

# WELCOME TO PRESIDIUM

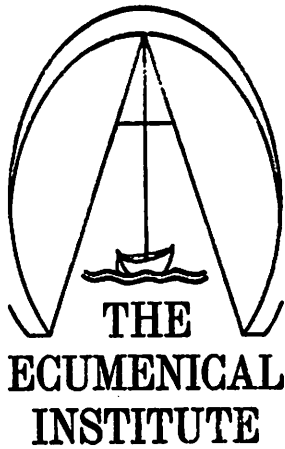
MARCH 12 - 13, 1968

and to

THE NATIONAL FACULTY MEETING

MARCH 14 - 15, 1968

	PRESIDIUM		NATIONAL FACULTY	
	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.
5:45	Arise			
6:15	Worship & Breakfast			
9:00	First Session	8:30 Fourth Session	First Session	Fourth Session
12:30	Lunch			
2:00	Second Session	Fifth Session	Second Session	Fifth Session
6:00	Dinner			
7:30	Third Session	X	Third Session	X
11:00				



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April 23, 1968

Dear Colleague:

Enclosed are the Minutes of the March Presidium, together with the course schedule for your region. The Annual Calendar for Ecumenical Institute courses was established at the National Faculty meeting.

The Annual Calendar will be printed next week. If you have not sent the locations for the courses in your region, please send them to us before April 29, 1968.

Grace and Peace,

*Gene W. Marshall*

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For the Corporate Office

Enclosures  
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MINUTES  
PRESIDIUM of the SPIRIT MOVEMENT  
March 12-13, 1968

THE ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE: CHICAGO

SESSION I

9:15 a.m. - Worship: Bill Mathews

CHAIRMAN: John Baggett

Role call by regions:

NORTH AREA

Chicago Region: John Baggett, Joe Buckles, Steve Smith, Hilde  
Smith

Cincinnati Region:

Detroit Region: Gordon Harper, Marion Muma

Kansas City Region: Morni Leoni, Russ Wheelock, Terry Wright

Minneapolis Region: Marie Baas

St. Louis Region: Linda Fults

EAST AREA

Boston Region: Bob Johnston, Joe Crocker, Bill Mathews, Charles  
Moore, Art Leaker

Cleveland-Pittsburgh Region: Sue Burdick, Rejeana Idzerda, Mark  
Poole, Sandy Rafos, Larry Raughley

New York City Region: Art Brandenburg, Bain Davis, Jeff Brown,  
Diane Mabb, Cynthia Sturge, Marge Davis

Philadelphia Region: Doris Campbell, Don Braue

Rochester Region: Peggy Kingsley, Mary Seamon

Washington, D.C. Region: John Coppinger, Margaret Ennis, Elsa  
Nelson

WEST AREA

Denver Region: Bob Hunter

Great Falls Region: Jim Bell

Los Angeles Region: Bob Howard

Phoenix Region: Don Jessup, Kathleen White

San Francisco Region: Lou Richard

Seattle Region: Vince Hart, Justin Morrill

SOUTH AREA

Atlanta Region: Pat McGregor, Dick Elliott

Houston Region: Jarratt Major, Jim Robinson

Memphis Region:

Miami Region:

New Orleans Region: Rod Ripple, Burney Scott, Spencer Wren

Oklahoma City Region: Bob Porter, Mac Thompson

Correction of minutes

Present at December presidium were:

Ken Gottman of the St. Louis Region

Bob Hunter, Jean Smith of the Denver Region

Discussion of Agenda

Collection of Research

Denominational Models - Given to George Holcombe to be pulled together

Boston: United Church of Christ

Kansas City: Missouri Synod Lutheran

Atlanta: Baptist

New Orleans: Southern Baptist

Washington: Episcopalian

(Denominational Models continued)

Denver: Mormons  
Phoenix: Unitarian Universalists  
Seattle: Disciples  
Cleveland-Pittsburg: Black Baptists

Four Year Timelines - Given to Joe Crocker to report at Session 3

Signal Parish Reports

Boston: Bob Johnson - Framingham  
Bill Mathews - Lunenburg  
Phoenix: Don Jessup - Crutchfield  
Chicago: John Baggett - Woodlawn  
Joe Buckles - Hyde Park  
Steve Smith - Milwaukee  
San Francisco: Lou Richard - Palo Alto

Cadre Formation Model

Boston: Art Leaker

Cadre Formation and Nurture Model

Cleveland-Pittsburg: Rojeana Idzerda

RS-I Recruitment Model

Seattle: Vince Hart

PRESENTATION

Gene Marshall: Local Congregation Consultation

WORKSHOP

What would it take for us to bring off signal parishes in each of the four city categories?

