Brotherhood Day Deenied Success

By Donald E. Alderman Last Tuesday was a night to cogitate the real meaning of love and most importantly, brotherhood. It was a night to ponder the role the church should play in promoting brotherhood. It was a night to learn the Biblical perspective of brotherhood. It was a night to think over Christian brotherhood and whether it is inclusive or exclusive. In essence, it was a night to speculate upon how to achieve brotherhood.

The occasion was the first annual "Brother Day Observation Celebration," sponsored by the United Christian Ministry of North Carolina Central

University. Dr. Ruth Kennedy, NCCU English professor. addressed the audience, while Rev. Milton Lew, Duke Divinity School, oftheological fered a perspective

brotherhood. Brotherhoos as a unity of men aspiring common goals, interets, and experiences has not been attained or realized, says Dr. Kennedy, adding, the binding of the poor and rich to insure racial justice is an unfinished task.

Brotherly love is best realized and expressed by action and demonstration. Brotherhood must be achieved in "truth and deed", word of mouth is not enough. Although man may not be equal in achievement, talent, background, culture, or "All men are гасе, brothers; all men share a common destiny", Dr. Kennedy said.

A "Universal ailment" that ignores brotherhood or the presence of God is the persistent and consisten presence of racial injustice. The church should be the motivating vehicle of brotherhood; however, the church has not spoken out loudly and vigorously against racism, prejudice, and other social ills, but rather has been an active non-participant and a big deterrent to brotherly love. The church must actively deal with man being disfigured by injustice and oppression.

The "saved" separated from 'unsaved" in that thei lifestyle is different. "W actively, daily live by the teaching of Christ.' However, Christians an not segregated from socie ty; we actively seek to be brothers with all men and share in the teachings of Christ," Rev. Lewis declared. Also, the church has a divine obligation to address all social ills; to actively seek their causes. and to execute their remedies. Hence, Chrisitian brotherhood is inclusive and exclusive.

The occasion was part of the campus ministry out-reach program, designed to enlighten all out-reach students and to express the need for brotherly love. A success it was, indeed.

From a theological perspective, brotherhood is to honor, love, respect, and cherish all mankind by lending support and encouragement, Rev. Lewis said.

To prejudge man because of color is a "cancer of the soul." "The redeeming quality of man is to sensi kinship with all men. Mar was made in God's image and is worthy to be treated as such", Dr. Kennedy concluded.

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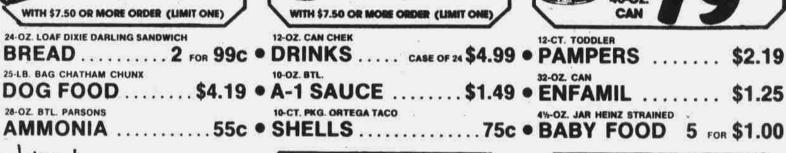
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