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The people of God are on the edge of one of the greatest adventures the church has ever known. We are beginning to see all persons—particularly the divorced, widowed, and separated adults—in our midst. Ministry with and to them is the church's new frontier.

These formerly married persons represent a segment of adult society that has, up to now, been virtually ignored by churches. We have entered into a new era with the

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widowed and the divorced—remaining single as a viable life style option. It's okay to be a single adult today.

The church has in the main been composed of married adults since the first century. Not until the 1960's have we been forced to accept the reality of an increasing number of single persons—especially those who were formerly married.

The vision of the church today

needs to be enlarged to include the single adult. We need to see the church as two thirds two adult family units (married adults) and one third one adult family units (single adults) because one out of three adults in our society is single.

Other than single persons who have never married because of choice or lack of choice, persons are single due to death of spouse (widowhood), death of a marriage relationship (divorce), or a dying marriage (separation).

Difficulties in Ministering

The local congregation of believers often finds it difficult to minister to formerly married adults for several reasons.

1. **The formerly married tend to blame God for their present marital status.** This feeling of “God doing me in” comes from an inaccurate understanding of prayer, of God's will, and an unwillingness to accept responsibility for all that occurs in one's life. It is common to want to blame someone else for the things that are not working right in our lives.

2. **The divorced adult feels guilty because the official word from the church regarding divorce is “thou shalt not.”** If divorced persons feel this guilt much at all, a sense of alienation and utter failure in relation to the church permeates their lives. Frequently I have talked



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with divorced persons about becoming involved or visiting the single adult groups of Park Cities Baptist Church, and they have been hesitant to come until I say that we do not hang imaginary signs on them in large letters that say “Divorced” nor do we ask them for their “reason for being single.” Our concern is that the divorced person, or any single for that matter, be accepted as he or she comes. We want broken lives to be healed and to become more fully the lives God through Christ wants them to become. We must practice “forgiving one another...even as Christ has forgiven us” (Eph. 4:32). The issue is not whether persons should or should not divorce. God's intention in marriage is consistent. The fact is that people are divorced and will continue to divorce. Our concern as the church must be how to minister to these broken lives.

3. **The formerly married usually feel “out of place” in most churches because adequate programming has not developed to meet their needs.** Although changes are occurring rapidly, many churches are programmed only to meet the needs of the two-adult family units (married adults). Many married persons lack the sensitivity or the awareness to understand that a ministry which is

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An airline pilot on a nighttime trans-continental flight spoke over the intercom saying "Ladies and gentlemen, I have some mixed news for you tonight. Some of the news is good and some is bad. First, the bad news—we are low on fuel, our instruments are out and we have lost our way. Now for the good news—I am happy to report we are making excellent time!"

I believe many modern parents share this pilot's mixed emotions. They have an ideal goal or destination for their children but they are not sure how to get there. At times they feel completely lost. In spite of poor directions, however, they know they are making excellent time. They realize that in a few short years some destination will be reached. Their children will be grown and the opportunity to make an impact on their lives will be lost forever. Looking back, many of these parents will see they needed better guidance.

Those in places of Christian leadership are in excellent positions to offer this direction. To do this, however, they must have a deep sensitivity to the problems parents face and a clear understanding of ways of helping them cope with the demanding tasks of parenthood.

What Parents Ask

As I travel around this country I find certain questions consistently

on the minds of Christian parents. Parents of rebellious later adolescents most often ask, "Where did we go wrong?" or, "Why do teenagers from 'fine Christian families' rebel?" From slightly less conflicted families I hear questions like, "How do you get a teenager to communicate?" Parents of younger children ask questions about practical daily hassles. They want to know, "How do you stop a temper tantrum?" "How do you get children out of bed and off to school each morning?" "How do you get a finicky child to eat a balanced diet?" "How do you stop children from fighting?" and "How do you get children to take out the trash or feed the dog?" I also hear a whole range of questions about behaviors that border on the pathological. Concerned parents ask "Why is my child so withdrawn and unable to communicate?" "Why does one of my children have such an uncontrollable temper?" and "Why is our teenager flunking when we know he has at least average intellectual ability?"

Four Concerns

I sense that inherent in these questions are four primary concerns. Christian parents are really asking "How can we insure our children's moral and spiritual growth?" "How can we handle daily family conflicts and frustra-

tions?" and "How can we help our children grow up to be emotionally healthy?" I believe these are important questions. The church should be able to help its members insure the future emotional and spiritual stability of their youth. It should be able to help parents cope with the frustrating daily hassles that occasionally trouble us all, but I believe one more question is basic. "Does the Bible really give a realistic set of guidelines for raising children and if so, what is it?"

The Family Fad

The past twenty years have seen great changes in the attitude of the church toward the parents in its assembly. Prior to that time practically no good books on Christian parenting were available. Sunday School curricula, while occasionally dealing with the subject, typically overlooked this crucial area of life. Parenting was thought to be a tangential concern, elective material (not really to be placed in the center of study). But with the growing influence of psychology and a national concern for the family, all of this is changing. Books on the family are consistently among the national religious bestsellers. Psychologists, educators, pastors and dozens of others have started ministering to the Christian parent.

Frankly, I view this movement

with mixed emotions. It is clearly speaking to deep and vital needs within the church today, and much of the material is helpful. Unfortunately, as is so often the case, the emphasis on the family is growing to almost fadish proportions. It seems like everyone who has had a child (and some who haven't) now

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fancies himself an expert in the field. In preparing this paper I read through several relatively recent Christian books and papers on rearing children. The lack of consensus

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Many contemporary people would not feel comfortable saying a prayer of thanksgiving for sex. Some are not thankful because they are ashamed of sex. Others find sex a burdensome problem. Too seldom do people find the capacity for the authentic celebration of sex.

What People Are Missing

What people desperately need today is the Christian good news about sex. Caught up in the sexual confusion of our culture, they need

the liberating good news about sex that can be found in the Christian gospel.

Look at the people around us. Here is the jaded businessman who has tried everything so often that he enjoys nothing. He needs the good news about sex. The bored housewife contemplating adultery because she is caught up in a vicious cycle of dishes and diapers needs the good news about sex. The teen-ager struggling with that

perennial problem of "to bed or not to bed" needs the good news about sex. The counselor who helps people all day long to try to solve their sexual problems, while harboring himself the secret that he cannot solve his own problems, needs the good news about sex.

The good news about sex is needed by the adolescent anxious about masturbation. The good news about sex is needed by the married couple who cannot enjoy inter-

course because of their puritanical upbringing. By the middle-aged man who turns to pornography as a way to try to recapture his fleeing manhood. By the wife who has an uneasy conscience because she uses her body to manipulate her husband. By the homosexual who wonders if anyone will help him or treat him as a person.

The Christian good news about sex is needed by all people. It is not that society has tried a Christian

Lord, it's hard to know what sex really is—
Is it some demon put here to torment me?
Or some delicious seducer from reality?
It is neither of these, Lord.

THANK GOD FOR SEX

I know what sex is—
It is body and spirit,
It is passion and tenderness,
It is strong embrace and gentle hand-holding,
It is open nakedness and hidden mystery,
It is joyful tears on honeymoon faces, and
It is tears on wrinkled faces at a golden wedding anniversary.

Sex is a quiet look across the room,
a love note on a pillow,
a rose laid on a breakfast plate,
laughter in the night.

Sex is life—not all of life
but wrapped up in the meaning of life.

Sex is your good gift, O God,
To enrich life,
To continue the race,
To communicate,
To show me who I am,
To reveal my mate,
To cleanse through "one flesh."

Lord, some people say sex and religion don't mix;
But your Word says sex is good.
Help me to keep it good in my life.
Help me to be open about sex
And still protect its mystery.
Help me to see that sex
Is neither demon nor deity.
Help me not to climb into a fantasy world
Of imaginary sexual partners;
Keep me in the real world
To love the people you have created.

Teach me that my soul does not have to frown at sex
for me to be a Christian.
It's hard for many people to say, "Thank God for sex!"
Because for them sex is more a problem than a gift.
They need to know that sex and gospel
Can be linked together again.
They need to hear the good news about sex.
Show me how I can help them.

Thank you, Lord, for making me a sexual being.
Thank you for showing me how to treat others
with trust and love.

Thank you for letting me talk to you about sex.
Thank you that I feel free to say:
"Thank God for sex!"¹

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Part 1

Women and Men:

How Different Should They Be?

Several years ago while looking through an alumni magazine, I was rather startled to see a headline announcing: "Betty Crocker Earns Ph.D." Sure enough, the woman who for fifteen years had represented General Mills in promotional work and whose neat signature appeared on cake mix boxes and cookie recipe pamphlets was now beginning a retirement career in communications. After being awarded a doctorate by New York University, she was asked about her future. "One thing is certain," she said. "I'll spend as little time in the kitchen as possible. I hate to cook."¹

More recently, the news media carried reports of the first woman in history to reach the top of Mount Everest. For *anyone* to scale the world's highest peak is no mean achievement; for a five-foot, ninety-two pound *woman* to do so surely should dispel those old ideas about the alleged weakness of the female sex! Mrs. Junko Tabei, mother of a three-year-old daughter, trained for nearly three years to take part in the expedition. Her proud husband told reporters that she had financed the \$5,000 trip through her own earnings as a piano teacher.²

Stories such as these can leave little doubt: women's roles are changing. And so are men's. Rugged athletes admit they enjoy

knitting and needlepoint. Men are enjoying cooking and baking and writing books about it. Large numbers of husbands are enrolled with their wives in natural child-birth classes and are fighting hospital policies which bar fathers from the delivery room. Men want to share the special moments of childbearing and childrearing, too.

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Increasingly, men are realizing that they've been cheated out of a tremendously rich aspect of life because older ideas about male roles have kept them so busy with breadwinning that they have had all too little time with their families. Many men are wondering if it has really been so wise after all to insist that "women's place is in the home," because that notion seems to carry with it another side: "man's place isn't in the home." Somehow that doesn't seem fair. At the same time, many women also feel hindered from living up to their full potential. To say, "man's place is in the world," has all too often implied that woman's place isn't there. In the past, both customs and laws have reinforced such ideas.

All this is being questioned and

challenged in today's changing world. Many Christians are perplexed, groping for the security of some prior time that in retrospect seems ideal—a time when sex roles weren't blurred, and everybody knew his or her place. As television's Archie Bunker sings: "Girls were girls, and men were men. Those were the days!"

In the Beginning

When Jesus was asked about men and women and how God intended them to relate to one another, He too suggested going back in time—*really* back. Back to the very beginning. The Pharisees had come to Him with a question about divorce; and in His reply, Jesus said, "Have you not read that He who made them from the beginning made them male and female and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?'" (Matt. 19:4-6).

It's important to notice here that Jesus specifically indicates God's purpose in creating the human race in two sexes. God "made them male and female," Jesus said, and "for this reason...the two shall become one flesh." Joined in marriage, the woman and man could be fruitful and multiple and share in the Creator's work, carrying out His mandate through bringing new human lives into the world.

However, both men and women were told to share in God's work in still another way as well, by having

dominion over the works of God's hands (Psalm 8) and subduing the earth. According to Genesis 1:27 and 5:1-2, human beings—both male and female—were created by God in His image. According to Genesis 1:28, both male and female were commissioned by God to have responsibility in both areas of life: the family and work in the outside

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world. Division of labor was not by gender.

Gender Roles

The title of this presentation, "A Christian View of Men's and Women's Roles in a Changing World," raises an important question at this point. Exactly what are roles anyway? And what are gender roles (or sex roles)?

