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United Church of Christ Ministers Meet At Inn

Issues facing black ministers and their role in a predominantly white denomination will be the focus of the third national convocation of the United Church of Christ's Ministers for Racial and Social Justice. The denomination's black clergy organization will hold its meeting April 23-26 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel.

Sponsored in cooperation with the United Church of Christ's Commission for Racial Justice, the consultation will explore ways in which blacks can influence policymaking within a mainline Protestant denomination. It will also discuss the development of a strong black clergy, pastoral care, the creation of effective local church ministries and the future of historic black colleges related to the United Church of Christ.

Keynote speakers at the meeting, who will concentrate on the role of Christians in working with the powerless to see that they get power, are the Rev. Dr. Shelby Rooks, New York, executive vice president of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, and the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago. The head of the denomination's domestic mission agency and former president of Chicago Theological Seminary, Dr. Rooks will give his address April 24 at 2 p.m. Dr. Wright, minister of what was given special recognition in 1983 as the fastest-growing church in the United Church of Christ, will speak April 25 at 9:30 a.m.

Two denominational officers will also give special addresses. The Rev. Avery D. Post, New York, president of the United Church of Christ, will speak April 25 at noon on "Diversity of Style and Theology in the United Church." The Rev. Carol Joyce Brun, New York, the denomination's secretary, will talk April 25 at 11:15 a.m. on how black members can prepare to have maximum impact on the United Church's next delegated decision-making General Synod.

Following worship activities April 23 at 2 p.m. and welcoming remarks at 3 p.m., the consultation will open at 4 p.m. with a presentation by the Rev. Charles E. Cobb, New York, executive director of the United Church's Commission for Racial Justice, on the history and future of Ministers for Racial and Social Justice.

On April 24 at 9:30 a.m., two presenters will look at "Developing a Strong Black Clergy/Church Network in the United Church of Christ." The Rev. Henry T. Simmons, New York, secretary for urban development for the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, will examine "Strength Through Collegiality," while Jesse Alexander, New York, the denomination's affirmative action officer, will speak on "Strength Through a Mentoring System."

At 3:30 p.m., three simultaneous workshops will occur. "The Care of the Pastor" will be led by the Rev. John Fortt, pastor of

Nazarene Congregational Church, Brooklyn, N.Y. Veronica Jefferson, New York, associate for resource information for the denomination's Stewardship Council, will guide discussion on stewardship. "Empowering the Local Parish" will be probed with the Rev. Robert R. Johnson, pastor of St. Albans Congregational Church, New York.

A second set of workshops will be held at 4:30 p.m. Topics and leaders are resume preparation; Jesse Alexander; "Bible Study: A Major Ingredient of Church Development," the Rev. Barbara Allen, assistant to the pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago; and "Church Growth Tips," the Rev. Robert Burt, general secretary of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries' division of evangelism and church extension.

On April 25 at 1 p.m., a panel of clergy will discuss the credentials and placement systems within the United Church of Christ.

After their presentation, Dr. Nanette Roberts, New York, general secretary of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries' division of higher education and American Missionary Association, will speak at 3 p.m. on the future of black colleges related to the denomination.

The final morning of the convocation on April 26 will be devoted to a plenary session beginning at 9:30 a.m. and presided over by Dr. A. Knighton Stanley, co-convenor of Ministers for Racial and Social Justice and minister of Peoples

Washington, D.C. — A historic agreement was signed recently formally establishing a partnership between Aetna Life and Casualty and the Congress of National Black Churches. This agreement creates a partnership insurance agency that will initially provide casualty-liability coverage for more than 60,000 black church properties and, by the end of the year, develop health and retirement-annuity coverage for approximately 250,000 church employees represented by CNBC, a national organization of the major black Christian denominations.

The Church Insurance Partnership Agency represents a unique approach to group insurance programs whereby the congress and its member denominations will have majority control of the master agency, with Aetna and a black managing agent—Howard and Cloud—holding minority interests.

The purpose of the Church Insurance Partnership Agency are to consolidate to as great an extent as practicable the vast insurance needs of black churches under a set of major group plans; and to recover through equity management and cost reductions the excessive drain upon church resources spent each year on insurance and other operational needs.

Bishop John Hurst Adams, chairman of the congress, said, "The church leadership approaches this venture with the intent of establishing an agency that is both an institutional investment and a church service vehicle. Through a long-range partnership with a dominant, progressive American insurance carrier, we hope to create a climate and sponsorship of substantial minority business opportunity and economic development under the aegis of the black churches and the congress."

