



PRESENTS CHECK FOR CENTER-Rev. Leon Sullivan, right, chairman and founder of Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America, looks on as Edward A. Hynes, director of environmental and urban affairs, The Sperry and Hutchinson Company, presents a check for \$25,000 to Rev. Calvin O. Presley, executive director of Opportunities Industrialization Center of New York. The gift will be used to help support OIC's four New York centers.

Dr. Harry Gibson, Jr. Given High Post With United Methodist Church

NEW YORK—A high position in the executive staff of the United Methodist Board of Mission, that of "ombudsman" for black and other minority communities, has been filled by the Rev. Dr. Harry B. Gibson, Jr., New York and formerly of Chicago, according to an announcement by Bishop Lloyd C. Wicks, Board president, and the Rev. Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., general secretary.



DR. HARRY GIBSON, JR.

The ombudsman was one of four staff positions authorized by the Board in 1969 to be filled by black executives. Dr. Gibson came to the Board in July, 1970, to fill one, an assistant general secretary in the Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation. Now he moves up to the ombudsman office, which carries the title of Board assistant general secretary and, under Board action, is one of the highest staff posts. The four positions were created by the Board following proposals from its Black Staff Task Force, which last May had reminded that, while the Board was making efforts toward that end, the ombudsman office was yet to be finally filled. Naming of Dr. Gibson completes a process of filling the post.

Among responsibilities listed in the ombudsman job description are:

"Interpret to the Board and the church the goals and aspirations of blacks and other minorities; have a special relationship to staff members whose responsibilities are predominantly in the area of black and other minority concerns; serve as a member of the Board Cabinet (top staff decision-making group); have liaison with movements related to minority empowerment."

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Dr. Gibson came to the Joint Commission from the district superintendency of the Chicago Western United Methodist District, and he continues as a ministerial member of the Northern Illinois United Methodist Conference. He was district superintendent for six years, and for a year was chairman of the Northern Illinois Conference Cabinet. Previously he was pastor of Gorham United Methodist Church in Chicago and of churches in Lexington, Ky., and Beloit, Wis. He was a delegate to the 1964, 1968 and 1970 General Conferences, and has been chairman of a conference Board of Missions and a conference missionary secretary.

Dr. Gibson has been on the board of the Chicago Urban League and the board of trustees of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga. Born in Wichita, Kan., he was educated at Philander Smith College (B.A.), Little Rock, Ark., and Gammon Theological Seminary (D.D.). He did graduate study at the University of Chicago and holds the honorary D.D. from Philander Smith College.

MEDITATION

A SERMONETTE
BY COLIN DOUGLAS

"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures." Psalms 23:2.

Sometimes it seems to some of us that our lives have become barren, that everything lacks purpose and meaning. Whenever we feel this way, we need to open our minds and hearts to new ideas and thoughts about life. We need to be willing to be led out of old, worn-out ways of thinking and acting, and into new, fresh, vital living. . . a new attitude.

We may think that there is nothing of interest ahead of us, but this is not true. "Green pastures" await us. . . the new, the delightful, the unexpected, are on our pathways. But we must first of all have complete and unwavering faith in the one Father, and in His goodness. We must have complete faith in the renewing quality of His love, wisdom and power. Faith can move mountains, and indeed that is true when our faith is centered in God, the source of all good.

The Lord is our shepherd, and most surely we can trust Him to guide us, to protect us, and to bless our lives with rich, new, wonderful opportunities for fulfillment. Regardless of how great the demands that are made upon us, we never have to meet the experiences of life alone. There is One who is ever with us, One who understands our hearts, One who quiets our fears, One who is our companion every step of the way.

As you go ahead with the tasks that are a part of your daily life, take the attitude of resting in God's love. It will comfort you to see how effortlessly then everything is accomplished and the order with which your mind functions. You will feel the loving promptings of God's spirit. You will be shown the way out of grief, disappointment, desperation, and confusion. Peace will come as you allow your heart to be led by the promptings of God's spirit within and about you.

"Thou makest him to have dominion." Psalms 8:6.

The Boy Scouts of America have been awarded \$700,000 by the Labor Department's Manpower Administration to train 200 disadvantaged people as Scout officials to work with Scout troops in economically depressed areas.

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The STRENGTH of a Nation...

At this time, our thoughts are turned to our nation and the war that was fought to bring freedom to our land. Pictured here is a monument to the leader of our people at that time. The people were willing to give their lives that we might be free from tyranny, and have the right to worship as we please. God was with us then as he was with the children of Israel when Moses led them from Egypt. Upon receiving their freedom they sang . . . "The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him." Exodus 15:2

Help keep our Nation strong by relying on the strength of the Lord. Attend Church Regularly.



The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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WILL GOOD WORKS SAVE?
"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission" (Hebrews 9:22).

The apostle's argument in the above passage is that since Israel's ceremonial law was typical of things to come, its constant shedding of blood pointed to the necessity of Christ's sacrificial death for the remission of sins. Certainly the Bible teaches that "Christ died for our sins" (1 Corinthians 15:3).

Those who seek instead to make themselves acceptable to God by good works should consider the following: Our Lord never committed one sin. He always did those things which pleased the Father. His ministry was filled with acts of mercy and kindness. He healed the sick, cleansed the leper, made the blind to see, the deaf to hear and the lame to leap for joy. He preached the gospel to the poor, deliverance to the

captives, and healed the broken-hearted. Yet all these good works could not avail to cancel one sin or ease the conscience of one guilty sinner.

Indeed, had He done all these good works and then gone to heaven without dying in our stead, He would have left us in a deeper condemnation than before, for His holy, spotless life could only emphasize our sin and guilt by contrast.

And if all His good works could not avail to erase even one sin from the black record of human behavior, how utterly preposterous for the sinner to hope to erase or cancel his sins by his own "good works"! Thus, in contrast, the Bible presents Christ's death as the price of our redemption:

"... We have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7).

"Being justified freely by (God's) grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:24).

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