

HOLT, BISHOP IVAN LEE

BISHOP'S WIDOW WEDS

Mrs. Modena McPherson Holt, wife of the late Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, and the Rev. Dr. Karl K. Quimby, former executive of the Methodist Board of Missions, were married April 26 in Kowloon Union Church in Hong Kong.

The bride has been serving as a Methodist missionary under special assignment to Hong Kong since December, 1967. She has assisted with a roof-top kindergarten program at the Yang Social Services Center, a United Methodist refugee settlement center. She and her husband will continue doing social work at the center temporarily and return to Ridgewood, N.J., his home, in June.

Mrs. Quimby was born in Atlanta and was graduated from Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga. Her first husband was the late Rev. Edmund D. Rudisill, Jr., a Methodist minister. She served with him as a pastor's and district superintendent's wife in various Georgia communities until his death in 1963. She has four children by this marriage.

In 1966 she was married to Bishop Holt, who had been episcopal leader of the Dallas and Missouri Areas of The Methodist Church for 18 years and had been president of the World Methodist Council. He died in January, 1967. Before going overseas the former Mrs. Holt had been making her home in Duluth, Ga.

Dr. Quimby was director of missionary education of the Board of Missions for 17 years. Following his retirement from the Board in 1958, he was on the staff of the American Bible Society for several years.

TOGETHER/NEWS EDITION Nebraska Area

BISHOP

Kenneth W. Copeland

EDITOR

Tom McAnally, 2641 N. 49th St., Lincoln, Nebr. 68504.

MARCH, 1967

Bishop Holt Dies

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, ecumenical pioneer and first president of the World Methodist Council, died at home in Atlanta on January 12, three days after marking his 81st birthday.



Bishop Holt

Funeral services were conducted at St. John's Methodist Church in St. Louis, Missouri, where he was pastor for 20 years before election to the episcopacy in 1938. He was serving as bishop of the Missouri Area when he retired in 1956.

In addition to serving top Methodist posts, Bishop Holt was president of the Federal Council of Churches (forerunner of the National Council of Churches) and was active in the World Council of Churches.

Survivors include his wife, the former Modena McPherson Rudicill of Georgia, and a son, Judge Ivan Lee Holt, Jr., of St. Louis.

Bishop Holt Dies

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, interim bishop in Nebraska from December, 1959-June, 1960, died at home in Atlanta, January 12. He was 81.

After his election to the episcopacy, Bishop Holt served six years as a bishop in Texas and New Mexico and 12 years as head of the Missouri Area, retiring in 1956.

In 1959, following the death of Bishop H. Bascom Watts, he was named to the Nebraska post.

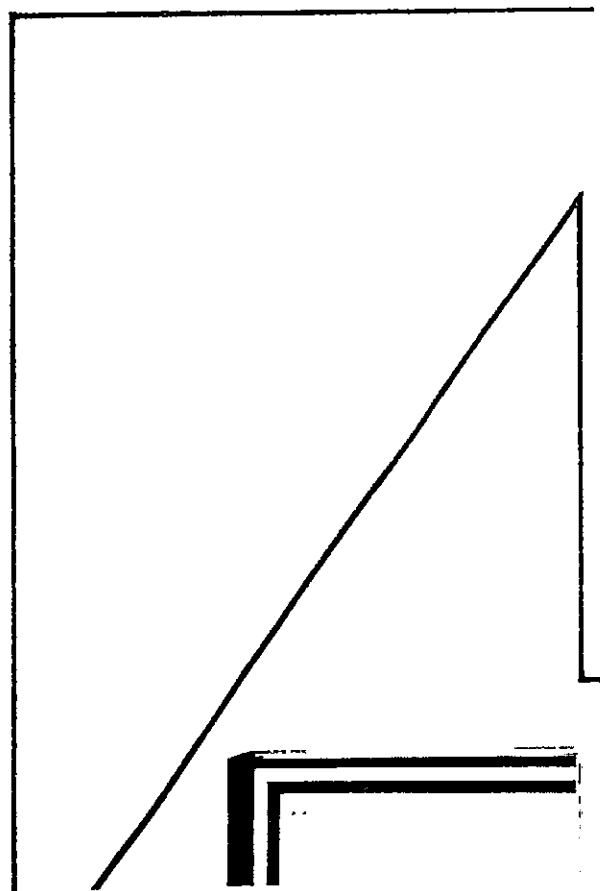
Bishop Holt was the first president of the World Methodist Council and one of the outstanding ecumenical leaders of this century.

