

Challenge to Justice and Love

MINNESOTA
CONFERENCE
ON RELIGION
AND RACE

Program

February 27-28, 1964 • Minneapolis
Radisson Hotel

THE CALL

Believing that the people of the State of Minnesota share a religious heritage which has a distinctive contribution to make to the struggle for genuine equality and brotherhood among people of all races, the religious leaders of this state unite in issuing this call to the first Minnesota Conference on Religion and Race.

The purpose of the conference will be directed to the following concerns:

- to determine the nature of race relation problems in the state of Minnesota,
- to arrive at a religious consensus about the problems of race relations and their solutions within the state, the nation, and the world,
- to employ religious concern and insight in making a maximum contribution to the solution of the problems at hand in the areas of worship, education, housing, recreation, prejudice, employment and legislation.

Time: February 27-28, 1964

Place: The Radisson Hotel, Minneapolis

The Minnesota Conference on Religion and Race seeks to call upon the best informed leadership throughout the nation and within the state to confront delegates to the conference with a full and frank exposure to the nature and scope of the problem. Delegates will be invited on such a basis as to bring about a vital encounter of members of all races and with members of all the sponsoring religious groups.

Since the number of delegates from each religious body must be limited, an early indication of your interest to attend is essential. You may register or secure further information through the state office of your religious group. Further information may also be secured by contacting the Conference office listed above.

Very sincerely yours,

Hamilton H. Kellogg, Leonard P. Cowley, Max A. Shapiro

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1964

10:00 A.M. to 2 P.M. Registration Mezzanine

11:00 A.M. to 1:45 P.M. Orientation Session and Luncheon Gold Room
(For Conference Staff, including panelists, workshop general chairmen, worktable moderators and recorders)

Instructions to Workshop Leaders

12:15 P.M. Luncheon

Invocation: The Reverend Melford S. Knutson, President Southeastern Minnesota District of the American Lutheran Church

Introduction of Guest Speaker: The Reverend Alton M. Motter, Executive Director, Minnesota Council of Churches

ADDRESS: "WHAT THIS CONFERENCE CAN DO"

The Reverend Harvey F. Egan, Pastor, St. Peter's Church, Mendota

2:00 P.M. Opening Plenary Session Ballroom

Chairman: The Right Reverend Hamilton H. Kellogg, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota

Invocation: Dr. Albert G. Minda, Rabbi Emeritus, Temple Israel, Minneapolis

Welcome Address: The Honorable Karl F. Rolvaag, Governor of the State of Minnesota

Introduction of Keynote Speaker: The Most Reverend Leonard P. Cowley, Auxiliary Bishop, St. Paul Archdiocese, The Catholic Church

ADDRESS: "RACE, RELIGION AND THE LAW"

Mr. Leonard Carter, Regional Secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

3:15 P.M. Coffee Break

3:45-5:30 P.M. Workshops

The Reverend George F. LeMoine, Director of Christian Social Relations of the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota, Workshop General Chairman

1. The Religious Basis of Equality in the Life of the Church and Synagogue Ballroom

The Reverend Harold C. Bradshaw, Chairman, Executive Director, St. Paul Area Council of Churches

Panelists:

Rabbi Jerome Lipnick, Adath Jeshurun Congregation, Minneapolis
The Reverend P. William Coates, Ascension Catholic Church, Minneapolis
The Reverend Thomas Basich, Advent Lutheran Church, Roseville

2. Religious Basis of Equality in Education Ballroom

Chairman—Rabbi Max A. Shapiro, President Minnesota Rabbinical Association

Panelists:

The Reverend Denzil A. Carty, St. Paul Council of Human Relations
Dr. Ayers Bagley, Professor of Education, University of Minnesota
Dr. Joel S. Torstenson, Professor of Sociology, Augsburg College Minneapolis

3. The Religious Basis of Equality in Public Accommodations and Recreation Gold Room

Chairman: The Reverend C. Wesley Ellison, Presiding Elder, African Methodist Episcopal Church

Panelists:

Mr. Calvin L. Walton, Executive Director, Governor's Human Rights Commission
Mr. Samuel L. Scheiner, Executive Director, Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota
Mr. R. Earl McArthur, Tribal Operation Officer, United States Bureau of Indian Affairs

4. The Religious Basis of Equality in Employment Press Room, 2nd Floor

Chairman: The Reverend Edward Grzeskowiak, Pastor, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Glen Lake

Panelists:

Mr. Roy Richardson, Director of Labor Relations, Aero Division, Minneapolis Honeywell Regulator Company
Mr. Robert Hess, Executive Vice President, Minnesota AFL-CIO
Mr. Robert L. Williams, Executive Director, Minneapolis Urban League

5. The Religious Basis of Equality in Housing Ballroom

Chairman: The Right Reverend Phillip F. McNairy, Suffragan Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota

Panelists:

Mr. Kennon V. Rothschild, H. and Val J. Rothschild, Realtors, St. Paul.
The Reverend Richard E. Sykes, Greater Minneapolis Interfaith Fair Housing Program Board Member
Mr. James C. McDonald, Executive Director, State Commission Against Discrimination

6:30 P.M. Dinner

Chairman: The Reverend Dennis Nyberg, Conference General Chairman and Pastor, Lake Harriet Methodist Church, Minneapolis

Invocation: Bishop T. Otto Nall, Minnesota Area of the Methodist Church

Musical Interlude: National Baptist Convention of Minnesota Choir, Minnesota State Convention of National Baptist Churches

Introduction of Guest Speaker: Mr. J. Lloyd Evans, Regional Director, National Conference of Christians and Jews

ADDRESS: "RACE: CHALLENGE TO RELIGION," Mr. Mathew H. Ahmann, Executive Director, National Catholic Conference of Interracial Justice

Benediction: The Reverend Anthony M. Coniaris, Pastor of St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, Minneapolis

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1964

9:00-10:30 A.M. Work Table Discussion Groups Ballroom

(Delegates will be seated at tables of 16, each with a work table moderator and recorder).

10:30-11:00 A.M. Coffee Break

11:00 A.M.-12:15 P.M. Work Table Discussion Groups to Continue

12:30 P.M. Luncheon Ballroom

Chairman: Mrs. Wright W. Brooks, President, Minnesota Council of Churches

Invocation: The Most Reverend Francis J. Shenk, Bishop, Catholic Diocese of Duluth

1:30 P.M. Summary Reports of Workshop Chairmen

1. The Reverend Harold C. Bradshaw
2. Rabbi Max A. Shapiro
3. The Reverend C. Wesley Ellison
4. The Reverend Edward Grzeskowiak
5. The Right Reverend Philip F. McNairy

Question and Answer Period

Musical Interlude: John Ylvisaker, American Lutheran Church, Youth Worker

3:00 P.M. ADDRESS: "WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?"

The Reverend David Preus, Pastor, University Lutheran Church of Hope, Minneapolis

3:15 P.M. Introduction Guest Speaker: The Reverend James R. Holloway, Pastor, Zion Baptist Church, Minneapolis

ADDRESS: "THE CHALLENGE OF THE RACIAL CRISIS TO RELIGION"

The Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth, Pastor, Revelation Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, Secretary, Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Benediction: The Reverend Robert A. Caine, Executive, Presbyterian Synod of Minnesota

4:00 P.M. Adjournment

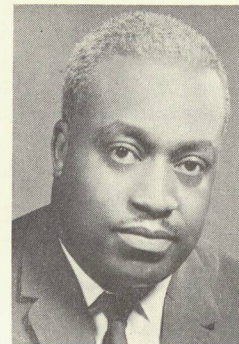
Denominational meetings will be held immediately following adjournment to plan followup.

THIS CONFERENCE WAS GENEROUSLY ASSISTED BY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM NUMEROUS FOUNDATIONS AND BUSINESS CONCERNS OF THE TWIN CITY AREA.

TAKE TIME TO BROWSE IN THE PAMPHLET CORNER AND AMONG THE DISPLAY BOOTHS. YOU WILL FIND INTERESTING LITERATURE AND OTHER MATERIALS RELATED TO THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED.

Conference Speakers

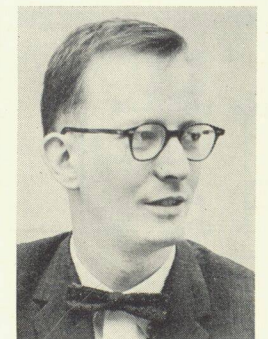
LEONARD H. CARTER



A native of Minneapolis, Minnesota where he attended public schools. Attended University of California at Los Angeles. Served as Secretary-Treasurer of Dining Car Employees Local No. 516 for eight years in St. Paul, Minnesota. Former president St. Paul branch NAACP. Presently Field Secretary, Region IV, NAACP which includes states of Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North and South Dakota and Wyoming.

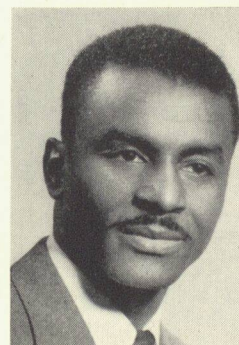
MATHEW H. AHMANN

Executive Director, National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice, Graduate St. John's University. Former Social Worker, Chicago Department of Welfare. Former Field Representative, Catholic Interracial Council of Chicago. Served as organizer and executive secretary for National Conference on Religion and Race. Catholic Chairman of the March on Washington, August 28, 1963.



