

Christ's POWER Moves His Church Forward!

This year we held the most successful Ministerial Conference ever! And Christ is INSPIRING important decisions in His Work even in the aftermath.

by Roderick C. Meredith

“AND HE is the HEAD of the body, the Church” (Col. 1:18). Tremendous GROWTH is now taking place in the body of Jesus Christ—His Church! It is the *same* Jesus Christ of whom Paul spoke who is now *directing* and *inspiring* in far-reaching decisions that are being made by God's Church. As the end of this age approaches, we sense more and more the intense NEED of this guidance and strength from the real HEAD and BOSS over God's Work today. We pray for it—and rejoice in it!

Do YOU?

Our Prayers Are Heard

Most of the ministers felt that this year's Ministerial Conference was the most successful ever. Mr. Armstrong was in vital, dynamic health—leading and guiding the Conference through the inspiration of God's Spirit. Many more clear-cut decisions involving spiritual matters and ministerial policy were reached than ever before.

Startling *new truth*—of which many of you brethren in local churches have already heard as a *result* of the conference—was brought out concerning the great conspiracy and *the very* MAN prophesied by the Bible to lead it. The revelation of this knowledge is *most significant* coming at the time just prior to the emergence of the “Great False Prophet” who will be the final antitype of this very man!

New truth and understanding was brought out regarding the policy of God's Church on healing, on child rearing, on tithing, and many important plans for *growth* in local churches and Bible studies were made and discussed. Your PRAYERS for the success of this recent Ministerial Conference were certainly answered! The servants of God now ministering to more than THIRTEEN THOUSAND people attending our local churches in the United States and around the world were certainly *encouraged, inspired* and *instructed* in these important meetings!

From the office of Mr. Meredith, Superintendent of Churches in the United States, comes this authoritative information gathered from the reports of God's ministers all over the nation—and around the world.

SEVEN Ordinations

During the Conference, on the Sabbath of January 12, seven ordinations took place in the services of the Shakespeare Club—where the Pasadena Headquarters Church regularly meets. This was an occasion of great REJOICING for everyone present!

First of all, Mr. Pedro S. Ortiguero was ordained to the rank of *Local Elder*. Mr. Ortiguero is a member of our staff in the Philippines, and was a member of the “Sardis” branch of God's Church for a number of years. Now yielding himself to let Christ use him in the LIVING branch of God's Church, he has become a very profitable servant to

