JONES, BISHOP ROBERT E.
RALPH H. JONES


JONES, SUSIE WILLIAMS (Mrs. David Dallas Jones), religious organization exec., b. Davieville, Ky., Apr. 30, 1892; s. Frank L. and Fannie B. (Miller) Williams, m. David Dallas Jones of Greensboro, N.C., June 21, 1915; four children: David, Jr., Dr. Frances Estelle Bonner, Paul
CONFERENCE DIGEST

The Christian Advocate again presents its series of digest reports in tabulated form for the 1960 Annual Conference sessions. The first of these appears on page 23.

Each of the next several issues will carry the digest until a report has been published on all of the sessions.

Accepts Birth Control Case

The U.S. Supreme Court has said it will rule on constitutionality of the Connecticut law which prohibits dissemination of birth control birth control information.

It accepted two cases filed by Yale University's head of obstetrics and gynecology, Dr. C. Lee Buxton, in behalf of two women patients.

He asserts that the law interferes with his right as a physician and his constitutional right to give his students information on methods of preventing conception when it is deemed dangerous to a patient's health.

Disposal of the suit in New Haven County Superior Court had been upheld by the state supreme court.

Bishop Jones Dies at 88

Retired Methodist Bishop Robert E. Jones, first Negro to become a general superintendent in the Church, died May 19 in New Orleans.

He was a former editor of the Southern Christian Advocate, a close associate of Booker T. Washington, and active in the interest of Methodist-related colleges. He was a founding trustee of Dillard, and sat on the board of Philander Smith, Wiley, Samuel Huston, Rust, Bennett, and Ammann.

Comment on Spy Incident

Spying, like war itself, is essentially immoral and can be justified only to the degree that it helps prevent a greater evil, declared Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the United Lutheran Church, recently in New York.

"Spying has to be seen in the same light as war—of which it is really one outgrowth and activity."

Dr. Fry also is the World Council of Churches central committee chairman.

The Rev. Francis J. Connell, Roman Catholic theologian, writing on The Modesty of Spying in the weekly America, said it is permissible when it is feared that a foreign power is building up its resources and making plans for sudden acts of aggression.

He added that use of falsehood and suicide by spies is a serious moral problem.

'Compute' Call to Ministry

A Southern Methodist professor computing the motivations which lead young men into the ministry has found coldly rational factors more apparent than emotional considerations.

Dr. Martin T. Judy extracted 33 factors appearing with sufficient regularity among 306 student essays on My Call to the Ministry. The computing machine in the school's laboratory had answers in 90 minutes.

Major factors drawing the students to the ministry were early religious training, participation in youth activities, influence of the pastor, and above average grades in school. Of little or no importance were books and writings, pressure from parents, and "instantaneous religious experience."

Most Conferences Trying to Raise Ministers' Pay

With Methodist ministers still generally much underpaid, their salaries are undergoing intense study in most of the annual conferences.

A few conferences have given notice that attempts will be made to raise minimum salaries for both married and single ministers, and increase dependency aid.

A Christian Advocate survey of 46 conferences reveals that minimum now paid to pastors serving one church range from $1,900 to $4,500. Those serving more than one church average $100 to $100 more for each additional church.

The average salary of single ministers range from the low of $1,800 to high of $4,000, with several conferences, such as Troy, in Northwestern Jurisdiction, paying as much as $4,500. Most conferences, however, have kept minimum salaries at $2,500 to $3,500.

Married ministers fare a little better. With a few conferences paying minimums under $2,500, the majority have...
set base salaries at between $3,000 and $4,000. Wisconsin Conference, in North-Central Jurisdiction, is hoping to pay minimum of $4,800 to married ministers who are members of the conference, and $3,800 to married seminary students who live on the charge.

Dependency allowances, now ranging from $50 to $250 for each child under 18, are due for increases in a number of conferences. Several conferences have no provisions for children, but a few, such as Minnesota, hope to provide a more generous sliding scale for dependents, ranging from $300 for one first child to $50 for a sixth.

Split Methodist Youth Group

A "friendly estrangement" between Methodism's two largest youth commissions has culminated, by vote of General Conference, in formal ending of the National Conference of Methodist Youth. Emerging are two separate national conferences, the Methodist Youth Fellowship and the Methodist Student Movement. Both will be related to the Methodist Board of Education.

NCMY had requested the dissolution.

The National Methodist Student Movement had begun to feel that its ministry was in a special field, in a different kind of society, and would be better without ties to the youth movement in the local church.

Not that the drawing away was all one-sided. The National Methodist Youth Fellowship also felt that students and youth require a different approach.

The MYF and MSM found themselves in separate sessions at annual meetings; and these came to be more important than the big meeting itself. It was felt, too, that participation in the ecumenical movement would be facilitated through separate organizations.

