

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church holds Men of Honour Conference II

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church held its Men of Honour Conference II.

On June 14 at 6 p.m., Pastor John Mendez of Emmanuel Baptist Church gave the lecture. Pastor Sir Walter Mack Jr. of Union Baptist Church gave a sermon titled "My Master" (Luke 8:22-25).

June 15 at 9 a.m., Pastor James Linville of Piney Grove Baptist Church gave the lecture. Pastor Sheldon McCarter of Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church gave a sermon titled "Men Are Breaking Through" (II Samuel 23:16-17). The worship continued with lunch in the lower fellowship hall.

The conference was truly uplifting and inspirational to



Men of Honour Conference II attendees

the men who attended.

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New church policy on sexually abusive priests being ignored, victims advocates say

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE
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WASHINGTON — A national policy for disciplining sexually abusive priests isn't being consistently followed, advocates for molestation victims said Monday, the eve of the first meeting of a lay panel reviewing how U.S. Roman Catholic bishops punish alleged abusers.

"We've seen a number of very clear violations" of the policy bishops adopted last month at a meeting in Dallas, David Clohessy, executive director of the Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests, said at a news conference outside a Catholic church in downtown Washington.

Sister Mary Ann Walsh, spokeswoman for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said there would be no comment until a bishops' news conference Tuesday afternoon.

Standing alongside a map of the United States, Clohessy highlighted examples from parishes that he and other group members said show children remain vulnerable to abuse.

Under the policy adopted June 14, priests are to be removed from the ministry as soon as allegations of abuse are found credible.

"We've seen time and time again that has not happened," Clohessy said.

This month in the Chicago archdiocese, the Rev. Raymond Skriba was allowed to resign as pastor instead of being removed by Cardinal Francis George. Skriba had remained in the ministry despite a policy pledging action within five days of an abuse allegation against a priest, Clohessy said. Two women have said Skriba abused them decades ago; the first woman complained in April.

In the Kalamazoo, Mich., diocese, Clohessy said an admitted molester was allowed to stay in the parish until Sunday.

And in the archdiocese of Tulsa, Okla., a priest remained



This statue of the Virgin Mary sits outside a Catholic house of worship.

with his parish until last weekend despite repeated disclosures of alleged abuse dating to 1994. Oklahoma's governor, Frank Keating, is chairman of the panel reviewing how the church disciplines sexually abusive priests.

Clohessy also said the church was violating the spirit of its policy by fighting in courts in Lexington and Louisville, Ky., to keep sexual abuse cases sealed or to have them dismissed.

Aside from these charges, a few priests who have been removed from public ministry under the policy have fought back and appealed to the Vatican for reinstatement. Some bishops have delayed getting rid of errant clergy until they review key parts of the policy, and others have said they will await Vatican approval of the document before implementing parts of the plan.

Keating's panel is scheduled to hold its first meeting Tuesday

in Washington.

The Oklahoma governor has invited leaders of the Survivors Network, which was denied a seat on the panel, to speak for about 30 minutes, said Keating's spokesman, Dan Mahoney.

Representatives also will meet privately with Keating before the committee session.

"SNAP is an integral part of this process," Mahoney said Monday. "They've been working on this issue for a long time. They represent a large number of victims."

The bishops conference created the lay panel at its meeting last month on ending the clerical abuse scandal, which has shaken the church in the United States and beyond.

SNAP has pushed Keating to appoint one of its leaders to the board, but the governor said he did not want panel members beholden to a particular organization.

A victim of clergy abuse, Michael J. Bland, is among the

12 members of the commission, which also includes former White House chief of staff Leon Panetta, along with lawyers, academics and businessmen. Bland works with fellow victims for the Chicago Archdiocese.

The church abuse scandal erupted in January in the Boston Archdiocese when Cardinal Bernard Law admitted he allowed a pedophile priest to remain in parish work. About 300 of the 46,000 U.S. priests have been removed from duty this year because of sexual abuse allegations.

Pope John Paul II made his first public comments on the problem during Sunday's World Youth Day events in Toronto. Abuse by priests caused "a deep sense of sadness and shame," he said, but most clergymen wish to "serve and do good."

Mark Serrano, a Survivors Network board member, said the pope's comments didn't recognize victims of abuse and were "a great disappointment to us."

Dancers

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Angela Beatty says that her steps have been ordained by God, and she is being obedient to what the Lord has called her to do. Both Kent and Angela Beatty are excited to offer such an opportunity and are passionate about the cause.

The participants are experiencing technique as it relates to ballet, modern, and all forms of ethnic dance.

The participants endure rigorous training throughout the week, dancing between four and five hours daily.

In addition to dance, the participants have writing

assignments, research, discussions and prayer. They also completed team-building exercises facilitated by Leslie Bolden.

Deanna Mortimer, one of the choreographers of the camp, said the camp is "a wonderful and enlightening experience" that has made her realize her service to the Lord.

Claudia Goode, a counselor of the camp, said, "It's been a great honor and blessing working with these young people. Dance is a great avenue to express praise and worship to God."

Other members of the A.R.T. Dance Company and special guests have come throughout the two

weeks to teach classes and help with technique.

Seven churches are represented at the camp: Christian Fountain, Goler Memorial, AME Zion, Heaven Bound Church of Jesus Christ, Mt. Zion Baptist, members of St. Peter's World Outreach, Tabernacle of Faith, and United Metropolitan Baptist Church.

In the new millennium, the church is taking back what Satan stole, and praise and worship through dance are only the beginning.

Many of the students were on scholarships funded by the Institute of Divine Arts. The Institute of Divine Arts, specializing in cultivating youths in the

area of Christian arts for praise and worship, is a school that will open in late September for all ages. Specific areas of interest include the development of dance, theater, music and voice.

Come to Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium on Aug. 3 at 6 p.m. and take part in the movement of "taking back our youths" through teaching, nourishment, and monitoring their greatness.

Lael Ingram, a dance counselor, said, "The Spiritual Dance Camp is the best experience for the youth of Winston-Salem. They really get the chance to experience the 'A.R.T.' of Dance."



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