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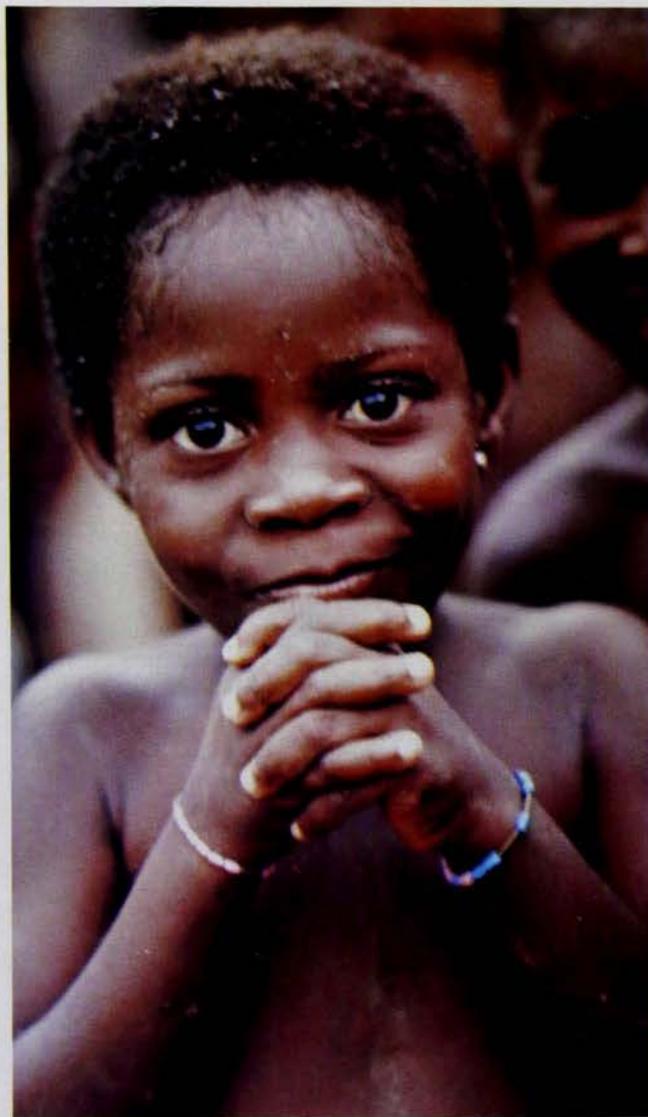
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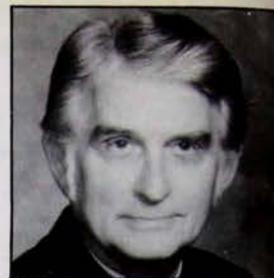
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Answering The Call



Bishop James Mase Ault
President
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The Global Gathering to celebrate God's mission fulfilled three basic functions of the church for every time and in every place—*Calling, Caring, Sending*. The Call went forth and God's people came from the six continents and the islands of the seas. As a gathered community we celebrated our life in Christ and our life together in the fellowship of the church.

The *Care* of one another in love was manifested in a variety of ways ranging from the great liturgical acts of worship to personal greetings and conversations along the way.

Calling, Caring, Sending. On the final day we commissioned and sent forth missionaries "to take the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ into all the world" in the same manner that the Risen Jesus sent the disciples from Galilee to Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria. Indeed the whole body was *sent*, swept by the Spirit into a new mission age.

Unwittingly, the General Conference, by its legislation in 1972, set the stage for this Global Gathering. By this action in Atlanta, Georgia, a major restructuring of The United Methodist Church followed. By this sweeping change, the former Board of Missions emerged as an enlarged board with six divisions under a new name, Global Ministries. The newly constituted board struggled with its mandate and functions. Experience taught the board and the general church that refinement of structure, to enable the board to be more responsive to the churches and the conferences, was essential for the mission of the church in its local expression and its global extension. This was done, and by its action in 1984, the General Conference preserved the rich diversity of varied ministries of the

board. But, the new structure centered the unity of the board in the office of the General Secretary in matters of program, personnel and finance.

In anticipation of this action by the General Conference, the board called for the preparation of a new mission statement, one "that is faithful to the biblical witness and the Wesleyan tradition and responsive to God's action in the present global context."

A task force, representative of the board and having continuity with the past, was named in 1984. Following nine theology of mission consultations held around the world, and with full participation of the directors along the way, the General Board of Global Ministries adopted a Theology of Mission Statement at its annual meeting, October 24, 1986.

Already in place was the Global Gathering to celebrate God's mission in March of 1987 with the clear intention that the Theology of Mission Statement would provide the framework for this first-time-ever celebration of the world-wide mission of The United Methodist Church. This Statement enabled all who gathered in Louisville to remember the past with thanksgiving and to anticipate the future with hope.

In drafting and adopting the Theology of Mission Statement it was never intended that the Statement was final in form, perfect in every regard. It represents the best offering of the board at this time to God and to The United Methodist Church. Our experience in mission under the Spirit's leading will teach us to see and hear what new things God is doing. Like our personal lives, the Theology of Mission Statement is open to amendment and revision to insure that the

General Board of Global Ministries may be more faithful to the whole Gospel, more responsive to human need and more compassionate and courageous in witness and service.

The Global Gathering was a microcosm of the Great Century in Missions when the churches from Europe and North America began to fulfill the first pentecostal moment by taking the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Those who came to Louisville came from the ends of the earth—the six continents and the islands of the seas. Each one in that great assembly came because somewhere, sometime, a missionary, called by God and commissioned by the church, cut a pathway of grace to where he or she was in the world.

In gratitude for this free gift of grace, we are called as a church to give impetus to the new wave of Christian mission. The United Methodist Church is being called into a new era of witness and service. Our partner churches around the world are seeking new missional relationships with us; relationships that rejoice in their spiritual gifts for ministry within the Body of Christ and beyond the walls of their countries. It just may be that missionaries will come to us in the West and renew our lost zeal for the Gospel and rekindle our love for the church.

The response given at the Global Gathering in the Liturgy for the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows continues to ring in our ears as appropriate for the whole church:

We have heard the Call.

We have been washed in the water.

We have been nourished at the Holy Table.

We go to answer with our lives.

A New Mission Age



Randolph Nugent
General Secretary
General Board of
Global Ministries

As this 1987 annual report issue of NEW WORLD OUTLOOK goes to press, the zeal of renewed commitment and the glow of global fellowship still warm the hearts of over four thousand United Methodist mission partners who attended the Mission Convocation in Louisville, Kentucky, March 12-15, 1987, under the theme "Celebrating God's Mission."

Last year, in these same annual report pages, I wrote of the worldwide consultation, collaboration, sharing and witness which undergirded the development of a new theology of mission to guide the work and strategy of the General Board of Global Ministries. After Louisville, I rejoice to report that the mission theology of the General Board of Global Ministries has been articulated, adopted and printed, and is well on the way toward becoming a living statement among God's partners in mission everywhere.

Louisville was a symbolically appropriate place for a global gathering to celebrate mission partnership. The home of the Kentucky Derby may be a proper place for reappropriating the vision of the author of the Letter to the Hebrews, rededicating ourselves to "running with perseverance the race that is set before us," always "looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith," even as "we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witness" (Hebrews 12:1-2).

In this symbolic setting, through liturgy, witness, fellowship; through the experience of solidarity, and the discipline of Bible study and workshop engagement, those gathered to celebrate God's mission began to sense the hope and the promise, the challenge and the opportunities embodied in the Mission Theology Statement's re-

sounding affirmation: "The church is being swept by the Spirit into a new mission age. We may not yet know where or how the Spirit will lead, but we look forward with faith and hope to a new pentecostal moment in mission."

The Spirit's "prodding presence" was gratefully felt in Louisville, just as the movement of the same Spirit can be discerned in a careful and prayerful reading of this annual report. The Mission Convocation opened with a Service of Word and Table. One of the celebrants of Holy Communion, and the preacher for the evening, was the Most Rev. Desmond Tutu, Archbishop of Cape Town, South Africa, who returned immediately following the service to the hostility and division, separation and suffering of his native land. The presence of the Archbishop combined with the presence of the Holy Spirit to transform the liturgy into current living witness.

A Service of Baptism Reaffirmation was held on the second evening of the Mission Convocation. It was adapted from *The Book of Services* approved by the 1984 General Conference. Containers of water had been brought to Louisville from all over the world, including from the River Jordan. These waters were combined to become a global reservoir of renewal and regeneration. Remembering God's creative act which "swept across the waters of the deep and brought forth light," the global congregation reaffirmed:

*Through Baptism
we are incorporated by the Holy Spirit
into God's new creation
and made to share in Christ's royal
priesthood.*

*We are all one in Christ Jesus.
With joy and thanksgiving we are*

*members of
the family of Christ.*

The same faith-filled recognition which infused the global gathering in Louisville also permeates the pages of this annual report: "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, one cannot enter the Kingdom of God." (John 3:5). The same profession of faith applies to entering the New Mission Age.

Around the world, in Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and the United States, in migrant fields and family farms, refugee centers and sanctuary churches, the same Spirit is moving which anointed and sent Jesus to "preach good news to the poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and to set at liberty those who are oppressed." (Luke 4:18) Swept and bathed by the Spirit, the church is entering the New Mission Age.

This annual report is a document of accountability. It is both a financial ledger and a record of witness and service. It renders an accounting not only to the contributors whose gifts and offerings have supported the work of the General Board of Global Ministries but also to God in Christ with whom we are in mission.

The Spirit of God moves within and among us stirring hearts and calling persons into partnership in God's mission. A prayerful hope accompanies the publishing of this annual report: that the Spirit will move in the hearts and lives of those who read it to prompt and lead them into missionary service. The fullness of accountability of this annual report will be served if those who read it will join hearts and voices with those assembled in Louisville for the Mission Convocation in saying: "Help us to be partners with God in mission."

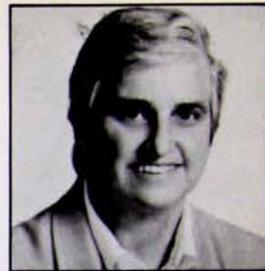
World Program Division

Boldly Into the Future of Mission





Bishop Roy I. Sano,
President



Peggy Billings,
Deputy
General Secretary



As the current 1984-88 quadrennium passes the halfway mark, the World Division may be on the verge of a new and truly international missionary age. This exciting prospect became more apparent last year following a hectic round of consultations in five continents that resulted in the Division's decision to expand mission work overseas. This decision included an agreement to recruit 100 more men and women into the global Methodist missionary community in the next two years in addition to replacing nearly one hundred others who will be retiring.

Last year's big leap forward promises to be just the beginning of a major United Methodist effort to inject more life and spirit into the worldwide ecumenical movement that has been calling for full internationalization of mission and mission personnel for many years.

"We are now at the beginning of a new era of opportunity," says Ms. Peggy Billings, chief executive of the World Division. "The churches of the so-called 'Third World' are actively giving shape and direction to the future, exploring with us models of mission appropriate to each situation and for the development of mission in new places."

Involving several hundred top church officials and leaders from various Methodist churches, related churches and ecumenical institutions, the wide-ranging consultations came out with a strong consensus about the renewed importance of mission and missionaries in more than 60 countries currently served by the World Division.

Growth pains and the current global economic crisis provide the

more immediate impetus for this call to open new mission frontiers and to send and receive more missionaries, according to Ms. Billings. On one hand, many overseas churches are growing by leaps and bounds in countries as diverse as Zaire and Bolivia. At the same time, a large number of Methodist-related churches are in the midst of a devastating financial crunch that has engulfed many churches in many nations, forcing hundreds of pastors to go unpaid and church buildings and services to close down.

Torn between the challenge of supporting thriving evangelism efforts and the equally urgent task of keeping distressed churches alive, the World Division has responded by digging deep into its reserves and by calling on the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the entire GBGM, and the Council of Bishops for a major church-wide economic rescue package.

First, at last October's GBGM annual meeting in New York and then followed later in the month at the Council of Bishops' meeting in Lake Junaluska, the World Division won approval for a proposed \$15 million fund to assist the partner churches. Initially launched earlier with equal pledges of \$3 million each from the World Division and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the bulk of the proposed fund is expected to be raised from a special \$9 million appeal authorized by the Council of Bishops. The offering was scheduled to be taken this recent Lenten season by some 54,000 UMC congregations around the country.

While taking up much time and

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attracting more attention, the new missionary effort and the assistance to partner churches were not the only major priorities during the busy year. In addition, the World Division, in cooperation with the Mission Personnel Resources Program Department, also stepped up efforts to draw hundreds, perhaps thousands, of short-term volunteers to assist in church-related projects overseas.

The upbeat tone in 1986 also involved explicit reiteration of the long-term United Methodist support for ecumenical institutions, especially the National and World Councils of Churches, that have been plagued in recent years not only by strong attacks from conservative and fundamentalist groups, but also by the growing preoccupation with denominational security among various mainline Christian churches.

"We must not turn our backs on our ecumenical partners," Ms. Billings urged the Division's directors and staff members at last October's General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) meeting in New York City. "We must find new clarity in our common mission calling and revitalize our working relationships, including adequate financial support and a stronger emphasis on ecumenical sharing of personnel."

Worldwide Challenge

The "new opportunity" before the World Division, Ms. Billings points out, reflects the overwhelming consensus generated in the consultations that called for *more*, not fewer missionaries, "particularly persons with technical skills and in all cases persons of deep Christian belief and practice."

In country after country where there are existing Methodist-related churches, the same story of incredible church growth and evangelism is repeated.

As the report of the Africa consultation in Nairobi put it: "It is impossible to make any significant impression on the needs in Africa without a major initiative in support and personnel from overseas boards and agencies."

The reports of the consultations, which are now being incorporated into the Division's planning processes for the next five to ten years, virtually reverse attitudes formed in the turbulent 1960s when it was widely assumed that western missionary ranks would eventually be eliminated or severely curtailed by the upsurge of nationalism and decolonization in the Third World.

The current push for more missionaries also calls for the replacement of some 80 currently active missionaries who face retirement in the coming two years, assuring projections that the UM missionary community will be about 700 strong by the start of the new quadrennium in 1988.

Today's new call for missionaries, says Ms. Billings, represents not so much a return to the heyday of American and other western missionaries, but a big jump for one of the more innovative and ecumenical responses of the 1960s and 1970s, i.e., the internationalization of mission and mission personnel. The main idea behind this movement involves sending and receiving missionaries irrespective of their nationalities and racial origins. Thus, a U.S. church could enable a Senegalese minister to serve in Indonesia or send an agricultural expert from Arizona to work in the Sudan; in the same manner, a church in India could send its own missionaries to Fiji.

Here's an overview of the state of mission in the different regions

served by the World Division:

Africa

Profound social and political changes rumble across the vast African continent. Famine, economic underdevelopment, and the vicious apartheid system in South Africa persist, but there are also the innumerable but low-key stories of people helping themselves and each other in the struggles against disease, illiteracy and hunger. Africa's increasingly assertive Christian community, including many Methodists, considers itself an integral part of these daily struggles. All over the continent, churches are sprouting up in the bush and in towns. Africa, according to many forecasts, is today's great arena for religious conversion; indeed, it is destined to become the homeland of the largest number of Christians in the world.

In country after country where there are existing Methodist-related churches, incredible church growth and evangelism keep recurring.

Badly hit by the global economic crisis, Zaire has turned to the country's United Methodist Church to take over more health centers and schools.

For the first time since independence in 1975, four World Division missionaries are going to Mozambique in early 1987 to work with a medical team. This rapprochement opens a new era of cooperation that ends a period following the revolution against Portuguese rule during which most foreign missionaries left the country, although one UM missionary has remained there the entire time.