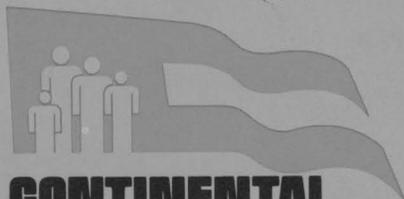
Sociologists use the term *roles* to apply to the parts people are expected to play in human society, somewhat as an actor plays a part in a drama. The actor studies a pre-written script and then comes upon the stage to enact the role of a particular character. What he says and what he does fits with what is ex-

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Following World War II and a dramatic increase in postwar divorce rates, serious observers of the American scene expressed concern for family solidarity. They feared breakdown in the social structure of the nation. Fresh evidences of that concern appeared in the rise of media interest in the family, the installation of new college courses, the increase in pre-marital counseling and the extension of depth analysis to family life. But forces weakening families increased more than protective or strengthening influences. Although statistics on marriage and divorce improved during much of the decade of the fifties, before 1960 the trend had turned downward again. The problem intensified. Local and national conferences on family life were convened and well attended. Efforts to halt family erosion seemed unavailing. During the first years of the decade of the 1970s the record of marriage failure became the worst in history. Some analysts are convinced that marriage collapse has become sufficiently complete that new concepts of marriage and the family will emerge. Several alternatives to traditional marriage are in trial. One of these is the historically appropriate option to marriage—to remain single.

Increasing Single Population

While the controversy about traditional marriage grew in intensity, little was written or said about the status and life style of the single

adult. Even with growing disillusionment in marriage, the assumption held in general society that normal adults either were married or wished to be. If that is the case, singleness is a temporary experience transitional to marriage. Almost without public awareness, the number of single persons increased at the rate of about two million persons a year during the decade of the sixties. Extended education, uncertainties about life changes in social mores, and a score of other causes influenced increasing numbers of persons to delay marriage if they were to marry at all. Partly disillusioned about marriage in their observation of the attitudes and conduct of husbands and wives toward each other, more and more young adults opted to remain single.

Shift in Standards

Other reasons for maintaining single status included the change in sexual standards which permitted greater freedom than heretofore in sexual expression. Sex was taken without responsibility. Easy availability of birth control techniques changed the perception of many relative to sexual activity. Moral issues were played down. In addition, the marriage gradient became more complex. That gradient is the tendency of men to marry down and women to marry up. As the education and status of women improved, there were fewer women perceiving men to be in advanced positions and fewer men perceiving women to be in lower

economic and educational positions. At the same time, almost imperceptible shifts in population took place. More men remained in rural areas and in the American west. Single women moved in great numbers to the largest population centers. Men were not where the women could be found. And well known to nearly all is the fact that in upper age groups women outnumber men. Even if they wish to, some women can never marry. There are too few men, by several million, to go around.

Only recently has one of the most important reasons for remaining single been discussed in depth or with conviction. Many persons, especially women, remain single because that is their choice. Remaining single is perceived by them to be a gratifying and satisfactory option to marriage. But evidence is sketchy. For whatever reason, one in three marriageable age adults in America is single at any point in time, and one out of ten persons never marries.

Reasons for Singleness

Jesus described the sanctity of marriage in terms which stimulated mild protest or astonishment from His disciples. They suggested that the expectation of Jesus' idealism might cause persons to evade marriage. To this, Jesus implied that for persons either married or single there is a gift of insight pertaining to either status. And the option to be single is wholly legitimate.

The most significant statement

made on the issue by Jesus is recorded in Matthew's gospel:

"For there are different reasons why men cannot marry: some because they were born that way; others because men made them that way; and others do not marry because of the kingdom of heaven. Let him who can do it accept this teaching" (Matthew

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19:12—*Good News For Modern Man*).

Some persons are born eunuchs. That is to say, they are physically incapable of sexual intercourse implied by marriage. Some are born either without sexual desire or ability to perform as sexual partners, just as a few persons are born blind or deaf or lame. As one congenitally blind should not be mocked or berated for his blindness, neither should one be treated insensitively who, in the provi-

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Recently, I selected twenty-five clergy of a variety of denominations in representative cities and towns of varying size, serving congregations inclusive of a broad spectrum of North American culture, to evaluate what they found to be the most crucial problems their people faced in living the Christian life. I was not surprised that the majority of responses included marriage and the family.

In conferences and retreats across the nation, I often take an inventory of the participants to evaluate the greatest concerns in their lives. The question I ask repeatedly is, "In what area of your life do you need to experience and express the power of Christ?" Most of these responses have been "In my marriage," "In communicating in my marriage," "In my family."

I tried somewhat the same survey in the First Presbyterian Church in Hollywood. In preparation for a Lenten series of Wednesday evening meetings, I wanted to build the content around the deepest needs my people were experiencing. There is nothing more foolish than an answer to an unasked question and nothing more powerful than a clearly articulated, personally illustrated, biblically-rooted answer to the central questions people are asking. We passed out cards on successive Sundays on which was written, "My greatest need is:" There was room for each person to write what he discerned to be his most pressing need. The response was

overwhelming. Many of the evangelical Christians in my congregation expressed that their most excruciating problems were in their marriages. They found it most difficult to share what they believed in their homes, found their relationship with their mates to be one of the most challenging to express Christ's love, and discovered the greatest contradiction to their commitment to Christ to be in the kind of persons they were in their marriages. Needless to say that series and subsequent programs have been established to meet this expressed need.

Off Target

The Church in North America has hit wide of the mark in its inability to be personal, practical and penetrating in healing what I call the hidden malignancy of contemporary Christians. The Church must be a healing community in which people's emotional needs are met by Christ, and an equipping center for the ministry of the laity to be faithful in society's central structure, the family. Congregations must become laboratories of life in which remedial, reconciling, renewing help is given to enable people to discover Christ's strategy in their marriages.

The virulent virus of religion clogs the bloodstream of the Body of Christ in North America. As man's effort to win, placate, please, or serve a power greater than himself, religion blocks the jugular vein of Christ's grace. Many congregations have become more religious

than gracious. The result is a bland conceptualism, a competitive self-righteousness and a compulsive pretense to measure up. The Gospel has been replaced by a contemporary allegiance to self-generated goodness and propriety. The consequence is that the local church is often the last place where people can be themselves, expose

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their needs, experience the re-orientation of their values around the mind of Christ, explore the healing of their emotional wounds and exchange honestly about difficulties in their relationships. The Church is not personal enough to illustrate the impact of the Gospel to help people to see what Christ

could do with them and their marriages.

Ill Equipped

In seminars for Christian divorcees around the country, I have tabulated the effectiveness of the congregations of which these divorced people were a part. Many of them found their pastors concerned and loving, but often ill equipped to help them. Church officers were often little help because of tensions in their own marriages. Fellow members were part of a conspiracy of silence, or far too outspoken in favor of either the husband or wife. Many of the divorcees agreed that the one comment they had heard from their fellow members was that, "I had no idea you were going through this difficulty. You're the last person I would have suspected would get divorced!" Judgment, stigma, a sense of failure, inability to be Christian enough, and sin were communicated verbally, non-verbally, and in the body language of subsequently strained social relationships.

Reasons for this are many. Christian marriage has been ineffectively dealt with in most congregations. Too little preparation has been given for marriage, too little help in assisting married people to discover Jesus' style and strategy for marriage, and too little remedial opportunity for healing and hope for people who are discouraged and disturbed by the distance between their expectations for marriage and what they are ex-

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An interesting assumption is reflected in the title of this paper: the church exists to minister, and one of the focuses of ministry is to be the family. The flow of ministry and support is viewed not as from the individual or family group to the local church but as from the church. The church is a support system, nurturing and equipping individuals and families for growth and for effective function. If this assumption is accepted, then thinking about the church and family, and the kinds of ministries the local church develops, will be radically affected.

To both argue for assumptions and provide practical examples of a church lifestyle growing out of them would require more space than is available here. So rather than argue for the assumption made in the title, or for presuppositions on which I operate, I will simply state them and proceed to indicate how they work out in practice.

**THE LOCAL CHURCH
AS A SUPPORT SYSTEM:
PRESUPPOSITIONS**

2 That Scripture portrays the local church as a transforming community is frequently acknowledged these days. In the Body believers minister to one another in such a way that growth in Christlikeness is both individual and corporate

(Ephesians 4:12-16). In this community each believer is gifted by the Holy Spirit. Thus each is a minister to others as well as ministered to by others. In the context of interpersonal relationships within the Body (Hebrews 10:25 26), ministry is an ebb and flow, a two-way process.

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Realizing that the family is not, in its nuclear expression, a “church,” is also important. That is, the family is not meant to be a self-contained system. Family members, as individuals, and in all their family roles, have a tremendous need for support by the local Body. The notion that husband, wife and children are a complete unit without need for support from without is one of the romanticized fictions of secular society; it is not biblical. With the contemporary strains placed on the nuclear

family by such factors as the rapid pace of change, the pluralization of society, the distribution of functions that were once the family’s to other units of society, etc., for family members and family units to receive support from the local church is all the more vital.

These considerations give rise to a number of propositions which are treated here as presuppositions. They are not argued for so as to move quickly to practical considerations but they are affirmed.

1. The local church must accept responsibility to minister to and support believers “in family,” and to help individuals fulfill vital family roles.
2. Ministry approaches developed by the local church must avoid the “program” approach of “ministering to” but should involve believers in processes where ministry flow is two-way, with support given in warm, sharing, interpersonal settings. For example, a series of sermons on the family is *not* to be mistaken for the whole of what the church can do for families.
3. Families need support as units, with specific help given to develop a relational climate which makes possible ministries that flow two ways within each family unit.

4. Family members individually need help developing an understanding of, and skill in fulfilling, divinely ordained roles. Thus the widows of the New Testament church ministered to young wives, teaching them how to love their husbands and children (Titus 2:4, 5). Support is needed

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in Switzerland.*

In this day of women's awareness, dissecting of personalities, self-analysis, and the incessant asking of such questions as: "What is a man?" "What is a woman?" "What is a personality?" "Who am I?" "What is life?" "What is the universe?"—the question "What is the family?" is a very basic one.

No simple answer is available, nor are there merely several answers. A family is a complex blending of relationships. A family is an interaction of personalities, minds, and emotions. It is a living mobile. It is a museum of memories; it is form and freedom; it is a shelter; it is an economic unit; it is an endless number of things if it is as it ought to be.

A Living Mobile

A family may be thought of as a living mobile, made up of human personalities. It is a work of art that takes many years to produce but is never finished. The framework of a family gives form, yet the family mobile, constantly in motion, has freedom—for there are never any two days when any person in the family is at the same point of growth. Each individual is growing and changing in a multitude of areas—emotional, spiritual, physical, and mental. Every person in the family has an effect upon the other members in all of these areas. The family mobile is also meant to present a miniature picture of the much larger art form of the Family of Believers, those who have been reborn in Christ, with God as their Father.

The knowledge that people care in a warm, human, personal way often protects one from doing extreme or foolish things during times of sudden emotion, and encourages one to keep going when things seem hopeless or desperate. Caring promotes communication, which, in turn, needs to be worked at in every relationship. Everyone needs freedom to express himself without the fear of being misunderstood. This is basic to good communication.

No One Is Perfect

One thing should be made clear: No one is perfect; therefore, no relationships between two people are perfect, whether they be husband and wife, parent and child, or friends. Too many people daydream about having a perfect family, yet the perfect family

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simply does not exist on this earth. Over a period of time along with happiness, every family has some unhappiness, mistakes, frustrations,

and need for forgiveness. Paul wrote, "...tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope" (Romans 5:3, 4, cf. James 1:2). Patience cannot be without circumstances and actions which would naturally bring *impatience*. This is the way to *real* love. This is how one learns to accept another human being who is no more perfect than he is. Learning what human relationships are all about should begin in one's own family. As one begins to be patient in times of tribulation, the love of God will become more of a reality, and love for each other will grow into a richness that could not be possible without having lived through these tribulations together.

Someone in the family has to realize that it takes time, imagination, sacrifice, and planning to have good communication within the family. Someone must see that the overall relationship of the family is more important than breaking up over one blast of temper, or even a series of blasts and the frustrations of a long period of time. In addition, the Christian family must be guided by the Holy Spirit—yet it cannot be expected that *every* member of the family will be guided by the Spirit at *all* times or to the same extent.

