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HIDDEN TREASURES

AT METANOIA 1974

The ecumenical Women's retreat will be held at the Christian Conference Center, Newton, on Oct. 16-18 and 18-20. Using the theme, "Hidden Treasures," the Bible study will be led by resource person, Carla Holtermann.

Miss Holtermann is of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Text for the study is "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Carla has been on the faculty of the Lutheran Bible Institute (now Golden Valley Lutheran College) for many years where she directed the training of parish workers. At present she is on extension assignments for the school.

Before coming to LBI, Miss Holtermann was on the staff of the National Lutheran Council in New York City. She is the author of five books: *Paths to Happier Living*, *Paths to Peace*, *Released and Radium*, *Trustful Living*, and *Days Aglow*.

Metanoia, from the Greek word meaning "a change of heart" is designed to be flexible

and unhurried, with time for the input from the resource leader, private meditation, small group discussions, cabin talks, relaxation, crafts and out-of-door explorations.

Register now and participate in the very meaningful happenings at Metanoia. Registration blank appears elsewhere in this issue. The deadline is September 21st.



Miss Carla Holtermann

Iowa Plans Chartered Bus To Ecumenical Assembly

There are great days ahead! Adventure awaits us! Join the women from all over our country in the Cook Convention Center, Memphis, Tennessee, October 10-13.

The Ecumenical Assembly will focus on the "Journey Toward Wholeness" which starts in each person committed to a life style for herself and others that is undivided and undiminished; continues as groups of women in every community share in Scriptural study and explore ways of

coping with today's problems.

The program reaches a climax at the Assembly where hundreds of women from every part of the United States and many nations will be together.

The Ecumenical Assembly is open to all church women whether they are participants in a CWU unit or not. But it is especially to those directly involved in CWU, either in the

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From The President's Desk

Plans are going forward for the chartered bus to Ecumenical Assembly in Memphis. You will see elsewhere in this issue the bus schedule and approximate cost.

We do hope that many of you are planning to be with us at the Assembly by either going on the bus or by some other means. You will notice that we have reserved accommodations for sixty people, but we will be glad to make arrangements for more if you let us know of your plans early.

The date for the Open Board Meeting has been set for Nov. 8, since October will be such a busy month. October

program includes the Metanoia I and II, and the Ecumenical Assembly. We would ask you to mark your calendars now and make plans to attend. The Theme and place will be announced later.

There will be many opportunities for spiritual renewal this summer in our various communities and in our travels. In another article in this issue the Interdenominational Summer Mission Conferences are listed. These would be excellent to include in your vacation plans.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.

—Florence Campbell



Florence Campbell

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local unit or on the state level.

A chartered bus will leave Mason City at 7:00 A.M. on Oct. 9, and take on passengers at Newton at 9:45 and Ottumwa at 11:30. The locations of those stops will be announced later.

There will be an overnight stop in St. Louis. The following day the tour will continue on to Memphis. Arrival time will be shortly after noon—in time to get settled and ready for the opening of the Assembly at 3:00 P.M.

Return trip will also include an overnight stay in St. Louis. Bus will leave Memphis on the afternoon of Oct 13. Approximate bus fare will be \$55. Reservations may be sent to Miss Sylvia Heidt, 2401 Kenway Drive, Des Moines 50310.

A program fee of \$35 should be mailed to Registrar, Church Women United, Box 134, Manhattanville Station, New York, New York 10027. Make check or money order payable to: Church Women United. The motel form will be mailed upon receipt of the program fee.

We have reserved a block of 20 rooms for 3 persons each in the Rivermont Motel for the Iowa women. Whether you go on the bus or by some other means, you are welcome to stay in this block of rooms.

When making your room

reservation be sure to state that you wish to be placed in the Iowa block of rooms reserved by Miss Sylvia Heidt and Mrs. George W. Campbell. Cost of the Motel room will be \$10 each where three women share a room. Reservations have already been made for those whose names were received at State Assembly.

JEAN RASMUSSEN OF SIOUX CITY NEW SECOND VICE PRES.



Mrs. Walter F. Rasmussen

Mrs. Walter F. (Jean) Rasmussen, newly elected Second Vice-President on Executive Board of CWU is a member of Episcopal Church and lives in Sioux City, Iowa

TAKE NOTE!

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DATES TO REMEMBER for All of Us!

ECUMENICAL ASSEMBLY
October 10-13, 1974
Cook Convention Center
Memphis, Tenn.
"On Our Way to Wholeness"

METANOIA - 1974
Metanoia I, Oct. 16-18
Metanoia II, Oct. 18-20
Christian Conference Center, Newton
Theme: "Hidden Treasures"

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY
November 1, 1974
"Discover the Aspiring Majority"

OPEN BOARD MEETING
November 8, 1974
Place to be announced

EXECUTIVE BOARD CWU & COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Meeting 9:00 A.M.
August 17, 1974
Iowa Conference United Church of Christ
Headquarters, 600 42nd Street, Des Moines

EXECUTIVE BOARD CWU
Meeting 1:00 P.M.
November 7, 1974
Place to be announced

TAPESTRIES

Lord, our lives are tapestries
All open to behold.
Some are rich and beautiful,
Others old and cold.
Some are soft and mellow
With temperance and cheer,
Others are quite angry
With turbulence and fear

Hatefulness and hasty words
Do make the picture sad.
But prayer before the storm
Can change the scene to glad.

By Charnaine Boyd
Redondo Beach, California

CLARIE COLLINS HARVEY NAMED CHURCHWOMAN OF THE YEAR

Clarie Collins Harvey, national president of Church Women United in the U.S.A., has been named to receive the Churchwoman of the year award given by Religious Heritage of America.

