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.

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‘Call’ Being Made For Belmont Church

A call is being made for members of the Builders’ Club to support the proposed Belmar 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 a 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 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 TAC for...

...like a tree planted by the rivers of water...
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Author of Greenwich Plan Sought Reunion in Church

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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, he was one of the most influential leaders of his time. His influence was felt throughout the world, and his ideas are still being studied and admired today.

Bishop Holt was a man of great vision and determination, and he was always willing to take risks in order to achieve his goals. He was a leader, and he was a teacher. He was a man who was always ready to take on new challenges, and he was always willing to fight for what he believed in.

Bishop Holt was a man who was always willing to reach out to others, and he was always willing to help those in need. He was a man who was always willing to work for the greater good, and he was always willing to give of himself in order to make the world a better place.

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Married Three Times

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

He called it “a great 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.”

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structure: local, district, conference,
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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 Meth-
odist 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 Chris-
tian 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 Commu-
nity"; and Dr. Ruth H. Browning,
"Japan."

School registration is $5.00, board
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RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE
NAMES NEW PRESIDENT

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

White will succeed Dr. J. Earl Moreland
as president of the 137-year-old Methodisted-
related liberal arts college for men located
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A new national organization designed
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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.
WHAT SHALL WE BE

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 impenetrable foundations for religious conviction.

THE TESTIMONY OF THE BIBLE

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 Meias and City Terrace, all in Los Angeles, and four in the Whittier District: Santa Ana, Pico-Rivers, 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.

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.

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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 redesigning 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 E. 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, IL, general secretary of the General Board of Law 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 10-13, 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 Canada 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 13-17 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.