In the twentieth century, not many people think of the family as a permanent lasting relationship. Too many people use families for temporary convenience—to be kept together only so long as they are fun or pleasing. This attitude

explains why so many marriages are splintered and homes are shattered. Every family mobile has been in danger of being broken. Every human being would like to

"Not many people in the twentieth century think of the family as a permanent or a lasting relationship."

run away, at one time or another, in search of perfection, or out of sheer frustration. However, continuity is vastly more important than insistence upon perfection, as perfection cannot be found in this world, and continuity is priceless!

People need to experience the beauty of being a part of a family mobile. Those who have not known of the existence of this beauty need to see it in action. In order to improve human relationships in the church and in the secular world, individual families have to realize that a valuable "art" career is to be started at home.

Family Environment

Great distress is expressed over ecological imbalances in nature. An ecologically correct environment is also needed for the development of balanced personalities. Without the proper environment, human beings will die emotionally, psychologically, and spiritually, just as a flower wilts or dies if it is denied the conditions it needs for growth. One basic purpose of the

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The Christian's view of the family is based on considerations and factors not necessarily held by mankind in general. Among the many social institutions several are unique in that they are specially framed and commissioned in Scripture. The family is one of these. The Christian sees the family as the vital linkage between the community of the redeemed and the offspring of that community. It is less a matter of possessiveness or individualism that underlies the Christian's concern for children than it is a matter of belief and commitment. For a Christian, no human relationship is more significant than one's family. No concern is greater than the need to enter faithfully into a God-centered reality of human love with each person in that family. The family is the unitary structural building-block of the church and, at the same time, the primary communicative source for the child's awakening awareness of God.

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The family makes several specific contributions to the child's development. Those contributions that are especially related to the development of moral and spiritual values are becoming more understandable through recent and current research. Following are several of the key contributions that relate directly to moral and

spiritual development.

Family Provides Environments

Experiences in the family that contribute to moral and spiritual development are:

1. An environment of nurturance, contributing toward a sense of security, identity and personal worth.

2. An environment of dialogue, contributing toward a rational understanding of self and others.

3. An environment of equity and justice, contributing toward a sense of righteousness as justice with love.

In addition, the roles played in the family provide the experiences upon which the child's perceptions of spiritual relationships are based. The two key functions follow.

The Family Provides Models

Relational involvements that are basic to spiritual perceptions are:

1. Mother and father, integrated by marriage, providing for nurturance, sustenance and "launching," prefigure the child's awareness of God.

2. The family unit, motivated in love and expressed in cooperative activity to meet needs unique to individuals through the shared resources of the whole, prefigure the child's awareness of the church.

The values of secular society are shifting away from those that undergird the God-centered family.

Thus the family within the community of Christians may become more distinct from the "evolved" family or its substitutes in the

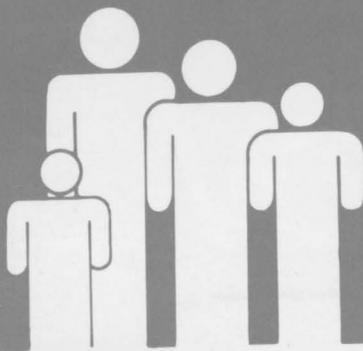
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secular community. Teaching the developing child the reasons for the distinctive functions of home and family intended by God will be increasingly important as this trend continues. Clear applications of the principles of God to the standards of life must be the major concern. God declares His sovereignty. Christians must utilize all their rights as citizens, so long as they last, to influence secular society in godly ways. To carry out these tasks competently will demand the finest sort of integration within the adult Christian. Any arbitrary, dualistic split between the "religious life" and the "secular life" will create profound vulnerability and a lack of credibility.

Institutions of Society

Human institutions arise in response to needs. Each institution and its function (but not always its form) can be traced historically to a point of recognized need. The larger institutions—marriage, family, religions, health support, government, labor organizations, trade systems, monetary systems and schools of various sorts—can be understood as responses to needs that arise out of the nature of man and of human society. Institutions are maintained and supported only so long as they relate to functional needs of the society. The "youth conflicts" of the late 1960s

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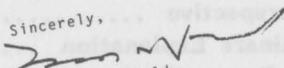
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Dear Friends:

Welcome to the Continental Congress on the Family. The other leaders of this gathering and I do not believe that you are here by accident. God wants each of us to translate the experiences of this week into significant action for the benefit of the Church of Jesus Christ. Such purposeful responses, I believe, will have a positive impact upon our nation's family life.

Let us join one another in evaluating our family relationships and our responsibilities as agents of reconciliation in a world of loneliness and alienation.

Sincerely,


Mark O. Hatfield
United States Senator

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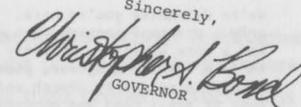
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As Governor of the State of Missouri, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone attending the meeting of the Continental Congress on the Family to the "Show Me" State.

Best wishes to all of you and may you have a most successful and enjoyable meeting.

Sincerely,


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Welcome to the CONTINENTAL CONGRESS ON THE FAMILY!

I'm sure you'll agree with us that we're here on serious business. We all recognize the fact that the North American family faces complex problems. It is not dying, but it is certainly changing. Never before has there been such pressure on the home both inside and outside the church. Everyone is concerned; and while families have always been of interest to the Christian church, that interest has grown phenomenally in the past decade.

We're delighted you're here. Your presence indicates not only a personal concern, but a desire for increased involvement and a more effective ministry to families. For this reason, it is a working Congress, planned to generate practical resources needed by church and community leaders in these days of great need and opportunity.

We've labored for many months to find resource leaders who can make a significant contribution to our understanding, and they've come to share their insight and experience with us. The spectrum is broad - we come from different molds - we do not all see from the same perspective. Though our emphases may vary, we share one common objective - to clarify our Biblical mission to the family and face the hard, real issues of a changing society.

Let's make the most of our days together. We are participants, not observers. Working together, we seek to gain a fresh perspective and new insights on how to best confront the many problems families face. Attend every session you possibly can, especially the morning interaction groups. Open your heart. Share your burden. Listen creatively. We have much to learn from each other. Let there be unity in our diversity.

More important than gaining new information is personal and marriage renewal. What we want to happen in our society must begin with us. God wants to model in us His vision for the world.

As he looked ahead, Malachi wrote in the last verse of the Old Testament, "He shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers." That turning toward family unity which started with Jesus Christ is today a major trend in the church. As we take part in this adventure, we are participating in God's total plan for history. Let's pray that God will meet with us and send us home as new people.

Gary R. Collins *J. Allan Petersen*

Daily Emphases

What are the most crucial issues for the family today?

In what areas does the Christian family face its greatest challenges?

What are the key topics that should concern churches as they plan to strengthen family life?

The answers to these and other similar questions are suggested in the five daily emphases for the Congress: The Marriage, The Family, The Man and the Woman, The Single Person, and The Church/World.

The Marriage

Marriage as both institution and relationship is currently undergoing a series of radical changes in North American society. The church is sharply challenged by such trends as trial marriage, gay marriage, group marriage, open marriage, and easy divorce and remarriage. The perspective on marriage is foundational to all further thinking on the family. Developing distinctly Christian concepts of marriage will be the focus on Monday.

The Family

The demands of community activities, school involvement, television isolation, and even church programming are pulling family members away from each other. Many parents are confused about their proper relationships with their children and the place of discipline in these relationships. For some families these problems are intensified by alcoholism, mental and physical illness, the birth of a retarded child, military service, or financial problems. Mobilizing the churches to help these families will be Tuesday's emphasis.

The Man and the Woman

The many faceted women's movement is bringing about a sweeping and sometimes radical re-evaluation of the relationships between men and women. Women are defining themselves, their roles, and their relationships. Regardless of position, no individual or church is untouched. How can one be a woman, or a man, or prepare children for adult roles? The answers to these questions will determine the lifestyle of every married couple, every single person, and every family. On Wednesday the Congress explores how these answers affect the future direction of the family and the church.

The Single Person

Single people are a large but neglected minority, and they often feel left out of the church and society at large. Many circumstances can leave a person, at least partly, outside of the usual family structures: college students, the unmarried, separated, or divorced, the aged, widows and widowers, servicemen away from home, the physically deformed, even teenagers and neglected children. All of these people are part of the spiritual extended family of the church. Thursday's emphasis will be to find ways to minister to and use the ministry of single people.

The Church/World

The ultimate impact and value of the Congress is measured in terms of what happens out there, in churches and in the world. The conclusions, resources, and inspiration of the Congress must find their way to practical change in communities, churches, families, and marriages. On Friday, the thrust of the final hours of the Congress will be directed outward to the needy people in churches and in the world.



Congress Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of the CONTINENTAL CONGRESS ON THE FAMILY is to start a significant movement in North American churches for the strengthening of marriages and families through the Church. This Congress seeks to provide strategies and resources for every church in North America to use in their ministries with families. For that reason it has been planned as a working Congress.

In formulating the following objectives for the CONTINENTAL CONGRESS ON THE FAMILY, the Congress planners are aware of the deep human and spiritual needs facing the modern family, of man's inability to heal the estrangements between husbands and wives, between parents and children, and of their own failure to live fully as God's reconcilers in their own families. Nevertheless, they are convinced God's power can heal the wounds of the contemporary family.

The objectives of the CONTINENTAL CONGRESS ON THE FAMILY are to:

1. Clarify the biblical principles for marriage and family life and relate these to present spiritual and social problems.
2. Provide a forum for dealing with the hard, real issues of shifting roles, sexual mores, divorce/remarriage, which are affecting today's family and church.
3. Awaken our Christian consciences to the special family needs of minorities, singles, the handicapped, and the aged.
4. Share with each other successful patterns of family enrichment that God is using today.
5. Produce ideas and strategies for churches to use in revolutionizing family life in their communities.
6. Generate extensive family-help resources to be made available to pastors, churches, and needy families.

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Daily Schedule

This is a working Congress. Congress participants have already been involved through reading and responding to the plenary papers which were sent in advance of the Congress. Congress participants have also selected in advance the Action Seminars which are of most practical use to them. Interaction Groups have been planned for maximum value for each Congress participant. This study process makes possible the most thorough participation in the Congress of all participants.

The CONTINENTAL CONGRESS ON THE FAMILY is geared to action. It will be a failure if it is only talk. Each participant and each group should be continually thinking through what actions should be taken as a result of Congress input and discussion.

All Congress sessions are held in the Chase-Park Plaza Hotel.

Plenary Paper Responses

Each plenary speaker has read the reactions to the papers that were sent out in advance of the Congress and has prepared a response to present at the Congress. Because these presentations deal with broad issues, they provide a framework and philosophical reference that is important when dealing with the more

specific issues of the Action Seminars. For this reason, and because the presentations are substantially different from the written Plenary Papers, all Congress participants are expected to have read the appropriate papers before the Plenary responses are presented. This is true whether or not a Plenary Paper feedback form was completed before the Congress.

Sunday

2:00 PM — Registration

Registration takes place in the Chase Lounge of the Chase-Park Plaza. All participants are encouraged to complete their registration for both their hotel accommodations and for the Congress program before the Opening Celebration if at all possible.

7:30 PM — Opening Celebration: The Family Together (Khorassan Room)

Doug Oldham and the Re'Generation
Music: Steve Musto

Monday—The Marriage

PRESIDING FOR THE DAY: VIRGINIA LAW SHELL

9:00 AM — Opening Convocation (Khorassan Room)

Official Welcome and Opening of the Congress
Greetings to the Congress
Music Director: Steve Musto
Opening Address: Honorable Mark O. Hatfield

10:00 AM (Khorassan Room)

Speaker: Dr. Lloyd J. Ogilvie
Subject: Marriage as It Was Meant to Be -
The Dynamics of Authentic Relationships

10:30 AM — Coffee Break and Exhibits

11:15-12:15 — Interaction Groups

Each Congress participant has been assigned to an Interaction Group. These groups will meet each day to deal with the input of the Congress personally and in relationship with others. The same groups will meet each day in the same room. Interaction Groups are encouraged to continue their conversation over lunch each day.