Bishop Holt is survived by his wife, the former Mrs. Modena McPherson Rudicill whom he married in April of 1966, and a son, Judge Ivan Lee Holt, Jr., of St. Louis. Funeral services were at St. John's Methodist Church in St. Louis where he was pastor for 20 years.

UNITED METHODIST

NEW FORMS

MISSION STUDY 1



'Call' Being Made For Belmont Church

A call is being made for members of the Builders' Club to support the proposed Belmont Church in the northwest section of Lincoln.

In 1961 the Thousand Club made a call to purchase a church building site in the Belmar addition of northwest Lincoln. A two-acre site was purchased on East Superior St. on the highest hill in the area. Recently an adjoining two acres were purchased by the Lincoln Methodist City Union.

The Builders' Club, successor to the Thousand Club, is now making a call for the second phase, the establishment of a new church. The Belmar community is steadily increasing in population and many new homes are being built in the area. It was recently announced that large industrial tract will be developed in the area which will employ several hundred people. A bond issue has been approved for a new junior-high school. The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce is enthusiastically promoting the development of this general area. A large shopping center is planned next to the church property.

Anticipate Union

Upon establishment of this new church it is anticipated by the Board of Missions that the Lincoln Heights Methodist Church, located in the south part of this area, will unite with the new Belmar

'Church and Change' Theme of Mission Meeting

The Church and Social Change was the theme for the annual meeting of the General Board of Missions held in Louisville, Ky., January 15-20.

Nebraskans attending the meeting included Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland, president of the Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation and a member of the Woman's Board.

Wayne W. H.

churches in the world. He is a British Methodist missionary and was active as both churchman and political leader in the coming of independence to Zambia. Mr. Morris is scheduled to be the Willson Lecturer at Nebraska Wesleyan University in March. Watch the *Nebraska Methodist Messenger* and the

...like
a tree
planted by
the rivers
of water...

Not Times 12/12/57

BISHOP HOLT DEAD; METHODIST WAS 81

Author of Greenwich Plan
Sought Reunion in Church

ATLANTA, Jan. 12 (AP)—The Rev. Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, retired Bishop of the Methodist Church, died at his home here today. He was 81 years old. He leaves his third wife; a son, Judge Ivan Lee Holt Jr. of St. Louis, and a grandson. The body will be sent to St. Louis for a funeral service.

Led Protestant Unity

Bishop Holt was a pioneer in the movement for Protestant unity.

As president of the former Federal Council of Churches in the nineteen-thirties, and later as president of the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church, the dignified, white-haired church leader sounded a call for Protestant reunion whose echoes are still heard.

Almost 20 years ago, Bishop Holt drew up a blueprint for unity that has since been emulated by many.

Although what was known as his Greenwich Plan was eventually discarded, much of his wisdom is reflected in the present Constitution of Church Union, a working organization that seeks the unity of nine Protestant bodies, embracing about 23-million churchgoers.

With almost prophetic insight, Bishop Holt told churchmen gathered in Greenwich, Conn., in 1949 that religion faced a world situation that "demands that the churches shall make common cause."

In part, the Greenwich Plan envisaged a united Protestant church on four levels — local, diocesan, regional and national. It would be a federal union, with the denominations retaining their identities under the wing of a United Church of Christ.

Proposed First Merger

The plan proposed that unity start with denominational mergers, beginning with the Protestant Episcopal Church and the Methodist Church.

These two bodies are involved in the Consultation on Church Union.

Bishop Holt officiated at the wedding of former Vice President Alben W. Barkley nearly 20 years ago. Mr. Barkley, the first Vice President to wed while in office, married Mrs. Carleton S. Hadley, a 38-year-old widow.

The Bishop was for many years head of the Missouri Area of his church, from which he retired in 1956.

He was born in Dewitt, Ark., and was graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1904. He received a degree in philosophy from the University of Chicago and was later awarded honorary degrees from Duke University, Southern College in St. Louis, Emory University and the University of Arkansas.

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt Dies In Atlanta

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, first president of the World Methodist Council and one of the outstanding ecumenical leaders of this century, died at home in Atlanta Jan. 12. He was 81.

Bishop Holt had not been well since attending the World Methodist Conference in Longon last August.

Funeral services were set for Monday, Jan. 16, at St. John's Methodist Church, St. Louis, Mo., where he was pastor for 20 years before being elected a bishop in 1938.

After his election to the episcopacy, Bishop Holt served six years as a bishop in Texas and New Mexico and 12 years as head of the Missouri Area, retiring in 1956.

An article in the Christian Advocate Aug. 30, 1956, described Bishop Holt as a man who had "the whole world on his heart" and whose career had been "lived on a global level."