CONSENSUS

Concerning clarity on Financial Model: Presidium would take another look at financial model after order reported how it worked out for this presidium.

Concerning regional assignments: Symbolic accountability (yes/no - no/yes) will begin each presidium.

SESSION II

CHAIRMAN: Jim Robinson

Report on Winter Statistics, Spring Calendar, Annual Calendar  
Chicago: George Holcombe

WORKSHOP

Where is region going to be training in 4 years?  
What will it look like? What will be the obstacles?  
What would be the titles of a ten chapter recruitment model manual?

## SESSION III

CHAIRMAN: Joe Crocker

### WORKSHOP

Five reasons for Council III  
Five issues to be dealt with this summer  
Five crucial decisions to make this summer

Gestalt of five crucial areas for council to deal with:

1. Practical sociology and Part ii of Document
2. Next four years
3. New Social Vehicle or relationship to world
4. Relation to the Established Church
5. Corporate Dispersed Life Style

What should the mood of the council be?  
What are the trends?  
What are crucial pressure points?  
What reality see self participating in in four years?

Gestalt: Being and Direction in midst of global revolution of day

STYLE		SOCIOLOGY DOC. II
	GLOBAL (NSV)	
FOUR YEAR TIMELINE		ROLE OF HIST. CH.

## SESSION IV

CHAIRMAN: Bob Howard

### PRESENTATION

Gene Marshall: Spirit Journey of the Movement

### WORKSHOP

What will be the four problems of the world in 4 years?  
What structures will we have to build by 1972?  
What kind of training will have to be done?  
What should the agenda for Council III be?

### CONSENSUS

On who would come to the council: Structural involvement in the movement and grounded in the local church are two criteria for those coming to the council.

On children: There will be no children structures provided.

(CONSENSUS Juring Session IV continued)

On the following agenda and timeline for council III:

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
AM	Lecture: SOCIOLOGY OF MOVEMENT Workshops	Lecture: RELATION TO HIST. CHURCH Workshops	Report: GLOBAL RE- LATIONSHIP	Report: SOCIOLOGY OF MOVEMENT	ASSIGNMENTS and EVALUATIONS
PM	Lecture: GLOBAL RE- LATIONSHIP Workshops	Lecture: STYLE Workshops	Report: RELATION TO HIST. CHURCH	Report: TIMELINE	
EVE	Workshops	Workshops (Rap up)	Report: STYLE	Reports Continued	

SESSION V

CHAIRMAN: Jarrett Major  
Report on Summer Recruitment  
Chicago: Charles Hahn

Denominational Manual Contents - Rod Ripple  
1. Statistical abstract of management and money  
2. Organizational chart  
3. Population concentration and power centers  
4. Gestalt of gifts and perversions  
5. Self image of Denomination  
6. Missional model

Communications models  
Los Angeles: Bob Howard

Presidium cost analysis report  
Chicago: George Holcombe

Model Building Manuel  
Chicago: Charles Hahn

Financial Model  
Seattle: Vince Hart

Letterhead Model  
San Francisco: Lou Richard

CONSENSUS

PRESIDIUM DATES:

8:00 a.m. Monday, August 19, 1968 - Tuesday, August 20, 1968

COUNCIL III DATES:

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 20, 1968 - 10:00 p.m. Saturday, August 24, 1968\*

(\*NOTE: the dates of the Consensus of December Presidium were changed)

On Travel Fund: The money left over from the travel fund will be used to help bring "new" regions to presidium.

On the Financial Model: Three hours will be set aside to get clarity on the issues during the September presidium.

REGIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

The following regions are to prepare five times ten great questions which move toward a final construct for the workshop sessions of Council III:

Rochester Region: Sociology of the Movement  
Chicago Region: Global Relationship  
Boston Region: Style  
Seattle Region: Relation to Historical Church  
Atlanta Region: Timeline

Writing Committee: Document II Preparation

(Members are: Joseph Mathews, Gordon Harper, Charles Hahn, George Holcombe, Rejeana Izerda, Joe Buckles)

Rod Ripple: Gather Denomination Information data and get manual ready for presidium. Send information to: Rod Ripple  
2540 Rhododendron St.  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808

Chicago Region: Make cost analysis of telephone expenses

Seattle Region: Financial Model

## EI Relatedness -- Style/Symbol/Polity

The struggle in our times is to create a style and structure a polity which holds individuality and corporateness in a balanced and effective tension. The polity of the renewal movement growing out of the Ecumenical Institute gives concrete form to this polarity in decision-making and action.

