

Rev. Lattimore

Named Dean

Of Black Affairs

On September 1, Rev. Ver-gel L. Lattimore, III, a native of Charlotte, and a 1975 Magna Cum Laude graduate of Livingstone College, completed his requirements for the degree of Master of Divinity at the Divinity School of Duke University. He was named Assistant Dean of Black Affairs at Duke University for the 1977-78 school term. One of his primary responsibilities will involve the direct supervision of six graduate student counselors and two educational consultants. The counselors work directly with students to insure that the services of the University are responsive to their needs and interests. As the Coordinator of Counseling in Academic and Social Affairs (CASA), Rev. Lattimore will cover a wide spectrum of activities including personal, individual, social, and academic guidance as well as career planning, professional development, and preparation for graduate studies.

Some of Rev. Lattimore's former experiences have included Assistant Minister, Greenville Memorial AME Zion Church, Interim Minister, Trinity AME Zion Church, Gastonia, Clinical Social Work Practicum, VA Hospital, Salisbury, N.C.; Minister of Education and Youth, St. Mark AME Zion Church, Durham, Chaplain Student Intern, National Institute of Mental Health, St. Elizabeths Hospital, Washington, D.C.; Campus Minister for Black Students and Staff Intern, Duke University Chapel; Appointee, President's Council on Black Affairs (University Committee).

Rev. Lattimore was voted "Student of the Year" by the faculty and the 1971 graduating class of North Mecklenburg High School. He was also recently honored by his high school by being selected one of the five initial inductees into the "North Mecklenburg Hall of Fame." While at Livingstone College, Rev. Lattimore was President of the Student Government Association, the Pre-Theological Union, his fraternity, and his class. He was honored with memberships to Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society and Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. At Duke, he has served as Treasurer of the Black Seminarians Union; a member of the Social Concerns and Community Life Committees; Secretary-Treasurer, Graduate Center Council; a Faculty Advisor Assistant; and as an Orientation Committee Member.

Rev. Lattimore has been selected to "Outstanding Young Men of America, 1977." He was chosen to represent Duke Divinity School in a "TRAVEL-STUDY SEMINAR: Introduction to Mexico," June 1977. In the near future he hopes to pursue doctoral studies in Pastoral Psychology-Counseling and Applied or Contemporary Theological Studies.



THE PASTOR'S AID SOCIETY
...Of Mount Moriah Baptist Church

Pastor's Aid Society

Celebrates Their Anniversary

The Pastor's Aid Society of Mount Moriah Baptist Church, Matthews, celebrated their 32nd Anniversary recently. Rev. W.D. Robinson of Mount Joshua Baptist Church delivered the message. Rev. Robinson is the nephew of Rev. J.C. Robinson, pastor of Mount Moriah. The speaker took his text from Matthew 18:14 and the subject was "You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet." During the service he also sang a special song, "I Want To Know What Time Is This."

Another feature of the service was the presentation of a "love token" to the oldest member of the Pastor's Aid Society, Mrs. Buelah McClain, who has belonged since 1946. Six others have been members since 1964. The theme of the group is "We have come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord; and may the work we've done speak for us."

The Pastor's Aide Societies of St. Luke Baptist Church, Olive Branch Baptist Church and Mount Zion Baptist Church of Albemarle also participated in the program. Rev. William Robinson of Good Aim Baptist Church, Elgin, SC was among the visiting ministers.

A turkey dinner was served immediately following the service.

Officers of the Pastor's Aide Society are: President - Mrs. Dorothy McMurray, Vice-president - Mrs. Bertha Robinson.

2nd Vice-president - James E. Lawrence, Recording secretary - Ms. Josephine Little, Assistant recording secretary

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**As A Killer Of Men
Cancer Of The Prostate**

Second Only To Lung Cancer

NOTE TO EDITOR: (These articles are part of a series dealing with different types of cancer with respect to geographical patterns of the state and risk factors).

Cancer of the prostate, second only to lung cancer as a killer of men, appears confined mostly to certain counties in North Carolina, according to a statistical study recently completed by the Division of Health Services.

High risk counties are found throughout the state, but extreme northeast counties appear at particular risk. After adjusting statistics for age, race and sex differences among county populations, the 10 counties with the highest death rates for the 1972 - 76 period were: Hertford, Chowan, Pasquotank, Camden, Dare, Haywood, Alexander, Yadkin, Chatham and Lee.

Nationwide, prostate cancer is increasing, due largely to the fact that life span is increasing and prostatic cancer is markedly associated with the aging process of men, according to the study.

The overall increase in North Carolina's death rate for cancer of the prostate has been 14 percent since 1970 with white men accounting for most of the increase. Still,

following more than a 100 percent increase during the 60's, the report noted that nonwhites were nearly twice as likely as whites to die of cancer of the prostate in 1976. This racial imbalance is also observed nationwide.

A higher frequency of prostate cancer has also been noted in the north among whites and nonwhites. Professional workers and relatives of people who died of prostate cancer had a higher frequency of the disease, as well as men who have been married.

The study revealed there is some evidence that the consumption of protein and thiamine may be linked to prostate cancer among North Carolina's male population. The finding is consistent with higher frequency of the disease among Japanese-Americans than Japanese living in Japan. The Japanese diet traditionally includes mostly vegetable protein and low levels of thiamine.

Although five-year survival rates have shown steady improvement, prostatic cancer is still highly fatal according to Dr. Isa Grant, assistant director of the Division of Health Services. The public health official said symptoms are about the same for both

benign and malignant prostate tumors. She said this makes detection difficult and periodic examination vital.

Few cases of prostate cancer are diagnosed at the earliest stage. The five-year survival rate at the second growth state (locally invasive) is only 35 percent among North Carolina Cancer Registry patients. At the third growth stage (regional spread), five-year survival is about 20 percent and eight percent at the fourth stage (widely spread).

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