One of the tributes paid him at the 1956 Methodist General Conference said "he has contributed as much to ecumenical Christianity as any other single figure in our generation."

Bishop I. L. Holt Dies In Atlanta

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, 81, died Thursday, Jan. 12, at his home in Atlanta. Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 16, at St. John's Methodist Church, St. Louis, Mo.

Bishop Holt, a native of Dewitt, Ark., was ordained a Methodist minister in 1909. He was elected a bishop in 1938 following 20 years as pastor of St. John's Church in St. Louis. He retired in 1956.

Survivors include his wife, the former Modena Rudisill; a son, Judge Ivan Lee Holt Jr. of St. Louis, and a grandson, Ivan Lee Holt III, also of St. Louis.

• • • OBITU

BISHOP IVAN HOLT

Atlanta, Jan. 12 (AP)—Retired bishop Ivan Holt, 81, of the Methodist Church died today. Holt, whose work took him to many parts of the world, was a native of DeWitt, Ark., and served as pastor of St. John's Church in St. Louis for about 20 years before he became bishop. He retired in 1956. Survivors include the widow, who was his second wife, a son, Judge Ivan Lee Holt Jr. of St. Louis, and a grandson, Ivan Lee Holt 3d, also of St. Louis.



Bishop
Ivan Holt

*Wrote just before
Jan 16, 1967*

The plan proposed that unity start with denominational mergers, beginning with the Protestant Episcopal Church and the Methodist Church.

These two bodies are involved in the Consultation on Church Union.

Bishop Holt officiated at the wedding of former Vice President Alben W. Barkley nearly 20 years ago. Mr. Barkley, the first Vice President to wed while in office, married Mrs. Carleton S. Hadley, a 38-year-old widow.

The Bishop was for many years head of the Missouri Area of his church, from which he retired in 1956.

He was born in Dewitt, Ark., and was graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1904. He received a degree in philosophy from the University of Chicago and was later awarded honorary degrees from Duke University, Southern College in St. Louis, Emory University and the University of Arkansas.

He served as pastor of St. John's Methodist Church in St. Louis for 20 years before his elevation to the bishopric.

At his death, Bishop Holt was a president of the World Methodist Conference and served as a consultant in church affairs with special emphasis on church unity.

Married Three Times

In April, he had married Mrs. Modena McPherson Rudisill of Deluth, Ga. Bishop Holt's first wife, the former Leland Burks, died in 1948, and his second, the former Mrs. H. A. Carriethers, died in 1958.

In 1940, Bishop Holt was one of the few Protestant leaders who subscribed to President Franklin D. Roosevelt's decision to send a personal representative to the Vatican.

He called it a "great forward step toward securing a united front for peace in the world."

"If we are to achieve that united front," he declared at the time, "we must get unity of purpose through religion."

"Religion has been one of the most divisive forces in human history. Perhaps we are just at this moment at the beginning of a new era; changing all that for something better."

As early as 1936, while still a pastor in St. Louis and president of the Federal Council, Bishop Holt declared that "there must be a definite movement toward Protestant union" and added that "present programs do not go far enough."

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt Dies In Atlanta

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, first president of the World Methodist Council and one of the outstanding ecumenical leaders of this century, died at home in Atlanta Jan. 12. He was 81.

Bishop Holt had not been well since attending the World Methodist Conference in Longon last August.

Funeral services were set for Monday, Jan. 16, at St. John's Methodist Church, St. Louis, Mo., where he was pastor for 20 years before being elected a bishop in 1938.

After his election to the episcopacy, Bishop Holt served six years as a bishop in Texas and New Mexico and 12 years as head of the Missouri Area, retiring in 1956.

An article in the Christian Advocate Aug. 30, 1956, described Bishop Holt as a man who had "the whole world on his heart" and whose career had been "lived on a global level."

One of the tributes paid him at the 1956 Methodist General Conference said "he has contributed as much to ecumenical Christianity as any other single figure in our generation."

Bishop I. L. Holt Dies In Atlanta

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, 81, died Thursday, Jan. 12, at his home in Atlanta. Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 16, at St. John's Methodist Church, St. Louis, Mo.

Bishop Holt, a native of Dewitt, Ark., was ordained a Methodist minister in 1909. He was elected a bishop in 1938 following 20 years as pastor of St. John's Church in St. Louis. He retired in 1956.

Survivors include his wife, the former Modena Rudisill; a son, Judge Ivan Lee Holt Jr. of St. Louis, and a grandson, Ivan Lee Holt III, also of St. Louis.

OBITU

BISHOP IVAN HOLT

Atlanta, Jan. 12 (AP)—Retired bishop Ivan Holt, 81, of the Methodist Church died today.

