

Regular Activities

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1. Faculty Visitation: From Vancouver ministers and other sources I received a list of United Church Faculty Members. There are 88 of these. I have managed to contact 70 of them. These interviews range all the way from ~~an~~ real interest and understanding of the Chaplain's role to no understanding of it. This part of the work is ~~the~~ most stimulating however. First because there is at UBC a very remarkable group of Christian faculty people. These are already becoming a redemptive community. Secondly, because in this senior group on the campus is to be found a very great need for a redemptive community; and thirdly, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ because it becomes more and more apparent that whole sections of the academic community which have rejected the Theological dimension have rejected a misunderstanding of it.

2. Dormitory Visitation: This has been the most rewarding part of the years work. At least ~~an~~ call in four is very worth while. The tragedy of the matter is that I will likely not see that student again. The male students I can meet in their rooms and I have called on about 180 of these. The female students have to be met in groups in the residence lounges.

3. Visits to Wesbrook Hospital

4. Regular sessions with the two other protestant Chaplains and the SCM secretary. Although this is not yet structured in a formal way this group has almost become a Chaplaincy team. Certainly the Anglican Chaplain, the SCM secretary and myself, partly because of our being in the same building, have become a team. The SCM programme for the year is something we all help plan and contribute towards.

5. Two Study Groups were allotted to me. One Monday Noon called Agnostics Anonymous which really ministers to a milder kind of doubter than the name would indicate, and a 4:15 Group on Modern Theologians.

6. Under sponsorship of University Hill United Church, I conduct an evening service for Campus Students. There are 45 minutes of Worship and 45 minutes of talking back to the preacher. This has not been well attended, but the discussion periods have been deep and lively.

7. I have made some attempt to get acquainted with the members of creative campus clubs like Ubesey, RADSOC FILMSoc Players Club etc. Some of these encounters have been very worth while.

Occasional Activities

The SCM lecture Series has used me three times. We also help plan these. A new interest is being aroused by the lecture series related to vocations or faculties. The Science and Religion series, conducted by faculty members was the best attended series of the season. ¹⁵⁰ Series for Nurses was also held. These were conducted by clergymen and Doctors. Plans are under way for a similar series in Education and commerce.

At least twice a month I address a congregation or church group in the Lower mainland.

Occasional Activities Continued

At Nanaimo the programme of Extension Department courses included one on Comparative Religions. I was invited to give two lectures on Protestantism.

The IVCF has always invited the Chaplains to its special events. I have been invited to three of these and attended them.

M⁴ Recruiting Visit → Summer Work.

ACCOMODATION

The University Administration has not given a firm commitment regarding the question of office space for Chaplains. While it has no space to offer this is thought to be an theoretical question.

Meanwhile the SCM student Cabinet has welcomed the United Church Chaplain and ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ shared its facilities with him.

APPOINTMENTS

I have been asked to serve on the following posts and have accepted these as they seem to be closely related to the Chaplains work.

1. The Presidents Committee on Spiritual Values (UBC)
2. Vancouver Burrard Presbytery Committee on Recruiting
3. ~~Vancouver Burrard Presbytery Committee on Downtown Survey~~
4. Vancouver Burrard Presbytery Representative on FROS.
5. Eouncelor to Van Burrard Presbytery YPU.
6. SCM Advisory Board.
7. Faith and Order Group, Vancouver Council of Churches
8. Session of West Point Grey United Church.

~~Vancouver~~ 5
 Students in Greek Vancouver living at home. 1523
~~Partial~~ work was attempted among ~~these~~ - from home.
 Out of Town Students chapeautic

441 United Church students on Campus:

Mens' Permanent residences	47
YTC	26
Acadia (Girls)	58
Acadia (Boys)	53
Saint Andrews	4
Union	48
Fort (Boys)	114
Girls Perm Residence	91
	<u>441</u>

659 United Church Students are boarding
 in private homes in the West End of the city.
 These are divided into the following parishes.

West Point Gray	240
Riverview	1
Saint Giles	2
University Hill	33
Shaughnessy	10
Kitsilano	50
Saint Johns	6
Chown	13
Saint James	58
Chalmers	14
Canadian Memorial	26
Ryerson	18
Dunbar	47
Knox	35
Marpole	4
First	4
Scattered beyond the city	54
Address unknown	44
	<u>659</u>

The names and addresses of the above classification of students were sent to the ministers of the churches concerned. The Churches reported making good use of them. West Point Gray sent a letter early in the season inviting the students to join the YPU. Here the YPU is made up almost completely of UBC students although a very small proportion of the "Boarding" students have become members. Kitsilano and Saint James arranged for their young people to visit the students. These visits were well received. Only a small proportion of those visited became permanent members of the group. One or two others entered the congregation, but not the group. However at Saint James, one young man who had been lost to the church for ten years found his way back to a meaningful relationship through this visitation. The visitation at Kitsilano was so well received that the congregation was encouraged to plan a general visitation in the Parish. Dunbar sent letters to the list of names and followed this up with a phone call or visit from YPU members. Again the reception was grateful but the response in terms of membership and continued interest was relatively small. However out-of-town students that would otherwise have been passed by all together did get gathered up into a church group as a result of this outreach.