She is among seven distinguished Americans who have made outstanding religious and humanitarian contributions to the nation. They were honored at the 24th annual National Awards program held June 20 at the Hotel Hilton, Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Harvey is the fifth national leader of Church Women United to receive this award.

Religious Heritage of America is a national, interfaith religious and educational organization dedicated to preserving and celebrating America's religious heritage. Through the National Awards program, Religious Heritage honors those Americans who, by a practical application of their religious principles in their daily lives, have made a significant impact on national and community life.

Mrs. Harvey, in addition to serving as national president of CWU, has been chairman of Program Unit III Committee: Education and renewal of the World Council's Central Committee.

A prominent Methodist laywoman, she served on the Executive Committee



**Mrs. Wilma Dow, Marshalltown, Leads devotions
as CWU State Assembly.**

of the United Methodist Commission on Structure which reported to the 1972 General Conference.

NATIONAL BOARD MEETS

The National Board of Managers of Church Women United met at the King Center in Nazareth, Kentucky, April 4-6, 1974.

This Board carries responsibility for the policy, program, and financial soundness of the national movement of CWU through which women express the ecumenical dimensions of their faith and work in more than 2,000 local communities.

The Board will complete its responsibilities for this triennium at the next Ecumenical

Assembly, held in Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 10-13.

The most important aspect of the Board meeting was the formation of goals which will be the basis of the Assembly program and workshops that will be offered to local units as a direction for their activities from 1974 to 1977.

There was an evaluation of the national program for the current triennium with recommendations for action to the new board which will be elected at the close of the Ecumenical Assembly.

Insights and experiences were shared by 12 Board members who had travelled on the peace building Causeway to Asia in February.

REGISTRATION FOR 1974 METANOIA

NAME (Miss or Mrs.) _____

FULL ADDRESS _____

CHURCH _____

PHONE _____

Check your choice:

I (Oct. 16-18) \$21.00 _____

II (Oct. 18-20) \$21.00 _____

Some cabins are a bit far and hilly from the lodge. If this would present a problem for you please indicate here and we will house you in a cabin closer in _____

Mail this slip with full fee to: METANOIA, Mrs. Richard DeWitt
Route 2
Winterset, Iowa 50273



**Mrs. Alber: "We need
to assess our values!"**

Mrs. Harold Alber, State Assembly Chairman, 1974, gave a challenging and interesting talk on value clarification at the April 30th meeting. Following are excerpts from her address:

Values are the intellectual and emotional weight we give to material substances and spiritual concepts of inter-relatedness. We not only do things—we think

about what we do. Our values are manifested in the ways we talk and act.

Life is always confronting us with alternatives and choices. Right and wrong seem to have only relative value.

There are good values and bad values. The possession of diverse values sets people apart; shared values simplify their working together. We don't need absolute answers to questions so much as we need proper attitudes toward values.

The family used to be a unit with reinforced values. Sin was called "sin." People who have not clarified for themselves what they value cannot have clear, consistent purposes; cannot know what they are for or against; cannot know where they are going and why.

Values are prized and respected and held dear when they come from choices freely made. It

then becomes important to publicly affirm them.

When we have a value we are apt to budget time and energy to nourish it. And when we find that we have made for us the proper choice we see that repeating values make a pattern in our life.

We cannot solve all the problems that confront us at once. We must set priorities, assess our resources, and continually evaluate our progress. We need to establish our values, be sure that we study all aspects of any given situation. And then, being proud to affirm what we prize and cherish, we should choose freely from among the alternatives and proceed to accomplish our goal.

—Lois Alber

*It is not necessary
for even a little church
to be small.*

**INTERDENOMINATIONAL
SUMMER MISSION
CONFERENCES**

Eleven ecumenical conferences and institutes have been announced by the Interdenominational Committee on Mission Conferences. The conferences will provide opportunity for learning and fellowship for those concerned with the mission of the church.

Central issues for the conferences will be the interdenominational emphases chosen by 27 denominations working together in Friendship Press:

"Education for Global Consciousness," "Mission and the Faith/Life Crises," "Persons: Human Development in North America".

These are themes pertinent to major concerns of Church Women United. Resource materials on these timely emphasis can well serve as basic study materials for CWU Action Task Forces, giving content and background for work on "Education for Global Living," prison ministries and community action for human services. Use of these materials in the traditional denominational study and Mission Institutes will also undergird CWU action and study as we seek to be alert and awake to our times.

The dates, places, and contact persons of conferences to be held yet this year are:

August 19-23, CHAUTAUQUA

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CONFERENCE ON THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD.

Contact: Publicity Department, Chautauqua Institutions, Chautauqua, N.Y. 14722.

The conference will be held in Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, N.Y.

August 20, MISSION EDUCATION CONFERENCE AT LAKELAND.

Contact: Robert Lee Johnston, Box 177, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin 53020. The conference will be held in Lakeland College, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

September 17-18, MINNESOTA SCHOOL OF MISSIONS.

Contact: Miss Helen Drummond Asher, Promotion Chairman, 411 Beacon Ave., St. Paul, Minn. 55104. The Conference will be held in the First Christian Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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FOUR STAR UNITS

According to the latest report the following are "Four Star Units:"

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- *Boone
- *Cedar Falls
- *Cedar Rapids-Marion Area
- Clay County
- *Collins
- Creston
- *Dubuque Area
- *Floyd County
- Ft. Madison
- *Grinnell
- *Harlan
- Keokuk
- LeMars
- Lucas County
- Missouri Valley
- *Montgomery County
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- *Sac City
- *Storm Lake
- Vinton
- *Waverly
- *Winterset
- (*Growth Factor Units)
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