Holt, whose work took him to many parts of the world, was a native of Dewitt, Ark., and served as pastor of St. John's Church in St. Louis for about 20 years before he became bishop. He retired in 1956. Survivors include the widow, who was his second wife, a son, Judge Ivan Lee Holt Jr. of St. Louis, and a grandson, Ivan Lee Holt 3d, also of St. Louis.



Bishop Ivan Holt

*St. John's Church
Jan 16, 1967*

nced

don

among students are and ought to be.

Several specific recommendations were made in the report, which was presented to the board in its annual meeting here January 3-5 by Bishop James K. Mathews, Boston, Mass., chairman of the committee. The research was directed by the Rev. Samuel N. Gibson, now of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Brazilian Methodists to Observe Centenary

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — The Methodists of Brazil will mark their Centenary Year in 1967 with a full program of events and activities that will include thanksgiving, public celebration, evangelistic and missionary outreach, and depth study in the mission of the church.

From Methodist beginnings in Brazil in 1867 has grown one of the larger Methodist bodies of the world, the Methodist Church of Brazil with more than 57,000 members. It has been autonomous for 37 years but has maintained close relationships with its mother church, the Methodist Church in the United States. Missionaries and mission funds from the U.S. help Brazilian Methodists in carrying out the mission of their country.

The General Cabinet of the Method-

**BARGAIN
STORES**

STUCK

**NOW WE'RE STUCK...
PRICES STICALLY REDUCED!**

P. O. BOX 2385 —
3889 Vineville Avenue

DAN H. WILLIAMS
Editor-General Manager

Published weekly except the week each year by the North and South G Church. Second-class postage paid at

Board of Trustees: T. E. Thrasher, land, vice president; Ralph B. Hawki S. C. Candler, David A. Duck, Del Lovett, Vernard E. Robertson, James

Individual Subscription Price: \$2.50

Special Charges: Obituaries and Re \$2.00 for the first 100 words and two c (payable when material is submitted cation will be expected to pay for n

News items should be in the Advoc before they are to appear. Pictures for processing.

Opinions expressed by our writers represent the official position of The the management of the Advocate.

Change of Address: Give both form

among students are and ought to be.
Several specific recommendations were made in the report, which was presented to the board in its annual meeting here January 3-5 by Bishop James K. Mathews, Boston, Mass., chairman of the committee. The research was directed by the Rev. Samuel N. Gibson, now of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Brazilian Methodists to Observe Centenary

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — The Methodists of Brazil will mark their Centenary Year in 1967 with a full program of events and activities that will include thanksgiving, public celebration, evangelistic and missionary outreach, and depth study in the mission of the church.

From Methodist beginnings in Brazil in 1867 has grown one of the larger Methodist bodies of the world, the Methodist Church of Brazil with more than 57,000 members. It has been autonomous for 37 years but has maintained close relationships with its mother church, the Methodist Church in the United States. Missionaries and mission funds from the U.S. help Brazilian Methodists in carrying out the mission of their country.

The General Cabinet of the Method-

the way to
to begin
any city
. On the
n't limit
-28 days

ever you
on about
flown by
Kennedy

**BARGAIN
STORES**

STUCK

**NOW WE'RE STUCK...
STICALLY REDUCED!**

P. O. BOX 2385 —
3889 Vineville Avenue

DAN H. WILLIAMS
Editor-General Manager

Published weekly except the week
each year by the North and South G
Church. Second-class postage paid at

Board of Trustees: T. E. Thrasher,
land, vice president; Ralph B. Hawk
S. C. Candler, David A. Duck, Del
Lovett, Vernard E. Robertson, James

Individual Subscription Price: \$2.50

Special Charges: Obituaries and Re
\$2.00 for the first 100 words and two c
(payable when material is submitted
cation will be expected to pay for n

News items should be in the Advoc
before they are to appear. Pictures
for processing.

Opinions expressed by our writers
represent the official position of The
the management of the Advocate.

Change of Address: Give both form

Higher Call

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, first president of the World Methodist Council and one of the outstanding ecumenical leaders of this century, died at home in Atlanta, Jan. 12. He was 81.

Bishop Holt had not been well since attending the World Methodist Conference in London last August.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 16, at St. John's Methodist Church, St. Louis, Mo., where he was pastor for 20 years before being elected a bishop in 1938.

After his election to the episcopacy, Bishop Holt served six years as a bishop in Texas and New Mexico and 12 years as head of the Missouri Area, retiring in 1956.

An article in the *Christian Advocate*, Aug. 30, 1956, described Bishop Holt as a man who had "the whole world on his heart" and whose career had been "lived on a global level."