According to Aetna Chairman John H. Filer, "This partnership agency allows for an exceptional

Congregational Church, Washington, D.C. Besides hearing officers' reports, participants will discuss resolutions and share plans for action in the future.

"He who listens understands." —African proverb

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marketing approach for our products as well as providing an extraordinary opportunity to work with black institutions in generating economic growth and stability in the black community." Joining Bishop Adams and Filer were other Aetna senior officers, Bradford Howard, Sr., and Sanford Cloud, Jr.,

of Howard and Cloud; Bishop Roy L. Winbush of the Church of God in Christ, and Dr. Wilbur N. Daniel of the National Baptist Convention of America.

"Over the past nine months, the congress worked closely with the Aetna and Howard and Cloud in constructing the terms of the master agency

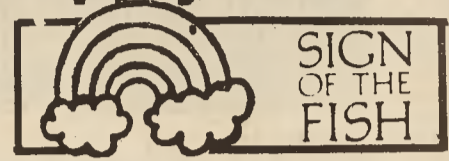
agreement," said Howard. "This insurance program creates an efficient distribution system, spreads the risks and reduces administrative expenses for both the churches and Aetna."

The Congress of National Black Churches was founded in 1978 and consists of the leadership of the major historical black de-

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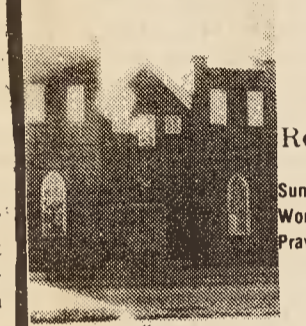
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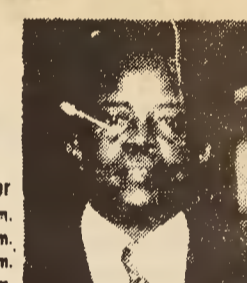
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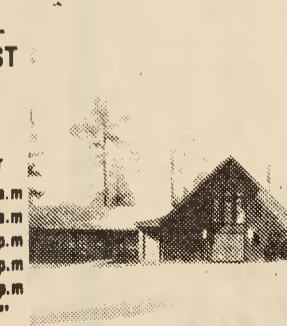
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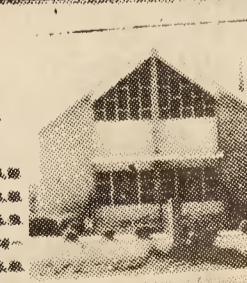


Rev. Donald R. Ingram, Pastor

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After One Academic Year Shaw Choir In Excellent Shape

The Shaw University Gospel Choir has made an impressive reputation for itself after just one academic year, and the choir director is counting on even more success in the near future.

"We're doing very well," Ms. Phyllis McLeod said recently. "We have a predominantly freshman group and they are working out extremely well."

A counselor in Shaw University's Upward Bound/Rise program, Ms. McLeod and Ms. Ella Wilder Slaughter, director of the Shaw University Chorale Society, organized the choir at the onset of the 1983-84 academic year.

Since that time the amazingly polished 55-voice choir has performed in numerous churches, at Meredith College, South-eastern Seminary and most recently at the North Carolina Museum of Art. The choir will close out its 1983-84 season with performances at the Shaw University commencement exercise set for 11 a.m. Saturday, May 12, in the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium.

A native of Perth Amboy, N.J., Ms. McLeod is proud of her group. The group is proud of her, too.

To show just how proud they are of her dedication to the Shaw University Gospel Choir, members took time out during a recent concert at Star Zion Missionary Baptist Church, New Bern, to present Ms. McLeod with flowers, a cake and a plaque. The plaque read: "To the director for your loving service."

The group, which also includes several musical instruments, is dedicated to the community. Plans by the choir and

Ms. Eleanor Mack, parent of one of the choir members, and Rodney Mack, brother of the member. Both live in New Bern.

Having had what she describes as a "successful first year" with the choir,

Ms. McLeod said she is looking forward to making the group even stronger. To do that she will be inviting musicians to Shaw University to conduct workshops for choir members.

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But if recent reviews are any indication, the Gospel Choir is already ready for those kinds of endeavors.

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VERY GOOD YEAR—The Shaw University Gospel Choir, a predominantly freshman group, has made a very good reputation during this academic year. The choir will end its 1983-84 performing season in concert May 12 at 11 a.m. at Raleigh Memorial Auditorium. Pictured are some of the members of the choir.

