

# Northwest Responds To Charges

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## NOTICE

United Methodist Women, Winston-Salem District - the Annual District Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 19th at Konnoak Hills United Methodist Church on Weisner Street. Guest speaker will be John K. Bergland from Duke University.

Even dogs from nice families get worms.

**Sargeant's**  
the pet care people

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According to their report, released by Rev. Gilbert, no substantiation was found for the charges made in the letter. Their investigation was based on "a random sampling of 5% of the Northwest staff to be interviewed by the team." In all, six employees from Forsyth County were interviewed.

Regarding unfair and discriminatory personnel practices, the report said in part: no evidence was found to support allegations of discrepancy in pay among individuals under the same job description; of the allegation that hiring the daughter-in-law of the director's husband's boss was an act of favoritism, the investigators found her qualified for her current position; the employees interviewed in regard to discrimination in pay, promotion, and equal opportunities for advancement were enthusiastic about the program and its opportunities. The report said: "Two employees were less enthusiastic; however careful questioning did not reveal a legitimate basis for a need for the team to recommend any action."

Rev. Gilbert disclosed that several of Northwest's employees have received threatening telephone calls recently. He declined to specify which employees, but said that the matter was in the hands of the police.

Concerning the NAACP charging against Northwest, Rev. Gilbert contended that these charges had been made despite Northwest's disclosure to them of pertinent information. Objecting to a public statement

by NAACP president Patrick Hairston; "There is no way a program serving that many black people should have whites in control," Rev. Gilbert stated that a letter has been sent to the NAACP asking it to publically disown this statement and to retract "the false charges made by a variety of its members."

Northwest Child Development director Susan Law, who was present at the press conference, declined to comment on the firing of Barbara West. When asked about the suspension of D. Bonner of the Fourteenth Street Center, Mrs. Law said that it was an "internal personnel matter" to be dealt with by Ms. Bonner's

supervisor, who is "on vacation this week". She did state that the suspension was due to "insubordination." A source at Northwest said that Ms. Bonner was suspended after she went to the office to complain about a van which did not come because the driver was ill, which had elicited concern from the parents with children in her center.

At presstime, Patrick Hairston, president of the NAACP stated that he had not received any letter from Northwest Child Development Corporation. He is withholding comment until he receives the letter Northwest claims to have sent.

## Felmet

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would-be killers--or let him virtually rot in prison.

"The opponent wants to reform him--which in most cases cannot be accomplished until psychotherapy advances much further than it has so far.

"Medical science needs live human bodies for its research in pathology--diseases of the heart, kidney, blood, bone and tissue. Animals and human cadavers fall short of filling the need.

"Society is not repaid when it takes a life for a life. It may be repaid when it uses a degraded life to find ways to promote life.

"Thus, a Richard Speck, who killed eight Chicago nurses, would be offered an option of submitting to medical research.

"This procedure would be

protected from sadistic judges and juries by the same compulsory legal appeals that now protect criminals condemned to die (insofar as fallible human beings are capable of providing such protection).

"Such extraordinary sacrifice might well do more to rehabilitate a killer than any previous psychotherapy that he may have undergone.

"If, even after he had submitted to research, psychological studies showed that he would still be homicidal, he would still have to be kept in prison."

Felmet said specific options for the criminal would have to be analyzed by qualified bio-ethicists, but he suggested either a lifetime in prison or a 20-year sentence with a choice of submitting to research.

"My position has been compared to Nazi concentration-camp procedures," Felmet said, "but this is a fallacious comparison.

"The option would be voluntary (which the Nazis did not permit) and would serve bona fide research (which practically all of the Nazi research was not).

"The proposal has also been criticized as being cruel and unusual punishment, but would it be so if, in fact, it gave a killer a reason for being?"

"Nor would it be a form of torture because all accepted anesthetic procedures would be followed."

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