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OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

An Introduction to This Issue

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This issue of *Centering On Ministry* could very well be one of the most important bits of information you will receive this Fall. It is an attempt to provide ministers with a twelve-month calendar of continuing education opportunities.

The Center for Pastoral Studies contacted a broad spectrum of agencies, schools, regional assemblies, etc. asking for information about ministerial training opportunities. The response has generally been good.

As you look over the calendar of events, you will discover a variety of opportunities for your personal growth and development as a minister. It is important that you choose carefully the events in which you plan to participate this year. Choosing carefully and early will enable you to make the necessary time and budget commitment to assure participation.

When choosing events, you will need to keep in mind how you most enjoy learning. That is, you need to ask yourself, "Which learning methods do I most enjoy?" Here is a sample of various methods that will be used in the events

schedules: lecture, discussion, home reading, media resources, workshop or clinic approach, observation or travel, colleague clusters, and self-directed research.

You may also make your choice from a wide variety of settings such as: home, minister's study, public facilities, church settings, local institutions (hospitals, prisons, etc.), universities, seminaries, church agencies, and conference centers.

It is also important that your selection be made in accordance with your personal growth needs. Select areas where you need to further your skills. Resist the temptation to do the simple, familiar thing. Stretch yourself a bit. Get involved in a new area of ministerial education. Develop some new skills.

Well, you are off into an exciting journey of continuing education. These are excellent opportunities for personal enrichment. Choose wisely. Plan carefully. May God grant you an exciting twelve months of personal growth and spiritual enrichment.

Bon voyage!

CALENDAR OF CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENTS

SEPTEMBER, 1983

- September 14-17, 1983 — Annual Bible Study Conference sponsored by Mass Communications Board of the Church of God held in Montreat, N.C.
- September 19-20, 1983 — Kentucky State Minister's Meeting—Eastland Church of God, Lexington, KY. Chairman—Reverend Gene Lanham.
- September 20-22, 1983 — A Ministers Seminar, Warner Pacific College, Portland, OR. Contact Persons—Dick Craghead or Roberta Petersen, Warner Pacific College, Portland, OR.

OCTOBER, 1983

- October 3-5, 1983 — Eastern States Ministers Convention at Kirkridge, Bangor, PA. Contact person is Betty Ruth Jones, 4801 Sipple Ave., Baltimore, MD.
- October 10-11, 1983 — Pastor's Fellowship, 700 S. Coe-Y-Yah, Pryor, OK 74361.
- October 18-20, 1983 — Vayhinger Mental Health Conference for Clergy. Anderson, School of Theology, Anderson, IN. Contact the Center for Pastoral Studies for further information.
- October 23-24, 1983 — Board of Pensions "Church and Clergy Financial Workshop" (Preceding Midwest Assembly) Pittman Road Church of God, Kansas City, MO.
- October 24-26, 1983 — Midwest Ministerial Assembly. Kansas City, MO. Pittman Road Church of God.
- October 24-26, 1983 — 1983 Conference on Discipleship held at the First Church of God, 1317 E. Fairfield Avenue, Goshen, IN 46526. Contact person is Reverend Norman S. Patton at above address.

NOVEMBER, 1983

- November 1-3, 1983 — Southern Convention held at the Lake Yale Baptist Convention Center in Leesburg, FL. Contact person is Reverend Donald D. Pickett, P.O. Box 1439, Lake Wales, FL 33853.
- November 7-8, 1983 — Northwest Pastor's Fellowship being held in Seattle, WA. Contact person is Reverend John Ball, Chairman.

DECEMBER, 1983

- December 26-30, 1983 — Southeastern Association Meeting, Augusta, GA. Contact person is Reverend Rudolph Smith, 1609 Ezra Church Drive, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30314.

JANUARY, 1984

- January 5-7, 1984 — Professional Development Planning Retreat to be held at Warner Southern College, Lake Wales, FL. Contact the Center for Pastoral Studies for further information.

