# Letter to Charlie Brown from Daniel Denison Whedon

New Hampshire UMs explore responsibilities and opportunities for laity — lay leaders, lay members of annual conference, lay speaking, United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women — in workshop sponsored by Board of Lay Life and Work at Methodist Information Day.

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# New Hampshire UMs share information

Nearly 200 United Methodist clergy and laity gathered Saturday, September 25, at Wesley United Methodist Church for a day of orientation and training. Pastors and lay leaders from all over New Hampshire participated in training sessions to prepare them to work effectively in their local churches. The "Methodist Information Day" was planned by the New Hampshire Conference Council on Ministries of The United Methodist Church.

Workshops included: World Missions, The Status and Role of Women, Social Action, Religion and Race, Campus Ministries, Christian Education, Lay Life and Work, and Stewardship. The state-wide event was coordinated by The Rev. Dwight Haynes, Council on Ministries Director for the New Hampshire Conference.

Paula Watson, United Methodist Communications, shares resources to interpret the UMC World Service Fund.

# Suit against Bishop Carroll coming to trial on November

An early November date has been set for a trial in which retired Bishop Edward G. Carroll and former District Superintendent John Barclay will be defendants.

The civil case will be heard in Norfolk Superior Court in Dedham, MA.

The action has been brought by Dr. William E. Alberts, who was involuntarily retired from the Southern New England Annual Conference in 1973. Alberts subsequently withdrew from ministerial membership in the annual conference on January 29, 1974.

Alberts' initial complaint is against Dr. Donald T. Devine, a Boston psychiatrist. Alberts alleges that Devine disclosed confidential information which ultimately led to his forced retirement, loss of livelihood, and other damage.

The claim against Carroll and Barclay, who were bishop and Boston District Superintendent respectively during the period involved, alleges that they met with Dr. Devine and induced him to reveal confidential information which was then publicly shared.

Bishop Carroll and Barclay are being represented by Ms. Deborah S. Griffin, of the law firm of Peabody and Arnold in Boston.



# Bishop's office to move to Kenmore Square location

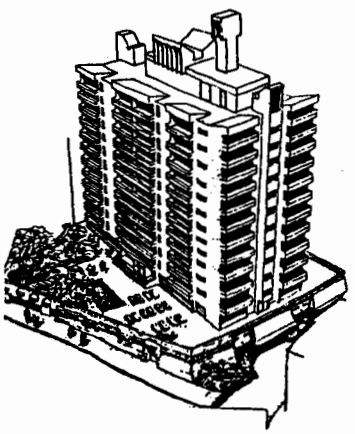
According to present construction schedules, by January 1983 the office of the resident bishop of the Boston Area will be located at 566 Commonwealth Ave. in Kenmore Square, a major intersection about a mile west of the present Copley Square location.

The episcopal headquarters will be in the same office complex as those of the Southern New England Conference and Zion's Herald. The condominium office facility, owned by the Southern New England Conference, will occupy the mezzanine of the 11-story building. The Area will lease the space from the Conference.

The offices will be moving from 581 Boylston Street, the eight-story Wesleyan Building, occupied by Methodist agencies since 1914 and once owned by the Boston Wesleyan Association.

The change in location will take place 110 years after the General Conference decided, for the first time, that the bishop serving the Area should reside in New England's principal city.

The search for and acquisition of the new office site was carried out by a special committee of the Southern New England Conference in consultation with Area staff. Although the Conference had made a decision to locate in an urban area, Bishop Bashore had made an independent decision to remain in Boston. The ultimate choice of the new location makes possible the joint arrangement.



The site committee is committed to making the new site totally accessible to persons with handicapping conditions.

The area to be used for the bishop's headquarters measures about a thousand square feet and will include a reception and waiting room, an Area Assistant's office, secretarial area, and Bishop Bashore's office.

The design for the reception area for the bishop's suite includes prominent display of a stained glass window, now in the present office, in memory of the Rev. Clyde Edward Kimball, the only military chaplain (U.S. Army) from the Boston Area to die in World War II.

### Central location

The building faces on both Beacon Street and Commonwealth Avenue, less than a block from the shopping area in Kenmore Square. Via public transportation, the Kenmore Square area may be reached by parking at Riverside Station in Newton or Wonderland Station in Revere and using MBTA service. Kenmore Square is easily accessible from both the Mass. Turnpike and Storrow Drive. Convenient parking is available near the office site.

# UMC series available to local cable systems

United Methodist Communications has embarked on a satellite television ministry which may be available on the cable system which serves you.

The one-hour programs will be broadcast every Sunday evening, featuring Bible studies and "journeys in Christian growth."

The Rev. Ed. Bauman, senior minister of Foundry UMC, Washington, DC, who was designated one of the top seven U.S. preachers by Time in 1979, will lead Bible study for the first 23 weeks.

The second half of the UMCom satellite service will start with "Begin With Goodbye," a series of six films designed to help persons cope with loss, separation, grief and new beginnings.

