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## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings again from Headquarters! As most of you have probably heard, we had a truly outstanding Ministerial Conference this year. The total number of elders attending, 113, was by far the most we've ever had for a Ministerial Conference in this era of God's Church and may have been the largest in the history of God's Church. We had some very profitable sessions in which basic instructions in several areas were given. Included among the topics were Bible Study format, sermons, wise handling of legal authorities, health problems, handling divorce and remarriage cases, draft problems, training men in local areas and personal instruction for the ministers and their wives.

One unusual and inspiring aspect of this Conference was that all three Ambassador campuses were represented here for the break. The performances of the three combined Ambassador Chorales and the Luton Choral Society from England were tremendously successful. Mendelssohn's "Elijah" was performed twice and Handel's "Messiah" was performed once before an almost capacity crowd at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium. Each performance received a standing ovation at the conclusion. Many friends, neighbors, and local businessmen outside the Church and College attended, and the overall effect on those to whom we had given special invitations was very impressive.

All in all, it was a wonderful Conference this year, and was encouraging and inspiring to everyone concerned. It was sure good to see so many of you here again at God's Headquarters, and my only regret -- which I know is shared by many of us here -- is that there were just so many activities and so many things to do that we simply could not have the personal fellowship with each one of you that we would desire. All of you realize, I am sure, that if you came in almost any other time of year -- when you were the "special" guest at Headquarters -- you would probably get a lot more personal counsel, invitations, attention, etc. But, I know you also realize that there are

special blessings and opportunities and functions which take place during the Conference that make it very special overall too. So we'll look forward to seeing many of you at the District Conferences through this coming year and on other field trips and overseas trips as opportunities present themselves.

For those of you who have not heard about the ordinations that took place during and after the Conference, I will give a complete list. Those raised in rank to Pastors here at the Conference were: Messrs. Glen White, Ken Westby, Keith Thomas, Robert Spence, Walter Sharp, Richard Pinelli, James Kunz, George Kemnitz, Roy Holladay, Al Carrozzo, John Bald, Dick Ames, Carn Catherwood, Frank Schnee, Arthur Docken. We had one elevation to the rank of Preaching Elder here also -- Mr. Pedro Ortiguero.

Several were to be ordained in the local areas after the Conference. Those to be elevated to Pastor rank are Mr. James Young and Mr. George Meeker. Those to be elevated to the rank of Preaching Elder are Mr. Donald Waterhouse and Mr. Rufus Turner. Slated to be made Local Elders were Messrs. John Mitchell, Gerald Witte, Daryl Reedy, John Robinson, and Nelson Haas. Congratulations to all on this office and added responsibility God has given to you!

Also, ~~we added a number of new members to the Board of Trustees~~ of the Church of God and also to the Board of Ambassador College. These new members were to replace Mrs. Armstrong and Mr. David Henion, who died this past year, and Mr. Bill Homberger -- who is being retired from the Board after many years of service. All three men added to the College or to the Church Board are among God's Evangelists -- ~~Mr. Raymond Cole, Mr. Dibar Apartian and myself~~. I had been on the College Board before, but now I'm on both Boards. Added to the College Board was Dr. Herman Hoeh.

Mr. Apartian is pleased to announce that the long-awaited churches in Zurich, Switzerland and Barbados, West Indies are now scheduled to begin. Zurich will begin on February 24 with Mr. Colin Wilkins as the minister in charge, and Barbados will begin this coming Sabbath with Mr. Clarence Bass there now to pastor this Church. Mr. Apartian is leaving this Thursday morning for Miami where he will take the Spokesman Club Thursday night. He will go on to Barbados on Friday and be there for the first service on the Sabbath. He plans to stay over in Barbados until Sunday afternoon so that he can conduct a Bible Study there before flying to Martinique for special preaching services on Monday. He will be back here at Headquarters on Wednesday afternoon.

We have ~~a new Church which was scheduled to begin right after the Conference in Guilford, England~~, and we are planning several new Churches for the United States. ~~Beginning soon will be new Churches in Las Cruces, New Mexico, Lufkin, Texas, Stanford, Connecticut, Boston, Massachusetts, and St. Joseph, Missouri!~~ Also planned right away is a new ~~Detroit Negro Church~~.

Mr. Hill and I will be taking trips soon to conduct several District Conferences. Mr. Hill will be in Wichita, Kansas for services this Sabbath, and he will go on to Kansas City for the District Conference there on February 4, 5 and 6. Then, he will fly to Seattle for Sabbath services on February 10. He will be in Portland on February 11, 12, and 13 for that District Conference.

Just after that, I will leave for two combined District Conferences -- for Chicago and Detroit, and Akron and New York. These will be within the period from February 16-25. But keep the reports coming in as either Mr. Hill or I will be here at all times!

I have several birth announcements to give you. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Franklin named their boy Benjamin R. Franklin! He was born on December 24 and weighed 7 pounds.

Mrs. Frank Brown gave birth to a big girl -- Elizabeth Clare -- on December 27. She weighed in at 8 pounds and 8 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. William Swanson announced the birth of their son, Allen Andrew, weighing 7 1/2 pounds, on January 21.

All mothers and babies are reportedly doing fine. Congratulations to all of you!

[ We received some good news this week from the Pasadena Beautiful Foundation. Our Egret Sculpture won us the first-place award for last year for civic beautification!

[ FLASH!! -- Late news: Mr. Herbert Armstrong himself just decided to accompany Mr. Apartian to the West Indies and join in starting the new Church in Barbados! So as I now write this letter they are en route to the West Indies from Miami and the Church in Barbados should be starting now in less than 24 hours. This is an illustration of what can be done with our new executive jet and certainly ought to be inspiring to the brethren there to hear from Mr. Armstrong personally! Also, in order to fully utilize the plane,

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Carnes and Mr. Lyle Christopherson rode with Mr. Armstrong and Mr. and Mrs. Apartian back as far as Big Sandy, Texas on the way East.

So all of you be sure to pray fervently for God's protection on Mr. Armstrong and Mr. and Mrs. Apartian and His BLESSING on the Work in the West Indies. Also, ask God to bless and inspire in the establishment of the SEVEN other new Churches soon to begin mentioned above!

One other final item of GOOD NEWS is that -- just before leaving -- Mr. Armstrong approved a Master Plan that we are instituting to help train new men for fulltime service in God's Work. This involves a reorientation of the Spokesman Clubs and a complete reorganization of the Visiting Program Training Classes and ADDING classes in most Churches where they have not been conducted before. There is a developing CRISIS in God's Work if we do not have more qualified ministers and elders coming along to feed the flock. So you will soon be getting details on this important plan and we hope all of you will be enthusiastic and responsive in putting it into action completely and wholeheartedly.

If you read Mr. Armstrong's latest Co-worker letter carefully -- and have been reading the world news -- you will realize how fast world events are hurtling toward their conclusion in this age! So let us each carry on in our respective areas of God's Work with intensified zeal and dedication to the tremendous calling we have been given.

Your brother in Christ,



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