The imaginal model presented here describes how individuals decide and act in corporateness. The basic process flows as follows:

1. Individuals state the imperatives they are committed to as individuals
2. Through the process of consensus a decision is made on the imperatives the corporate body is committed to
3. Through the acceptance of "time task", individuals take responsibility for acting out the corporate decision

Out of the action completed by the scattered body, the judgment leads individuals to new imperatives.

The second diagram indicates how the local, regional, and global decision-making units are inter-related. The nature of inter-relatedness between these bodies is necessarily different from representation among -voting bodies. Ordinarily, a local group would take a vote and send a delegate who will vote as the majority wishes. In contrast, a local cadre is present in the regional council when individuals embody there the imperatives of that local cadre. Then they bring back decisions and actions they are committed to regionally as an imperative for the cadre to consider in consensus. Relatedness between region and globe functions in the same manner.

In sum then, polity decisions are always corporate, imperatives and action are always individual commitments (though an action may be in concert with other individuals). The relationship between individuality and corporateness is manifested by two processes: consensus (to reach decision) and time/task (to reach action).

### MEETING MODEL:

The structural concretion of the above process as a meeting can be seen as a three act drama. Prior to the play, the casting is done. Laison people representing each sub-unit of the body feed data to create the script (agenda). Convenor(s) meet with the liaison personnel to work out the pace, lighting, effects and general staging.

#### Act I -- Where We Are

Scene I -- Opening Liturgy

Scene II -- Symbolic Reports

Scene III -- Agenda and receiving new imperatives

#### Act II - Where We Go From Here

Scene I -- Construct to define imperative areas

Scene II -- Dispatch imperatives -- Administration/Policy

Scene III -- Consensus on Goals

#### Act III-How Do We Get There

Scene I -- Task forces work out strategies and tactics

Scene II -- Time/task set (priorities over against resources)

Scene III -- Assignment and Accountability Structures

Curtain Call -- Final Symbolic Act

MINUTES  
PRESIDIUM of the SPIRIT MOVEMENT  
December 12-13, 1967

THE ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE: CHICAGO

In attendance:

NORTH AREA

Chicago Region: John Baggett, Joe Buckles, Steve Smith, Hilda Smith  
Cincinnati Region:  
Detroit Region: Marion Muma, Phyllis Hastings  
Kansas City Region: Morni Leoni, Bob Smith, Rhoda Ertel, Carol Kucera  
Minneapolis Region: Bob Ouradnik, Margaret Allison

EAST AREA

Boston Region: Bill Mathews, Joe Crocker, Bob Rand, Art Leaker  
Cleveland-Pittsburgh Region: Jack Gilles, Rejean Idzerda, Bill Burdick  
New York City Region: Bain Davis, Art Brandenburg, Cynthia Sturge  
Philadelphia Region:  
Rochester-Albany Region: Stanley Fry  
Washington, D.C. Region: Charlotte Weeks

WEST AREA

Denver Region: Bob Hunter, Jean Smith  
Great Falls Region: Jim Bell  
Los Angeles Region: Bob Howard, Jim Conn  
Phoenix Region: Don Jessup, Don Sax  
San Francisco Region: Jim Burnett, Lou Richard  
Seattle Region: Claudia Cramer, Vince Hart

SOUTH AREA

Atlanta Region: Lon Chesnutt, Marshall Jones  
Houston Region: Jarratt Majors  
Memphis Region: James Jones  
Miami Region:  
New Orleans Region: Spencer Wren, Burney Scott, Walter Baker  
Oklahoma City Region: Robert Porter, Mac Thompson

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Session I - John Baggett: Keynote address - "Church revolutionary situation;  
Radicalness of Spirit revolution; Implications for strategy."

Models for signal local church development:

Phoenix: Don Sax  
Boston: Bill Mathews  
Chicago: John Baggett  
Seattle: Vince Hart  
New York: Art Brandenburg

Cadre formation models:

Phoenix: Don Jessup  
New York: Bain Davis  
Cleveland-Pittsburgh: Rejean Idzerda

(Reports and Presentations - cont.)