In 1936, before being elected bishop, he became the first pastor ever elected president of the Federal Council of Churches (now merged into the National Council of Churches), and he was active in the World Council of Churches.

One of the tributes paid him at the 1956 Methodist General Conference said "he has contributed as much to ecumenical Christianity as any other single figure in our generation."

In addition to his presidency of the World Methodist Council, Bishop Holt served terms as president of several other Methodist organizations, including the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church.

Among the many honors he received was the 1956 Upper Room Citation for World Christian Fellowship.

Bishop Holt's global ministry took him overseas approximately 50 times. He preached and lectured on every continent and was the author of several books.

He was born Jan. 9, 1886, in DeWitt, Ark., and his lawyer-father died when he was six years old. Despite moderate means, his young mother determined that her two sons should have a college education, and when he was of age Ivan Lee enrolled at Vanderbilt University.

He was graduated from Vanderbilt in 1904, received a doctor of philoso-

phy degree from the University of Chicago in 1909, and was later awarded honorary degrees by several institutions.

He was pastor of University Church, St. Louis, 1909-11, and Centenary Church, Cape Girardeau, Mo., 1911-15. From 1915 to 1918, he was a professor at Southern Methodist University, and from there he returned to St. Louis for what was to be his 20-year pastorate at St. John's Church.

The bishop's first wife died in 1948. He later married Mrs. Starr Carithers, a Methodist leader in Georgia. She died in 1958, and April 15, 1966, he married Mrs. Modena McPherson Rudicill, also of Georgia and the widow of a Methodist district superintendent.

Bishop Holt's son, Judge Ivan Lee Holt, Jr., St. Louis, is a former member of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church.

* * *

BISHOP IVAN LEE HOLT; ECUMENICAL LEADER

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, first president of the World Methodist Council and one of the outstanding ecumenical leaders of this century, died at home in Atlanta Jan. 12. He was eighty-one.

Bishop Holt had not been well since at-

tending the World Methodist Conference in London last August.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 16, at St. John's Methodist Church, St. Louis, Mo., where he was pastor for twenty years before being elected a bishop in 1938.

After his election to the episcopacy, Bishop Holt served six years as a bishop in Texas and New Mexico and twelve years as head of the Missouri Area, retiring in 1956.

In 1936, before being elected bishop, he became the first pastor ever elected president of the Federal Council of Churches (now merged into the National Council of Churches), and he was active in the World Council of Churches.

One of the tributes paid him at the 1956 Methodist General Conference said "he has contributed as much to ecumenical Christianity as any other single figure in our generation."

In addition to his presidency of the World Methodist Council, Bishop Holt served terms as president of several other Methodist organizations, including the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church.

Bishop Holt's global ministry took him overseas approximately 50 times. He preached and lectured on every continent and was the author of several books.

The bishop's first wife died in 1948. He later married Mrs. Starr Carithers, a Methodist leader in Georgia. She died in 1958, and April 15, 1966, he married Mrs. Modena McPherson Rudicill, also of Georgia and the widow of a Methodist district superintendent.

Bishop Holt's son, Judge Ivan Lee Holt, Jr., St. Louis, is a former member of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church.

Woman's World

News of W.S.C.S. Groups in the Area



Mrs. Francis E. Barnard, president of the Worcester District of the W.S.C.S.

society presentations and has been instrumental in making the members aware of the lines of communication and channels of service within our structure: local, district, conference, jurisdiction and division. The latest national meeting of the division, called the Assembly, was held in Portland, Oregon, and Mrs. Barnard has brought this report to eleven societies in the Worcester District.

Her work is not limited to the Methodist denomination for she makes her witness in "Church Women United" and last year served as chairman of the state nominating committee.

Mrs. Arlington W. Crossman, Jr., dean of the first joint School of Christian Mission to be held at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, June 23 through 25, has announced the following staff appointments: the Rev. Robert Houston will lead an application group in a study of "Ecumenicity"; the Rev. Emerson Smith, "Man and Community"; and Dr. Ruth H. Browning, "Japan."

School registration is \$5.00, board and room \$15.00.

Your gift
to the
One
Great Hour
of
Sharing
March 5, 1967

Supports this Methodist work . . .
**OVERSEAS RELIEF
CRUSADE SCHOLARS**

Plus Ministry to Servicemen in the Far East
and urgent projects in National Missions

MAKE YOUR GIFT GENEROUS

Commission on Promotion and Cultivation of
The Methodist Church
1200 Davis St. Evanston Ill. 60201

19

Eight cases question state laws authorizing public busing of students to parochial schools. These are in Hawaii, Michigan, New Jersey, Ohio (2) and Pennsylvania (3).