Led by a young and dynamic



Above, Coffee time at the New Delhi consultation. Left, a Mozambican woman at Sunday service.

bishop, the church in Burundi is taking the initiative in developing small-scale economic enterprises to help poor villagers acquire skills and earn a steady income.

West Africa, which has longer and closer ties with U.S. churches, continues to be a vigorous field of mission. In Liberia, the World Division has helped revive an aviation ministry that remains vital in maintaining communication lines across impassable roads and jungles between many church-run hospitals, medical centers, schools and mission stations. Neighboring Sierra Leone, in addition to similar health, educational and religious facilities, has been attracting a growing number of volunteer work



Sunday evening worship in Hatilla Methodist Church, Costa Rica.

teams from American churches, especially from the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Last fall, the World Division sent Clelia and Gardner Hendrix, a retired lay couple from South Carolina, to explore possibilities for more volunteer work in West Africa and other parts of the continent.

As for volatile South Africa, the World Division remains in the forefront of the long struggle for the dismantling of the apartheid system in the only white-run country on the continent. In 1985, the Division divested itself of stocks it once held in U.S. corporations that have dealings with South Africa. For many years, it has also supported the ecumenical work of the South Africa Council of Churches. Currently, it gives support to an important community and communications center for black residents outside of Johannesburg.

In North Africa, United Methodist work, mainly concentrated in the education and health fields, continues through the Protestant

Church of Algeria. Dialogue with the Islamic world has been kept up through the Middle East Council of Churches based in Beirut.

Latin America

Although the tangled political and ideological conflicts in Central America and Chile dominate the headlines, World Division work extends farther into the areas of agricultural development, peacemaking, human rights, nutrition and church development.

In Nicaragua, four missionaries work with the Evangelical Committee for Aid and Development (CEPAD). Among the badly needed and innovative projects in which two of the missionaries are deeply involved is a major reforestation campaign in denuded rural areas of the war-torn nation.

In a country where as many as 30 million children go hungry everyday, Brazil's Methodist Church has been making a modest but important contribution through community and childcare centers that it runs for the benefit of hundreds of

children in the slums of Rio de Janeiro. Major efforts have also been made to open new churches and to help poor women acquire livelihood skills.

Bolivia's small Methodist Church has grown almost three times in the past 10 years, from 5,000 members in 1976 to 14,000 last year. With even more vigorous evangelistic work, the present number is expected to double in the next two years.

The Methodist Church in Mexico, with strong evangelistic work in the north and widely praised rural development projects in the central region, is currently being reorganized from the current two annual conferences into six annual conferences to provide for fast membership growth.

Among the newest additions to the United Methodist community is the Evangelical Primitive Methodist Church of Guatemala, which is expected to become formally associated with the UMC after the 1988 General Conference. For the past two years, the World Division has been providing support for the church's rural mission work among the Indian population. Top officials of the church have also visited the United States to meet UM officials and congregations.

Tremendous church renewal goes on in Chile despite continuing repression by the Pinochet military regime. Last year, a delegation of Christian leaders visited Chile to look into alleged human rights abuses and to express support for the people's struggle for the restoration of democratic rights.

Argentina's Methodist community will celebrate its 150th anniversary beginning in December, 1987, amid much optimism about

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in the full strength of their own voice
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the country's democratic future and its own efforts to expand evangelistic work. During the long years of military dictatorship, many church leaders were deeply involved in human rights work.

The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and Central America (MCCA), concerned almost exclusively with church development in the past, is now becoming more involved in the grave social and political issues in the vast and strategically important Caribbean Basin. Despite the continuing tourism boom, most countries in the region are afflicted by economic underdevelopment.

Asia-Pacific

Generally optimistic news of dramatic church growth, human rights victories, increasing ecumenical cooperation and closer relations between partner churches have given cheer to Methodists in the sprawling Asia-Pacific region. At the same time, the tragic Sinhalese-Tamil conflict in Sri Lanka, the plight of refugees in Indochina and Afghanistan, the political turmoil in Pakistan, and the violent demonstrations in South Korea have spurred efforts for more effective Christian witness in troubled times.

In the Philippines, many United Methodists joined millions of other Filipinos in Asia's only predominantly Christian country in the peaceful revolution that overthrew the Marcos dictatorship. Although serious political and economic problems still afflict the country, there is tremendous positive feeling about its restored democratic system, especially after the recent approval of a new constitution in a national plebiscite.

In Korea, Christian and student activists are in the forefront of the widening drive for democratic change. More and more, the tension continues to build between the hardline Chun government and the democratic opposition, a dangerous trend that is expected to mount as the country prepares for the mammoth Olympics in 1988. On the humanitarian side, South Korean Methodist leaders were among the first Christians allowed to visit North Korea last year, raising hopes for the reconciliation of millions of divided families, as well as the future reunification of the two Koreas.

The postdenominational Christian church in China continues to grow by leaps and bounds. There was no better proof of this dramatic change than the Nanjing 1986 international ecumenical conference that China's Christian community proudly hosted last year. World Division support has been channeled to, among other channels, the Amity Foundation, which is involved in Bible printing and in bringing teachers of English into the country.

In Hong Kong, many Methodist Church leaders are involved in the movement to find an acceptable transition to the post-1997 period when the bustling crown colony returns to Chinese rule. Across the Taiwan Straits, the ruling Koumintang regime is under pressure to accommodate the Taiwanese majority, even as the Beijing government intensifies its campaign for the peaceful reunification of the island with the mainland. Taiwan's Methodists, along with the Presbyterian Church, are heavily involved in the field of education, especially higher education.

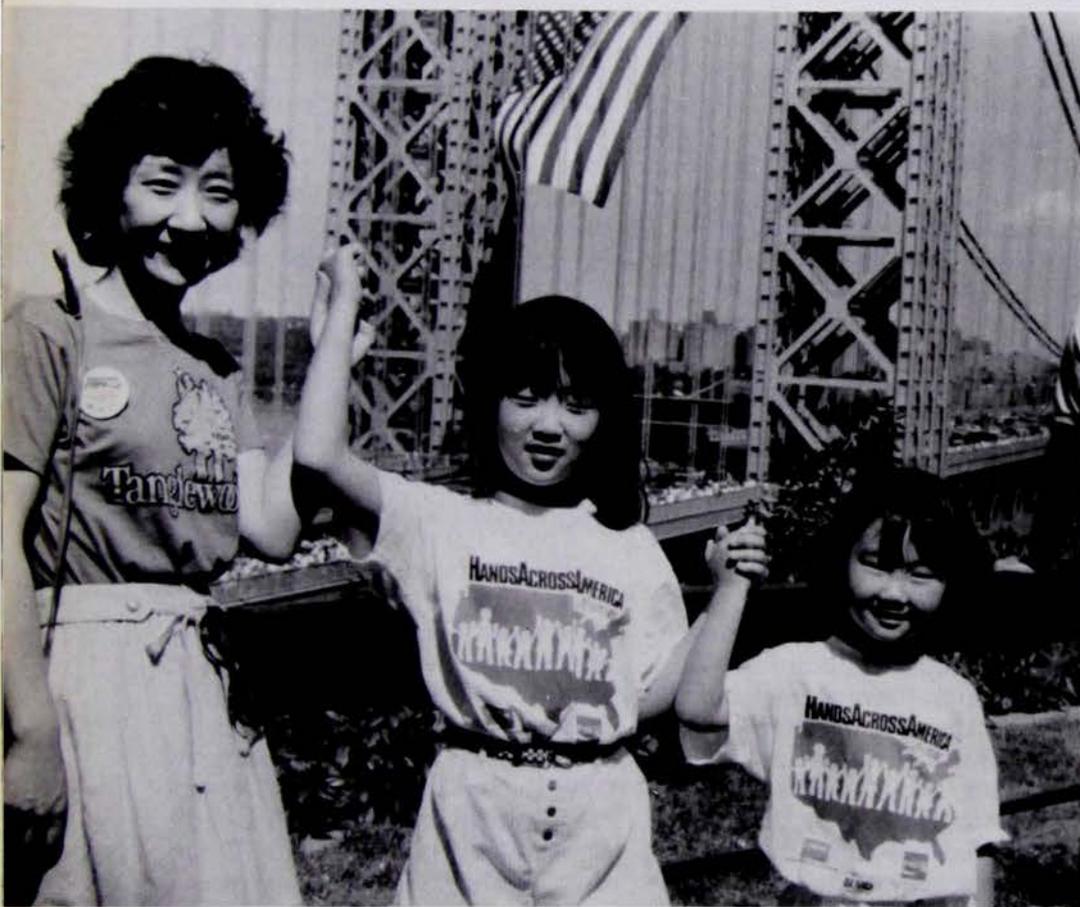
Evangelistic work among the Karo Bataks of Sumatra in Indonesia goes on through the Methodist-related Karo Batak Church and the Methodist Church in Indonesia. For the past five years, scores of mass baptisms have dramatically increased the membership of both churches. In recent months, some international human rights organizations have raised protests about the "forgotten" political prisoners in Indonesia, many of them victims of the bloody coup that toppled the Sukarno regime some two decades ago.

Apart from shared concerns about economic development and church growth, the Christians of the Pacific islands have a big stake in the movement to have the entire region declared a nuclear-free zone.

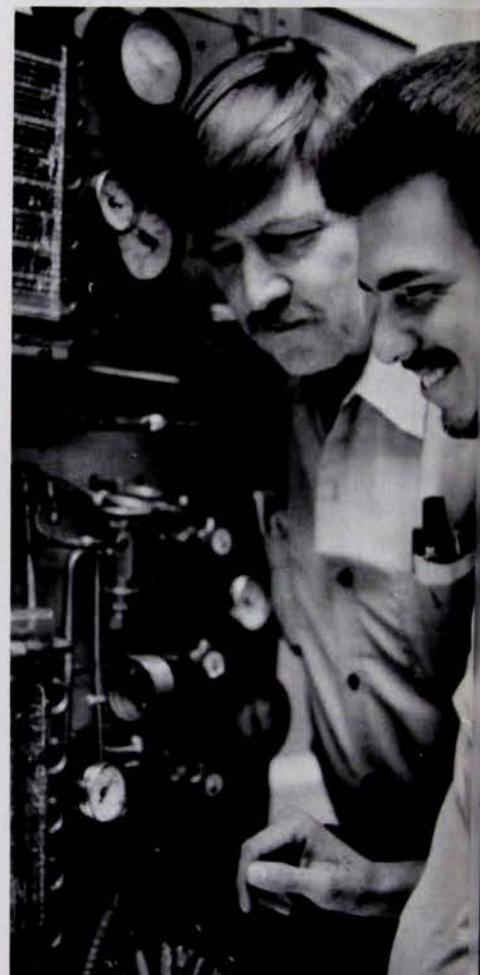
In Japan, the fingerprinting of Korean residents has become a very controversial issue that highlights the sad plight of minorities in the country. Fears of growing militarization remain, as well as protests about sex tourism among Japanese men who visit Thailand, the Philippines and other Southeast Asian countries in big numbers every year.

"The overseas churches," says Ms. Billings, who served as a missionary in Korea, "present to us a great variety in condition and context, and the World Division in its planning must allow for both regional and country-to-country diversity. They speak to us in the full strength of their own voice and ask for our partnership." □

Helping and Caring Hands Across America



Some Asian-Americans join hands with other Americans in New York (left); On-the-job training at a youth employment project in Texas (right).



The UMC through its programs and commitment to Christ, works and prays to alleviate strife on these shores.

"Hands Across America" took place one spring afternoon in 1986 when millions of Americans joined hands from one end of the country to the other to support feeding the hungry and housing the homeless. Americans pledged huge sums of money in a people-to-people effort to bridge the gap between the prosperous and the poor. One-time efforts such as this capture the attention of the media and the hearts of the people. But before "Hands Across America" and after it, the hungry still must be fed, the homeless still must be housed, and youth need jobs, families need to live together harmoniously, sex

must not be exploited for profit or popularity, people need to be economically secure, peace must go hand-in-hand with justice, and the Word must be proclaimed.

"At work before and after 'Hands Across America,' the National Program Division, through its staff and home missionaries in partnership with members of The United Methodist Church, through its programs, and through its commitment to Christ, works and prays to call disciples and to alleviate strife on these shores," says the Division's chief executive, the Rev. Rene Bideaux.

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with such issues, the National Division helped finance the defense of seven church workers, including two United Methodists, who were tried for providing sanctuary for Central American refugees in Tucson, AZ.

One of the critical needs of low income families in south Atlanta is housing. In 1986, the National Division granted seed money to the South Atlanta Land Trust (SALT) to start a revolving capital loan fund for community organizations involved in expanding low income housing in Atlanta. Nine more houses are now in the process of being renovated. The organization also purchased a 16-unit dormitory from Gammon Theological Seminary and is in the process of making it into apartments for the elderly and small-sized families in the community.

The United Methodist Community House Women's Sweat Equity Program in Omaha, NE, a National Division-related institution, suffered a serious blow in 1986. Arsonists totally destroyed the building the women had obtained and rehabilitated. They were in the beginning stages of sectioning off the building into apartments when the fire occurred. But they were not discouraged and found another site. The women obtained vacant land in the community from the city, where they plan to construct 10 housing units.

Problems Affecting Youth

High rates of teenage pregnancy and parenthood are of great concern to National Division-related community centers, many of which are designing programs to address the problem. The National Division sponsored a major conference on adolescent pregnancy in

the fall of 1986 to help these community centers develop programs. The Division received \$30,000 from the Women's Program Division, General Board of Global Ministries, for the conference.

Over 200 persons participated. The conference included 22 workshops, each demonstrating models for working with teenagers and parents. Some of the ideas included teen theater, video, games, a brother-to-brother mentor program with young men, and examples of community organizing and legislative advocacy.

One of the areas of critical concern during the past several years has been the high rate of youth unemployment, especially among minorities. Since the National Division instituted a nationwide Youth Employment Program in eight Division-related community centers in the fall of 1985, 172 youth trainees have participated. They have acquired skills in air-conditioning and refrigeration repairing, painting and landscaping, basic carpentry, business management, cashiering and retail clerking, home health, banking and food services.

In September, 1986, the Tacoma, WA, Community House youth project began its second year of operation. Participants included three Vietnamese, one Ethiopian and nine Cambodians. Skills training and English instruction were crucial in order to prepare these young people for the job market.

During 1986, 125 youth were involved in Milwaukee's Northcott Neighborhood House Gang Attitude Adjustment Program, one of several such programs now being offered in National Division community centers. The program helps youth develop a positive self-con-

cept, provides support groups and encourages them to continue their education and pursue employment training. The young people are assisted in obtaining General Equivalency Diplomas and in getting into job training and finding jobs.

One of the street gangs in the city has been totally disbanded as a result of its members' participation in Northcott's program. Sixty-eight percent of the youth who participated in the program in 1986 went back to school. The program's staff is also working to help youths resist and deal with peer pressure to join gangs.

Promoting Economic Development

Six community centers that serve predominately Hispanic communities have placed emphasis on economic development and self-help for low-income female heads of households. The centers have organized catering training and business programs. The Division's Community Economics Development Program provided technical assistance. During 1986, 25 women at Neighborhood House in Calexico, CA, learned business skills and how to prepare and serve food for their business, called La Plazita Kitchen. By the end of 1986, they had catered 10 different community events.

National Division staff say that a training and income producing program such as this is particularly important in Calexico, where the unemployment rate is currently 43 percent. The other five Hispanic women's catering projects are in communities where the needs for skills, employment and income are equally great.

The Division is helping migrant workers in Missouri, too, by fund-

The National Division is helping migrant workers with housing, food, health care, clothing, transportation and legal assistance.



ing the Migrant Farmworkers Assistance Fund. The Fund serves approximately 1,000 workers from various ethnic backgrounds, who are in need of housing, food, health care, clothing, transportation funds and legal assistance. The Fund also helps workers with families to obtain education and child care services.