Session II - Gene Marshall: Address - "State of the Movement; Spirit edge and local church model; Emphasis shift from training to organization."

Model for workshop methodology  
Seattle: Claudia Cramer

Research/Consultation Models

New York: Art Brandenburg  
San Francisco: Lou Richard  
Chicago: Donna McCleskey, Joe Buckles

Session III - George Holcombe: National Faculty coordination procedure.

Session IV - Frank Hilliard: Address - "Style and the Spirit Man: Omniscient, Omnipresent, Omnipotent, Dogmatic."

Model for Movement relations to ecclesiastical executives  
Boston: Joe Crocker

Model for National brochure, letterhead and envelopes  
Chicago: Fred Hess

Session V

Time, format and goals for Council 3  
Seattle: Claudia Cramer

Financial model  
New York: Art Brandenburg

Feasibility of amateur shortwave radio communications network  
Chicago: Steve Smith

#### CONSENSUS ON REPORTS

Session I

The consensus was to further the structures for promoting signal local church projects and for sharing their progress.

It was further consensed that reports to be brought to the Presidium in written form should be workshopped in the region and mailed in advance in order not to take time for verbal reports.

Session II

The consensus of the workshop struggle on the general vision of the Movement was to continue work on a time line in these four major categories:

1. International organization of Movement
2. Mass education
3. Local churches
4. Basic research, new religious mode and global social models

Session III

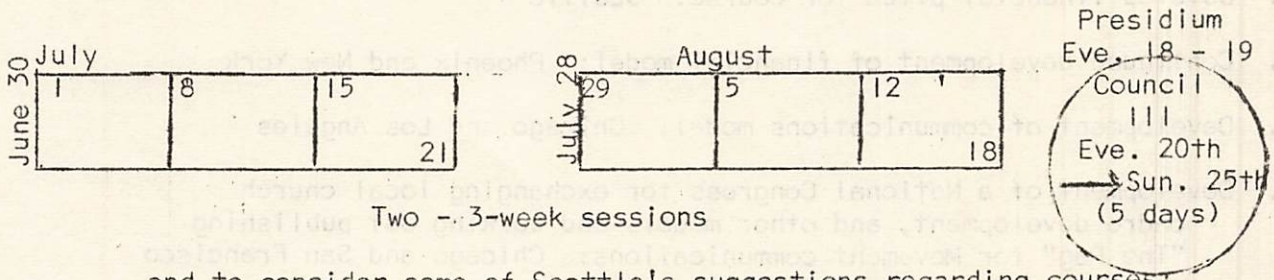
A consensus was reached on basic model for the synchronization of spring courses.

(Consensus on Reports - cont.)

Session IV

The consensus reached requested new brochures to be published as soon as possible with Chicago address on front and a place on the back for regional address and information. One brochure with winter calendar was to be published by Friday of the National Faculty meeting in December. A second brochure along the lines of "What do you do at E.I.?" was to be developed for Spring Presidium. It was recommended that each region send other regions what they print. (See No. 5 in assignments)

Regarding Summer '68 and Council III, the consensus was to adopt the following program:



and to consider some of Seattle's suggestions regarding courses:

- | <u>Basic</u>         | <u>Advanced</u>                 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. RS-1 Pedagogy     | 1. New religious mode           |
| 2. Cultural-Ur Image | 2. Advanced curriculum pedagogy |
| 3. Practics          | 3. Practics                     |

Session V

Following a discussion on the value of the use of short wave radio for communication within the Movement, it was consensed that a model for national telephoning be devised. (See No. 10 in assignments)

Next meeting of Presidium - - March 12-13  
National Faculty - March 14-15

Financial arrangements for delegates travel fund: The cost per representative to Presidium is \$125.00 (maximum of two from each region). This money needs to be paid in by all regions in advance of Presidium so the equalization can be figured and settled at registration.

SPECIAL REGIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

- Four-year time line of Movement: ALL regions - Boston to coordinate reports
- Responsibility for establishing new regions:
 

New York	assumes responsibility for	Washington, D.C. region
Kansas City	"	" St. Louis region
Atlanta	"	" Miami region
New Orleans	"	" Memphis region
- Established signal parishes (Regions to bring complete reports on development and projection of these parishes)
 

Boston region	-	Lunenburg
Phoenix	"	- Crutchfield
New York	"	-
Chicago	"	- Hyde Park, Woodlawn
San Francisco	-	Palo Alto, Sacramento (1st Methodist)

(Special Regional Assignments - cont.)