2:30 to 3:20 PM — Action Seminars I

Location of Action Seminars is found in the Action Seminar directory on pages 18-21. Congress participants who returned the Action Seminar selection form are expected to adhere to their expressed preference.

3:40 to 4:30 PM — Action Seminars II

7:30 PM — Evening Program (Khorassan Room)

Music: Murk Family Musicale
Participants' Response
Keynote Address: J. Allan Petersen

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Tuesday—The Family

PRESIDING FOR THE DAY: DR. LOUIS EVANS

8:30 AM — Worship and Bible Study (Khorassan Room)

Speaker: Dr. Ray Stedman
Subject: Hand-Me-Down Truth
Text: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

9:00 AM — Personal Perspective: Trends in the Family (Khorassan Room)

Speaker: Dr. C. Ray Fowler

9:30 AM — Plenary Session (Khorassan Room)

Speaker: Edith Schaeffer
Subject: What Is a Family?

Speaker: Dr. S. Bruce Narramore

Subject: Christian Parenthood in a Modern World

10:30 AM — Coffee Break and Exhibits

11:15-12:15 — Interaction Groups

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2:30 to 3:20 PM — Action Seminars I

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3:40 to 4:30 PM — Action Seminars II

7:30 PM — Evening Program (Khorassan Room)

Music: Steve Musto
Participants' Response
Speakers: Dr. Howard and Jeanne Hendricks
Subject: The Christian Worker's Marriage and Family
Film: "The First Days of Life" Jean Garton

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Wednesday—The Man and the Woman

PRESIDING FOR THE DAY: REV. ROBERT DULIN

8:30 AM — Worship and Bible Study (Khorassan Room)

Speaker: Dr. Ray Stedman
 Subject: Caution! God at Work
 Text: Mark 10:1-12

9:00 AM — Personal Perspective: Trends in the Family (Khorassan Room)

Speaker: Dr. James J. Rue

9:30 AM — Plenary Session (Khorassan Room)

Speakers: Dr. John and Letha Scanzoni
 Subject: A Christian View of Men's and Women's Roles in a Changing World
 Speaker: Dr. Harry N. Hollis, Jr.
 Subject: A Christian Model for Sexual Understanding and Behavior

10:30 AM — Coffee Break and Exhibits**11:15-12:15 — Interaction Groups**

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3:40 to 4:30 PM — Action Seminars II**7:30 PM — Evening Program (Khorassan Room)**

The Re'Generation presents a musical program of excerpts from the new musical on the family, "I Promise to Love" and other selections.

Thursday—The Single Person

PRESIDING FOR THE DAY: PAT BOONE

8:30 AM — Worship and Bible Study (Khorassan Room)

Speaker Dr. Ray Stedman
 Subject: One Thing Needful
 Text: Luke 10:38-42

9:00 AM — Personal Perspective: Trends in the Family (Khorassan Room)

Speaker: Rev. Robert Dulin

9:30 AM — Plenary Session (Khorassan Room)

Speaker: Dr. Mark W. Lee
 Subject: The Church and the Unmarried
 Speaker: Rev. Britton Wood
 Subject: The Formerly Married - The Church's New Frontier

10:30 AM — Coffee Break and Exhibits**11:15-12:15 — Interaction Groups**

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2:30 to 3:20 PM — Action Seminar I

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3:40 to 4:30 PM — Action Seminars II**7:00 PM — Evening Program (Khorassan Room)**

Music and Testimony: Pat Boone
 Participants' Response
 Speaker: Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffmann
 Subject: The Dynamics of Family Unity

9:00 PM — "I Love America Bicentennial Cavalcade" by John Peterson and Don Wyrzten

—with producers Don and Doris Newman and vocal director Don Ricks in the Khorassan Room.

Friday—The Church-World

PRESIDING FOR THE DAY: DR. ADRIAN ROGERS

8:30 AM — Worship and Bible Study (Khorassan Room)

Speaker: Dr. Ray Stedman
Subject: When Stones Cry Out
Text: Luke 17:28-40

9:00 AM — Personal Perspective: Trends in the Family (Khorassan Room)

Speaker: Bettye Lechner

9:30 AM — Plenary Session (Khorassan Room)

Speaker: Dr. Ted Ward
Subject: Secular Society and the Christian Family - Two Way Influences
Speaker: Dr. Larry Richards
Subject: How the Church Can Help the Family Face the Future

10:30 AM — Coffee Break and Exhibits

11:15 AM — Closing Session (Khorassan Room)

Music: Steve Musto
Capsule Comments
Speaker: Dr. Leighton Ford
Subject: The Family - Foundation for Evangelism

Departure Information

Congress participants have until 1:00 PM to check out of their hotel rooms without being charged for an additional day's stay or making special arrangements.



**WORSHIP
AND
BIBLE
STUDY**

Each day (Tuesday through Friday) starts with Worship and Bible Study. These times have been planned to begin the day with attention focused on Christ. Full involvement by all Congress participants in Worship and Bible Study sets a spiritual tone for the entire Congress and gives perspective to the tough issues to be faced as the program develops. Plan to arrive in the Khorassan Room promptly at 8:30 each morning for Worship and Bible Study.

Dr. Ray Stedman is the Congress Bible teacher. Each morning he shares a fresh insight from the Word of God for the needs of families. The texts he is using are listed on each day's schedule (pages 11-14).

Prayer releases the power of God to be applied to specific needs. By beginning each day's work with prayer, the output of the day becomes potent for healing the wounds of families.



**PERSONAL
PERSPECTIVES**

The world is larger than any one person and his or her sphere of influence. Churches are not alone in their concern for families. Churches who wish to be effective with families must keep up with trends on the family scene, both in the most current needs of families and recent developments in family services.

Personal Perspective: Trends in the Family, at 9:00 in the Khorassan Room each morning (Tuesday through Friday), gives some of this flavor to the Congress. Each of the speakers has a professional involvement in a distinctive family service that gives him or her a unique perspective on the family, its needs, and how to meet those needs.

Action Seminars

Two sessions of Action Seminars are held each day (Monday through Thursday). Highly qualified personnel are leading groups in the study of specific topics. Congress participants select those Action Seminars of the greatest interest and value to them. Congress participants who returned an Action Seminar selection form in advance of the Congress will please adhere to the preference expressed there. Most seminars are offered twice to allow maximum flexibility in selection for Congress participants. By selecting one Action Seminar from each session for each day, Congress participants take part in eight of these practical experiences. Wives and husbands may select the same or different Action Seminars. The Action Seminar directory on pages 18-21 lists Action Seminars according to their time of offering, giving the title, leaders and locations.

Interaction Groups

The Interaction Groups allow each Congress participant to deal with the input of the Congress program in terms of his or her own experiences, needs, and place of service. The Interaction Groups provide the opportunity to pull together the loose ends of thought that have been provoked by the Congress program and to seek ways of personally applying and using them.

Each Congress participant has been assigned to an Interaction Group of about twenty people or less. The registration packet includes the Interaction Group assignment for each Congress participant. Questions about Interaction Group assignments will be answered at the Congress information desk. The same groups meet in the same places each day. This allows each Congress participant to become well acquainted with a few people through the week. Each group represents a kind of cross-section of the Congress: different vocations, backgrounds, ages, and

geographies. Everyone has something to contribute to and learn from their Interaction Group experience this week. Regular attendance in Interaction Group is more than sticking to the schedule, it is a matter of responsibility to the others in the group.

A leader has been appointed for each Interaction Group. Group leaders have written instructions to follow, which structure the group time so that it can be of maximum benefit for everyone. A recorder completes an Interaction Group Report Form each day and turns them in to the Congress information desk.

The Interaction Group instructions are flexible enough that everyone will profit from the experience. These times will help Congress participants clarify and draw together what they are learning. They are also planned to assist Congress participants in applying what they are learning to their unique situations, opportunities, and needs. For some this is a professional ministry

Evening Programs

Programs have been planned for each evening of the CONTINENTAL CONGRESS ON THE FAMILY that conclude each day's schedule with an inspiring experience centered around God's work in the family. Music, much of it under the direction of Steve Musto, characterizes these gatherings in the Khorassan Room at 7:30 each evening. After the day's work, Congress participants find spiritual refreshment at each evening's unique program.

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with a single congregation, while others are involved with denominations. For some this is in the arena of secular occupation, while others work for religious organizations. For many, if not all, Congress participants the most important application is to their own marriage and family relationships. Discussing the variety of these applications will make the whole Congress more profitable for all involved.

Many of the presentations made at the CONTINENTAL CONGRESS ON THE FAMILY are controversial and provocative. It is the purpose of the Congress to provide a forum for expressing and exploring a broad spectrum of sometimes competing ideas. The views expressed during the Congress program are not necessarily those of the Congress planners and staff. Congress participants are not expected to agree with everything on the Congress program or even with each other.

Therefore, controversy is likely to occur in the Interaction Groups. A spirit of

healthy Christian fellowship promoted by the Opening Celebration, Worship and Bible Study times, and Evening Programs, will make constructive dialogue of the controversy. It is in openly facing and discussing these hard issues, about which opinion varies greatly, that the most profitable work of the Congress is done.

Since the issues are large and the implications many, one hour each day is not adequate to deal with the input of the Congress program in a meaningful way. Therefore, Interaction Groups are encouraged to continue their conversation over lunch each day. On the other hand, the three-hour dinner break (4:30-7:30 PM) allows time for relaxation, and meals and conversation with friends. The impact of the CONTINENTAL CONGRESS ON THE FAMILY is highly concentrated. In the brief time together, Congress participants will want to make maximum use of their time so the Congress can have its maximum practical impact for them.

Action Seminar Directory

Monday

Session I

- The Church, The Retarded, and Today's Institutions* — Rina Florence (Chippendale Room)
- Developing Creative Home Teaching* — Wayne Rickerson (Tiara Lounge North)
- Divorce and Remarriage: A Fresh, Biblical View* — Dwight Small (Khorassan "A")
- Family Enrichment Through the Church* — Julie Gorman (Tiara Room)
- Family Financial Counseling* — Waldo Werning (Park Room)
- Integrating Teens into Family Life* — Jay Kesler (Stockholm Room)
- Marriage Enrichment Through the Church* — H. Norman Wright (Coach Room)
- A New Look at Christian Husbands* — Larry Christenson (Tiara Lounge South)
- The Practical Process of Premarital Counseling* — Howard Hendricks (Chase Club)
- Spiritual Gifts Versus Prescribed Roles in Marriage* — Louis and Colleen Evans (Starlight Roof)
- Training Christian Couples for Marriage Counseling* — Norman Wakefield (Regency Room)

Session II

- Adolescents, Drugs, and Delinquents* — Basil Jackson (Tiara Lounge South)
- The Church, the Retarded, and Today's Institutions* — Rina Florence (Chippendale Room)
- Community Influences on the Family* — Wildering S. Edwards (Coach Room)
- Divorce and Remarriage: A Fresh Practical View* — Lars Granberg (Khorassan "C")
- Establishing a Day Care Center in the Local Church* — Arnold Berntsen (Park Room)
- How the Church Splits the Family* — Lane Adams, Victor Glavich (Tiara Room)
- The Mentally and Physically Ill Family Member* — Markham Berry (Stockholm Room)
- Models of Marriage Counseling* — Donald Tweedie (Khorassan "A")
- A New Look at Christian Husbands* — Larry Christenson (Starlight Roof)
- A New Look at Christian Wives* — Gladys Hunt (Chase Club Pit)
- Premarital Counseling: Its Importance and Effective Use* — Anthony Florio (Regency Room)

Tuesday

Session I

- The Aged Family Member and the Church* — David Moberg (Park Room)
- Biblical Guidelines for Handling Family Conflict* — George Sanchez (Khorassan "A")
- Divorce and Remarriage: A Fresh Biblical View* — Dwight Small (Tiara Room)
- Family Financial Counseling* — Waldo Werning (Georgian Room)
- Integrating Teens Into Family Life* — Jay Kesler (Tiara Lounge South)
- Integrating Teens Into the Local Church* — Denny Rydberg (Colonial Room)
- The One-Parent Family* — Robert Pinder (Coach Room)
- The Practical Process of Premarital Counseling* — Howard Hendricks (Chase Club)
- Self-Image and Family Success* — James Dobson (Starlight Roof)
- Spiritual Gifts Versus Prescribed Roles in Marriage* — Louis and Colleen Evans (Regency Room)
- A Theology of Marriage and the Family* — Colemon Kerry (Tiara Lounge North)
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Wednesday**Session I**

