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CHRISTIAN "Faith and Life" COMMUNITY

Alongside The University of Texas



translated:

"Household of the Fellowship of Christ"

. . . in-residence training
. . . of Christian Lay-leadership
. . . for the Church and the world.

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THOUGHT STARTERS I

"No half-belief in a casual creed can stand for a moment before the demonic forces now abroad in the world.

"...binding convictions are lacking and there is confusion, bewilderment and discord....Mentally and spiritually, most persons today are 'displaced persons'."

from THE CRISIS IN THE UNIVERSITY,
by Sir Walter Moberly

"The knowledge and skills of Modern Civilization have out-run the moral and spiritual resources for their direction and control.

"Our world cries pitiably for the fruits of Christian Faith, especially in today's youth who must drive a way through tomorrow's hazards and uncertainties - (the need is desperate for) firmer and stronger character, higher integrity, larger spiritual vision, unimpeachable and unshakable fidelity.....a righteous and dynamic faith. The desired fruits CAN be had; but only from roots capable of producing them."

from GOD IN EDUCATION
by Henry Pitt Van Dusen

"Humanity is in danger of being trapped in this world by its moral adolescence. Our knowledge of science has already out-stripped our capacity to control it.

"We have too many men of science; too few men of God. We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount. Man is stumbling blindly through a spiritual darkness while toying with the precarious secrets of life and death.

"The world has achieved brilliance without wisdom, power without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants."

General Omar N. Bradley

"Perhaps education's best contribution to the life of the community is the creation of a true community within the school itself. The fine original meaning of college, COLLEGIUM, easily slips from memory.....Teachers and pupils should be colleagues: a COLLEGIUM. Oxford and Cambridge set the pattern. The original bond of the COLLEGIUM, both in England and in America, was Christian Faith.....But now, the college tends to become a degree mill rather than a comradeship.

"If the college were more truly a comradeship, would not scholarship thereby be enhanced?.....It is not good for a mind to be alone, and it is not good for a man to be alone. A COLLEGIUM would correct that imbalance and so actually aid study.....A school cannot endure as a concourse of strangers greedy for facts. Its best gift to the community is itself to become a radiant community in mind and spirit."

from FAITH AND EDUCATION
by George Buttrick

IF WE WALK IN THE LIGHT, AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT, WE
HAVE FELLOWSHIP ONE WITH ANOTHER.....

I John 1:7



CHRISTIAN "Faith and Life" COMMUNITY

THE PRIMARY PURPOSE of the Christian "Faith and Life" Community is to help meet the desperate and continuing need of the Church and the world for integrated, informed, articulate, concerned Christ-like Laymen in various trades, occupations, and professions who may be used of God to give the Christian answer in Faith and Life to the ills and isms of the worldto the end that God may be glorified.His Will be done.and our Lord Jesus Christ proclaimed by Laymen to Laymen as the Way, the Truth, and the Life for men and nations in the totality of their existence.

THE UNIQUE CHARACTER of this Community lies in its "in-residence" training and counseling features. This is true of all terms during the year both for student and non-student Laymen. Students enrolled in the University of Texas will be receiving Christian Education at the deepest level.and in community with other Christians. . . . without in any way violating the American Constitutional principle of the separation of Church and State.

THE FIRST THREE TO FIVE YEARS of this project are being termed "experimental." If the project is blessed of God and proves to be successful in helping to develop a dynamic Lay-leadership for the Church and the world, then it is planned that a series of such residence halls (named for outstanding Christian Laymen) shall be established alongside the campus of the University of Texas and other tax-supported colleges and universities throughout the State and Nation. Meanwhile, the project will undertake little or no capital expenditure but will operate in leased quarters adequate to the needs of the Community. These quarters are commensurate with the best housing facilities available at the University.

IN-RESIDENCE TRAINING

I. LONG TERM. From September through May each year, carefully selected men students representing a general cross-section of the various fields of study offered in the University will be "in-residence" together while attending the University. They will be selected on the basis of (1). Basic Christian commitment, (2). Scholarship, and (3). Personality and leadership potential. Their classification may range from entering Freshmen to graduate students, and they may be members of any evangelical Christian denomination.

IN-RESIDENCE FOR TWO YEARS, these students will receive instruction in English Bible the first two semesters, Biblical Theology (roots of Faith) the third semester, and Christian Ethics related to their field of study and Lifework the fourth semester. Lecture, seminar, and tutorial methods of instruction will be employed.

A COUNSELOR-ADVISER-TUTOR will be immediately available to each man. It will be his job to give personal attention to the student's development and growth in the context of his total life at the University.

NORMALLY, MOST INSTRUCTION will take place Monday through Friday in the early morning hours (6-8 a. m.) and at individually scheduled counseling-tutorial periods. This is in order that the student may have ample time for regular study and participation in Church, fraternal and campus activities. Time-budgeting and self-discipline will be necessities for each man.