The NCMY publication, Concern, which has devoted much space to social and political issues, will be merged with Contact, put out by the new Board of Christian Social Concerns in Washington, D.C. Power, the devotion-guide for youth, will be taken over by the inter-denominational Christian Youth Publications, with The Methodist Church as a participant. Edgar A. Gannett of Nashville, editor of both youth magazines, will edit Power.

Catholic Population Grows

There are 40 million Roman Catholics in the U.S., says the 1960 Catholic Directory, more than 13 million over 10 years ago.

Last year there were 146,212 conversions to Catholicism, increase of 5,801 over 1958. There were 1,344,376 infant baptisms, increase of 65,910, and 319,992 marriages, increase of 5,083.

The church has the largest number of ordained priests ever, with 1,107 added in 1959 to total of 33,796. Educational institutions number 13,726.

Agree to Church Merger

After more than a century of debate and negotiation, delegates from the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America have agreed to merge into the Unitarian Universalist Association.

The new body, approved at concurrent but separate meetings in Boston, will become effective May 1, 1961, bringing together some 200,000 members. In the meantime the merger will be ratified by local churches of both groups.

Consolidation of the two churches does not call for local church merger, only a union of the denominations' headquarters organizations. Unitarian and Universalist congregations will retain their identities unless they decide otherwise.

Hold U.S.-British Exchange

Nineteen U.S. and British ministers will exchange pulpits this summer in some 75 to 90 preaching engagements; and will address clergy conferences, luncheon clubs, and youth camps.

The annual exchange is conducted jointly by the National Council and British Council of Churches. Ministers do not serve on a parish-to-parish basis but are assigned if possible to another denomination.


Favor One-Church Station

Seven out of 10 Methodist ministers polled in the Holston Annual Conference would rather have a one-church station than be appointed to a circuit.

The reason: while circuit pastors in this conference serve a membership approximately equal to that of the majority of station ministers, their salary is markedly lower.

This information was revealed in a survey of ministers serving churches in the Holston Conference, conducted by the Department of Research and Survey of the Division of National Missions, Board of Missions of The Methodist Church.

Of the men receiving less than $3,000 annually, the survey points out, approximately two-thirds are serving circuits. Only one pastor in five makes more than $4,000, and only one in 20 receives more than $5,000.

Approximately a fourth of the men polled preferred a circuit if it meant an increase in salary. Most of these, the survey revealed, are in the lower salary brackets. No one receiving $6,000 or more wanted a circuit even if it meant a raise in salary.

Difficulties of organizing a circuit and promoting and program was considered the major problem of a circuit by three-fourths of the ministers.

Rural conservatism, limited financial resources, lack of recognition of the rural minister, the workload, lack of conveniences and cultural advantages were among other problems listed.

Nominate 10 to Board

Ten members-at-large of the Methodist General Board of Education have been nominated by the Council of Bishops. They will be elected in September when the board meets in Cincinnati.

All were members during the previous quadrennium. They are, Dr. Chester Allen, Denver; Dr. Ira Bruner, Conway, Ark.; the Rev. Claude Garrison, Worthington, Ohio; Dr. Richard Moore, Daytona Beach.

Also, Dr. Lester Rumble, Atlanta; Dr. Homer Rupert, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Dr. Willis M. Tate, Dallas; Dr. Earl Tolley, Scranton, Pa.; Dr. Daniel Walker, Oakland, Calif.; and Dr. Fred G. Holloway, Madison, N.J.

deaths

Leland B. Haines, retired member Tennessee Conference, May 15.


J. R. Cline, Jr., retired member Tennessee Conference, May 15.

Barbara C. Conner, retired member North Carolina Conference, April 30.

Mrs. W. P. Charnwall, wife of member Wyoming Conference, April 7.

Mrs. Joseph EMERSON, widow of member Nebraska Conference, April 17.

G. W. Estes, retired member Holston Conference, April 20.

William C. Tays, retired member Northwestern Texas Conference, May 12.

James W. Brown, retired member Alabama-West Florida Conference, May 12.

Mrs. W. W. Hinson, widow of member Holston West Florida Conference, April 16.

J. R. Hocutt, retired member North Carolina Conference, April 16.

Charles W. Hester, retired member Holston Conference, April 5.

Mrs. W. R. Heath, widow of member North Texas Conference, April 2.

Mrs. J. F. Howard, widow of member North Carolina Conference, April 18.

Mrs. A. M. F. Young, widow of retired member Northern New York Conference, May 11.

Mrs. R. C. L. Carter, retired member Ohio Conference, April 21.

Dr. Ronald M. Reutov, retired, member Kentucky Conference, May 6.

Dr. Ronald E. Phillips, retired, member New York Conference, April 21.


B. G. Murphy, retired member Kentucky Conference, May 6.


Mrs. W. W. Hinson, widow of member Holston West Florida Conference, May 12.

William L. Young, husband of member Connecticut Conference, May 11.

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Heilman Conference, May 21.

A. M. F. Young, widow of member New Jersey Conference, April 29.

Converse Conference, May 6.

North-East Ohio Conference, April 1.