- Abortion* — Clifford Bajema, Phillip Ney (Coach Room)
Alternate Styles of Marriage — John Scanzoni (Tiara Room)
Developing Alternatives to Abortion — Judy Fink, Marjorie Mecklenberg (Lucas Place)
A Biblical View of Homosexuality — Dennis Kinlaw (Tiara Lounge North)
Christian Higher Education and Family Development — David McKenna (Colonial Room)
Collegiate Singles and the Church — Rich Berry, Barb Sroka (Palladian Room)
Developing an Adult Single Lifestyle — Nancy Hardesty, Lyle Hillegas (Stockholm Room)
Developing Creative Home Teaching — Wayne Rickerson (Starlight Roof)
Integrating Teens Into the Local Church — Denny Rydberg (Regency Room)
Masculinity Today — Gary Collins (Khorassan "A")
Ministering to the Family of the Alcoholic — Jerry Dunn (Park Room)
The One-Parent Family — Robert Pinder (Zodiac Lounge)
The Single Woman and the Church — Joan Salmon Campbell, Virginia McIver, Linda LeSourd (Georgian Room)
A Theology of Marriage and the Family — Colemon Kerry (Empire Room)

Session II

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The Church and the Homosexual — Guy Charles (Park Room)
Establishing a Day Care Center in the Local Church — Arnold Berntsen (Colonial Room)
Family Cluster Education — Del and Trudy VanderHaar (Coach Room)
Friendship Evangelism — Matt Prince (Stockholm Room)
Femininity Today — Dr. Mary Stewart Van Leewen (Zodiac Lounge)
Professional Family Counseling and the Church — Paul Walker (Tiara Lounge North)
Rapid Treatment for a Troubled Marriage — Andre Bustanoby (Starlight Roof)
Sex Education in the Home — Letha Scanzoni (Tiara Room)
Sex Inside and Outside of Marriage — David Seamands (Empire Room)
Strengthening the Pastor's Family Counseling Skills — John and Robina Drakeford (Khorassan "A")

Thursday**Session I**

- Abortion* — Clifford Bajema, Phillip Ney (Palladian Room)
Biblical Guidelines for Handling Family Conflict — George Sanchez (Tiara Room)
A Biblical View of Homosexuality — Dennis Kinlaw (Zodiac Lounge)
Christian Higher Education and Family Development — David McKenna (Georgian Room)
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Developing an Adult Single Lifestyle — Nancy Hardesty, Lyle Hillegas (Coach Room)
Developing a Church Family Learning Center — Morris Sheats (Regency Room)
Developing Family Emotional Maturity — O. Quentin Hyder (Starlight Roof)
Leisure, Vacations, and the Family — Bill Gwinn (Tiara Lounge North)
Masculinity Today — Gary Collins (Empire Room)
The Single Woman and the Church — Joan Salmon Campbell, Virginia McIver, Linda LeSourd (Stockholm Room)
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Verbal and Non-Verbal Communication in the Home — Mark Lee (Khorassan "A")

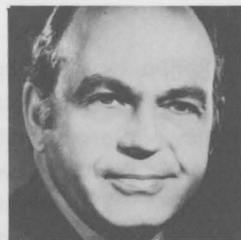
Session II

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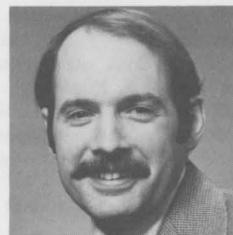


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Rev. Clifford E. Bajema is co-leader of the Action Seminar, "Abortion" (Wednesday I and Thursday I). He is the Pastor of the Akron Christian Reformed Church in Akron, Ohio. The author of *Abortion and the Meaning of Personhood*, he is a part-time instructor at Kent State University and is active in the national right-to-life movement. He was an InterVarsity staff representative at the University of Colorado and has had pastorates in Colorado Springs and Denver.



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The Bicentennial Cavalcade presents its own program based on the musical "I Love America" by John Peterson and Don Wyrzten. This extra program available to Congress participants is produced and directed by Don and Doris Newman. Don Ricks is Vocal Director and Lynda Cleveland Technical Director for the troupe of thirty-five young people.

Pat Boone is presiding for the day on Thursday. He sings and presents his personal testimony that evening and is on the Congress Convening Committee. A recording artist, Pat Boone has written several books, including *A New Song*.



Marjorie Branch leads the Action Seminar, "The School, the Family and the Urban Community" (Thursday I and II). She is the Principal of the Leif Ericson Elementary School in Chicago.



Rev. Andre Bustanoby is the leader for the Action Seminar, "Rapid Treatment for a Troubled Marriage" (Wednesday II and Thursday II). He served as a pastor for twelve years before entering private practice as a counselor specializing in marriage and family in Bowie, Maryland. He has contributed articles to *Christianity Today* and conducts communication workshops and family-life seminars.



Rev. Joan Salmon Campbell is one of three leaders of the Action Seminar, "The Single Woman and the Church" (Wednesday I and Thursday I). She is Assistant Pastor at St. Marks United Presbyterian Church in Rockville, Maryland. She is a composing and performing musician. A Master of Divinity degree candidate, she specializes in the Black legacy to music and the arts.



Guy Charles leads the Action Seminar on "The Church and the Homosexual" (Wednesday II and Thursday II). He is the founder and Director of Liberation, the only full-time Christian organization involved solely in an outreach to homosexuals. An active homosexual for thirty-seven years, he now counsels homosexuals personally and through correspondence.



Rev. Larry Christenson is leading the Action Seminar, "A New Look at Christian Husbands" (Monday I and II) and serves on the Congress Convening Committee. He is the Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in San Pedro, California. His writing includes the book, *The Christian Family*.



Dr. Gary Collins is the Congress Program Director. He leads an Action Seminar on "Masculinity Today" (Wednesday I and Thursday I) and serves on the Congress Convening Committee. He is Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pastoral Psychology and Counseling at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois. He is the author of several books including *Overcoming Anxiety* and *The Christian Psychology of Paul Tournier*. He was the National President of the American Scientific Association in 1974.



Dr. James Dobson leads the Action Seminar on "Self-Image and Family Success" (Tuesday I and II) and serves on the Congress Convening Committee. He is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Southern California School of Medicine and Director of Behavioral Research in the Division of Child Development for Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. Two of his books are *Dare to Discipline* and *Hide and Seek*.



Dr. John Drakeford, along with his wife Robina, leads the Action Seminar, "Strengthening the Pastor's Family Counseling Skills" (Wednesday II and Thursday II) and serves on the Congress Convening Committee. He is Professor of Psychology and Counseling at Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas and Director of the Baptist Marriage and Family Counseling Center. He has written nineteen books and co-authored three others. He is a licensed psychologist, a clinical member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Counselors and a Clinical Supervisor in the field of Clinical Pastoral Education.



Robina Drakeford, along with her husband John, leads the Action Seminar, "Strengthening the Pastor's Family Counseling Skills" (Wednesday II and Thursday II). She was born in Scotland and has traveled extensively with her husband conducting youth and family-life conferences.



Rev. Robert Dulin is presiding for the day on Wednesday and presenting his Personal Perspective: Trends in the Family on Thursday. He is the Associate Pastor of the Metropolitan Church of God in Detroit, Michigan, and Chairman of the Committee on Ministries with Black Families of the National Council of Churches.



Rev. Jerry Dunn is the leader of the Action Seminar, "Ministering to the Alcoholic's Family" (Tuesday II and Wednesday I). He is the Executive Director of The People's City Mission in Lincoln, Nebraska and is the immediate past President of The International Union of Gospel Missions. Out of his personal experience as an alcoholic, Jerry Dunn has written his book, *God Is for the Alcoholic*, and presents his weekly TV program, "Plain Talk."



Dr. Wildering Edwards leads the Action Seminar on "Community Influences on the Family" (Monday II and Tuesday II). She is Associate Professor of Home and Family Life at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas and is Visiting Professor at San Diego State College and Indiana University of Pennsylvania.



Colleen Townsend Evans, along with her husband Louis, is the leader of the Action Seminar, "Spiritual Gifts Versus Prescribed Roles in Marriage" (Monday I and Tuesday I). She is the author of *A New Joy* and *Love Is an Everyday Thing*. A former actress with Twentieth Century Fox, she now serves on the boards of Wooster College in Ohio and Union Theological Seminary in Richmond.



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Dr. Anthony Florio leads an Action Seminar on "Premarital Counseling: Its Importance and Effective Use" (Monday II and Tuesday II) and serves on the Congress Convening Committee. He is a member of the psychiatric staff of St. Joseph's Hospital in Ridgewood, New Jersey and has a private practice as a pre-marriage, marriage, and family counselor. He is the founder of Christian Singles Fellowship and has written the book for pre-marrieds, *Two to Get Ready*.



Dr. Leighton Ford presents the concluding address to the Congress on Friday afternoon, "The Family - Foundation for Evangelism." He is Vice President and Associate Evangelist with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.



Dr. C. Ray Fowler presents his Personal Perspective: Trends in the Family on Tuesday. He is the Executive Director of the American Association of Marriage and Family Counselors.



Victor Glavach is co-leader of the Action Seminar, "How the Church Splits the Family" (Monday II and Tuesday II). He is a Legislative Aide to Senator Mark O. Hatfield of Oregon and is the Director of the *Campus Life* Department of Youth for Christ, International, U.S.A.



Julie Gorman leads the Action Seminar on "Family Enrichment Through the Local Church" (Monday I). She is Educational Associate in the Children-Family area for Lake Avenue Congregational Church of Pasadena, California and has written for Scripture Press and Gospel Light publications.



Dr. Lars Granberg is the leader of the Action Seminar, "Divorce and Remarriage: A Fresh Practical View" (Monday II and Tuesday II) and serves on the Congress Convening Committee. He is Dean for the Social Sciences and Professor of Psychology, Hope College, in Holland, Michigan.



Rev. Bill Gwinn leads the Action Seminar on "Leisure, Vacations, and the Family" (Thursday I and II). He is the Executive Director of Mount Hermon Christian Conference Grounds in California.



Nancy Hardesty is the co-leader of the Action Seminar, "Developing an Adult Single Lifestyle" (Wednesday I and Thursday I). She is a free-lance writer working toward a doctorate at the University of Chicago Divinity School. She has been Assistant Professor of English at Trinity College in Deerfield, Illinois, Assistant Editor of *Eternity* magazine, and is co-author of the book, *All We're Meant To Be*.



Honorable Mark O. Hatfield is the Honorary Chairman of the Congress and U.S. Senator from Oregon. He is speaking at the Opening Convocation, Monday morning.



Dr. Howard Hendricks, along with his wife Jeanne, addresses the Congress Tuesday evening on "The Christian Worker's Marriage and Family." He also serves on the Congress Executive Committee and is leading an Action Seminar on "The Practical Process of Premarital Counseling" (Monday I and Tuesday I). He is Professor of Christian Education at Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, Texas. Among his books are *Say It with Love* and *Heaven Help the Home*.



Jeanne Hendricks, along with her husband Howard, addresses the Congress Tuesday evening on "The Christian Worker's Marriage and Family."



Dr. Lyle Hillegas is the co-leader of the Action Seminar, "Developing an Adult Single Lifestyle" (Wednesday I and Thursday I). He is the President of Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California.



Dr. Oswald Hoffmann addresses the Congress on Thursday evening on "The Dynamics of Family Unity." He has been the speaker on the Lutheran Hour radio program since 1955. Among his books is *Hurry Home Where You Belong*.