The satellite service is the first project funded by the UM Television Presence and Ministry. However, there is no established network which will automatically accept the programs. United Methodists are therefore urged to contact their cable systems' program directors and encourage them to take the program from the satellite when it is available, Sundays at 7 p.m. Eastern Time.

The satellite which carries the UM

# West German Parish Exchange registration opens

The 500th anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther will be celebrated in 1983. That is also the year of the Hannover Kirchentag, a celebration of the church. These two great events are pivotal in the planning for the 1983 West German Parish Exchange (WGPE).

Any New England pastor is eligible for the Exchange. In addition, a limited number of active laypersons will be accepted. There is a 15-couple limit. Each person will be the guest of two German parishes — one rural, one urban. Participants will be involved in parish activities with their German hosts, and will be guests in English-speaking homes.

We plan to depart May 23, with the exchange program running until June 12. Free days for individual travel will be available until June 16, when the group

Germany, East or West, or visits to the Netherlands, France or Switzerland.

The Exchange is part of the program which brought West German participants to this country last summer.

The cost is estimated at $900 for the three weeks of the Exchange, including air fare from New York and return, ground travel in Germany, board and room for the three weeks and for the four days of the Kirchentag.

Reservations must be made by the first of November, with a deposit of $100, non-refundable. Three subsequent installments, to be completed by the first of May, will be required.

All inquires should be addressed to Dr. Herbert E. Stotts, Director, 10 Kepner St., Buckhannon, WV, 26201, (304)-472-6604.

The names of pastors and parishes

Christian Sunday observance. His preaching was evangelistic and warmly human. His pastoral work was very faithful and helpful. His lifelong interest in the sports of youth was genuine and fruitful. His presentation of Jesus Christ in word and life and his exemplification of the work of the ministry were perhaps the chief influences which led two of his sons to follow him into that calling, decisions which gave great joy to both parents.

After retirement Mr. and Mrs. Frye made their home in Laconia, N. H., where they were warmly welcomed into the fellowship and work of the First Methodist Church. He served several years as church school superintendent and for another period as teacher of the adult class. The writer was pastor to his father and mother during the first six years of their retirement, after which, much to their delight and comfort, Rev. and Mrs. Frank P. Fletcher assumed this pastorate, thus bringing them the ministry of friends of long standing.

On Dec. 2, 1944 this beloved man of God walked uptown and sat down in a barber shop chair with a cheerful word to his friend, the barber. Then in an instant he went swiftly home to God. His host of friends, neighbors, and former parishioners shared with his loved ones and his comrades of the ministry in a real sadness that they should have him no longer here but also in the great certainty that he entered at once into the joy of his Lord.

The Service of Memory on Dec. 5 was held in the First Methodist Church of Laconia, New Hampshire, in charge of Rev. Richard Kellogg, District Superintendent, and Rev. Frank P. Fletcher, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. Roger E. Thompson of The Weirs and Rev. J. R. Treganza of Enfield, with Mr. Fletcher giving the personal tribute. Interment was in Union Cemetery, Laconia, where Rev. Herbert J. Foote of Wilmot and Rev. F. P. Fletcher conducted the committal service. A large company of Christian comrades and friends attended the service and many unable to attend sent messages of tribute and sympathy. One of the oldest members of our conference wrote, "I always had a peculiar warmth of regard for your father. Brother Frye was a good man to work with." One of the younger ministers recently transferred out of our conference wrote, "Your father rendered real service to the Church and the New Hampshire Conference."

We shall often feel his spiritual nearness here, his inspiration will keep us loyal to the highest when the way is hard. and we hope at last in the presence of our Lord and Saviour to greet him in the Eternal Home and share forever the joyous fellowship of the Family of God. To this husband of high character and noble love, this understanding and devoted father, this comrade of his many grandchildren, this brother beloved of God and man, this good Minister of



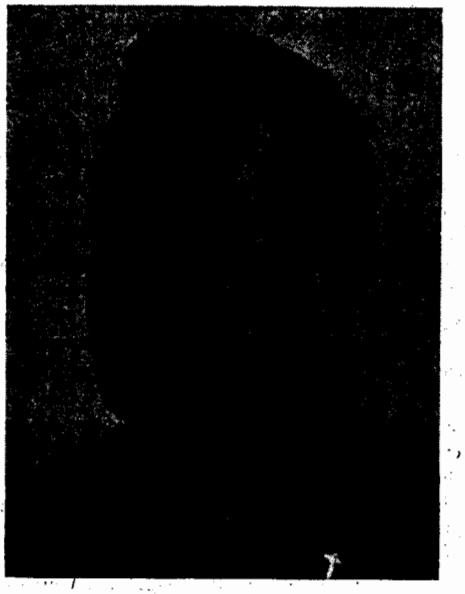
Jesus Christ, let us say no memorial farewell but salute him with a song in our hearts, a harmony of Christian Faith:

"God be with you 'til we meet again!"