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1100
1523

Statistics

Breakdown of Religious affiliation cards received at registration
(There were around three hundred late registrations but each
interested party got his own cards and as there was no way
of keeping the figures proportionate I left them out of this Table)

Roman Catholic	1112
Anglican	2420
United Church	2623
Presbyterian	329
Baptist	284
Protestant	775
Lutheran	542
Jewish	2176
Orthodox	99
Other (incl non Xn)	623
Nil	988
	<u>9771</u>

~~In reply to~~ Our letter to the Inland and Island ministers brought
28 replies with lists of students. Some had gone to a great
deal of work to supply this information and wrote the students
also to tell them of my appointment.

<u>Place</u>	<u>Number of students</u>		
Kimberley	17	Penticton	12
Cranbrook	5	Port Albernie	8
East Trail	12	Milner Langley	5
Vernon	27	Fernie	9
Princeton	5	Burns Lake	1
Salmon Arm	9		
Sidney	2		
Ocean Park	1		
Cumbeerland	2		
Prince George	1		
Sardis	4		
Merritt	6		
Rossland	9		
Kitikot	2		
Keremeos	3		
West Howe Sound	1		
Nanaimo	3		
First Victoria	13		
Squamish	9		
Ashcroft	1		
West Summerland	9		
Abbotsford	1		
Castlegar	13		

Members of Conference:

I am to take five minutes to personalize some of the matters referred to in the report.

1. Co/operation: SCM as this was a worry,
 plan, deploy resources etc..
 during summer school.

Other religious denominations and clubs.

because some key faculty people have great concern.

Spirit among leadership personell

Spirit among student personell..

... great promisemachinery c-operation possible
real facts of co-operation.

2. Concern of group of Faculty:

Real, not only on co-operation...

Call of Christ.... Academic Vocation teacher &
research...
eg School of Commerce.

3. Secularism & ante religion:

Real mostly when I met it I found it
 ill informed

Real Theological encounter.. not taken place
wasn't taking place in the arena should be
happening.

5. Real worth. student visits.....

1. Lukemia Victim...

2. Indian not know theological dimension

3. Read over a Chapter...

of Philosophy prof's book..

on why one should not believe in God.... On course

where the argument is telling judgment....

where it takes wild swings outside the arena
all together.

6. Real problem No Community
 No Continuity..
therefore visibility.

7. SUMMER SCHOOL

Have any of you men teachers in your town who will be
in to summer school Education.. philisophy of
Theology.. Christian Faith ..

Send them to me....

No cards.. hard to look up

hard to get word to anyone....

trial run for next fall or spring term

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- the doctrine of man that is generally held is wildly unrealistic and yet hears only distortions of the Christian doctrine of the Fall which could bear a penetrating message to it.

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On the part of students ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

1. A thing I hear constantly: reflecting that "Faith" is misunderstood concept.....

No one has ever suggested to us before that it is all right to doubt?

2. There is the greatest confusion as to what the Spiritual dimension is. (This with Faculty and Students) It gets equated with fixing the students morals so that they don't drink on Agricultural field trips. It gets equated with something called emotionally adjusted.. I get told 'we have no junior students in our department so most of our students are not disturbed.' I find the senior students the disturbed ones.. This centred in the matter of vocation. But it is never seen as a religious problem. The besetting problem seems to be " Shall I dedicate my self to this vocation or not. Shall my life work be my fulfilment or not? and if I do.. how unsafe I have made myself, how vulnerable I become!!!" The question of how I cope with threats to my being ~~is~~ not seen as a religious question .

Finally The Church needs to hear what it sounds like to the world outside.. There is a large body of quiet considered opinion that on balance religion has been a bad thing.

Faith this is heard as a demand to chalk this up as something that must not be doubted.

The Church's interest in the academic community .. Seen as the Church 's attempt to restore ~~XXX~~ its imperialism over the mind.
(Surely a Christian thing to fear)

The doctrine of the Fall is perhaps the most misunderstood doctrine of all. At a time when the world is very much aware of the human predicament, the Christian doctrine of Sin ought to come as light and insight not arbitrary bad news.

Christology instead of being heard as good news is heard as aggressive partizanship. " my hero is better than your hero. " is heard

"Believe the Gospel" believe the arbitrary formula, this is seen as having no connection between this and any issue or question that really matters.

A religion of Supernaturalism is taken to be a religion of magic which kind of religion it has been the business of all high religion to resist. much of the atheism is the 'atheism' that contributed to the Jewish and Christian faiths.. the idea of the Holy