Dr. Harry N. Hollis, Jr. presents a plenary paper, "A Christian Model for Sexual Understanding and Behavior." He is the Director of Family and Special Moral Concerns for the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention



Gladys Hunt leads the Action Seminar, "A New Look at Christian Wives" (Monday II and Tuesday II) and serves on the Congress Convening Committee. She works with InterVarsity in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Among her books are *MS Means Myself* and *Honey for a Child's Heart*.



O. Quentin Hyder, M.D. leads an Action Seminar on "Developing Family Emotional Maturity" (Thursday I). He maintains a private practice of psychiatry in New York City and is the Medical Director of the Christian Counseling and Psychotherapy Center in Mid-town Manhattan. He is involved in clinical research in depression at the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. He is an author of two books, including *A Christian Handbook of Psychiatry*.



Basil Jackson, M.D. is the leader of the Action Seminar on "Adolescents, Drugs, and Delinquents" (Monday II and Tuesday II). He is a Professor at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry, Lutheran Hospital, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



Rev. Coleman W. Kerry leads the Action Seminar on "A Theology of Marriage and the Family" (Tuesday I and Wednesday I). He is the pastor of Friendship Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. He serves on the Boards of Directors of the NAACP, The National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Boy Scouts of America and the YMCA.



Dr. Jay Kesler leads the Action Seminar on "Integrating Teens Into Family Life" (Monday I and Tuesday I) and serves on the Congress Convening Committee. He is the President of Youth For Christ International, U.S.A. and is Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Geneva, Illinois.



Dr. Dennis Kinlaw is the leader of the Action Seminar, "A Biblical View of Homosexuality" (Wednesday I and Thursday I). He is President of Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky.



Bettye Lechner presents her Personal Perspective: Trends in the Family on Friday. She is the Executive Director of the Christian Family Movement in Chicago, Illinois.



Dr. Mark W. Lee presents a plenary paper, "The Church and the Unmarried," serves on the Congress Convening Committee, and leads an Action Seminar on "Verbal and Non-verbal Communication in the Home" (Thursday I). He is President of Simpson College in San Francisco, California. Among his books is *Our Children: Our Best Friends*.



Linda LeSourd is one of three leaders of the Action Seminar, "The Single Woman and the Church" (Wednesday I and Thursday I). She serves on the staff of Cornerstone, a discipleship and training center near the University of Maryland, which is affiliated with the Fellowship Foundation.



Virginia McIver is one of three leaders of the Action Seminar, "The Single Woman and the Church" (Wednesday I and Thursday I). She is a music teacher in Houston, Texas.



Dr. David L. McKenna leads the Action Seminar on "Christian Higher Education and Family Development" (Wednesday I and Thursday I). He is the President of Seattle Pacific College, Seattle, Washington. He serves on the Council on Higher Education for the State of Washington and the Executive Committee of the Christian College Consortium. He is President of Independent Colleges of Washington, Inc. and the Director of the Association of American Colleges.



Marjory Mecklenberg is the co-leader of the Action Seminar, "Developing Alternatives to Abortion" (Wednesday I and II). She is the President of Americans Concerned for Life, Inc. and Vice-Chairman of Americans United for Life.



Dr. David Moberg leads the Action Seminar on "The Aged Family Member and the Church" (Tuesday I and II) and serves on the Congress Convening Committee. He is Chairman of the Sociology and Anthropology Department at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



The Murk Family Musicales performs Monday evening. The performance features vocal and instrumental music by Jim and Donna Murk of Wheaton, Illinois and their five children, Barb, Beverly, Bill, Becky and Brenda.

Barbara Musto is the Musical Accompanist for the Congress.



Steve Musto is the Congress Music Director. He is a vocalist with Word Records. He travels frequently with evangelists.



Dr. S. Bruce Narramore presents a plenary paper, "Christian Parenthood in a Modern World" and serves on the Congress Convening Committee. He is Academic Dean and Associate Professor of Psychology at the Rosemead Graduate School of Psychology in Rosemead, California. He is the author of *Help! I'm a Parent* and *A Guide to Child Rearing*.



Philip Ney, M.D. is the co-leader of an Action Seminar on "Abortion" (Wednesday I and Thursday I). He is an Associate Clinical Professor at the University of British Columbia and Head of the Department of Psychiatry at Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria, British Columbia.



Dr. Lloyd J. Ogilvie presents a plenary paper, "Marriage as It Was Meant to Be: The Dynamics of Authentic Relationships" and serves on the Congress Convening Committee. He is the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, California.



Doug Oldham takes part in the Congress Opening Celebration: The Family Together on Sunday night. Gospel singer, recording artist, he appears on television as the soloist for the Old Time Gospel Hours of the Thomas Road Baptist Church of Lynchburg, Virginia.



J. Allan Petersen is the Executive Director of the Congress and is presenting the keynote address on Monday evening. He is the founder and Director of Family Concern, Inc. of Omaha, Nebraska. Among his books is *The Marriage Affair*.



Dr. Robert Pinder leads an Action Seminar on "The One-Parent Family" (Tuesday I and Wednesday I). He is Associate Professor of Family Relations in the Home and Family Life Department of Texas Tech University. A former pastor, he serves as a counselor for the pastors and other church staff members in the Baptist General Convention of Texas.



Rev. Matt Prince is the leader of the Action Seminar on "Friendship Evangelism" (Wednesday II and Thursday II). He is the founder and director of New Life, Inc. in Knoxville, Tennessee. He has been a lawyer and Assistant to the Executive Director of Young Life.



The Re'Generation shares in the Sunday night Opening Celebration: The Family Together and on Wednesday evening presents selections from "I Promise to Love" and other parts of their repertoire. "I Promise to Love" is a new musical written and composed by Derric Johnson and orchestrated by Don Marsh. The Re'Generation is a touring musical group of ten young people now in their sixth year together.

Dr. Larry Richards presents the plenary paper, "How the Church Can Help the Family Face the Future" and serves on the Congress Convening Committee. He is a member of the Step 2 team, a Chicago-based church renewal organization. An author living in Phoenix, Arizona, among his books are *New Face for the Church* and *You the Parent*.



Wayne Rickerson leads the Action Seminar, "Developing Creative Home Teaching" (Monday I and Wednesday I). A free lance writer, he has been a high school teacher, pastor and Christian education minister. He conducts Creative Home Teaching Seminars.



Rev. Denny Rydberg is the leader of the Action Seminar, "Integrating Teens Into the Local Church" (Tuesday I and Wednesday I). He is the Vice-President of Youth Specialties, Inc. and editor of the *Wittenburg Door* magazine.



Dr. Adrian Rogers presides for the day on Friday. He is the Pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee, and President of the Pastors' Fellowship of the Southern Baptist Convention.



Dr. James Rue presents his Personal Perspective: Trends in the Family on Wednesday. He is the President and National Director of the National Alliance for Family Life.



Rev. George Sanchez is the leader of the Action Seminar on "Biblical Guidelines for Handling Family Conflict" (Tuesday I and Thursday I). He is Special Assistant to the President of The Navigators. His work with college students at Northern Colorado University and with couples in Denver has grown into a nationwide network of Scriptural Home Seminars.



Dr. John Scanzoni presents a plenary paper, along with his wife Letha, "A Christian View of Men's and Women's Roles in a Changing World."



He is leading an Action Seminar on "Alternate Styles of Marriage" (Wednesday I) and serves on the Congress Convening Committee. He is Professor of sociology at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. Among his books are *The Black Family in Modern Society* and *Opportunity and the Family*. He is the associate editor of *Christian Scholar's Review* and on the Board of Directors of the Institute for Advanced Christian Studies.

Letha Scanzoni presents a plenary paper, along with her husband John, "A Christian View of Men's and Women's Roles in a Changing World."



She is leading an Action Seminar on "Sex Education in the Home" (Wednesday II) and serves on the Congress Convening Committee. She is a professional writer and conducts retreats on subjects related to marriage, sex, and family. Among her books are *All We're Meant To Be*, *Sex Is a Parent Affair* and *Sex and the Single Eye*.

Edith Schaeffer presents the plenary paper, "What Is a Family?" An author and lecturer, she is the wife of Dr. Francis Schaeffer of L'Abri Fellowship in Switzerland. Among her writings is the book *Hidden Art*.



Dr. David Seamands is the leader of the Action Seminar, "Sex Inside and Outside of Marriage" (Wednesday II and Thursday II) and serves on the Congress Convening Committee. He is the Pastor of the Wilmore United Methodist Church, host church to Asbury College and Theological Seminary, and an active leader in the Marriage Enrichment program.



Dr. Morris Sheats is the leader of the Action Seminar on "Developing a Church Family Learning Center" (Thursday I and II). He is the Pastor of Trinity Church in Lubbock, Texas and has a radio and television program called RAP, Reaching Another Person.



Virginia Law Shell is presiding for the day on Monday and serves on the Congress Executive Committee. She is the originator of the Marriage Enrichment Program for the Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church. Living in Potomac, Maryland, she speaks at conferences, seminars, and retreats on marriage and family life and has written *Appointment Congo* and *As Far As I Can Step*.



Dr. Dwight Hervey Small leads the Action Seminar, "Divorce and Remarriage: A Fresh, Biblical View" (Monday I and Tuesday I) and serves on the Congress Convening Committee. A former pastor, he is Associate Professor of Sociology at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California. The newest of his books on marriage is *The Right to Remarry*.



Barbara Sroka is the co-leader of the Action Seminar, "Collegiate Singles and the Church" (Wednesday I and Thursday I). She is the Assistant Editor of *HIS Magazine*, the official publication of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship U.S.A. and Canada.



Dr. Ray Stedman is the Congress Bible Teacher and serves on the Congress Convening Committee. He is the Pastor of the Peninsula Bible Church in Palo Alto, California. Among his books are *Body Life*, *What More Can God Say?* and *Birth of the Body*.



C. P. (Tark) Tarkington, along with his wife Alma, is leading the Action Seminar on "Counseling Military Families" (Thursday II). He is the Acting Director for Overseas Christian Servicemen's Centers. He has served with Christian Servicemen's Centers in Spain, Okinawa, and the Philippines.



Alma Tarkington, along with her husband "Tark," is leading the Action Seminar on "Counseling Military Families" (Thursday II).



Dr. Donald Tweedie, Jr. leads the Action Seminar, "Models of Marriage Counseling" (Monday II and Tuesday II) and serves on the Congress Convening Committee. He is Professor of Psychology at the Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California and has been in private practice in psychotherapeutic counseling since 1958. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the Western Association for Christians in Behavioral Sciences.



Rev. Delbert J. Vander Haar, along with his wife Trudy, is leading the Action Seminar on "Family Cluster Education" (Wednesday II and Thursday II). The Secretary for Western Regional Services and Family Life of the General Program Council of the Reformed Church in America, he is an author and leader of Marriage Enrichment Seminars, Family Cluster Experiences, Pastor and Wives Seminars, and Parent-Child Seminars.



Trudy Vander Haar, along with her husband Del, is leading the Action Seminar on "Family Cluster Education" (Wednesday II and Thursday II). A mother of four, she works with her husband facilitating family seminars. She has been a church Youth Director and a teacher and has written for *The Church Herald* and *Spectrum*.



Dr. Mary Stewart Van Leewen leads the Action Seminar on "Femininity Today" (Wednesday II and Thursday II). She is Assistant Professor of Psychology at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. A professional writer in the field of Social and Cross-Cultural Psychology, she has recently returned from a teaching and research assignment in Africa.



Dr. Norman Wakefield

is leading the Action Seminar, "Training Christian Couples for Marriage Counseling" (Monday I and Tuesday I) and serves on the Congress Convening Committee. He is Associate Professor of Christian Education at Talbot Theological Seminary in La Mirada, California. He is also Co-director of Christian Marriage Enrichment Seminars and Co-editor of Marriage and Family Resource Newsletter.

**Dr. Paul Walker**

leads the Action Seminar on "Professional Family Counseling and the Church" (Wednesday II and Thursday II). He has been Pastor of the Mount Paran Church of God in Atlanta, Georgia for 15 years and is on the staff of the Atlanta Counseling Center. He has written *The Ministry of Church and Pastor* and *Counseling Youth*.