REVEREND FRED L. SHUTTLESWORTH

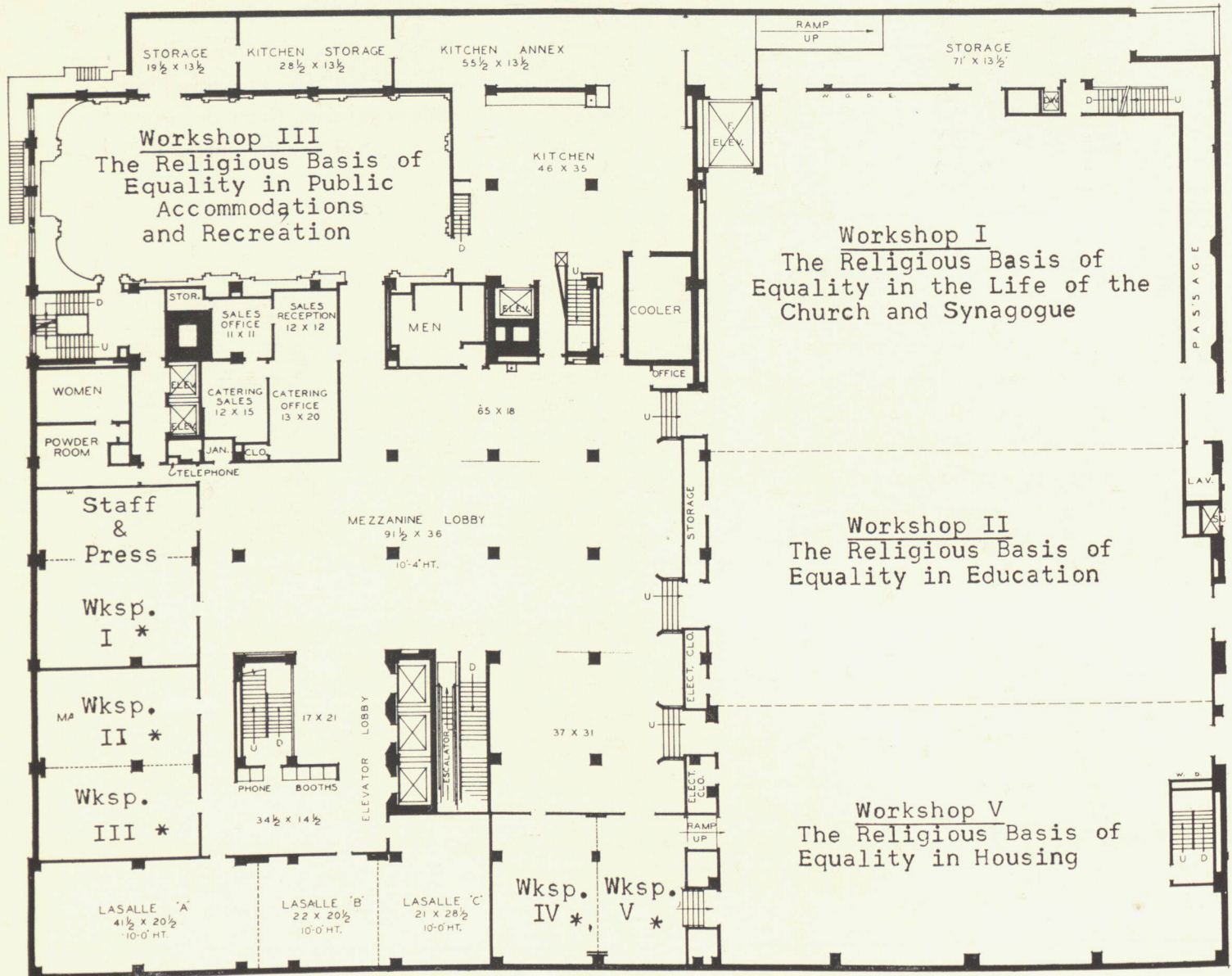
Pastor, Revelation Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. One of the outstanding leaders of Civil Rights Movement, helped organize the Alabama Christian Movement for Civil Rights in Birmingham. He has been bombed twice, beaten by mobsters, jailed 18 times and is currently involved in 36 criminal and civil actions. President, Southern Christian Movement for Human Rights; Secretary, Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Member, National Advisory Board of C.O.R.E.



REVEREND HARVEY F. EGAN

Pastor, St. Peter's Church of Mendota, oldest parish in Minnesota. Graduate of St. Thomas College and Seminary. Served several parishes in Minneapolis and St. Paul downtown areas, including St. Olaf of Minneapolis. Chaplain and Vice President, Catholic Interracial Council.

Workshop IV The Religious Basis of Equality in Employment Press Club Room -- 2'nd Floor



* Small Workshop Rooms for Leaders and Recorders Only