JANUARY, 1984 (continued)

- January 12-14, 1984 — CDCL 6 Seminar & Workshop to be held in Jackson, MS at the Capital City Church of God, 713 Flag Chapel. For further information, contact the National Board of Christian Education of the Church of God, P.O. Box 2458, Anderson, IN 46018.
- January 26-28, 1984 — CDCL 6 Seminar & Workshop to be held at Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA. For further information contact the National Board of Christian Education of the Church of God, P.O. Box 2458, Anderson, IN 46018.
- January 30-February 2, 1984 — Minister's Refresher Institute, Gulf Coast Bible College, Houston, TX. Contact person is Bill Cissna, Director of Church and College Relations, Gulf Coast Bible College, Houston, TX.

FEBRUARY, 1984

- February 23-25, 1984 — CDCL 6 Seminar & Workshop to be held at the First Church of God in Far Rockaway, NY. For further information please contact the National Board of Christian Education of the Church of God, P.O. Box 2458, Anderson, IN 46018.
- February 29-March 2, 1984 — Professional Development Planning Retreat to be held at the Capital City Church of God, Jackson, MS. Contact the Center for Pastoral Studies for further information.

MARCH, 1984

- March 1-3, 1984 — CDCL 6 Seminar & Workshop to be held at the First Church of God, 4801 Sipple Avenue, Baltimore, MD. For further information, please contact the National Board of Christian Education of the Church of God, P.O. Box 2458, Anderson, IN 46018.
- March 5-6, 1984 — Southeast Pastor's Fellowship, Birmingham, AL. Contact person is Reverend Vernon Maddox, Chairman.
- March 11-13, 1984 — Mid-America Pastor's Fellowship, St. Louis, MO. Contact person is Reverend Delbert Tangeman, Chairman.
- March 17, 1984 — CDCL 6 **WORKSHOP only** to be held in St. Louis, MO. For further information, please contact the National Board of Christian Education of the Church of God, P.O. Box 2458, Anderson, IN 46018.
- March 15-17, 1984 — CDCL 6 Seminar & Workshop to be held at the First Church of God, 1111 Madison Avenue, Warren, PA.

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at the First Church of God, 928 Sturm Avenue, Walla Walla, WA. For further information, contact the National Board of Christian Education of the Church of God, P.O. Box 2458, Anderson, IN 46018.

MARCH, 1984 (continued)

- March 29-31, 1984 — CDCL 5 Seminar & Workshop to be held at the First Church of God, 2120—3rd Street, Brookings, SD. For further information, contact the National Board of Christian Education of the Church of God, P.O. Box 2458, Anderson, IN 46018.

APRIL, 1984

- April 5-7, 1984 — Professional Development Planning Retreat to be held at Park Forest Church of God, Fort Wayne, IN. Contact the Center for Pastoral Studies for further information.
- April 12-14, 1984 — CDCL 6 Seminar & Workshop to be held at Scott Memorial Church of God, Chattanooga, TN. For further information contact the National Board of Christian Education of the Church of God, P.O. Box 2458, Anderson, IN 46018.
- April 30-
May 1, 1984 — North Central Pastor's Fellowship, Detroit, MI. Contact person is Reverend Bill Cobb, Chairman.
- April 30-
May 2, 1984 — West Coast Minister's Meeting being held at Warner Pacific College. Contact Persons—Dick Craghead or Roberta Petersen, Warner Pacific College, Portland, OR.

MAY, 1984

- May 2-4, 1983 — Professional Development Planning Retreat to be held at the North Main Street Church of God, Butler, PA. Contact the Center for Pastoral Studies for further information.
- May 7-8, 1984 — Winchester Pastor's Fellowship, Winchester, KY. Contact person is Reverend Frank Curtis, Chairman.
- May 14-15, 1984 — Southwest Pastor's Fellowship, Pryor, OK. Contact person is Reverend Robert Lawrence, Chairman.