Through its United Methodist Voluntary Service (UMVS), the Division helped finance the economic justice efforts of the Workers Rights Institute in Milwaukee, which won a suit against that city's "workfare" program. The courts found that participating welfare recipients, almost all of whom are

women, were earning less than they would for comparable work performed outside the program. No longer exploited, these women are now being paid fair wages for their services.

UMVS provided financial support to a Brooklyn group, the Sisterhood of Black Single Mothers, to help its members help each other with a range of social and economic needs. UMVS also assists the Association for Better Community Development, a self-help center in Canton, OH, of low-income women; the Direct Action and Research Training Center, preparing minorities and women to serve as professional

community organizers, and Centro Adelante Campesino, a self-help empowerment program for migrant workers. In all, UMVS funded a total of 20 community-based projects last year, including the Center for Community Self-Help in Durham, NC, which enables textile workers to become owners of their own businesses.

Some community centers have become involved in efforts to get Americans with low incomes to participate in the political process. Crossroads Urban Center, Salt Lake City, UT, has organized and carried out voter registration campaigns for several years. In 1986, through the efforts of Crossroads,

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Migrant workers on a West Coast onion farm.

6,500 new voters were registered. The staff and volunteers registered voters at the unemployment and welfare offices, and in retirement and nursing homes. Crossroads educates new voters about issues, government benefits, and candidates' positions on issues.

Strengthening Individuals and the Family

The National Division called a consultation in response to a General Conference EMLC missional priority emphasis during this quadrennium on addressing the needs of women in the ethnic minority local churches and communities. Ten local church women from each

of the ethnic minority groups were among those attending the consultation in Atlanta last November. Family problems such as child care and domestic violence were identified as critical issues by the women. Native Americans were equally concerned about alcoholism, chemical dependency, suicide and unemployment.

Community centers have taken a variety of approaches in working to strengthen ethnic minority families. Northcott Neighborhood House program in Milwaukee works to prevent domestic violence and establish positive family behavior. Family members are brought together in groups to identify the roles of each family member. The program seeks to include fathers who are unemployed and fathers who may not live with the mothers and children but are, indeed, a part of the families. As a result of this program, several families decided to live together as a nuclear family. During 1986, 27 families and 118 individuals participated in this new program.

One of the Division's Korean-American Ministries priorities is to reach out to Korean-born women who married American servicemen in Korea and then transferred with their husbands to the United States. Victimized by racial discrimination, as well as by cultural isolation, these women and their bi-racial children are beginning to find support through new Korean-language churches that are being aided by the Division. Churches are providing these women with counseling, legal assistance, education and job training opportunities.

Last year, the National Division and the General Board of Church and Society jointly sponsored re-

gional hearings on agricultural and other rural life issues in Missouri, California, West Virginia, Georgia. The hearings enabled local church people to share their needs and express their feelings about the roles of the church in their communities. The hearings also provide input to the 1988 General Conference resolution on agricultural and other rural issues.

As an outgrowth of Alaska Children's Services in Anchorage, a transition house to help Alaskan native women to adjust to urban living was organized in 1986. Women who have recently come to Anchorage are provided a place to stay. The program includes support groups of older Alaskan native women who have had similar experiences, so they share and provide positive assistance and encouragement to the newcomers.

People-to-People Efforts in the Church

Thirty pastors journeyed to St. Louis last May to attend a workshop. These pastors had been appointed to redeveloping churches. The workshop they attended was a prototype for routine workshops the Division will offer beginning in 1987. These workshops will assist ministers in rebuilding and sustaining membership. "While new churches are important, if existing churches don't take in a substantial number of new members the church will die," said Thomas Gallen, National Division congregational development top executive. Mr. Gallen says the number of redeveloping churches is high. One factor demanding church redevelopment is economic crises such as plant closings and farm foreclosures. "Whole communities are closed down. Just imagine the effect this

Over \$50 million was raised for local churches and annual conferences in 1986 through the Division's Office of Finance and Field Service.

has on local churches when 75 percent of membership may be unemployed." Mr. Gallen added.

In 1986 National Division provided training to 80 ministers appointed to serve new congregations about such topics as architecture, church site selection, contracting, fund raising, budgeting, new church development stages, promotion and public relations, church leadership training, and community data evaluation. Such training takes place every year, in cooperation with the General Board of Discipleship.

Over \$50 million was raised for the local church and annual conference in 1986 through the Division's Office of Finance and Field Services. The division helped five annual conferences conduct fundraising campaigns for pensions, new church development, land acquisition, higher education and mission projects. The year also saw completion of campaigns in Southern New England, Southern New Jersey, Central Texas, North Georgia and Northern Illinois.

The Division loaned out \$10 million to about 250 local churches for mortgages, renovation, and land acquisition. This figure represents the most loans ever committed during a one-year period.

The United Methodist Development Fund (UMDF) had a \$10 million growth increase over last year. In 1986 the fund topped \$55 million. For the first time, a split loan interest rate was offered with a lower rate for the first building of a new church.

The southwestern United States represents the highest growth potential in United Methodism, according to Mr. Gallen. In cooperation with the California/Nevada and the California/Pacific annual conference, the National Division



Community centers have become involved in voter registration campaigns and projects to strengthen individuals and the family.



started a new construction company. The company which is a low-cost construction consulting firm, is in the midst of constructing its first church now.

The Division already independently owns one construction company in Mississippi which provides service at a low cost to churches with high need but low economic provisions. Churches are mostly rural or ethnic.

The Division acquired last year what the staff describes as a "sophisticated data base system." By using the system, the Division compiled comprehensive planning studies for seven conferences last year. The studies revealed such information as national changes in population, and where and when to start new churches. Last year the data base system enabled the division to complete a half dozen feasibility studies to aid in capital fund drives. A study on congregational development was also undertaken for the bishops.

To assist church leadership in understanding services offered by the National Division, two new major resources were published in 1986. They were *Manual for District Board of Church Location and Buildings* and *Research Report: Major Growth Areas in the United States*. A new toll-free telephone number provides information about congregational development — 1-800-UMC-GROW (862-4769)

Other materials the Division has developed include: a sanctuary resource packet, containing a manual and videotape on sanctuary churches, and such brochures as "National Mission at Work", "Conference-Related Indian Ministries", "The United Methodist Church and Native Americans / New Visions", "United Methodist Appalachian Develop-

ment Committee", "Reach Out to Women in Crisis: The Hidden Victims", "Partners in Congregational Development" and "Grace Accepted."

At the Forefront of the EMLC

The National Division administers 45 percent of the general church Missional Priority funding for developing and strengthening the ethnic minority local church for witness and mission. An additional \$500,000 is allocated from the General Board of Global Ministries. The grants go directly to local churches.

The Division's Ethnic Minority Local Church (EMLC) staff assists annual conferences in putting together plans for EMLC strategies on how to grow beyond the quadrennium. EMLC consultants, from the four ethnic minority groups, participate in this process.

The Division has earmarked \$200,000 for programs by and with women in ethnic minority local churches. The programs will relate to justice and empowerment issues.

Through these and many other programs, each year the National Division carries out its purpose as expressed in the *Discipline* that it "is committed to an expression of faith which understands that God, through Jesus Christ, is active in all of life and works in church and secular society for dignity and justice among persons and communities." □

Women's Division Celebrating and Making History

Theresa Hoover, deputy general secretary, Women's Division, encourages members of United Methodist Women to examine their view of mission in their second century. "I need not tell you that being in mission is not easy. We love to hang on to the familiar, yet the call to mission nudges us into the unfamiliar. We love to honor persons, to hallow experiences; we even give pride of place and pride of office top billing in the scheme of things precious. Yet the call to mission is to honor one person, Jesus Christ; to

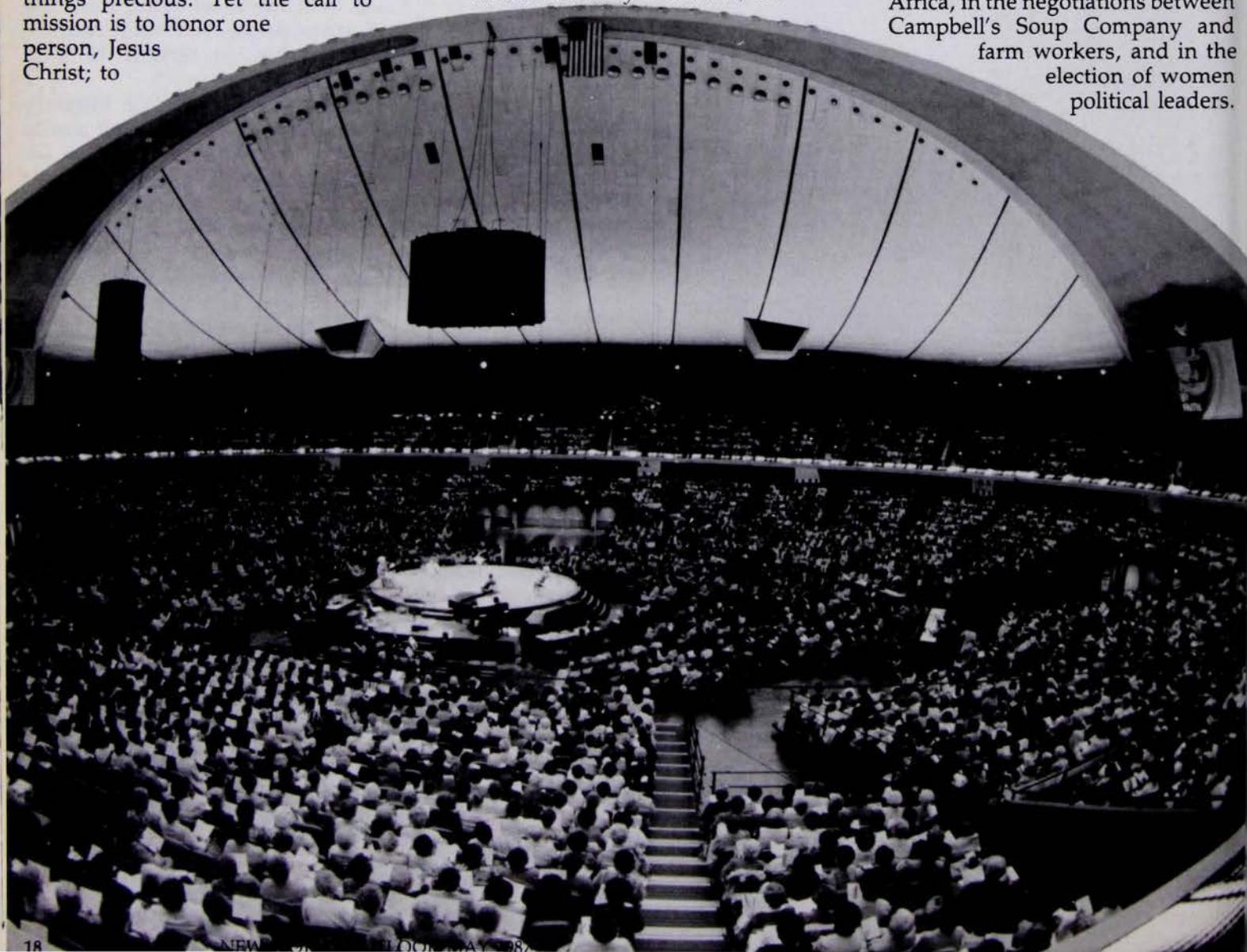
The call to mission nudges us into the unfamiliar

A dramatic eyeview of the 1986 Women's Assembly in Anaheim, Ca.

develop experiences grown out of the day's demands."

In line with that philosophy, when landmark decisions with historical significance are made, Women's Division directors and staff and United Methodist Women members are not caught unawares. They have spent years following those urgent issues with study and action.

In 1986 the Division saw long-sought goals reached in South Africa, in the negotiations between Campbell's Soup Company and farm workers, and in the election of women political leaders.



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October 2 ended years of accommodation when Congress overrode the presidential veto on sanctions for the Republic of South Africa. That legislation prohibits new American investments and bars South Africa airlines from landing in the States. The Women's Division, as well as other units of the General Board of Global Ministries, have worked unceasingly for the liberation of South Africa.

An historic settlement was made in February with the Campbell's Soup Company, the Farm Labor Organizing Committee and the farmworkers who pick tomatoes and cucumbers for Campbell's. Ellen Kirby, staff head of the Section of Christian Social Relations, observes that "some persons have cited the Women's Division entry into this struggle as pivotal to its culmination." With the settlement, the boycott against Campbell's was ended.

A record number of women ran for and won offices in 1986. The Women's Division has played a large role in the efforts to train women for political office through 57 one-day workshops reaching 2,500 women during 1984, 1985 and 1986. The Women's Division also participated in 10 Campaign Techniques Seminars sponsored by a consortia of 13 national women's organizations. The Division provided partial scholarships to help 75 women attend these seminars where they were taught how to define campaign issues, target voters, raise funds and relate to the media.

Two other historical events the Women's Division is actively involved in concern Central America and the Philippines. At its annual meeting in October, the Women's Division approved a recommenda-

tion that called for a full-scale congressional investigation into possible illegal governmental acts in support of the "contras." This action followed newspaper reports of the downing of a United States transport plane inside Nicaragua. A letter voicing the Division's concerns was sent by Division President, Carolyn M. Marshall, to key congressional committees.

In November, it was revealed that the U.S. government officials of the National Security Council were involved in questionable arms deals in Iran and Nicaragua.

Christian Social Relations section chairperson, Pat Callbeck Harper, and Ellen Kirby sent another set of letters to key committees of Congress urging a careful review of the role of the National Security Council in formulation and implementation of U.S. foreign policy.

A press release issued on December 2 about these concerns, with specific reference to a briefing with Lt. Col. Oliver North, resulted in wide media coverage.

Another major event during 1986 was the election of Corazon Aquino to lead her people as President of the Philippines. The Women's Division voted that the president of the Women's Division send a letter of celebration and encouragement to President Aquino on her election. The Division also adopted as a study document, "The Philippines at a Crossroad," written by David Williams, former United Methodist missionary in the Pacific.

Education and Leadership Development Cornerstones of Program

Schools of Christian Mission offered two special emphases in addition to mission studies.



Carolyn M. Marshall
President



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Deputy
General Secretary

Thirty-eight conference workshops were included on "New Horizons of Mission." The church in the People's Republic of China and our changing mission relationships were featured.

"Women Planning for the Future" was presented in each regional school and in a number of conference schools. This emphasis focused on aging/ageism for women. Participants' responses were positive, and many conferences are considering studying this topic in 1987.

Conference deans reported that 24,003 women, men, youth and children participated in the 1986 Schools of Christian Mission and Mission Events. This number is down from 27,506 in 1985. The Regional School attendance was 1,579, up from 1,511.

A major event in July was a workshop for Hispanic writers at St. Paul's School of Theology, Kansas City, MO. The purpose of the workshop was to train United Methodist Women to write programs for the Program Resources Book. Approximately 25 women attended from around the U.S.

The district leadership development program—"Share the Vision; Say Yes!"—is a quadrennial venture. Twenty-four of these district events were attended by 3,472 district officers from 317 districts during 1985 and 1986.

In December, 176 newly elected conference officers came to New York City for the annual New Officers Training Event for study and inspiration.

Thirty seven in-conference workshops were held during the year: 12 were in Christian Disciplines; eight, Leadership Development; seven, Christian Social Responsibility; and 10, Financial Promotion.

United Methodist Women are committed to mission programs of the Division as well as to other units of the General Board of Global Ministries.

Two retreats were sponsored for both Women's Division directors and staff. They focused on Christian disciplines with time for group and personal study, reflection and worship.