FRANKLIN P. FRYE.

## CLYDE E. KIMBALL

Another chaplain makes the supreme sacrifice. It is no longer news, for a larger proportion of the Chaplain's Corps have died in the service of their country than any other unit, except the Red Cross.



Clyde E. Kimball was born in Concord, July 23, 1908. After graduation from the Nashua High School in 1925, he attended the Boston University schools of Religious Education and Theology, graduating from the latter in 1933. While a student in Seminary, Clyde served the churches of Auburn and Chester and the Hillside Congregational Church in Dracut, Massachusetts. After graduation his appointments were Franklin, Groveton and Stratford, and Suncook. In June, 1941, he entered the chaplaincy.

Many were the talents of this servant of God and of his fellowmen. He was a great lover of books and had a remarkable memory. Such was his homiletic ability that a subject or a text almost instantly

became a sermon outline in his mind. He knew his Bible, and his sermons were replete with scripture quotations. He was a good teller of stories, sometimes carrying the children, Sunday after Sunday, through a series of adventures all original.

As a pastor he was unusually successful. One who was closely associated with him says, "One of the secrets of his ministry was his ability completely to lose himself in helping some troubled person or family. No person was too ordinary or too wicked or too dull for Clyde. He ate with the publicans and sinners."

This big-hearted devotion to his fellows carried over to his ministry to the men in the service. Every soldier found a warm and helpful friend in Chaplain Kimball. He requested service at the front because he wanted to be where he believed he was most needed, where men were lonely, in danger, wounded, and dying. No spot was too dangerous for him if someone there needed his help.

A letter from his commanding officer to Mrs. Kimball contains these words: "The mission of this organization often placed small detachments of soldiers on isolated, difficult, sometimes dangerous duties. It was your husband's invariable rule to reach these men frequently, carrying them small personal comforts as well as his message. This he did repeatedly without regard to the hardships and frequent dangers he incurred in so doing ... During a recent engagement reports were received of an outpost position having wounded men unable to reach medical care. Immediately your husband set out with an officer of the company to rescue the wounded. It was in the performance of this courageous act that Chaplain Kimball was fatally wounded ...

"In addition to all his military duties, your husband yet found time and energy to devote to the comfort of liberated communities. His cherished collection of old Bibles from foreign countries will seem more important when you know it was mainly composed of gifts from grateful beneficiaries of his kindness."

Since Clyde could speak the French language he was able to extend his ministry to peoples in the liberated countries. In some of them he was the first to hold a Protestant service after liberation. He was stormed for autographs by the grateful people at the close of these services, and his name may be found in many a Bible and hymn book in Belgium especially, where they all carry them to church.

Of the three and one-half years he served in the chaplaincy sixteen months were in Iceland, six months in England, and eight months in France, Belgium, Holland, and Luxembourg. His death took place on the same day he was wounded, December 19, 1944. His body lies in a military cemetery near Fosses, Belgium, but he "carries on."

Clyde was married in 1928 to Ellen A. Gates, who shared ably and devotedly his ministry, and who has kept the long and lonely



vigil to which he was not destined to return. Mrs. Kimball and their two sons, Clyde, Jr., and Dana, make their home in Nashua. Besides the Purple Heart for wounds, Chaplain Kimball has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action. Best of all, however, was the word he heard from the Master he so devotedly served as he entered Paradise, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

GEORGE R. WOLVERTON.

## THEODORE CHERNEFF RADOSLAVOFF

Theodore Cherneff Radoslavoff was born into the life which is mortal at Bebrova, Bulgaria, on April 15, 1865, and passed to that which is immortal on June 3, 1944, at East Rochester, N. H., where he had made his home since retirement in 1938. These last years were glad years but marred by suffering from angina pectoris. It was a thrombosis which caused a sudden departure.

Both of his parents died while he was very young, so that he had no definite recollection of them. After his mother's death, when he was about five, he was taken to the home of his mother's sister, where the next seven years were spent, "during which time," he says, "in the winter I attended school and in spring and summer assisted my uncle as best I could on the farm."

This aunt, who was "very pious," gave the little boy religious training according to her light as an adherent of the Greek Church. He said, "I had been taught to cross myself saying 'Father, Son, Holy Ghost, Amen.'" This he would do often, especially on lying down to sleep, "believing that by doing this I would be protected by this royal company. After saying this it was impossible for me to have other than a comfortable night's sleep. It appears to me that I had the very thought which Mrs. Adams had when she penned those lines

"Though like a wanderer,
The sun gone down,
Darkness be over me,
My rest a stone,
Yet in my dreams I'd be
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee.'"

At this time, also, he helped his cousin, who was a Greek priest, rendering such service in the church as we may think of the boy Samuel performing in the Temple in the days of Eli. Indeed this comparison seemed apparent to the boy himself, for he says, "Often when I was alone I would expect to hear God call me as he did Samuel of old, and sometimes I would stop to listen to make sure whether God was speaking to me." It is no wonder that such an one