rev. Spiros Zohdiate, Biblical scholar, author, and humanitarian, will lead a Bible study conference beginning Sunday at First Baptist Church of Torrance, 2118 Carson St.

The Sunday schedule of meetings is as follows:

8:15 and 11 a.m., Rev. Zohdiate speaks at morning wor-

ship services;

9:30 a.m., all adult Bible classes meet in the sanctuary for discussion led by Rev. Zohdiate. Discussion will deal with the relationship between the original Greek New Testament and later translations;

5:45 p.m., Rev. Zohdiate speaks to the Baptist Youth Fellowship;

7 p.m., a film story of Greece, narrated by Rev. Zohdiate, showing the area where the Apostle Paul preached and delving into the physical and spiritual needs of the people living there today.

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., the Rev. Zohdiate will conduct an in-depth study of the Beatitudes.

A native of the island of Cyprus, Rev. Zohdiate attended the University of Cairo, Egypt, and received his Th.B. from National Bible Institute in New York and his master's from New York University.

He is editor of the latest edition of the Modern Greek New Testament published by the American Bible Society.

Cab Ride to Church Offered

In an effort to better serve the residents of the South Bay with its ministry, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 706 Knob Hill, Redondo Beach, is continuing to offer free transportation to its 9:30 Sunday school-Bible class session as well as to its 11 a.m. worship service.

This transportation service is offered as a result of a special arrangement with the Blue and White Cab Co., 732 Catalina Ave., Redondo Beach. Arrangements "for a ride to church" can be made by calling FR. 8-1234 before 6 p.m. Saturday.

Children using the cab under this arrangement must be accompanied by a parent. Return transportation is available only after the 11 a.m. service. According to the pastor, the Rev. E. M. Schoppa, this transportation arrangement is being underwritten by the mission treasury of the Sunday school.

Church Sets Presbytery Installation

United Presbyterian ministers and lay members from 49 area churches will install their chief honorary leader for 1969 when Los Angeles Southwest Presbytery holds its midwinter meeting Tuesday at 1 p.m. in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Pacific Coast Highway at Avenue D.

He is the Rev. Donald E. Roberts, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, who will serve the presbytery as moderator during the coming year. He succeeds the Rev. John V. Worthington, associate pastor of St. Peter's-by-the-Sea, Portuguese Bend.

The Rev. Paul Cox, pastor of the host church, will welcome an anticipated 250 delegates and visitors to the meeting, which will extend through the dinner hour and into the evening.

Sacrament Is Topic Of Lesson

A communion service will be held this Sunday in First Church of Christ, Scientist, 218th and Manuel Avenue. The service will begin at 11 a.m. and is open to the community.

The lesson-sermon is titled "Sacrament," and the Golden Text is from I Samuel: "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

Included in the readings is the following reference from the Christian Science textbook *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy: "To keep the commandments of our Master and follow his example, is our proper debt to him and the only worthy evidence of our gratitude for all that he has done. Outward worship is not of itself sufficient to express loyal and heartfelt gratitude, since he has said: 'If ye love me, keep my commandments.'"

'Science' Topic

"Religious Science: The Way It Works" will be the sermon topic Sunday of the Rev. Dr. Frank E. Richelieu, pastor of the Redondo-Torrance Church of Religious Science.

Cross Retrieved In Greek Rites

A member of the local Greek Orthodox congregation emerged cold and wet, but jubilant from the waters of the Pacific Ocean last Sunday, waving a gold, wooden cross in a age-old ceremony commemorating the baptism of Jesus.

Proud winner of the cross retrieving competition is 23-year-old Terry LeBeau of Torrance, a member of St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church.

According to the ancient custom, the right reverend bishop of the Western States shows the 10-inch cross into the surf and the boys and young men dive after it. The one who retrieves the cross brings it to the bishop, kneels, and receives the bishop's blessing.

Greek Orthodox members attach great importance to the ceremony, considering the cross a powerful good luck talisman. The winner keeps the cross as a prize.

LeBeau was honored at a dinner and dance following the ceremony by the 10,000 Greek Orthodox faithful who attended the Epiphany rites in Long Beach.

It was the first time in 18 years that a local man retrieved the cross. LeBeau is married to the former Leah Anastassiou of Torrance and they have a 2-year-old daughter. LeBeau was converted to the Greek Orthodox faith three years ago.

Family Affair 'Jody' To Appear at Concert

On Saturday evening, Jan. 18, at the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium, 7 p.m., Gospel Concerts, a non-profit organization, will present its big Tenth Anniversary Gospel Concert.

Featured will be the Blackwood Bros. from Memphis, Tenn., Hovie Lister and the Statesmen Quartet from Atlanta, Ga., J. D. Summer and the Stamps Quartet from Nashville, the Latinos from Mexico City, and introducing for the first time, Johnny Whitaker (Jody of Television's "Family Affair"), along with his mother, father and seven brothers and sisters, the Whitaker Family!

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