Staff Changes

The Women's Division had two staff changes in 1986. Elizabeth Calvin of St. Louis, MO, was named assistant general secretary for the Section of Mission and Membership Development. Bernice Dvorak, staff assigned to the regions, retired.

Concern for Teenagers

The Women's Division joined the National Division in sponsoring the Adolescent Pregnancy Conference in Phoenix, AZ, October 31–November 2 by providing \$30,000 in funding and sending 20 representatives of United Methodist Women at Division expense. In addition, the Division made two grants related to this concern. A grant of \$15,000 went to the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Project at Wesley United Methodist Church, Columbia, SC, and \$15,000 to the Refugee Children's Advocacy Project in Los Angeles, CA.

Where Does the Money Go?

Joyce Sohl, treasurer of the Women's Division, comments on giving: "In reviewing the 1986 income to the Division, it becomes very clear that United Methodist Women are committed to the mission expressed through the programs of the Division and other units of the General Board of Global Ministries. Income to the General Fund, which is all undesignated giving, totaled \$18,573,297 and shows an increase of 2.5 percent over 1985."

She reported that designated

giving also showed an increase with a total of \$9,915,344. Included in this total is \$196,105 for Food, Land and Justice, the hunger-related emphasis of the Women's Division. One example of the vital work touched by Food, Land and Justice grants is a project to increase the availability of fresh water tank storage in the Vavau Islands in the South Pacific; the grant was \$25,000.

The Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offering theme for 1986 was "Toward Wholeness: Women and Health." The offering totaled \$1,017,071.

The Women's Division approved expenditures of approximately \$3,400,000 for repairs, ren-

ovation and new construction at mission properties owned by the Women's Division, with program administered by the National Division. This amount is over and above the Women's Division regular appropriations to the National Division. Examples of some of the large grants for repairs are: \$145,000 for Gum Moon Residence, San Francisco, CA; \$135,000 for Sue Bennett College, London, KY; \$220,000 for Murphy-Harpst United Methodist Children and Family Services, Inc., Cedartown, GA; \$440,000 for Dulac Community Center, Dulac, LA; \$875,000 for Tacoma Community Center, Tacoma, WA; and \$265,000 for Community Methodist School, Frederikstad, St. Croix.

Appropriations for the Women's Division approved for 1987 are \$18,201,055.

The Women's Division has voted nine goals for 1986–1990. Of these, one is to reach \$24,000,000 in undesignated giving by 1990. The Division voted \$500,000 for related

Theresa Hover and Dr. Louise Branscomb in between sessions at Women's Assembly (left); Baby Audrey Grace Kerr starts early campaign to be dean of West Gulf Regional School of Mission in 2016.



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expenses including revision of financial promotion resources. This program would use the assistance of a paid consultant and 36 volunteers to help conference organizations assist local units to increase undesignated giving.

Two of the small Women's Division grants with major significance made in October were the Division grant of \$10,000 to the International Defense and Aid Fund (IDAF) for Southern Africa, and the \$2,000 for the Friends Committee on National Legislation for the Native American Advocacy Project.

The IDAF has for 30 years been the only organization devoted entirely to providing legal defense for political prisoners in Southern Africa and humanitarian aid for their dependents. It is also one of the few voices for detained children. IDAF estimated at least 15,000 children were detained in 1985.

According to the 1980 census, the poverty rate for American Indians overall was 27.5 percent in contrast to 2.4 percent for the

general U. S. population. Creation of a Washington, D. C., based interdenominational Native American Advocacy Project would help to inform grassroots constituencies about Indian issues before Congress, and encourage citizen advocacy.

Time of Celebration, Of Continuing Commitment

For United Methodist Women members, 1986 was a year of celebration with 8,600 attending the Assembly in Anaheim in April. This occasion brought to a climax the Centennial ERA Celebration begun four years earlier in Philadelphia. The Centennial celebration inspired many special programs, books and gifts.

During the Centennial a book, *They Went Out Not Knowing*, the story of the "100 women in mission," was published. Another book, *This Is Our Song*, was released at the Assembly. It tells the story of the Wesleyan Service Guild and other structures within the missionary societies which met the needs of employed women, 1921-1972.

The 1986 Assembly offering was designated for the Centennial Celebration Fund. The offering was \$232,686.38 bringing the total Centennial Fund to \$2,562,115.88. This offering will be used for continuing education at the Church Center at the UN, higher education for African women, conferences for Methodist women in and between

countries, and use of new technologies in the work of United Methodist Women.

President Carolyn M. Marshall and Division staff members Joyce Hamlin and Mary Kercherval Short went to the White House on May 20 to deliver more than 3,300 postcard peace messages from United Methodist Women around the country that were written at the Assembly in Anaheim.

Another time of celebration was the World Federation of Methodist Women Assembly in Nairobi, Kenya, in July. Fifteen directors and staff attended as Division representatives, including the immediate past Division Vice-President, Ethel Born, who was elected president of the North America Area. Fifty Conference representatives of United Methodist Women also registered.

Women's Division President Carolyn M. Marshall was on the program to bring a word of thanksgiving to the WFMW Assembly participants: "We must give thanks for having come this far. Celebrating our ability to make do, to adjust, is a piece of that thankfulness, but far from the whole story.

"Caring moves us into a deeper thankfulness as we are called to take hold, to stand out in the ambiguous dark — not attempting to be God, but coming as ourselves with aching and longing, looking for some disclosure of God and finding it within us. We are also called corporately to commitment." □

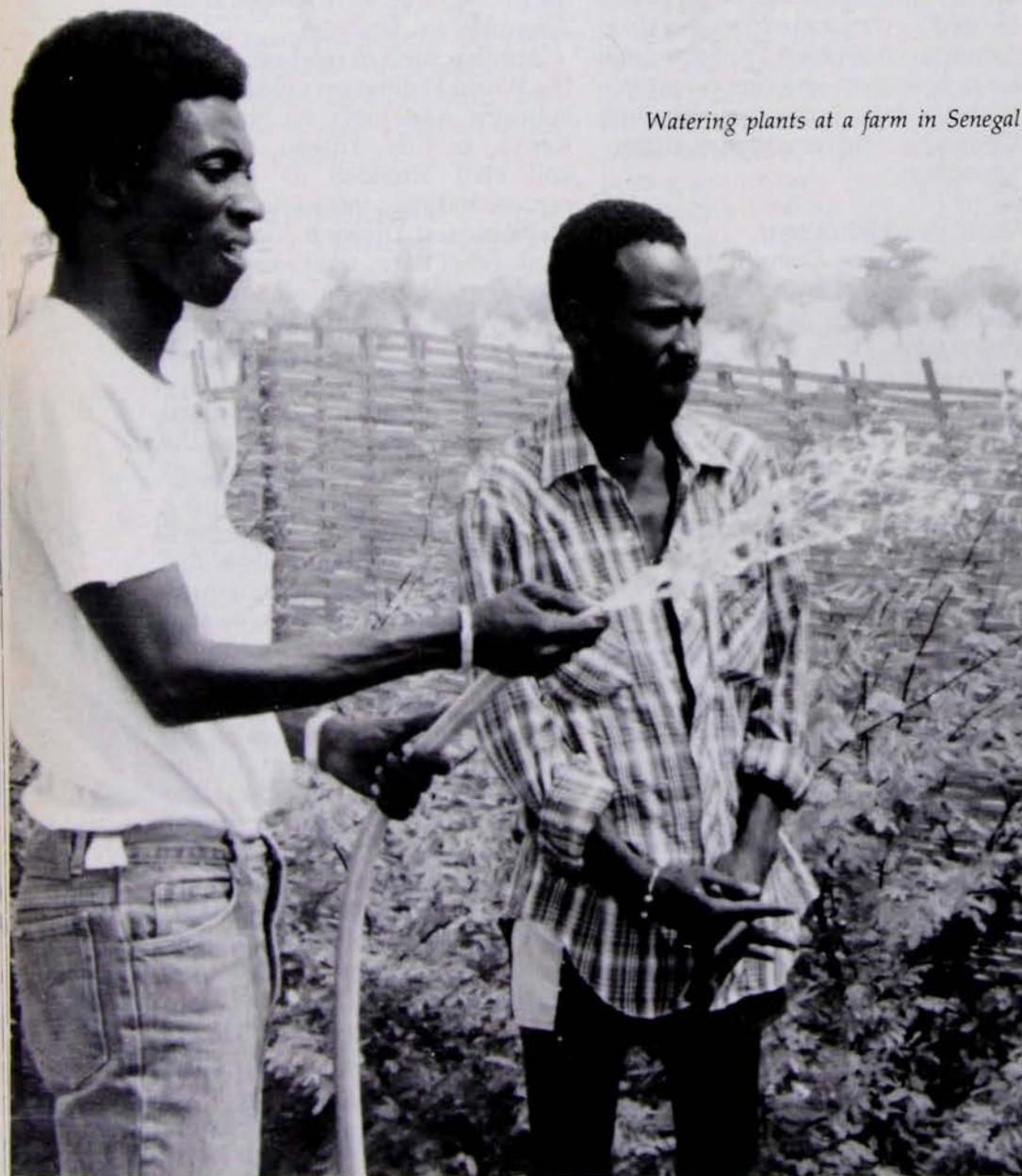


The Challenge of the Unfinished Story

God . . . will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more. . . . "Behold, I make all things new."

Revelation 21:3-5

Watering plants at a farm in Senegal.



This wonderful promise of God is possible! Although the story is not yet finished, recovery is taking place in many parts of Africa. New life is returning to villages. Communities are becoming whole again.

The unfinished story is a continuous process of rebirth and renewal, of giving and receiving. This process is a vital element of UMCOR involvement in the root causes of hunger and suffering in a community as it seeks to prevent tragedies from occurring and recurring. During 1986, UMCOR allocated more than \$3 million to water, health and agricultural projects throughout the African continent. These long-term development programs bring hope and new life in countries such as Senegal, Liberia, Kenya and Zimbabwe; programs that succeed, in part, because UMCOR helps people evaluate the goals at the start and monitor them all along the way.

A video produced late in 1986 celebrates the joy of one such program in Senegal. "Behold I Make All Things New" depicts a joint Christian/Muslim program to reclaim land for food production in northern Senegal. Local villages form agricultural co-ops, which grow to include educational and health components. As a result, the villagers' lives are changed. The video shows the miracle of water and lush vegetables in an otherwise barren land, and a hard-working, singing people; the spirit of cooperation is evident among them.

Through this program, about 20 villages tripled their income—and saved their homes. Families would have had to move in a grim search for food if it had not been for this program. Migration to urban capitals has been halted in this area.



Bishop Roy C. Clark,
Chairperson



Norma J. Kehrberg,
Associate
General Secretary

United Methodists Respond to the Challenge

The challenge and promise of recovery in Africa was presented to the directors and staff of UMCOR by C. Payne Lucas, executive director of Africare, at the UMCOR winter meeting in Maryland in January, 1986. Essential elements of the recovery process, stated Lucas, were help for the small farm to become more productive, the management of water resources through appropriate technology, and the recruitment of foresters and agronomers to develop widespread reforestation plans.

Thus started the year for UMCOR. The 1984-85 drought and famine in Africa that had severely affected 26 nations in that continent had caused hundreds of thousands of deaths and acute suffering for about 35 million people. But by April, 1986, thanks to the overwhelming response to the crisis by United Methodists and other concerned people and organizations worldwide, the magnitude of the numbers suffering from hunger and starvation had significantly decreased. By the year's end, six countries remained under threat of famine: Ethiopia, Sudan, Angola, Botswana, Mozambique and Cape Verde. From more than \$3 billion needed for urgent survival needs in 1985, less than a quarter that amount is now required.

Although many, many people are still affected and UMCOR continues to provide relief and development assistance, there is much to be thankful for. The number of children dying each month at one UMCOR-supported feeding center in Ethiopia has been cut a hundredfold. A cholera epidemic threatening thousands of children's lives in eastern Sudan was brought under control by provid-

ing safe, clean water and improved sanitary conditions. And new missionaries are at work on a water project in Sierra Leone, and others in an agricultural ministry in Mozambique. In all, millions of men, women and children live today because people like United Methodists cared and put their love into action.

In Ethiopia, where famine struck the hardest, UMCOR worked primarily through the Ethiopian Orthodox Church (the country's largest denomination) and the Christian Relief and Development Association. Those efforts, independent of government control, have made a huge difference in terms of lives saved: estimates range between three and seven million lives spared.

However, nearly seven million Ethiopians are still affected by drought in the southern and southeastern parts of the country, and



An Ethiopian boy shows off his goat.

nearly half of these are children. Associate general secretary, Norma Kehrberg, visited the country in August, 1986, and recommended continued strong support for agricultural and developmental programs supervised by the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. Money given at the height of the famine continues to be directed to communities such as these to save lives and to revitalize the land on which the people depend for their survival.

Several large grants of money were given throughout the year to meet the emergency needs for food in the other stricken African countries as well—about \$1 million all told. Adding to the tragedy of hunger and starvation, civil war in Sudan, Angola and Mozambique compounds the agony of destitute people. The fighting also disrupts the distribution of relief shipments to troubled areas. In Sudan, particularly, hunger is used as a weapon. For six months a bumper crop in northern Sudan was unable to reach about two million people in southern Sudan who were on the verge of starvation. Finally, in October, UMCOR heard that the Sudan Council of Churches was able to get some emergency assistance through to isolated communities, so the directors reallocated the balance of an earlier \$495,000 grant to assist in this effort.

Funds from the Bishops' Appeal also enabled UMCOR to respond to the desperate economic conditions of the black population of South Africa by assisting victims of continued oppression and violence in that country. Working through the Methodist Church of Southern Africa and the World Council of Churches, UMCOR resources helped bring food to thousands of elderly pensioners living below the

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Newly arrived Afghan refugees at a camp in Peshawar, Pakistan.

breadline and assisted many more thousands suffering from malnutrition in forced-removal camps and refugee settlements. Still others were helped with food, blankets, legal assistance, funeral grants and other means to help them cope in a situation beyond their control.

New Interaction with African Churches

During the year, exciting new directions in ministries began with the direct interaction of UMCOR in the development of programs in several African countries. Bishops' Appeal funds enabled UMCOR to send skilled volunteers to assist in agricultural and water projects in many areas. Wallace and Eunice Kinyon, retired missionaries, returned to Zimbabwe for three months to help The United Methodist Church develop its agricultural program. Richard Reeves, also retired and an active United Methodist, volunteered three weeks of his time and expertise. A water engineering specialist, Mr. Reeves returned to Sierra Leone and Liberia to follow up on a number of water and sanitation projects he had helped The United Methodist Church develop.

The Developmental Consultants program is another example of UMCOR's interaction with United Methodists and colleague churches in the work toward recovery in Africa. The program was approved in October in cooperation with the World Division. Skilled technical development specialists will work with churches on a 30-month contractual basis to identify and develop necessary programs utilizing the resources of the area. The first of these consultants is Harold Stanton. Active in local mission projects in his church in the Detroit

Although needs of the African continent received priority in 1986, UMCOR did not neglect obligations in other parts of the world.

Annual Conference, he is scheduled to begin work in southern Africa early in 1987.

Toward Reconstruction Worldwide

Rehabilitation work continued in 1986 in Mexico and Colombia following the catastrophic events of the previous fall. The violent earthquake in Mexico City devastated the lives and homes of many thousands of people. United Methodists in this country responded immediately to their neighbor's crisis. Gifts of money poured into UMCOR to assist in the relief and rehabilitation of people's lives. A total of \$1,400,000 was disbursed in 1986 primarily to the Methodist Church in Mexico and to CEMAD (an ecumenical committee formed through Church World Service), both of which are doing excellent recovery work. Houses are being rebuilt, and the churches are interceding with the government on behalf of the people who are poor and did not own the property they lived in. But the process of reconstruction is slow. Emergency needs continue as many people will need to remain in temporary housing for as long as two years.