ONE MAJOR AIM of the project is to provide a setting wherein the student may experience the deeper meaning of the Christian Community, even in miniature. Daily worship, study and fellowship within such a community should leave an indelible mark on the "Faith and Life" of each student. If this is true, then that mark will become visible and virile as the young Layman moves ahead to responsible leadership in his own Church and in the world, operating at the all-important grass-roots level where his leadership is most needed.

II. SUMMER TERM.....FIRST SIX WEEKS.

For public school teachers taking graduate work in the University. Both men and women will comprise the community "in-residence." There will be lectures and seminars on English Bible, Christian Education, and the Place of Religion in General Education. Personal counseling available.

III. SUMMER TERM.....SECOND SIX WEEKS.

For adult Laymen (non-student).....
Consecutive seven-day institutes for laboring, business and professional men and women. A concentrated curriculum designed to provide a genuine experience of living in Christian Community and to furnish tools and stimulus to further group study in home and Church.

TERMS OF RESIDENCE, 1952-1953

- I. University Men Students, September 15 - May 31
- II. Public School Teachers, June 2 - July 12
- III. Adult Laymen (non-student), July 20 - August 30

NOTE: Final announcements concerning program, teaching and counseling personnel, fees, and other pertinent details regarding the summer term will be ready by March 1, 1953. Address inquiries to the Executive Director of the Community.

CHURCH-RELATED

THE CHRISTIAN "Faith and Life" COMMUNITY seeks to be Church-related instead of "non-denominational." But it also seeks to stress ECUMENICITY by being a "Household of the Fellowship of Christ," thereby embracing within its fellowship members of all evangelical Christian Communion who do not exclude themselves. In the South-west these are represented principally by the following: Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, and Presbyterian.

IN ORDER TO BE CHURCH-RELATED, the Community must be related to one of these denominations. Therefore, after months of exploration and prayer, it was decided to relate the Community to the Presbyterian Church, U.S. and U.S.A., through the constitutional provision that a simple majority of the members of the controlling Board of the Community be members in good standing of the Presbyterian Church. Other members of the Board must also be in good standing with their own denominations and drawn from the ones listed above. At least two-thirds of the Board members must be Laymen.

AN ADVISORY COUNCIL has been constituted under the authority of the Board. The Council's job is to advise the Board regarding curriculum, counseling procedures, bibliographies (joint and denominational), and to make periodic evaluation of the project as a whole. Counselors, educators and theologians are included in the membership of the Council and are chosen without regard to denominational affiliation numerically, except that each member shall be in good standing with his own denomination. The Vice-Chairman of the Board is the Convener of the Council.

STAFF

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS EMPLOYS an Executive Director for the Christian "Faith and Life" Community. He must be an experienced, theological-ly trained individual and must be a member in good standing of his own evangelical Christian denomination. Additional staff will be employed at the rate of one Counselor-Tutor for every twenty-five residents as demand and finances make such additions possible.

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PROGRAM COVERED BY TUITION

A \$200.00 tuition fee is required from each student during the Long Term, covering two semesters. Also, \$50.00 worth of books per Long Term is required. The tuition fee will be applied against staff salaries, supplies, and the program budget generally, whereas the books will belong to the individual and will serve as the core of his Layman's Library. (The majority of these books will be purchased upon the recommendation of the man's own Church leaders on the Advisory Council).

SINCE MANY FAMILIES CANNOT AFFORD both University tuition and books and the "Faith and Life" Community tuition and books, SCHOLARSHIPS ARE BEING PROVIDED EVERY STUDENT in the amount he and his family request. These will range from \$50.00 to \$250.00 per year, based on the theory that each man should help himself to the limit of his ability and without working a hardship on his family. Some families will be able to bear the entire expense while others only half...but the majority will be able to pay none at all.

THEREFORE, CHRISTIAN LAYMENT OF MANY DENOMINATIONS across the State of Texas are being given the opportunity to share in this "venture of Faith" through the provision of gifts and scholarships in varying amounts as they are able.

HOW THE LAYMAN MAY SHARE....

THE BOARD HAS SET UP THREE FUNDS:

You may contribute to one or all three.....

1. General Fund, to undergird the total financial structure of the Christian "Faith and Life" Community, especially with regard to the residence operation budget and the program budget. Undesignated gifts shall be placed in this fund.
2. Scholarship Fund, to cover part or all the cost of tuition and books required of the residents of the Community. A full scholarship is \$250 per Long Term and may be given in lump sum or in ten monthly payments, September through June.
3. Work Scholarship Fund, to assist those students who need to earn extra income beyond the regular full scholarship in order to defray part of the cost of room and board. Without this provision, many worthy students of low income families would be shut out.

INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS MAY PROVIDE FUNDS IN ANY MANNER OR AMOUNT THEY DESIRE.

Make checks payable to: ED. J. ST. JOHN, TREASURER

and mark: (for the CHRISTIAN "Faith and Life" COMMUNITY.)

Mail all checks, inquiries and correspondence to:

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