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## PALMER, BISHOP EVERETT W.




## Bishop Palmer dies

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (UMI)Bishop Everett W. Palmer, residen leader of the United Mcthodis Church's Portland (Ore.) Arca, died while on vacation here January 5 af ter suffering a heart attack. He wa 64.

A native of Wisconsin, he was a hard-rock gold miner and contractor in the Black Hills of South Dakot: when he was married to Miss Florence Wales of Dallas, S.D., and through her encouragement, and a football scholarship, he entered Dakota Wesleyan College to become an athletic coach. A month after entering college, he decided to enter the ministry and was decided to enter the ministry and was named student pastor of a church dc-
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Survivors include his wife and three daughters-Mrs. Clifford C. Cate, La Canado, Calif., Mrs. A. Ross Cash, Long Beach, Calif., and Mrs. John A. McKean, Honolulu, Hawaii.

A privatc family service was held January 8 in Hollywood Hills, Calif., and a memorial service was conducted on January 10 in Glendale First Church. A memorial service in the Portland Area will be held in about ten days.

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Calls from two sides of the world for the Christian community to be obedient to and involved in issues now rather than apathetic and future-oriented only, featured the session on Tuesday morning when Dr. Samuel Kamaleson, a minister from Madras, India, said that "Good intentions are not enough, and it is impossible to be Christian in isolation. Christians are called into visible community in order to carry out God's will in the world.' to carry out God's will in the world." Sharing the platform with Dr. Kamelson was John H. Staggers, Jr., former sociology professor and community organizer in Washington, who said he is not worried about extreme elements in American life, but by the "marginal man-the bulk of the popu-

## Bishop Everett Watter Palmer

## A Tribute

The death of Bishop Everett W. Palmer comes to most of his friends as a tremendous shock for he was a man who constantly expressed the ligor or Hi in words and deeds. His mazing vianty and durance were so ous and visible!
He was an incurable ptimist. I can never foret the enthusiasm with which he, as chairman of the Board of Trustees dramatized the financial needs of Alaska University. This was at the sity. This was at the the Council of Bishops in Portland, where he served as host. What appeared to many as a difficult undertaking was to him a clallenging opportunity. Because the portunity. Because and


Bishop Everetl W. Palmer need was so brethy he the cause so worthy, he ware
His disposition toward this particular cause depicted so clearly his life style and his complete commitment to the faith. From a gold miner in his native Wisconsin to the untimely end of his career as a bishop, he never faltered in the face of difficulties. What some men would have considered insurmountable barriers, to him were open doors.
A graduate of Dakota Wesleyan College and Drew School of Theology, he served as a pastor in the Southern New Jersey Conference for eighteen years. During those years, he and Mrs. Palmer made many friends, and his leadership was significantly felt in the life of the Conference. In 1951 he left the pastorate at Asbury Park to accept an appointment to First United Methodist Church in Glendale, California, and served there nine years. Under his leadership a $\$ 1,300,000$ church was erected. While in a conference and jurisdiction where he was relatively new, he won the confidence of the Western Jurisdiction and in 1960 was elected to the episcopacy. For eight years he served the Seattle Area and in 1968 was assigned to the Port land Area where he remained until his death.
He was a man of cleep convictions and had the courage to support them. I never knew him to yield a conriction until he was thoroughly co

At the time of his death, he was chairman of the General Board of Education's Department of Ministerial Education and vice mesident of both the General Commission on Ecumenical Affairs and the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Outside the U.S.A.
I like to think of Bishop Palmer as a man on the move with wide concerns. A member of the General Board of Missions, he was ardently supportive of the outreach of the Church around the world. President Tubman of Liberia was so impressed by his enthusiasm for the missionary enterprise that he decorated
him with the order of the Star of Africa during his him with the order
visil there in 1968.

Bishop Palmer was a gifted preacher, a man with evangelistic zeal and deep social concerns. His death was in keeping with his style of life. He was not waiting for it to come. He was on the move. And I like to beliere that he still is.

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