Disaster struck several times again in Latin America in 1986. Late in the year, an earthquake hit El Salvador. Again, as in Mexico, the poorest people were the most affected. UMCOR sent \$40,000 in grants to church organizations assisting the victims. There, too, long-term response will be required to rebuild people's lives and homes. Major flooding in Bolivia and Peru caused extensive damage to Indian communities around Lake Titicaca. Money was sent to the Methodist Church in both countries to assist their people, and a contribution to a fund through

CWS enabled a larger response to the flood victims.

In Asia, typhoon Peggy swept through the China Sea, causing some damage to the Philippines but striking mainland China directly, around the Hong Kong area. For Guangdong province, it was the worst disaster of its kind since 1949. Close to 200 people were killed and almost four million were affected by the damage caused to irrigation systems, telegraph cables and farms. To meet the widespread needs of all these people, a unique ecumenical program was formed between the Hong Kong Christian Council and Guangdong Christian Council in the People's Republic of China. UMCOR sent funds through the World Council of Churches and CWS to support this program.

Closer to home, the overthrow of the Duvalier regime in Haiti early in the year, followed shortly after by the political demise of Ferdinand Marcos in the Philippines, was cause for celebration. Dr. Alain Rocourt, chairman of the Haiti District of The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas, shared the joy of his people with UMCOR at the April meeting. He also reported on a Christian Citizenship program that the Methodist Church had launched to prepare the Haitian people, 80 percent of whom are nonliterate, for the promised elections. UMCOR directors voted an initial grant of \$100,000 toward this program.

In the United States, floods were the major cause of disasters this past year. Rehabilitation work continued into 1986 in West Virginia following its worst floods in 100 years the previous November. Up to eight church and community workers assisted in disaster-response work during a 16-week

period of intensive relief and rehabilitation efforts in the area. UMCOR grants for this work in 1986 totalled more than \$200,000. UMCOR also places special importance on the development of programs providing counseling in disaster response. Following a disaster, one's spiritual and emotional well-being suffers the greatest damage, not home and property. An exceptionally good program was in effect in West Virginia.

Floods also swept through the central United States causing the heaviest damage in Oklahoma, Missouri, Michigan, South Dakota and Montana. Northern California, too, had floods in 14 counties. The encouraging aspect of all this was to see how the disaster-response training workshops paid off. The network of trained church people did what it was supposed to do—it went to work in areas of need even when UMCOR was not called upon to help. The South Central Jurisdiction workshop, held in the fall, ended on the day that major floods hit Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas. Participants went straight home and put their training to work.

Refugee Needs Challenge the Church

There was an encouraging response from United Methodist churches to sponsor refugees throughout 1986. During the year, UMCOR helped resettle 914 refugees through churches in several annual conferences. The refugees were from the Near East, Eastern Europe, Africa and Indochina. Many of these refugees came to join relatives already established in this country. United Methodist churches worked with relatives to sponsor these family reunions, while other United Methodist

In the U.S., floods were the major cause of disasters this past year. UMCOR grants for this totalled more than \$200,000.

churches assumed full responsibility for families and single refugees without friends or family in this country.

The resettlement ministry of UMCOR is a vital response to the biblical injunction to care for the "stranger in our midst." This will continue, even while UMCOR assesses the larger picture—the massive numbers of displaced persons seeking refuge throughout the world. Between 13 and 15 million men, women and children are uprooted from their homes because of wars, famine and civil violence.

Refugees from violence who seek asylum in the United States, but who are not deemed eligible by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Services, are people from El Salvador, Haiti, Guatemala and Nicaragua. UMCOR contributes to an ecumenical ministry coordinated by CWS to provide badly needed services for many thousands of these uprooted people. Services include the provision of food, clothing, shelter, medical care and legal assistance.

Norma Kehrberg, executive head of UMCOR, notes that at this midpoint of the quadrennium, a time for review, UMCOR needs to continue to be "flexible and responsive to meet challenges that may expand the traditional ministry of UMCOR." In addition to providing vital services, education to understand the issues causing the movements of people is important, and "those who are homeless though longtime members of our society cannot be excluded from our concern."

Other longtime members of our society received mixed benefits from the complicated new Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, passed in October. Repre-

senting the most important changes in immigration law in 20 years, it provides a legalization program, under certain conditions, for persons who entered the United States prior to January 1, 1982, and who have lived here continuously since that time. An amendment to the Act allows for the redress of discrimination by employers who refuse to hire even properly documented aliens, but this may be difficult to prove.

A Challenge to Continue Support Promotion is critical to the life of UMCOR. There is a continuing need to keep the unfolding story before the church, to let United Methodists know of the changes in people's lives as a result of their efforts, and to challenge church members to continue to give so that others may live in dignity and communities may become self-reliant. To this end, several major educational materials were produced in 1986. Printed resources include the World Hunger/Poverty Study Kit and the 1987-88 UMCOR Resource Book.

In addition to the video production, "Behold I Make All Things New," mentioned earlier in this report, a video to promote One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is now available. Called "Something Really Different," the video (and filmstrip) shows examples of the basic work of UMCOR. The OGHS offering undergirds the programs of all UMCOR work, and this audiovisual is intended to remind pastors and church members of this caring ministry.

Advance income for 1986 was over \$10,000,000. Although this is a large decrease compared to the year before, it must be remembered that more than \$10.6 million of 1985 income was in specific

response to the Bishops' Appeal for Hunger in Africa. The gifts of United Methodists for 1986 are the third highest in UMCOR's history.

The Unfinished Story— Hope and Life

New developments bring new hope. In 1986, UMCOR initiated new work in Guinea, a closed country for over 25 years. There, Simon, a very old man, had seen failure after failure of attempts to grow food. He had nearly given up hope. Then the land began to produce again through the cooperative program of Christians and Muslims. As the development progressed, Simon looked out over the growing fields and said, "Lord, now I can die in peace. My children and grandchildren will be able to feed themselves."

Almost 50 years ago, UMCOR was called to be a "voice of conscience among people called Methodists." And through the years, men and women of the church have responded. As the needs of God's people continue in a hurting world, the "unfinished" ministry of UMCOR also continues—and we believe that men and women of the church will continue to respond as despair gives way to hope, and death gives way to life. □

Personalizing Mission and New Technology



Sharon Brown
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A solemn moment at a recent commissioning service.

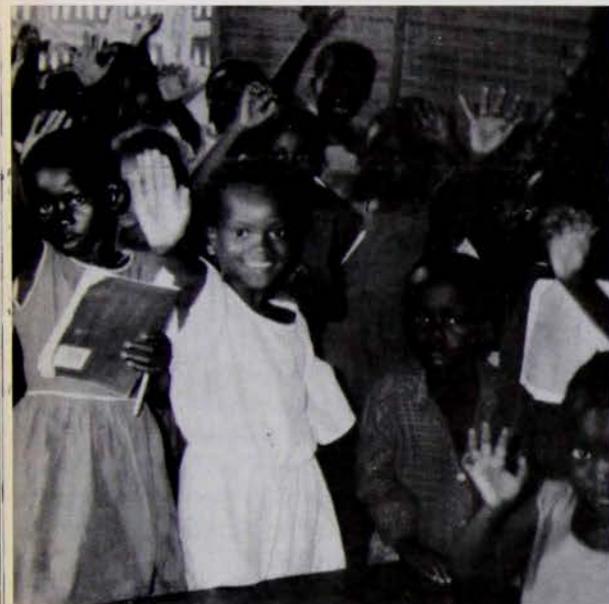
GBGM General Secretary Randolph Nugent announced that a total of 287 new missionaries are being sought and will be placed over the next two years. This is in response to a repeated call from churches for people with specific skills to be placed in posts in the U.S. and around the world. By developing a strong network of people in United Methodist churches who can assist in recruitment, the department is seeking to find those people who will best serve in mission positions. There are currently 350 persons in various phases of application, selection and placement.

Adding more of a personal touch to identifying, recruiting, selecting, preparing, training and lending support to persons in mission has been an important objective of the Mission Personnel Resources Program Department in 1986.

New Technology

This personalization process is being greatly aided by a major upgrading of technology in the office. James Brentlinger has filled the position of Executive Secretary for Administration. He designed a comprehensive flow chart for the missionary application process. Each activity or step is outlined and coded according to the order in which it should occur and the staff person responsible for overseeing that phase. This helped considerably to hasten the application procedure and eventual placement.

The computerized data bank includes all persons applying for missionary service, the Short-Term Volunteers in Mission program and the Crusade Scholarship Program. All applicants can now be quickly tracked, time lapses between contacts can be identified and corrected, and characteristics



Sierra Leone school children will be the beneficiaries of a \$1 million fund being raised by the Indiana Conference to upgrade education in the country.

important to assignment possibilities as well as current information on all placement requests can be called up instantly.

A toll-free phone number can be called to find out where each of the approximately 350 applicants is in the process and what needs to be done next. The applicants are also cross-referenced according to skills, annual conference and clergy relationships.

The computer system helps in the complex process of matching personal skills to specific job requests to find just the right person for a particular service opportunity placement. A breakdown of candidates by skill, language facility and conference and an analysis of vacancies by country, position and referrals is available. Additionally, race and ethnic origin are easily traced which helps the department toward meeting its goal of a more racially inclusive missionary representation.

At least twenty-five file drawers have been eliminated because of this increased efficiency, leaving enough room for a new copy machine donated by an office machine company in appreciation of the high volume of Board business it receives.

Short-Term Volunteers in Mission

In a cooperative effort between the department and the divisions, two areas of special programming were put in place in areas of high need. The first was an assessment of the role of volunteers in a major campaign to aid Sierra Leone and Liberia. The Indiana conferences launched Operation Classroom and pledged to raise \$1 million for Sierra Leone to help upgrade their educational system. They have also offered volunteer personnel.

Secondly, consultations with staff members of the Ludhiana Hospital, India, have been held as part of an effort to organize a medical program there. Medical personnel are being sent to India for three-week periods to exchange techniques and knowledge and to receive information on how medicine is being practiced there. Doctors, nurses, surgeons and others visited and continue to visit medical facilities and assess different needs in medical equipment.

Volunteer consultants were dispatched globally and nationally to identify potential placements for individual and group volunteers. The department is working closely with annual conference coordinators in orientation, processing, recruitment and itineration.

Work groups built a conference center in the Caribbean.

The STVIM newsletter continues to be published quarterly. It is now being mailed to more than 600

people.

Future goals include placing 1000 volunteers over the next two years; working out creative models for utilizing medical personnel on a short-term, rotating basis and finding more opportunities for youth and young adults to serve as volunteers during the summer months and college breaks.

William Rollins, Program Secretary for STVIM, and Gretta Moffet, Department Field Representative, continue to work with jurisdiction staff and conference coordinators of STVIM programs to establish stronger communication and recognition of the various entry points for those who want to volunteer their services in mission.

The commitment to indigenous mission leadership development continues with the Crusade Scholarship Program which is now more than 40 years old. There are currently 199 U.S. students in the program, 18 international students on direct grants and 334 students studying in their own countries on block grants.

The section on orientation and training has been renamed as preparation and training. The directors believe this to be a more accurate description of the direction toward a more comprehensive process in preparing missionaries. However, orientation will continue to be a component of their overall training and preparation for service.

Introduction to Mission Vocation Events continued to be highly evaluated as a means of identifying and selecting candidates for mission service and for providing initial orientation about the United Methodist Church, the Board, and opportunities for missionary service. These events are now a part of the staff portfolio of Odella Williamson, Program Secretary for

A model for a global mission center will be developed for mission leaders to offer support services for missionaries



Last year's visit to a girls' home in India finds some GBGM directors and staffers performing for amused students.

Selection.

Gifts and Bequests

The department received an endowment of \$20,000 from Gerald Downie, a former missionary and director of the Board. Interest income on the endowment is earmarked for scholarships for young people preparing for medical missionary service. Dr. Downie said that when he was receiving his medical training he was assisted by the Board and he would like his endowment fund to be used similarly.

There has also been an anonymous bequest of property to the department, worth approximately \$50,000, which has been designated to be sold and an endowment fund established for scholarships. The awards are for students from Eastern European countries studying in the U.S. and England who will return to their home churches to

serve in ministry and mission.

A Mission Center

The department is near the point of readiness to make a mission center become a reality. Anne Unander, Program Secretary for Preparation and Training, is devoting a large amount of time while she is on professional development leave, to exploring different facilities and methodologies. The mission center is needed to provide an appropriate site for training and preparing mission personnel. A model for a global mission center will be developed to provide an arena for international mission leaders to interact and to offer other support services for missionaries.

Other Staff Changes

Avery Manchester, Program Secretary for Personnel Development and Services, resigned to take on new horizons in his pastoral and

counselling ministry in Greenwich, Connecticut.

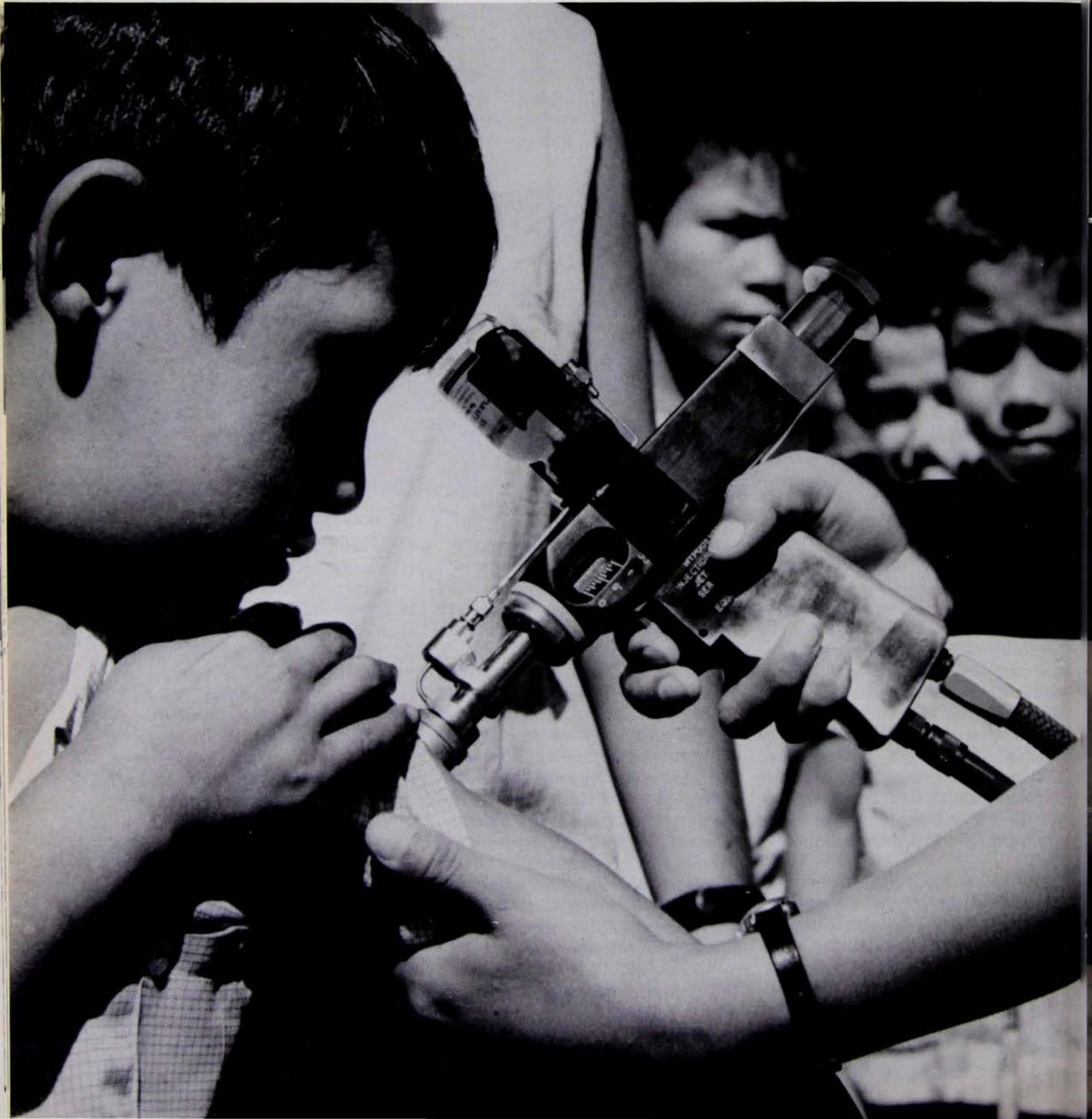
Betty Swarthout and Anna Soltero have joined the staff as Program Secretary Personnel Development and Services and Program Secretary Recruitment respectively. Betty is a commissioned deaconess and a diaconal minister and Anna is Hispanic and bilingual. Support staff positions have been redefined and upgraded to enhance a total team concept.