The "lending" of publicly owned textbooks to students in non-public schools has been challenged in New York and Rhode Island; and two more cases—in

tion for the "most distinguished contribution to Catholic Literature." The More Medal was presented to Doubleday at Mundelein College on February 5.

Issued in October, The Jerusalem Bible is the first English-language version of the world famous *Bible de Jérusalem* produced by L'Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem in 1956. The Bible has been highly praised by Protestant scholars both in this country and abroad for its fair, non-dogmatic critical notes and its excellent introductions to large sections of scripture.

RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE NAMES NEW PRESIDENT

The Board of Trustees of Randolph-Macon College has named Luther W. White III, a Norfolk, Va., attorney and 1947 graduate of Randolph-Macon, as the college's twelfth president.

White will succeed Dr. J. Eul Moreland as president of the 137-year-old Methodist-related liberal arts college for men located in Ashland, Virginia.

NEW ORGANIZATION TO FIGHT EXTREMISM

A new national organization designed to help Americans fight extremism of both right and left has been launched in Wash-



ROBES

Wide style selection. Finest materials. Master tailoring. Fair prices. Write for catalog and swatches. State name of church and whether for pulpit or choir.

De Moulin Bros. & Co.
1140 So. 4th St., Greenville, Ill.

Pioneer Ecumenical Leader Passes

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, first president of the World Methodist Council and one of the outstanding ecumenical leaders of this century, died at home in Atlanta, January 12. He was 81.

Bishop Holt had not been well since attending the World Methodist Conference in London, last August.

Funeral services were set for Monday, January 16, at St. John's Methodist Church, St. Louis, Mo., where he was pastor for 20 years before being elected a bishop in 1938.

After his election to the episcopacy, Bishop Holt served six years as a bishop in Texas and New Mexico and 12 years as head of the Missouri Area, retiring in 1956.

An article in the CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 30, 1956, described Bishop Holt as a man who had "the world on his heart" and whose career had been "lived on a global level."

In 1936, before being elected bishop, he became the first pastor ever elected president of the Federal Council of Churches (now merged into the National Council of Churches), and he was active in the World Council of Churches.

One of the tributes paid him at the 1956 Methodist General Conference said, "He has contributed as much to ecumenical Christianity as any other single figure in our generation."

In addition to his presidency of the World Methodist Council, Bishop Holt served terms as president of several other Methodist organizations, including the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church.

Among the many honors he received was the 1956 Upper Room Citation for World Christian Fellowship.

Bishop Holt's global ministry took him overseas approximately 50 times. He preached and lectured on every continent and was the author of several books.

He was born, January 9, 1886, in DeWitt, Ark., and his lawyer-father died when he was six years old. Despite moderate means, his young mother determined that her two sons should have a college education, and when he was of age Ivan Lee enrolled at Vanderbilt University.

He was graduated from Vanderbilt in 1904, received a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Chicago in 1909, and was later awarded honorary degrees by several institutions.

He was pastor of University Church, St. Louis, 1909-11; and Centenary Church, Cape Girardeau, Mo., 1911-15. From 1915-18, he was a professor at Southern Methodist University and from there he returned to St. Louis for what was to be his 20-year pastorate at St. John's Church.

IANU DOMENI.

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt dies in Atlanta at 81

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, first president of the World Methodist Council and one of the outstanding ecumenical leaders of this century, died at his home in Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 12. He was 81.

Bishop Holt had not been well since attending the World Methodist Conference in London last August.

Funeral services were held at St. John's Church, St. Louis, Mo., where he was pastor for 20 years before being elected a bishop in 1938.

After his election to the episcopacy, Bishop Holt served six years as a bishop in Texas and New Mexico and 12 years as head of the Missouri Area, retiring in 1956.

In 1936, before being elected bishop, he became the first pastor ever elected president of the Federal Council of Churches (now merged into the National Council of Churches), and he was active in the World Council of Churches.

Bishop Holt's global ministry took him overseas approximately 50 times. He preached and lectured on every continent and was the author of several books. He was born Jan. 9, 1886, in DeWitt, Ark.

He was graduated from Vanderbilt in 1904, received a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Chicago in 1909.

The bishop's first wife died in 1948. He later married Mrs. Starr Carithers, a Methodist leader in Georgia, She died in 1958, and April 15, 1966, he married Mrs. Modena McPherson Rudicill, also of Georgia and the widow of a Methodist district superintendent.

Bishop Holt's son, Judge Ivan Lee Holt, Jr., St. Louis, is a former member of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church.