JUNE, 1984

- June 14-16, 1984 — Professional Development Planning Retreat to be held at the Anderson School of Theology, Anderson, IN. Contact the Center for Pastoral Studies for further information.
- June 18-24, 1984 — International Convention of the Church of God, Anderson, IN.
- June 20-22, 1984 — Newell Lectureship in Biblical Studies, Anderson, IN. For more information, contact the Center for Pastoral Studies.
- June 21-23, 1984 — The School of Theology Chapel Lectures, Adam Miller Chapel, Anderson, IN (7:30-9:00 A.M.). For further information contact the Center for Pastoral Studies.

YOUR MINISTRY AND VITAL CHRISTIANITY

One sunny Sunday morning in March, Mary visited a Church of God. On the way out an usher handed her a copy of the March 13 **Vital Christianity**.

Mary read Laura Withrow's article where she described her attempts at learning to ski. Mary said to herself, "Well, I've never skied but I sure would like to meet Laura Withrow." She read humorous articles by Jim Sparks and John Little and really got interested in the magazine.

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—Richard Willowby

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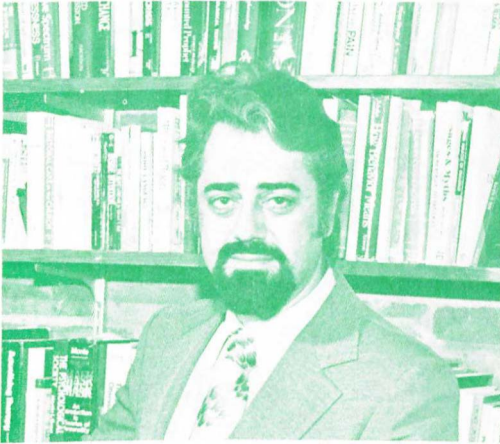
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OCTOBER 18-20, 1983

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THEME: CREATIVE WAYS TO MANAGE CONFLICT



David Augsburger is Associate Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries, Elkhart, Indiana. An ordained minister of the Mennonite Church, he is a graduate of Eastern Mennonite College and Seminary, and received a Ph.D. from the School of Theology at Claremont, California.

Dr. Augsburger has authored fifteen books, the most recent of which are **Caring Enough To Hear And Be Heard; Caring Enough To Forgive; Anger, Assertiveness and Pastoral Care; The Love Fight: Caring Enough To Confront.**

He is an excellent communicator and has served for eight years as a radio spokesman for the Mennonite churches and has been the recipient of numerous awards.

Dr. Augsburger will be the keynote speaker and conduct conferences on conflict in our personal lives on Tuesday, October 18.

Alvin Lewis is the Associate Secretary of the Board of Christian Education of the Church of God, Anderson, Indiana. He has responsibilities in adult education, family life, marriage enrichment and leadership development. He pastored for twelve years and taught college for six years. He has had extensive experience and training in adult and family life education.

Dr. Lewis recieved a Ph.D. in adult education and family life education from Kansas State University. He is a certified member of the Association of Christian Marriage Counselors, Association of Couples for Marriage Enrichment, and also holds a clinical and supervisory membership in the National Alliance for Family Life.

Dr. Lewis will help the participants explore resources for discerning personal and interpersonal conflicts on Wednesday, October 19.



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Dr. Jayne Grandison is a Counseling Psychologist and Director of Student Counseling at Anderson College.

She will teach the participants how to use the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator in their ministries on Thursday, October 20.

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PLEASE NOTE:

On July 1, 1983, **Dr. Jerry C. Grubbs** became Dean of Anderson School of Theology. In order to provide you with effective, continuing service through the Center for Pastoral Studies, **Mrs. Connie Fatzinger** (Administrative Assistant) has been named Interim Director of the Center for Pastoral Studies effective September 1, 1983 and continuing through June 30, 1984.

Also, **Reverend Spencer Spaulding** will be guest editor of *Centering On Ministry* for the 1983-84 academic year. Reverend Spaulding is working part time with Anderson College and the School of Theology during the year while completing a dissertation for the PhD degree in New Testament from St. Andrews University, Scotland.

Please pray with us as we seek the right person to assume the Directorship of the Center. We are committed to the continuation of quality service to ministers. We earnestly seek the mind of Christ in the selection of the new director.

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