Josephine Harris, associate general secretary, says she is "optimistic as we look ahead to 1987 with a full complement of staff, a projected balanced budget, and a clear indication that United Methodists want to serve in mission."

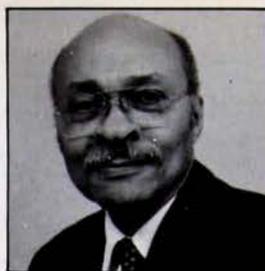
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John A. Murdock,
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In a small town in Texas a generation ago, a teenager with a hearing problem could not get adequate medical care. His mother had died when he was young, and his father and older brother were very poor. The local Methodist pastor discovered that Golden Cross funds, to which the congregation contributed each year, were used by the Methodist-related hospital in a nearby city to provide help for hardship cases. He arranged for the youngster to receive treatment at the hospital which enabled him to recover his hearing.

Many people are now worried that such cases will no longer have a happy outcome. The source of their anxiety is the changing relation between the United Methodist Church and health institutions: homes for older adults and for persons with handicapping conditions, children's homes, and hospitals. The church has become increasingly aware of legal risks in medical practice. Lawsuits have forced doctors and hospitals to rely on expensive insurance or to stop offering certain kinds of services. Legal action toward church-related institutions seems to threaten the church itself. As a result many annual conferences in the United States have reassessed their relation to health care institutions.

Are these fears justified? A survey of United Methodist involvement in direct provision of health care reveals that although changes are taking place in the relation of annual conferences to institutions, they are not all negative. They afford some new opportunities for the church in the health field.

The survey was requested by the Research and Development Committee of the Board of Global Ministries and written by Associate General Secretary John A. Mur-

dock of Health and Welfare Ministries Program Department.

The study also noted that in recent years, particularly in the U.S., churches have not been able to support health care institutions financially as they originally did. For instance, more than \$58 million was spent in the last reporting year to operate an average church-related hospital. The church contributed less than a tenth of one per cent of this cost—including Golden Cross contributions. Hospitals have to rely on patient fees, government funds, and other sources for operating costs.

After reviewing institutional relations, some annual conferences are reaffirming their ties to institutions in a number of ways. Some will continue to nominate members of institutional boards of directors. Almost all will provide some financial support. Some will also seek to influence policies.

Additionally, administrators of hospitals, homes for long-term care, and child care services continue to advise the Health and Welfare Ministries Program Department. The department also provides consultation for institutions in matters of evaluation, role of trustees, and institutional management. There have been changes in relationships, but these have uncovered realities about the church and healing.

Congregations and church groups already offer noninstitutional ministries; and these ministries are growing. Strictly speaking, all Christian ministries, which stem from the church, are institutional. But healing work not directly tied to health care establishments has been developed in many areas under the church's aegis. A review of the work of the Department of Health and Welfare

Ministries indicates the variety and import of these programs.

An International Dimension

Health care institutions reflect cultural differences. Some developments in public health in third world countries can benefit American health service practice. Conversely, Western assistance is much valued in emerging systems. In Mozambique, for instance, the government seeks help to refurbish a former mission hospital at



Above, Villagers undergo medical check-up in India. Left, inoculation time for children in Montero, Bolivia.

Chicupe. Not all medical work will be restricted to the hospital. Free medical care for all is guaranteed, and government maintenance of clinics, including the United Methodist-related clinic at Cambine. But preventive care and direct care with best available technology are not mutually exclusive. Many countries try to provide both.

The United Methodist Church is also answering a request from the Government of Zaire. There Dr. Duvon Corbitt, Health and Welfare Ministries' executive secretary for international health, will supervise an experimental project in dental care among children. Also in Zaire contemporary technology is solv-

The UMC is also answering a request from the Government of Zaire for assistance in setting up health programs.

ing a problem of distance and inaccessibility in difficult terrain. A need to refrigerate vaccines for transport and for mobile clinics poses an energy problem. Vaccines must be taken hundreds of miles from cities, often to places where no electricity is available. Solar-powered refrigerators are the solution. In Zaire the department is providing four of these units, along with shipping costs and training in their use and maintenance.

In the Pacific, Health and Welfare Ministries Program Department is cooperating with the Women's Division on a pilot program in women's and children's health. The focus is on education of professionals to meet local needs in some Pacific islands.

In South America, the department cooperates with the World Division and faculty members from Saint Paul School of Theology (Kansas City, Missouri) and Perkins School of Theology (Dallas, Texas) to investigate ways in which churches in the U.S. can work with churches in Argentina, Chile, and Uruguay on health issues.

Advocacy and Education

Older adults are keenly conscious of health needs and of inadequacies in health system and practice. The action of the 1984 General Conference in creating a Task Force on Older Adult Ministries stems from the church's recognition of this circumstance. During 1986, the task force developed an agenda which will eventually result in more intentional ministries with older adults. Some issues the task force has engaged are: What should be the attitude of the church toward provision of health care for older adults? How can we build bridges between older adults and others, particularly young people?



Lunchtime means getting together and sharing news for many senior citizens.

How can economic tensions caused by high health care costs of older adults be avoided? How can the church recognize gifts as well as needs of older persons? How can their gifts be affirmed and used in the service of Christ?

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) emerged as a challenge and an opportunity for the churches in 1986. Here the limitations of society and institutions were revealed, as some medical facilities set up barriers to care of patients with AIDS; and insurance companies sometimes effectively prevented patients from receiving compassionate care. Dur-

ing 1986 the Board of Global Ministries adopted a resolution, "The Church as a Healing Community and the AIDS Crisis," calling on the churches for compassion and asking the federal government to fund research and care.

Cathie Lyons, assistant general secretary of the department, was a member of a group who met with U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, who later issued a statement on AIDS (*The Surgeon General's Report on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome*) which the churches are distributing. This is available from the Service Center. In addition, the Advocacy/ Education Section is

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planning a national consultation on AIDS, to be held in 1987.

Annual Conference Ministries

Since annual conferences are the bodies most responsible for relations to institutions, conference staff and committee and board leadership in health and welfare ministries are of particular concern to the department. In order to share information and provide guidance on developing issues and patterns of ministry, Charles P. Kellogg, executive secretary of the Section on Ministries with Annual Conferences, organized a series of training sessions for conference

leadership. More than forty persons participated.

The annual conference section also administered a new fund organized by the department for Hispanic persons entering health-related professions. Since Hispanic persons comprise an important segment of the church, development of leadership for health professions from within this group is needed. The department Hispanic Fund complements the Harry R. Kendall and Dora Ames Lee funds. The Kendall Fund provides grants for blacks entering health-related professions and for institutions providing ministries for and with

blacks in health care. The Lee Fund offers grants for Asian Americans and Native Americans entering health care fields.

The annual conference section continues to support Golden Cross, and to encourage churches to make facilities accessible to persons with handicapping conditions. Resources are provided for Golden Cross and Access Sunday. Offerings are promoted through church publications.

Emerging Ministries

During 1986 members of the department participated in conferences and events that presented further challenges to the churches in health care for the future. The Southwest Border Ministry asked for attention to health care among needy persons in the American Southwest. The department initiated a ministry in child care and nutrition in cooperation with an existing ministry in prenatal care supported by United Methodist churches in Brownsville, Texas. The department also began a research program to provide information for emerging ministries in environmental health, drug and alcohol abuse, mental health, and other areas.

Bishop Edsel A. Ammons, chairman of the department, affirmed the need for institutional and noninstitutional health ministries. "I believe that the churches have a unique contribution to make in Health for All and in community health," he asserted. "We have the opportunity to help our brothers and sisters experience wholeness in life, even through our faulty search for appropriate ways to respond in mission." □

Interpreting the Message of a New Mission

Through mission interpretation events, seminars, films, video and a variety of printed resources, in both Spanish and English, the Mission Education and Cultivation Program Department of the General Board of Global Ministries brought the story of mission to United Methodists.

Advance Giving

"United Methodists are amazing in their caring," commented Dr. William Carter, assistant general secretary for the Mission Development section of MECPD, "They share at home and in other lands during times of peace and during times of disaster and crisis. Their gifts made 1986 the third highest income year in the history of the Advance."

United Methodists responded to growing hunger and need in the U.S. by giving generously to National Division programs to empower the most vulnerable groups and communities in the U.S. Advance Special income of \$3,748,546 represented a 14 percent increase over that received in 1985. The World Division's Advance Special income of \$11,044,723 showed an increase of over \$1.3 million over 1985. UMCOR had its third highest income year in 1986 although the two churchwide appeals for hunger in Africa and the Global Food Crisis ended in 1985. Concerned United Methodists contributed \$8,277,559 to continuing worldwide projects in 1986. Income received for UMCOR's disaster-related programs totalled more than \$1.9 million. Income for missionary support rose by 8.9 percent to \$5,742,380. Total General Advance Special income was \$24,995,990.

A series of nine one-day events were held in cities in the Southeastern and South Central jurisdictions



"Responsie" the Robot amuses admirers at 1986 Women's Assembly.

to promote the Africa Church Growth and Development (ACGD) fund, which received \$458,812 in 1986. Seminar participants, numbering well over 800, included bishops, conference leaders, pastors and lay leaders. Members of the ACGD committee, as well as directors and staff of the GBGM, were on hand to resource each of these special events.

Itineration

MECPD staff planned itineration for U.S. and international persons in 18 conferences to promote the \$9 million Bishops' Appeal for Partner Churches in Crisis scheduled for Lent of 1987. Governments of developing nations have been

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participation of 300 core interpreters in 60 Mission Saturation Events in all five jurisdictions. Travel and itineration services for 30 national mission workers from Asia, Africa, Europe and Latin America made it possible for them to make the story of mission come alive through their varied and personal experiences.

Training Events and Study Groups

"We learned a lot from each other," was the conclusion reached by conference pastors, lay leaders and field staff of the GBGM at the Oklahoma Indian Mission Interpreters' training event held in Oklahoma City. Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference (OIMC) representatives learned about the organization and programs of the UMC's mission sending agency, while MECPD field staff learned that a major need of the 107 churches in the OIMC is for more full-time pastors, and for leadership training for lay leaders. Conference participants expressed a desire to build closer communication links between the scattered congregations of the OIMC, as well as with the church as a whole, starting with core interpreters and the GBGM. A final recommendation was that such training events be scheduled biennially.

A total of 1,082 persons visited the offices of the General Board in 43 seminar groups during 1986. One participant wrote on behalf of the Central Pennsylvania Conference "I wish to express sincere thanks for taking time from your demanding schedule to address us on current issues impacting our mission in the nation and the world." Another wrote, "My understanding of the organization of the Board and the total mission program of the Church has been

greatly enhanced."

Early in the year, members of the Southern Asia Study Tour group visited India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. Towards the end of 1986, 17 United Methodist seminarians visited Zaire, Zimbabwe and Liberia. The tour was a result of cooperative planning by the Council of Bishops, the United Methodist Association of Theological Schools and the Board.

Print Materials

MECPD fulfilled its educational and cultivation responsibilities through its regular print resources of magazines, books, brochures and ads placed in almost every conference newspaper on behalf of various divisions of the Board. The ads have played an important role in highlighting the Board's mission priorities and helping to generate funds for those priorities.

The Editorial and Production groups worked together to produce new books for United Methodist Women, including *They Went Out Not Knowing: 100 Women in Mission*, *This is Our Song: Employed Women in the United Methodist Tradition*, the spiritual growth study, *Hallelujah, Anyhow* on suffering, *Mission Calls From Every Place* (1985 Women's Division Annual Report), and the Program Resources Book, *Into the Future By Faith* in both Spanish and English. The National Mission Resources series of books were *Manual for District Boards of Church Location and Building*, *Workbook for Futuring and Goal Setting*, *Research Report: Major Growth Areas in the United States* for local use.

Long-time Director of Interpretation and Promotion, Betty Marchant, retired in 1986 after more than 35 years of service with the Promotion, Production and Design

struggling with decreased revenues and increasing foreign debt, while their people face mass unemployment, starvation and reduced or non-existent social and health services. In some countries, such as Zaire, the government has returned to the Methodist Church responsibility for rural schools, hospitals and community centers.

Last year 100 World Division missionaries visited and interpreted their work to their supporting churches in the U.S. through the services of the department's Office of Field Interpretation. The office also facilitated selective itineration for 15 National Program Division Mission workers. Interpretation was also provided through the

Awards for excellence in editing, writing, graphic design and photography were bestowed on MECPD staff by the United Methodist Association of Communicators.

department. She was honored at the spring Board meeting.

The *Prayer Calendar* which offers information on UM mission workers the world over went into a second reprint of several thousands. Plans were also made to issue a larger edition in 1987, including larger type face and format for easier reading and notation.

Other materials produced include posters, interpretive leaflets, World Division geographical area brochures and a major display designed and prepared to celebrate 100 years of the Deaconess/Home Missionary Movement.

The Cincinnati-based Service Center reported a 10 percent decrease in the sale of overall mission interpretation and motivation literature and a corresponding decrease in sales income. However, consignment orders, made by the elected leadership of United Methodist Women, showed a much smaller decrease.

Magazines

New World Outlook put out two special issues: the June "Technology in Tension with Human Values", a bestseller which sold out three months later, and the October "Southern Asia." The magazine also received several awards. The Associated Church Press, a professional association of 179 Protestant and Catholic publications with a combined circulation of over 11 million readers, gave its Award of Merit for general excellence for a denominational magazine to *New World Outlook*, which also shared an Award of Merit for photography with *U.S. Catholic*. The United Methodist Association of Communicators at its annual November meeting in Nashville bestowed 10 Award of Excellence

plaques; among the winners were Editor Arthur J. Moore, for magazines and publications, senior staff writer Nelson Navarro for excellence in writing, and Production, Promotion and Design Director Roger C. Sadler for Publicity.

Carol Marie Herb, the editor of *Response*, the United Methodist Women's magazine, received a Certificate of Excellence for content and quality of the magazine's writing and MECPD staff photographer, John Goodwin, received a citation for the March cover of the magazine at the UMAC presentations. The magazine featured mostly Southern Asian women writers for its special issue on Southern Asia. For the Women's Assembly in Anaheim, *Response* produced two collections of reprints from the magazine under the titles, "Forward from Nairobi" and "Along the Journey."

Mission News, the Board's official newsletter, continued to be distributed through the pages of *The Interpreter* magazine, reaching all clergy and local chairpersons of mission work area, and through a special mailing to other mission leaders and interpreters. The controlled circulation remained at about 50,000.

The Board's programs and concerns were highlighted for another 330,000 local church leaders through articles, regular columns and shorter news items in *The Interpreter*.