SERVED MISSOURI AREA

Death Takes Bishop Holt

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt died January 12, three days after his 81st birthday, in Atlanta, Ga.

Bishop Holt was consecrated a bishop in 1938, and served in the Texas and

New Mexico Areas.

In 1944, he was made a bishop of the Missouri Area where he served until retirement in 1956. He had pastored the St. John's Methodist Church in St. Louis, Mo., from 1918 to 1938.

During his 57 years in the ministry, Bishop Holt became known as "Mr. Ecumenicity." He served as president of the World Methodist Council, the Council of Bishops, the Federal Council of Churches, and later the World Council of Churches.

More recently, he worked with the commission that produced the new Methodist Book of Worship and new Hymnal.

Bishop Holt is survived by his third wife, Modena, to whom he was married in April; and his son, Judge Ivan Lee Holt, Jr., of St. Louis.



Bishop Holt

The Bible Speaks

By BISHOP

WHAT SHALL WE BELIEVE

In recent months there has been considerable discussion in the press, both religious and secular, relative to some radical views expressed by a few of our younger theologians on the subject of the existence of God, under such sensational headlines as "The Death of God": some of them purporting to name the exact time of his death. Such statements coming from theologians have, understandably, puzzled some Christians, and even alarmed a few others. On the whole, however, little damage has been done to the cause of religion, and the debate may, in the long run, be a healthy thing for the church.

In trying to get one's intellectual and spiritual bearings on such questions, one has to remember certain facts on the history of the search for religious truth: (a) This is not the first time that doubt has been raised about the existence of God. As far back as the time of the psalmist, we read, "The fool has said in his heart, there is no God." But one does not need to throw off the question in a flippant manner: simply recognize the fact the question has been raised before and will doubtless be raised again by each succeeding generation. (b) A second and, in the judgment of this writer, a much more important fact, is to recognize that fundamental questions about our religious beliefs will be raised by thoughtful people in each generation and should be faced, not in heat or anger, but in an attempt at sympathetic understanding, and a planned effort to give guidance to those who look to us for guidance. Christian leaders, both ministers and informed laymen, should sense their responsibility to state the basic beliefs of the Christian faith in the language of the present generation. This does not mean a descent to the "level of the street," but in the polished language of modern, cultural standards.

For the Christian believer there are three basic norms of authority for the understanding of religious truth: The Bible, particularly in the area of the moral and spiritual life; the testimony of Christian witness for nearly two thousand years of Christian history; and one's own religious experience. This does not mean that the Christian faith has not received valuable assistance from such field of learning as philosophy, but for the average Christian it is the three mentioned above that have been most valuable in his understanding and acceptance of the truths about religion. Each of these testimonials to the Christian faith are quite formidable, even when taken alone; but together they form impregnable foundations for religious conviction.

THE TESTIMONY OF THE BIBLE

an opportunity to talk with neighbors of the center who are living in a poverty area, and offer a challenge to what individuals can do.

Four superintendents from Rio Grande here

Four district superintendents of the Rio Grande Conference of The Methodist Church will be in the Southern California - Arizona Conference between Feb. 26 and March 4 to preach in eight Latin churches.

They are the Rev. Narciso Saenz, of Lubbock, Texas; the Rev. Josue Gonzalez, of San Antonio; the Rev. Simon Nieto, of El Paso, and the Rev. Ted Grout, of McAllen, Texas.

The churches in which they will preach include La Plaza, La Trinidad, El Mesias and City Terrace, all in Los Angeles, and four in the Whittier District: Santa Ana, Pico-Rivera, Pico Park and Stanton.

Race Relations Sunday

Race Relations Sunday will be observed by Methodist churches across the nation Feb. 12. On that day, members of The Methodist Church will seek to promote better relations between the races, and they will try to raise \$1,000,000 for 12 Methodist-related colleges and one student center.

The offering from Race Relations Sunday will provide aid for Morgan Christian Center, Baltimore, Md.; and the following colleges: Bennett, Greensboro, N.C.; Bethune-Cookman, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Claflin, Orangeburg, S.C.; Clark, Atlanta, Ga.; Dillard University, New Orleans; Huston-Tillotson, Austin, Texas; Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn.; Morristown at Morristown, Tenn.; Paine, Augusta, Ga.; Philander Smith, Little Rock, Ark.; Rust, Holly Springs, Miss.; and Wiley, Marshall, Texas.

Forced Servitude?

SWOMLEY, JR.

School of Theology (Methodist)

Another motive is to reinforce our military program overseas with a more palatable good-works effort such as an expanded Peace Corps. The negative side to this approach is that national service would continue to bypass the United Nations, and also would increase the American nationalism so evident in our penetration of other cultures.