4. All regions grid to micro and parish levels (have maps available at Spring Presidium)
5. National E.I. brochure: Chicago
6. Annual course calendar: each region is to bring schedule for Fall '68, Winter '69 and Spring '69
7. Denominational research: see attached sheet for your region's assignment
8. Develop financial pitch for course: Seattle
9. Continued development of financial model: Phoenix and New York
10. Development of communications model: Chicago and Los Angeles
11. Development of a National Congress for exchanging local church cadre development, and other models and working out publishing "The Rag" for Movement communications: Chicago and San Francisco
12. Consultations model: Chicago E.I.
13. Model building manual: Seattle and Chicago
14. Regional grids: Bring maps with clearly defined borders so overlap and "holes" between regions can be corrected.
15. Council IV (Beginning model of concerns and considerations): New York

Witness:  
Bill Mathews

T u e s d a y		W e d n e s d a y			
8:00 M	12:30 A	6:00 N	7:00 M	12:30 A	6:00 N
WORLD & CHURCH FUTURE Lon Chesnutt	SOUTH Bob Porter	WEST Don Sax	EAST Bain Davis	NORTH Bob Smith	DINNER Dr. Philip Potter Assoc. Gen. Sec'y of World Council of Churches
MICRO ORGANIZATION		REGIONS -- MASS TRAINING		MISC. DECISIONS	
Claudia Cramer	Bob Howard	Jarrett Major	Art Brandenburg	Joe Crocker	
KEYNOTE on SPIRIT MOVEMENT John Baggett	State of the Movement Report Gene Marshall	I. Faculty Coordination Model	MOVEMENT STYLE Frank Hilliard	F. Council III B. Financial Model E. Short Wave Radio	
Minutes K. Signal Local Church G. Cadre Form. L. Model Bldg.	C. Griding A. Research Consultation H. Four-year Plan for Movement	Work through Winter & Spring Calendars	J. Ecclesiastical Relations D. National Brochure, etc.	Work through Assignments	
Work Signal Parish Plans	(General Vision on Movement Organization)	SOLITARY OFFICE Charles Hahn	(Work through Winter & Spring Recruitment Methods)	Conclude Business	

## ASSIGNMENT FOR DENOMINATIONAL DATA GATHERING

REGION	DENOMINATION
Oklahoma, Houston, Miami, Memphis	Methodist
Boston	U C C
Kansas City, Minneapolis	Lutheran (LCA-ALC-MSL)
Atlanta, New Orleans	Southern Baptist
Philadelphia, Tri-Cities	American Baptist
San Francisco	Presbyterian (US-USA)
Washington D.C.	Episcopalian
Great Falls	Pentecostals (Church of God, Assemblies)
Denver	Mormon, RLDS
Phoenix	Unitarian Universalist
New York	Jewish
Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis	Roman Catholic
Seattle	Disciples
Los Angeles	Orthodox
Detroit	Black Methodist
Cleveland, Pittsburgh	Black Baptist

## HISTORICAL DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH

## Train and teach heritage

1. Missional orientation and missional image
2. Lay-cleric design, relation and definition of role

## Conserve tradition

3. Unique tradition it passes on
4. Polity structure chart--actual and theoretical "final"
5. Chart of denominational hierarchy (authority)
6. Gifts and perversions as denomination sees them
7. Map of historic power concentrations
8. Chart of Denom. History, kind of relatedness to other denom.
9. Policy on cooperative work with other denom. and councils

## Enablement

10. Socio-eco-pol picture of membership (on map if nationally variable)
11. Diagrammatic chart of boards and agencies, etc. (with addresses)
12. National, etc. administrative grid
13. Map of member population concentration
14. Map of current Ecclesiastical Power Centers
  - a. Universities, colleges, schools, seminaries
  - b. Boards and agencies - publishing houses
  - c. Home missions
15. Relative financial strength - 1950, 1960, present
16. Relative membership - 1950, 1960, present
17. Policy toward minority groups - theoretical and actual
18. Policy and involvement in social issues

## HISTORIC ECUMENICAL CHURCH

- I. Grid and list interdenominational relationships
  - a. Councils of Churches
  - b. Ministerial Associations
  - c. Inter-church agencies
- II. Financial resources of above
- III. Missional involvement
  - a. Economic
  - b. Political
  - c. Education
  - d. Style
  - e. Symbol