MECPD staff met with representatives of Friendship Press to choose 1990 mission study themes—the Philippines and the World of Islam—at the spring semi-annual meeting of the Program Committee on Education for Mission. Mission study themes for 1991 will be voted on at the spring meeting in March 1987.



After 35 years, Betty Marchant (above), longtime promotions director, calls it a career; Right photo shows William Carter and Sonia Bivens (second and third from left, back row) at a project visitation in Texas.

Materials in Spanish

In September *Response* began a monthly page in Spanish, to which one reader responded, "I am very happy to see you have added articles in Spanish, because many of our sisters cannot read English."

Four books and 12 brochures, three filmstrips on finances, and one videocassette were produced in Spanish last year. A major accomplishment was a much-needed Spanish Glossary of commonly used terms in Spanish-language publications. This publication has been of immense use to the Spanish-speaking community and to Board staff, who have struggled to find a common lexicon of communication (idiomatic and interpretive) to reach a widely diverse Hispanic community.

Video and Audio-Visuals

A generous grant of \$500,000 to MECPD from the Women's Divi-

An enormous amount of staff time went into planning and coordinating the Global Gathering of March 12-15, 1987.



sion in 1985 for improved methods of communication, made it possible to acquire state-of-the-art graphic and video equipment and to launch video production. A dozen major video pieces have been produced and distributed as a result of this grant. Current issues, such as the global economic crisis and teenage pregnancy, have been covered as well as the work of the Board. A monthly video program on missions at home and abroad is also planned.

The audio-visual department covered the Spring Board meeting, producing a definitive video tape on the structure and workings of the Board. Still in production is a general interpretive piece on missionaries, which will include recent footage of various UMC-supported projects in Brazil. A videotape "letter" from newly appointed missionaries overseas to their supporting churches and conferences

is now in progress.

Staff of the audio-visual department also worked with producers of UMCOM's "Catch the Spirit" to develop stories for six program segments. A video profiling the work of the Women's Division's Christian Social Relations Unit has been completed.

The Women's Assembly

Months before the event the department's staff helped to plan and prepare for the Women's Assembly. A program book was designed and edited along with other interpretive material for participant use. MECPD helped to design the Assembly exhibit featuring new technology. The department's film and video producers worked with United Methodist Communications to produce a video on the Assembly, which aired on UMCOM's "Catch the Spirit" cable TV series. A slide set and tape recordings of Assem-

bly speakers can be ordered from the Service Center. *Response* editors produced a daily newspaper at the Assembly, and MECPD staff were available for workshops on many issues.

Planning the Mission Convocation

An enormous amount of MECPD staff time went into planning and coordinating the unprecedented global gathering held March 12-15, 1987. Details ranged from hotel bookings for thousands of participants, to planning and creating a "global village" to give United Methodists a concrete sense of their involvement with mission around the world.

Approximately 116 overseas and U.S. persons will tour mission programs in Appalachia following the close of the Convocation.

Betty Thompson, the associate general secretary of the Mission Education and Cultivation Program Department observes that there is a renewed and fervent interest in mission evident across the church. "It was manifested in the excitement about the preparations for the global gathering held in Louisville, Kentucky; in the number of volunteers in mission and in the general interest in mission vocations. Only a few years ago it was hard to interest people in national meetings. Women have led the way in the great assemblies they have. The 4,000 persons who gathered to Celebrate God's Mission are a sign of this continuing passion for the mission of the church. We are, as the new theology statement says, at the beginning of a new age in mission." □

Treasurer's Report

Stephen F. Brimigion.



Dr. Harry E. Shaner
Chairperson
Finance Committee



Stephen F. Brimigion
Treasurer

(Period Ended December 31, 1986)

Matthew 11:28-30 "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

If the troubles of the world are taken seriously by Christians, how can anyone say those burdens are light? One way to identify the labor or burdens of the world is to review the events in worldwide news services listing the top ten stories of the year. Heading the list in London was South Africa; Luxembourg listed AIDS; Hong Kong puts the fall of Marcos, the victory of Aquino first; Costa Rica ranked the oil price drop as tops. The United States news services ranked the explosion of Challenger and the tragic death of its seven astronauts as its top burden of the year. This was followed by the Iran arms scandal, Chernobyl, drugs and terrorism. The burdens for American Christians might differ from other Christians. They would necessarily deal with America's wealth and the world's needs. These needs are so overwhelming they might some day defeat our hopes and cause us to give up on the world unless we have a good hold on the central points of our faith.

A friend suggested to me that the biblical quote above is one of the central to our faith. Peake's Commentary on Matthew 11:29 states that this is a passage from a hymn from the early church. The words are the result of an interplay between actual words of Jesus and the formative activity of the church.

It suggests that the first Christians had already discovered that the needs of the world are too

heavy until we each pick up our part of the load.

In 1986 the United Methodist people took the needs of the world to their hearts, and while, I am sure, they have done a lot of good for others, it is also true, that as a result of our picking up the needs of others, we have kept our hopes alive. Today we can still affirm our faith that God is saving the world and we have a chance to help. What more could we ask? This financial report is about people in the act of sharing and serving others. It is a bare-bones kind of thing unless we keep in mind that this is the way several million United Methodists have chosen the yoke of Jesus Christ and as a result have kept their hopes for a better world alive and growing.

General Funds Increase

Cliff Droke, General Secretary for the General Council on Finance and Administration, said of 1986, "Thank God! United Methodists continue to increase their participa-

tion in vital Christian ministries around the world through the general funds." World Service, the basic benevolent fund of the church, increased 5.7% in 1986 to \$35,417,822. The percentage paid declined slightly to 92.38%. GCFA's report shows that three annual conferences paid more than 100% of their World Service Apportionment. Twenty-five annual conferences paid at least 100%. Thirty annual conferences paid over 95%. Forty-one annual conferences paid over 90%. Sixty-two annual conferences paid over 85% and sixty-six paid over 80%. These statistics reflect a drop in the number of annual conferences paying over 80% compared to 1985.

Compared to last year the grand total of all funds (except for UMCOR) is \$88.9 million, a substantial increase of \$5.2 million or 6.2%. UMCOR is excluded in that measurement because 1985's support of Hunger in Africa reached all-time records. There was no comparable event in 1986.

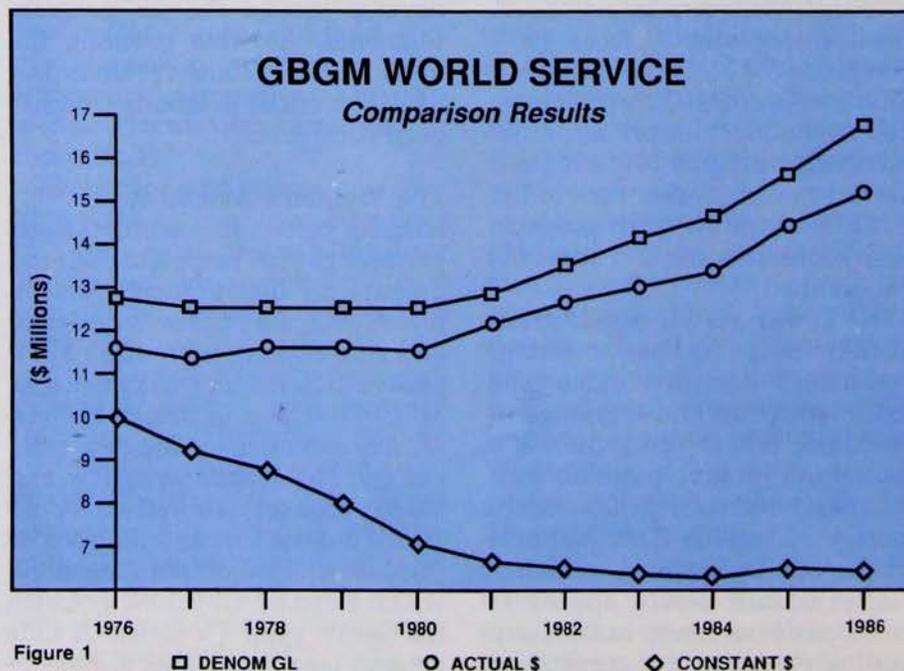


Figure 1

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The amount of World Service income for the General Board of Global Ministries increased in 1986 by 5.9% to \$15,304,612. This compares to \$14,442,162 in 1985. This represents 91.15% of the World Service goal set by the denomination for this Board.

The following chart shows an eleven-year history of World Service Allocation to the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) in both actual dollars and constant dollars as well as the denominational goal for the Board. The graph shows how helpful it would be if all churches paid 100% of their World Service Apportionment.

United Methodist Women Funds

The problem of the strength of the US dollar compared to other currencies, coupled with the weakness of local currencies in most of the Third World, continues to penalize our evangelical outreach and caring ministries. The denomination has responded by allowing a Bishops' Appeal for Economic Crisis in 1987.

A major benevolent fund not recorded by the GCFA are receipts from United Methodist Women. These undesignated receipts for 1986 were \$17,962,143. This compares with \$17,381,489 in 1985 and represents a 3% increase.

Advance Giving

Advance giving for Hunger hit a devastating low in 1986. The receipts to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) were \$3,570,690. This compares with \$14,461,098 in 1985 or a more

normal \$6.9 million in 1984. This dramatically reflects the influence of media coverage and appeals from the Bishops. Our concern is that the hunger situation around the world has not improved significantly in the space of a year.

Total General Advance giving for 1986 was \$25,041,800. This is a decrease of approximately \$9,140,172. The entire decrease is reflected in UMCOR (51.92%). Receipts were \$11,044,723 for the World Division program and \$3,794,355 to the National Division program. This represents an increase of 14.2% for the World Division and an increase of 15.36% for the National Division.

One portion of the Advance in 1986, \$6,498,066, is included in appropriations. That amount is for

the support of persons in missions who are in the field and must be paid even if the Advance income is not received. Remaining Advance income, because of its conditional nature, is not included in appropriations but is paid to a particular project as soon as it is received from donors. Following is a short history of Advance giving:

The influence of donor designated giving to the General Board of Global Ministries for its evangelical outreach around the world is significant. This will range from 35% to 40% of any given year. For example, in 1985 the high Advance giving for Hunger made more than 40% of all receipts donor designated. The comparable percentage in 1986 is 33.3%. Two examples of donor designated funds are the

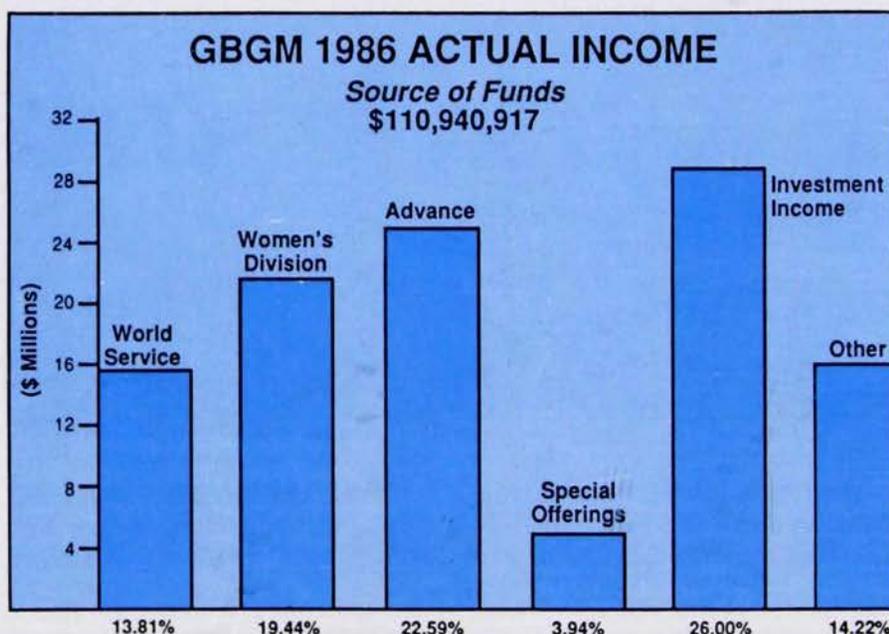


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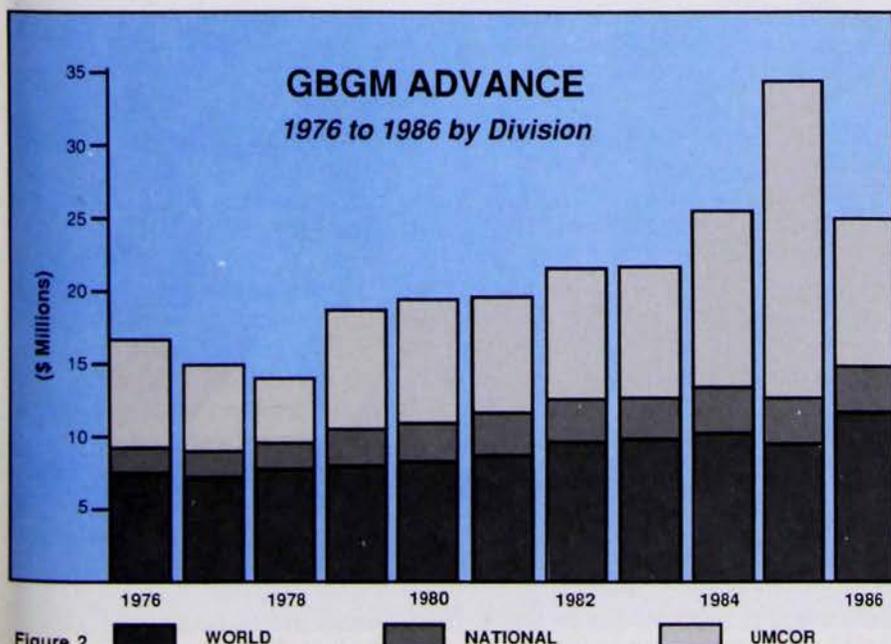


Figure 2

Advance and Supplementary Gifts through United Methodist Women.

All promotions of the Advance urge local congregations to pay their apportionments first. The Advance should be second mile giving. All Advance receipts continue to be forwarded to the donor designated recipient, 100 percent on the dollar, with no deduction for promotion or distribution expenses. The overhead expenses related to these projects are paid from the World Service funds, the Women's Division, Investment Income and, if needed, the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.