**Dr. Ted Ward**

presents the plenary paper, "Secular Society and the Christian Family - Two Way Influences." He is Professor of Curriculum Research at the Institute for International Studies and Co-director of the Values Development Education Program of Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan.

**Dr. Waldo J. Werning**

leads the Action Seminar on "Family Financial Counseling" (Monday I and Tuesday I). A former pastor and school teacher, he is the Executive Secretary of Stewardship of the South Wisconsin District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

**Ed Wheat, M.D.**

leads the Action Seminar, "Christian Sex Counseling" (Wednesday II and Thursday II). A family physician for 23 years, he presents Christian Home Seminars and Bible Conferences. He is the founder of Bible Believers Cassettes, Inc. and the author of the counseling cassettes *Sex Problems and Sex Technique in Marriage*.

**Rev. Britton Wood**

presents the plenary paper, "The Formerly Married - The Church's New Frontier." He is the Single Adult Minister of the Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas.

**H. Norman Wright**

is the leader of the Action Seminar, "Marriage Enrichment Through the Church" (Monday I and Tuesday II) and serves on the Congress Convening Committee. He is Associate Professor of Psychology at Biola College in La Mirada, California and a licensed Marriage, Child, and Family Counselor. Among his books are *Communication: Key to Your Marriage* and *The Living Marriage*.



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General Information

Congress Information Desk

The Congress information desk is located in the Lido room, adjacent to the Regency Foyer. Congress participants should inquire there for information and assistance. This is the place to inquire about such things as late registration and lost and found. The volunteer Congress stewards are also available for the assistance of Congress participants.

Day guests are welcome for the morning plenary sessions and the evening programs as space allows. They should obtain passes at the Congress information desk.

The phone number for the Continental Congress on the Family at the Chase-Park Plaza is 314-367-9826.

Messages

Messages for Congress participants are posted on a kiosk in the Regency Foyer outside the Lido Room. Since messages are not announced in Congress sessions, Congress participants are encouraged to check for messages several times each day. Messages that have been received should be removed.

Hotel Accommodation

Although Congress participants are housed in a number of hotels in St. Louis, all sessions of the CONTINENTAL CONGRESS ON THE FAMILY are held in the Chase-Park Plaza. The Congress registration fee (\$75 individual - \$90 couple) includes only participation in Congress sessions. It does not include any housing or meals. Congress participants are responsible to make payment for all lodging, meals, and other hotel services before they leave. The Congress will not be responsible for any of these charges.



Admission and Identification Badges

Congress participants must wear their Congress identification badges at all times in the Chase-Park Plaza. The Congress identification badge is the pass to all Congress sessions. Lost badges should be reported immediately to the Congress information desk in the Lido Room. In addition to name, badges designate the following:

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| Participant | Speaker |
| Staff | Press |
| Executive Committee | Guest |

Congress Materials

Except for official press coverage, Congress participants are prohibited from tape recording or taking photographs during Congress sessions. Professional quality tapes and photographs will be available.

Arrangements have been made through Word, Inc. for the publication of Congress materials and tapes of Congress sessions. Information presented at the Congress will be published by Word, Inc. early in 1976. Professional photographers are taking pictures of Congress activities. Make special requests with the Congress Information desk. An order form for Congress materials, tapes, and photos is in the registration packet. Bring completed order forms to the Congress information desk of the Family Concern booth.

Parking

A self-park garage and valet parking are available at the Chase-Park Plaza for Congress participants with cars. The garage is located on Maryland Avenue. It may be reached through the Park Plaza lobby.

Shuttle Busses

Complementary shuttle busses transport Congress participants between the Chase-Park Plaza and outlying hotels. Congress identification badges must be worn to board busses. Busses will make pick-ups and deliveries at the main entrances of the Rodeway Inn and the Downtowner Motor Inn. Congress participants staying at the Holiday Inn, Downtown, catch the bus at the Rodeway.

Busses leave Rodeway and Downtowner main entrances:

7:30 and 8:00 AM (8:00 and 8:30 AM on Monday)

1:30 and 2:00 PM

6:30 and 7:00 PM

Busses leave Chase-Park Plaza main entrance:

12:30 and 1:00 PM (1:00 and 1:30 PM on Friday)

4:45 and 5:15 PM

9:45 and 10:15 PM (9:15, 9:45, 11:00, and 11:30 PM on Thursday)

Travel Arrangements

A travel representative will be available in the Lido Room throughout the week to assist Congress participants in making travel arrangements.

Prayer Room

Congress participants are encouraged to pray for the Congress and our families individually, as couples, and in small groups. The Regency Room will be open at 7:00 AM for morning prayer for Congress participants.

Medical Assistance

The Chase Park-Plaza has a medical doctor on its staff. Congress participants needing medical assistance may call the hotel switchboard.

Meals in the Chase-Park Plaza

Congress participants may eat in the restaurants of the Chase-Park Plaza or in other local restaurants. Approximate price ranges (without appetizer or dessert) for the Chase-Park Plaza restaurants are listed below. Also a sandwich buffet lunch is available for approximately \$3.25 in the Steeplechase and Sea Chase.

Tenderloin Room

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| Lunch | \$2.90 to \$5.95 |
| Dinner | \$5.50 to \$10.00 |

Sea Chase

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| Dinner | \$4.95 to \$9.25 |
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Hunt Room

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| Breakfast | \$1.45 to \$5.05 |
| Lunch | \$1.75 to \$3.65 |
| Dinner | \$4.50 and up |

Tack Room

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| Breakfast | \$1.40 to \$3.60 |
| Lunch | \$1.30 to \$3.95 |
| Dinner | \$1.30 to \$3.95 |

Meals in Local Restaurants

Congress participants may eat in local restaurants or in those of the Chase-Park Plaza. Approximate price ranges and locations for several restaurants are listed below:

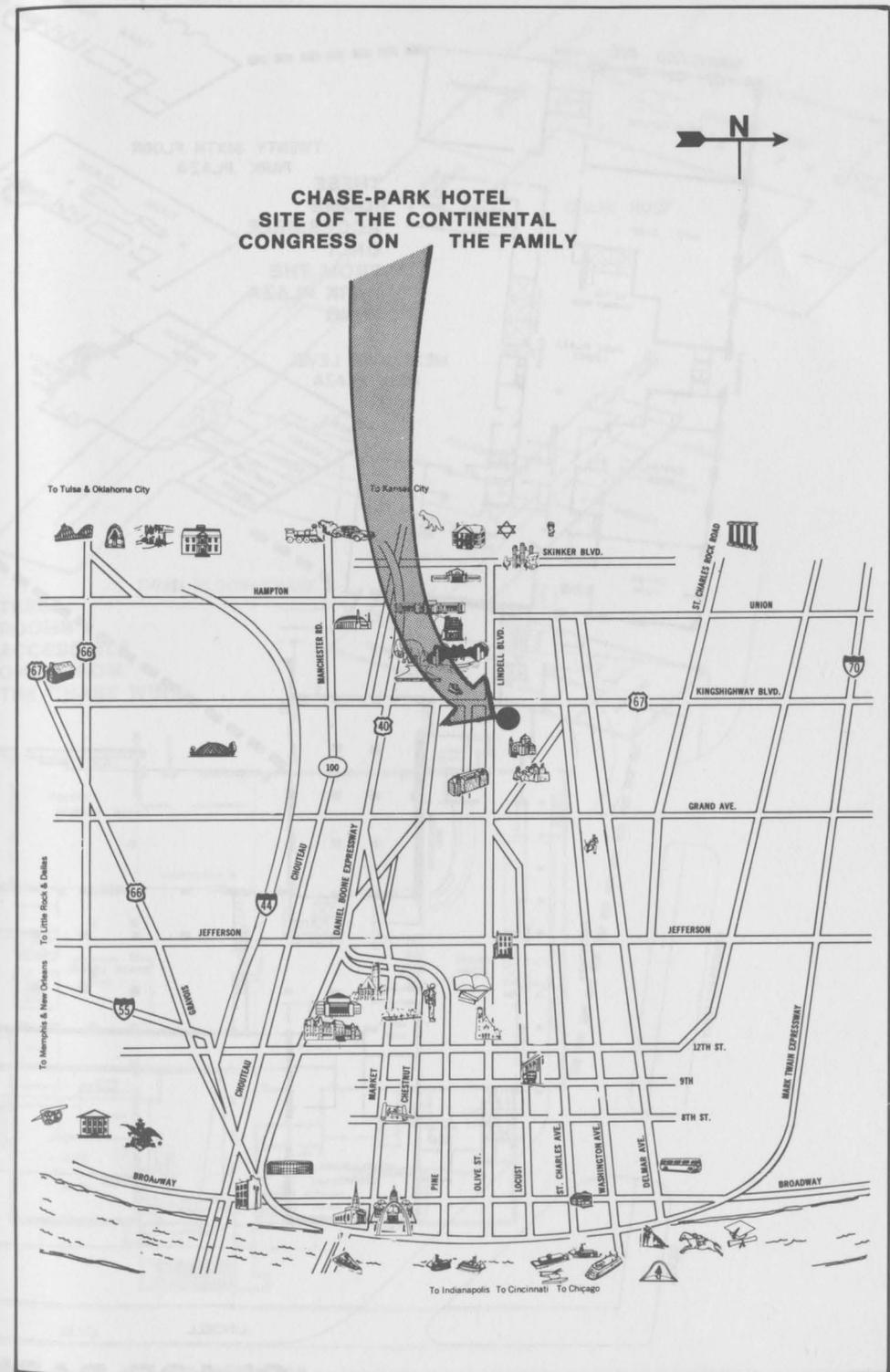
Balaban's Restaurant, 405 North Euclid St., \$5.00 and up.

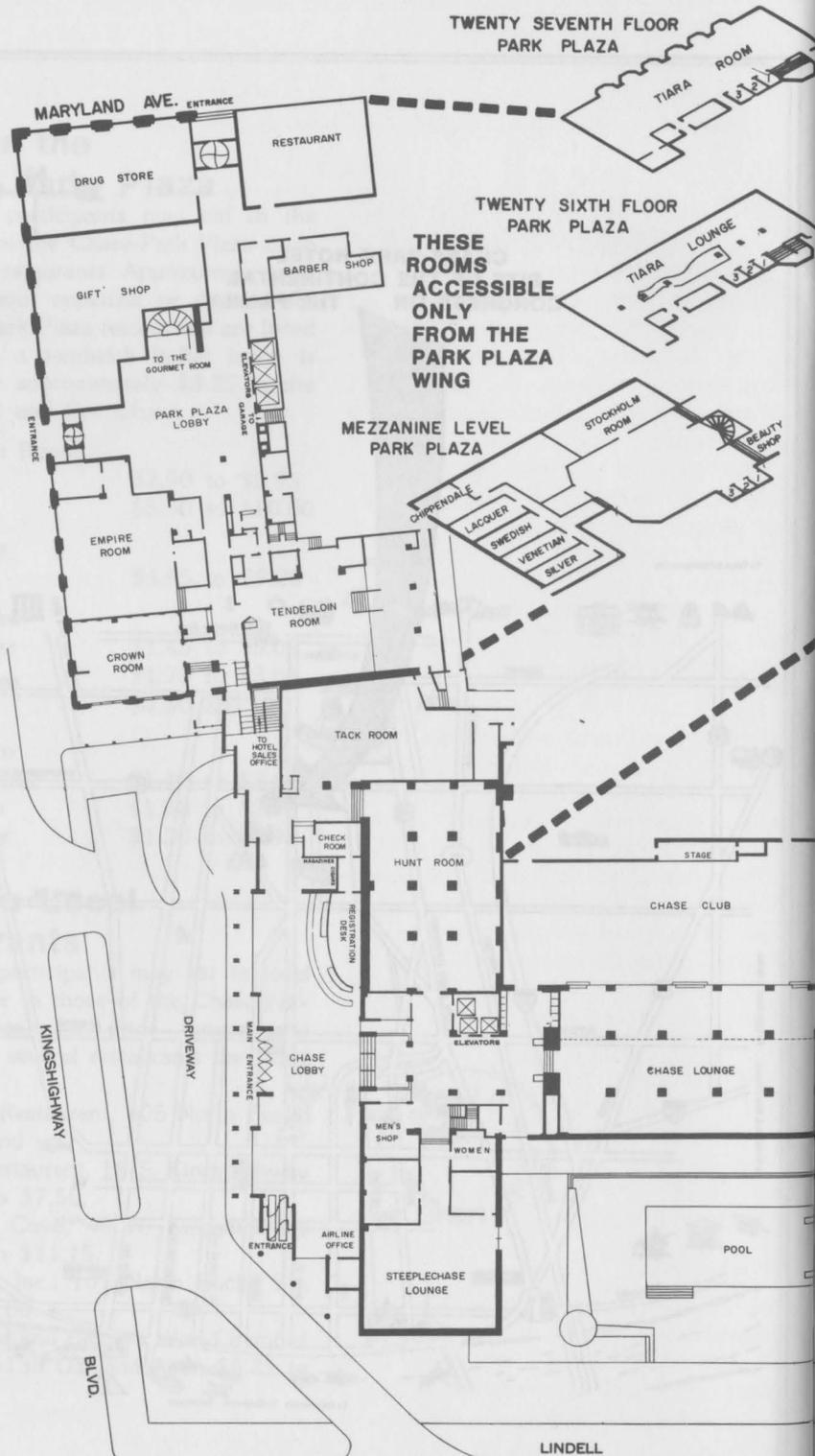
Mikado Restaurant, 18 S. Kingshighway St., \$4.75 to \$7.50.