Other dangers to national service: It is a step in the direction of making peacetime military conscription permanent and palatable. By offering non-military service as a corrective to the inequities of selective service, the draft system can avoid many of the current criticisms and will appear to be just one aspect of a larger "constructive" program for young people.

It implies that service to mankind should be channeled through or prescribed by the government. One of the hallmarks of a free society is that individuals may work through voluntary organizations of their own choice without clearance with any government agency.

If national service is to be performed through voluntary agencies which simply report to government that assigned

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt died January 12,1967

WORLD PARISH

PUBLISHED BY WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL

LAKE JUNALUSKA, NORTH CAROLINA, U.S.A.

LEE F. TUTTLE, EDITOR



BISHOP IVAN LEE HOLT DIES IN ATLANTA AT 81

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, first president of the World Methodist Council and one of the outstanding ecumenical leaders of this century, died at his home in Atlanta, Ga., January 12th. He was 81.

Bishop Holt had not been well since attending the World Methodist Conference in London last August.

Funeral services were held at St. John's Church, St. Louis, Missouri, where he was pastor for 20 years before being elected a bishop in 1938.

After his election to the episcopacy, Bishop Holt served six years as a bishop in Texas and New Mexico and 12 years as head of the Missouri Area, retiring in 1956.

In 1936, before being elected bishop, he became the first pastor ever elected president of the Federal Council of Churches (now merged into the National Council of Churches), and he was active in the World Council of Churches.

Bishop Holt's global ministry took him overseas approximately 50 times. He preached and lectured on every continent and was the author of several books. He was born January 9, 1886, in DeWitt, Arkansas.

He was graduated from Vanderbilt in 1901, received a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Chicago in 1909.

The bishop's first wife died in 1918. He later married Mrs. Stan Canithers, a Methodist leader in Georgia. She died in 1958, and on April 15, 1966, he married Mrs. Modena McPherson Rudicill, also of Georgia and the widow of a Methodist district superintendent.

Bishop Holt's son, Judge Ivan Lee Holt, Jr., St. Louis, is a former member of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church.

CH
of the
hodist
for in
y 31
de-
to-
list
al

renewal, have felt that the church's superstructure is due for an extensive overhauling and that such revision had not been provided for in the plan.

Proponents of the plan of union, while often agreeing that such changes in organizational structure are needed, have felt that a longer time was required for making these revisions.

Now, in a surprise move, the leaders of the church's so-called bureaucracy are calling for re-designing the structure and doing it by 1968.

In further action, executives of the two denominations set up a six-man consultative committee—three from each denomination—to develop a preliminary study on the mission and structure of the church. This committee will serve as a consultative group to the Joint Commissions on Union. The committee will report on March 29 in Dayton, Ohio, at the next joint meeting of the denominational executives.

Those who will serve on the committee for the EUB Church are: The Rev. Dr. Paul V. Church, executive secretary of the General Council of Administration; the Rev. Dr. Harley F. Miller, executive secretary of the Board of Pensions; the Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Yeakel, executive secretary of the Board of Evangelism. All are from Dayton, Ohio.

Those on the committee from the Methodist Council of Secretaries are: The Rev. Dr. Howard Ham, Nashville, Tennessee, general secretary of the Division of the Local Church, Board of Education; the Rev. Dr. Tracey K. Jones, New York, associate general secretary for the World Division of The Board of Missions; Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, Evanston, Ill., general secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities.

First Conference Votes on Union Favorable

Almost unanimous approval of a plan to unite The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church has been registered by the first annual regional conference to vote on ratifying the union.

Two Latin American Conferences—Argentina and Chile—have reported their action on the proposed union. The Argentina Annual Conference, held January 10-11, voted 99 for and 2 against. The Chile Annual Conference, held January 10-15, voted 57-0 in favor.

Union of the two denominations was approved November 11 in Chicago at simultaneous meetings of their highest law-making bodies, the General Conferences. The proposition is now going to each denomination's annual conferences where a two-thirds majority of the aggregate vote in each denomination is necessary for approval.

The Methodist Church has 87 annual conferences in the United States and Cuba and 12 active annual conferences overseas. The EUB church has 32 annual conferences. First EUB annual conference to vote will be the Florida Conference scheduled February 15-17 in Tampa. First Methodist annual conference in the continental United States to vote on union will be the Wyoming Conference, meeting May 3-7 in Kingston, Pennsylvania. Most of the voting will be completed by July 1.

If ratified, the union will be consummated in April, 1968, at a Uniting Conference in Dallas, Texas. Name of the new denomination will be the United Methodist Church.