1986 Actual Income

The charts below show first the 1986 GBGM actual income, segregated between Board of Director designated funds and donor designated funds. The second shows the 1986 appropriations by source of funds. The third chart shows 1986 actual income by source of funds. The difference is donor and other designated giving.

compares with \$2,822,794 in 1985. Of this, \$2,418,987 was forwarded to UMCOR after promotional costs. This offering provides the structure which allows the department to do its work. The One Great House of Sharing is available for general use including overhead. Investment income and undesignated giving usually pays a high percentage of the administrative

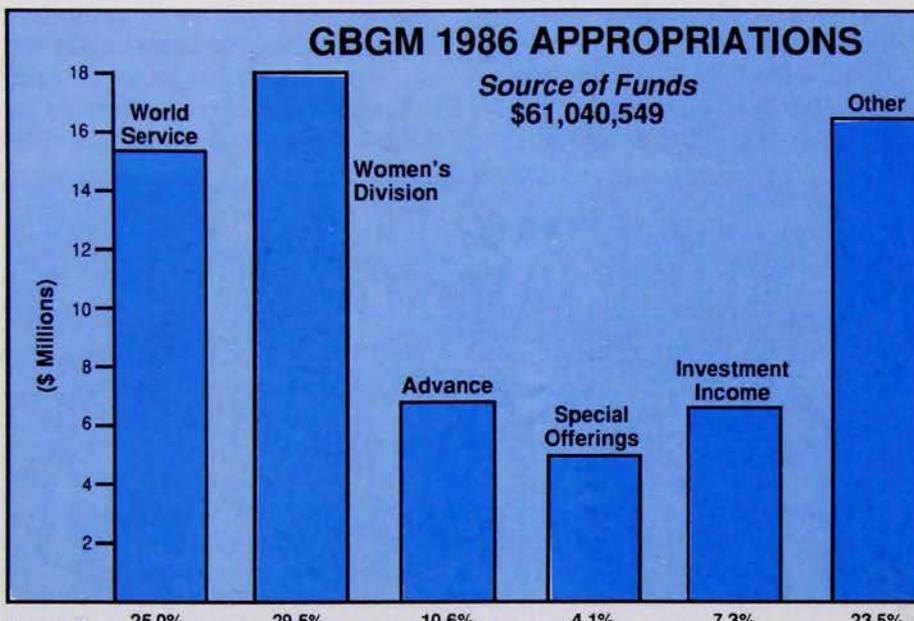


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The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering decreased (3.3%) in 1986. The offering was \$2,729,510 and

costs and some of the promotional costs. Practically all of the remainder of UMCOR's income is project

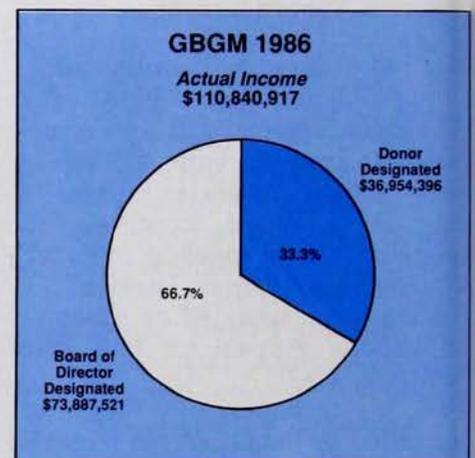


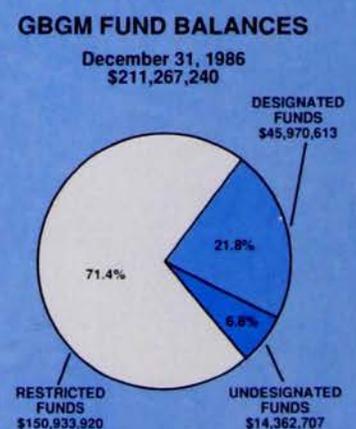
Figure 5

designated by the donor.

The World Communion Offering increased 3.84% in 1986 to a total of \$1,300,780. This compares with \$1,252,707 in 1985. One-half of this offering, after promotional costs, goes to the Crusade Scholar-

	Restricted	Designated	Undesignated	1986 Total	1985 Total
National Division	\$ 25,664,221	\$ 3,795,818	(\$ 825,419)	\$ 28,634,620	\$ 30,648,638
Women's Division	59,453,434	15,274,297	9,548,622	84,276,353	77,731,080
World Division	44,263,733	23,583,464	3,354,262	71,201,459	63,760,129
Health & Welfare Ministries Dep.	259,258	379,590	1,480,678	2,119,525	1,998,631
Mission Education & Cultivation Dep.	57,318	1,609,312	139,824	1,806,454	1,702,750
Mission Personnel Resources Dep.	1,177,278	127,118	70,839	1,375,235	1,542,557
United Methodist Committee on Relief	16,320,974			16,320,974	21,587,479
General Board	3,737,705	1,201,014	593,901	5,532,620	5,230,388
	<u>\$150,933,921</u>	<u>\$45,970,613</u>	<u>\$14,362,707</u>	<u>\$211,267,240</u>	<u>\$204,201,652</u>

Figure 6



This report is about the building up of ministry by local congregations and leaders in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe and North America.

ship Program which enables students in this country and abroad to pursue post-graduate studies.

The Human Relations Day Offering decreased (4.1%) to \$598,574. The comparable amount in 1985 was \$624,179. The portion of this offering administered by GBGM through the National Division is used to support United Methodist Voluntary Services and Community Developers.

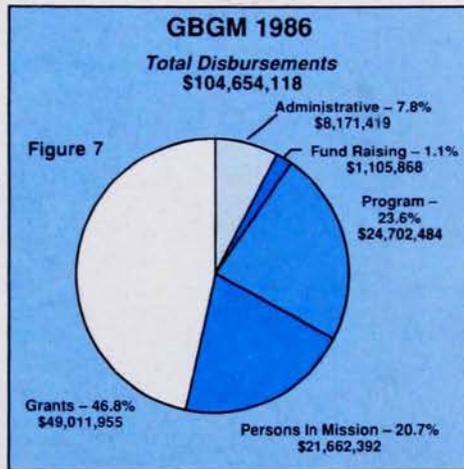
Missional Priority Fund Receipts were \$2,659,194 which represents less than a 1/2% increase from the prior year. We wish that these receipts were greater. The major concern is what will happen to related programs if this missional priority is not carried over into the next quadrennium.

The Finance and Field Service operations of the National Division receives fees for fund raising efforts on behalf of local churches across the country. In 1986 its field representatives conducted stewardship campaigns in 252 local churches and three annual conferences raising over \$63,900,000.

Fund balances being held by the Board, including its divisions and departments, at the end of 1986 totalled \$211,267,240. These are shown in detail in the Balance Sheet and summarized in the pie chart below. The largest portion of these fund balances is restricted funds, 71.4%. These are pension funds and other permanent funds, the use of which was directed by the donor as a condition of the gift, endowment or pension plan.

The next category representing 21.8% is division or department-designated funds where the Board of Directors has established amounts for specific programs, some of which, will consume more than one year's time to disburse.

The remaining 6.8% is undesig-



nated funds in the process of designation by the directors.

Income and Expenditures

The Board continues to have a very low level of administrative expense and is able to keep 91.1% of its expenditures dedicated to program.

The Consolidated Statement of Income (see financial book) reflects the total income during 1986 of the General Board of Global Ministries in the amount of \$110,840,917. This includes \$58,279,061 actually received for Appropriations. The remainder is donor amounts received from the Advance, Designated Gifts and other sources, \$52,561,856.

The Consolidated Statement of Expenditures of \$104,654,118, reflects the disbursement of these funds in their functional categories. These amounts were also shown in graphic form above.

Upholding the Hands of Moses

There is a powerful witness for mission in the story about Moses when the children of Israel were threatened by Amalekites. Remember the Amalekites were about to overwhelm Israel. Then Moses lifted his hands to the Lord.

At once, the tide of battle changed in favor of Israel. Then Moses becomes tired and cannot hold his hands on high any longer. Israel is fatally threatened. Moses cannot fulfill his task. So what happens? Aaron steps up to Moses and aids him to sit on a rock and holds up one hand of Moses. Another recipient of relief from the Lord holds Moses' other hand. The Israelites are saved.

We have to close our eyes to the violence of the day to get into the heart of this great biblical story. Without the support of the Lord and two human beings, Moses is helpless. This story has carried a central truth down through the centuries. No person can do the necessary things without help from God and from other people. Moses couldn't do the task alone. The United Methodist Church is a servant church. Its true measurement is the amount of service and the kind of service it gives. A very large measure of the work of the General Board of Global Ministries is to give every member of our church a way to hold up the hands of the people who have tasks too great for them to do alone. The policies of the Board and its Directors are based on the proposition that local congregations and local church leaders in all parts of the world need the help of every United Methodist church member. This report is about the building up of ministry by local congregations and leaders in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe and North America. The language of the report is financial but behind every dollar figure there are countless volunteer hours by Board of director members and thousands of others whose hands are being upheld even while they may be upholding the hands of another. □

1986 ACTUAL - (net of eliminations)
GENERAL BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF INCOME

	1986 WORLD SERVICE	WOMENS DIVISION	UMCOR	OTHER	(1) 1986 ACTUAL APPROPRIATED INCOME	ADVANCE, DESIGN'D GIFTS & OTHER INCOME	(2) 1986 TOTAL ACTUAL INCOME
Boardwide Program Support							
Board Meetings	\$578,625	\$200,239	\$66,746		\$845,610		\$845,610
General Administration	775,463	218,930	186,304	17,042	1,197,739		1,197,739
Program Development	100,000			100,000	200,000		200,000
General Treasury:							
Financial Services	2,072,107	428,942	269,585	82,958	2,853,592		2,853,592
Computer Services	1,208,506	164,849	83,570		1,456,925		1,456,925
General Services	249,890	55,408	11,324	511,526	828,148		828,148
Other	24,612				24,612	866,819	891,431
	5,009,203	1,068,368	617,529	711,526	7,406,626	866,819	8,273,445
Program Divisions							
National Division	2,800,455	4,800,000	87,556	6,474,293	14,162,304	3,553,352	17,715,656
Ethnic Minority Local Church	500,000				500,000	983,465	1,483,465
Women's Division		6,978,519			6,978,519	15,086,871	22,065,390
World Division	2,800,455	4,800,000	54,904	10,122,747	17,778,106	19,399,374	37,177,480
Africa Church Growth and Development	130,000				130,000		130,000
Program Departments							
Health and Welfare Ministries	851,547			71,780	923,327	663,903	1,587,230
Mission Education & Cultivation	2,663,925	926,411	555,914	3,594,535	7,740,785		7,740,785
Mission Convocation	100,000				100,000		100,000
Mission Personnel Resources	449,027		100,000	630,687	1,179,714	115,975	1,295,689
UMCOR			1,379,680		1,379,680	11,892,097	13,271,777
Totals	\$15,304,612	\$18,573,298	\$2,795,583	\$21,605,568	\$58,279,061	\$52,561,856	\$110,840,917
				(4)			(5)

Footnotes

(1) Represents those funds voted by the directors.

(2) Director designated and donor designated funds combined.

(3) The ratio of Donor Designated Funds to total income is: 33.34%

(4) Other - analysis:

	AMOUNT
\$3,681,444 Investment income	
6,318,725 Advance	
2,396,644 Finance & Field Service	
419,106 Human Relations Day	
2,472,094 Service Center, Publications, Audio-Visual, etc.	
550,687 World Communion Day	
5,766,868 Other	
\$21,605,568 Total	

(5) Includes estimated donor designated giving to GBBM for 1986

SOURCES	AMOUNT
Advance	\$25,041,800
One Great Hour of Sharing	2,418,987
Human Relations Day	419,106
Ethnic Minority Local Church	983,465
World Communion Sunday	550,687
Women's Div. DTF & Other	4,958,018
Requests & Other	2,582,333
Total (3)	\$36,954,396

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1986 ACTUAL - CONSOLIDATED (net of eliminations)
GENERAL BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	ADMINIS- TRATION	FUND RAISING	PROGRAM			TOTAL PROGRAM	1986 TOTAL
			DIR SUPPORT PERSONS IN MISSION	PROGRAM GRANTS	TOTAL PROGRAM		
General Board:							
Meetings	\$229,989		\$689,967		\$689,967	\$919,956	
General Secretariat	340,767		66,797		\$66,797	\$407,564	
Planning			193,263		\$193,263	\$193,263	
Ombudsperson			113,418		\$113,418	\$113,418	
Personnel	444,329				\$0	\$444,329	
Constituency Relations			88,191		\$88,191	\$88,191	
Accounting & Related Services	1,685,664	11,345	348,531	186,131	\$534,662	\$2,231,671	
Information Systems	824,913		585,682		\$585,682	\$1,410,595	
Property, Legal, Insurance	195,825		47,119		\$47,119	\$242,944	
Records Management	280,743				\$0	\$280,743	
General Services	424,289		316,237		\$316,236	\$740,525	
Other Board Expenses			492,735		\$492,735	\$492,735	
Subtotal	4,426,519	11,345	2,941,940	186,131	0	3,128,070	7,565,934
Health and Welfare Ministries							
Mission Education & Cultivation	374,757	1,068,960	6,209,044		615,338	\$1,246,426	\$1,466,336
Mission Personnel Resources	122,798		508,538	80,918	750,757	\$6,259,299	\$7,703,016 (*)
National Division	1,002,025	6,384	5,418,729	3,233,277	14,956,561	\$23,608,567	\$24,616,976 (*)
Women's Division	725,273	11,195	5,590,629	3,642,999	2,379,973	\$11,613,801	\$12,350,269
World Division	978,856	7,984	2,376,978	14,519,067	13,100,469	\$29,996,514	\$30,983,354 (*)
UMCOR	321,281	0	1,025,339		17,158,602	\$18,183,941	\$18,505,222 (*)
Total	\$8,171,419	\$1,105,868	\$24,702,485	\$21,662,392	\$49,011,955	\$95,376,831	\$104,654,118
Percent to Total	7.81%	1.06%	23.60%	20.70%	46.83%	91.14%	100.00%

* These expenditures include the following funds coming from:

	WOMEN'S DIVISION	ADVANCE
General Board	\$1,268,368	
Mission Education & Cultivation	1,370,978	
Mission Personnel Resources	20,832	
National Division	7,703,753	\$3,748,546
World Division	6,603,077	11,044,722
UMCOR	310,973	10,202,722
WOMEN'S DIVISION	12,350,269	
	\$29,628,250	\$24,995,990

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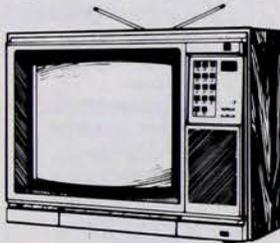
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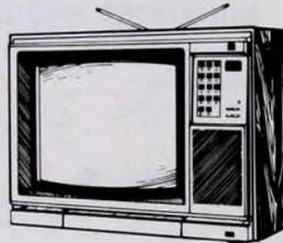
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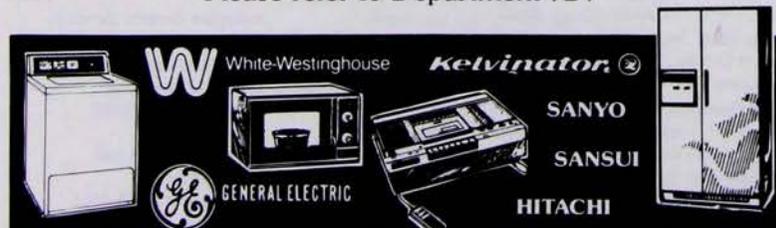
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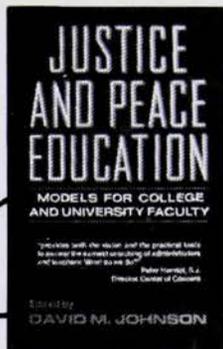
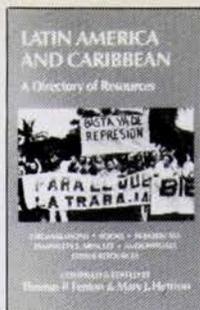
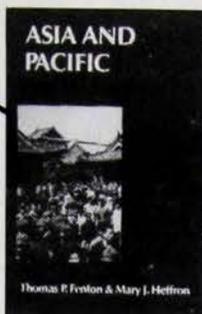


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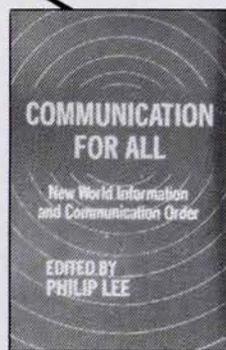
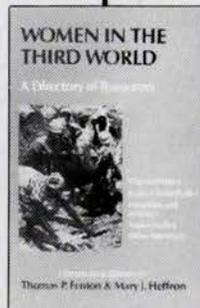
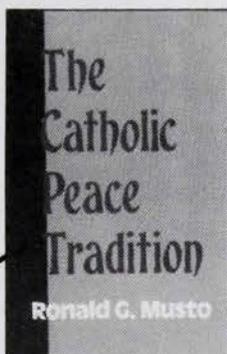


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