Nantucket Cove, 40 N. Kingshighway St., \$4.75 to \$11.15.

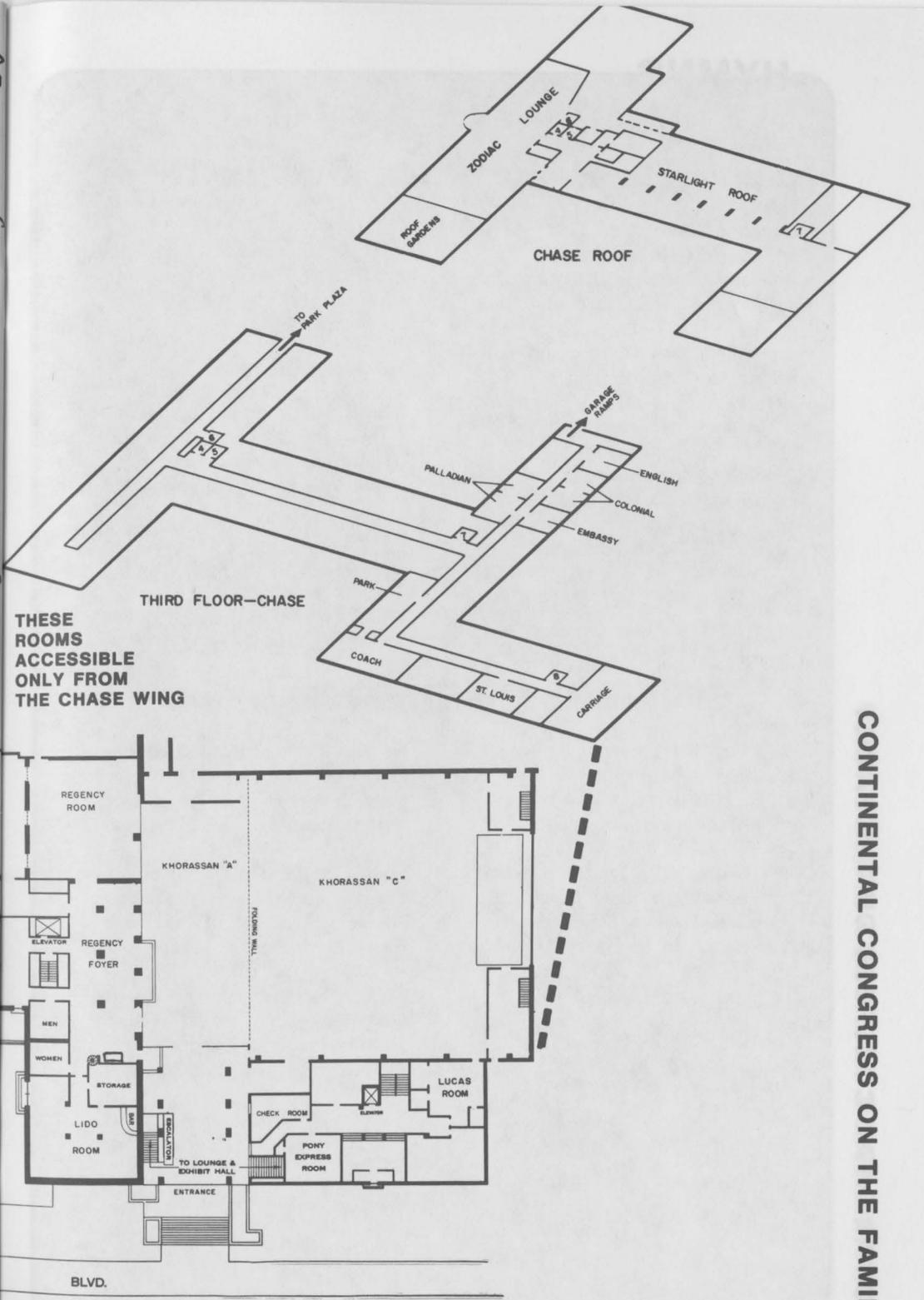
Red Brick, Inc., 101 North Euclid St., \$7.00 to \$9.00.

Stan Musial and Biggie's World Famous Restaurant, 5130 Oakland Ave., \$5.25 to \$9.75.





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Happy the Home when God Is There

Happy the home when God is there,
And love fills every breast;
When one their wish, and one their prayer,
And one their heavenly rest.

Happy the home where Jesus' name
Is sweet to every ear;
Where children early lisp His fame,
And parents hold Him dear.

Happy the home where prayer is heard,
And praise is wont to rise;
Where parents love the sacred Word
And all its wisdom prize.

Lord, let us in our homes agree
This blessed peace to gain;
Unite our hearts in love to Thee,
And love to all will reign. A-men.

Children of the Heavenly Father

Children of the heavenly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish,
From all evil things He spares them,
In His mighty arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Praise the Lord in joyful numbers;
Your Protector never slumbers.
At the will of your Defender
Every foe - man must surrender.

Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

God, Give Us Christian Homes!

God, give us Christian homes!
Homes where the Bible is loved and taught,
Homes where the Master's will is sought,
Homes crowned with beauty Thy love hath wrought;
God, give us Christian homes;
God, give us Christian homes!

God, give us Christian homes!
Homes where the father is true and stong.
Homes that are free from the blight of wrong,
Homes that are joyous with love and song;
God, give us Christian homes;
God, give us Christian homes!

God, give us Christian homes!
Homes where the mother, in queenly quest,
Strives to show others Thy way is best,
Homes where the Lord is an honored guest;
God, give us Christian homes;
God, give us Christian homes!

God, give us Christian homes!
Homes where the children are led to know
Christ in His beauty Who loves them so,
Homes where the altar fires burn and glow;
God, give us Christian homes;
God, give us Christian homes!

Faith of Our Fathers

Faith of our fathers! living still
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword:
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,
Were still in heart and conscience free:
How sweet would be their children's fate,
If they, like them, could die for thee!
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers, we still strive
To win all nations unto thee!
And thro' the truth that comes from God
Mankind shall then indeed be free:
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers! we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how,
By kindly words and virtuous life:
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

There Is Beauty all Around

There is beauty all around, When there's love at home;
There is joy in every sound, When there's love at home.
Peace and plenty here abide, Smiling sweet on every side,
Time doth softly, sweetly glide, When there's love at home.

In the cottage there is joy, When there's love at home'
Hate and envy ne'er annoy, When there's love at home.
Roses blossom 'neath our feet, All the earth's a garden sweet,
Making life a bliss complete, When there's love at home.

Kindly heaven smiles above, When there's love at home;
All the earth is filled with love, When there's love at home.
Sweeter sings the brooklet by, Brighter beams the asure sky;
O there's One who smiles on high, When there's love at home.

Jesus, make me wholly Thine, Then there's love at home;
May Thy sacrifice be mine, Then there's love at home.
Safely from all harm I'll rest, With no sinful care distressed.
Through Thy tender mercy blessed; Then there's love at home.

O Happy Home where Thou Art Loved

O happy home where Thou art loved the dearest,
Thou loving friend, and Saviour of our race,
And where among the guests there never cometh
One who can hold such high and honored place.

O happy home where each one serves Thee, lowly,
Whatever his appointed work may be,
Till every common task seems great and holy,
When it is done, O Lord, as unto Thee.

O happy home where Thou art not forgotten
When joy is overflowing, full, and free;
O happy home where every wounded spirit
Is brought, Physician, Comforter, to Thee.

Until at last, when earthly work is ended,
All meet Thee in the blessed home above
From whence Thou camest, where Thou hast ascended,
Thy everlasting home of peace and love. A-men.

O God, Who to a Loyal Home

O God who to a loyal home Didst trust Thy Son divine,
Where faithful love and patient work Made daily life benign;
With contrite shame Thy grace we claim, And lift to Thee our prayer;
Redeem our oft unworthy homes Till all is Christ-like there.

Deliver us from sins which harm Our homes, and mar their peace.
May selfless and devoted love Make strife and discord cease.
With anxious zeal, for mankind's weal And world-wide peace we pray,
But all in vain, if wayward homes Cause childhood's steps to stray.

Thou art our Father, and from Thee All faithful families spring;
To homes where love and honor dwell Thou dost Thy blessing bring.
O God of love, send from above Thy succor, swift and strong,
That from such homes stout souls may come To triumph over wrong.

We pray that childhood's latent pow'rs May grow to bless mankind;
That we may guide aright young lives, For unguessed good designed.
O Father God, whose Son has trod Such lowly paths as we,
Help us to build on earth true homes, Till we come home to thee.

God of Our Fathers, whose Almighty Hand

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide, and Stay,
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine;
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

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| | The Marriage | The Family | The Man and the Woman | The Single Person | The Church/World |
| | Presiding for the day: Virginia Law Shell | Presiding for the day: Louis Evans | Presiding for the day: Robert Dulin | Presiding for the day: Pat Boone | Presiding for the day: Adrian Rogers |
| | 9:00 am Opening Convocation Mark O. Hatfield | 8:30 am Worship and Bible Ray Stedman | Study | | |
| | | 9:00 am Personal Perspective C. Ray Fowler | Trends in the Family James J. Rue | Robert Dulin | Bettye Lechner |
| | | 9:30 am Plenary Session | John and Letha Scanzoni Harry N. Hollis, Jr. | Mark W. Lee Britton Wood | Ted Ward Larry Richards |
| | 10:00 am Plenary Session Lloyd Ogilvie | Edith Schaeffer S. Bruce Narramore | | | |
| | 10:30 am Coffee Break and Exhibits | | | | |
| | 11:15 am Interaction Groups | | | | |
| | 12:15 pm Lunch and Discussion | | | | |
| | 2:30 to 3:20 pm Action Seminars I | | | | |
| | 3:40 to 4:30 pm Action Seminars II | | | | |
| | 4:30 pm Dinner and Relaxation | | | | |
| | 7:30 pm Opening Celebration: <i>The Family Together</i> Doug Oldham <i>The Re'Generation</i> | 7:30 pm Evening Program J. Allan Petersen Murk Family Musicale | Howard and Jeanne Hendricks Film: "The First Days of Life." | Derric Johnson's <i>The Re'Generation</i> | 7:00 pm Oswald Hoffmann Pat Boone 9:00 pm <i>"I Love America"</i> <i>Bicentennial</i> <i>Cavalcade</i> |
| | | | 11:15 am to 1:00 pm Closing Session Leighton Ford | | |



CONTINENTAL CONGRESS ON THE FAMILY