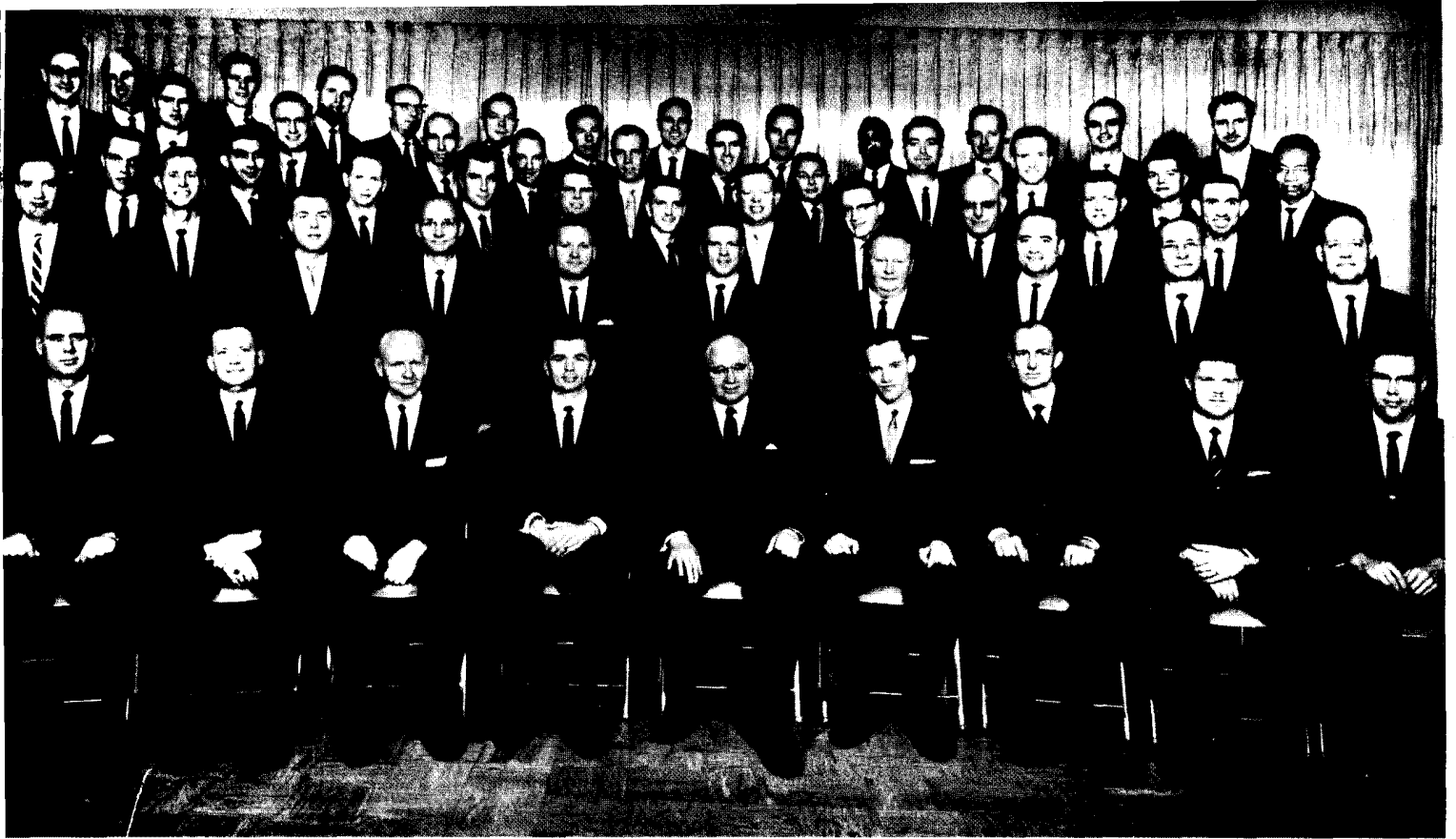
his own brethren in the Philippines and an able help and assistant in our Philippine office. Congratulations, Mr. Ortiguero!

Next, Mr. Richard Plache, a graduate of Ambassador College and now assistant to Mr. Raymond Cole in the churches in the Northwest, was ordained to the rank of *full Preaching Elder*. Mr. Plache is one of those rarities—a former minister of a worldly church who had the courage to admit he was wrong and become CONVERTED. He has grown steadily and rapidly in grace and knowledge, and is now a most valuable servant of Jesus Christ—loved by hundreds of the brethren who know him personally.

Then, two servants of Christ were *raised* in ministerial authority to the rank of Pastor in God's Church. First was Mr. David Jon Hill. Mr. Hill was one of the earliest graduates from Ambassador College and later became the minister over the Houston and Dallas Churches. Then, because of his unusual teaching and writing abilities, he was



From left to right: Mr. Pedro Ortiguero, Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, Mr. Bryce G. Clark, Mr. Albert J. Portune, Mr. Richard Plache, Mr. C. Wayne Cole, Mr. David Jon Hill.



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Martin, Robert Boraker, Hal Baird, H. Burk McNair, Roger Foster. ROW FOUR, left to right: Richard Plache, Vernon Hargrove, Allen Manteufel, Richard Prince, Kenneth Swisher, Dean Wilson, Ronald Kelly, J. D. Hammer, Dale Hampton, Arthur Craig, Carl McNair, Pedro S. Ortiguero. ROW FIVE, left to right: Frank McCrady, Bill Glover, Robert W. Hoops, Selmer Hegvold, Sidney Hegvold, James F. Kunz, Wilbur Berg, Harold L. Jackson, Keith Thomas, Arthur Moka-row, Al Dennis.

transferred into Headquarters and is now on the teaching and writing staff here at Pasadena. He has grown steadily in every way, and now has been given the additional rank and authority of a full Pastor in God's Church.

Mr. Bryce Clark, also raised to this same rank, is the Pastor over the churches in Kansas City and Springfield, Missouri. Mr. Clark was a former Student Body President in Ambassador College, and has long been recognized as one of our most effective and hard-working ministers in the field.

Three Raised to EVANGELIST Rank

Finally, with solemnity but with deep joy, three men were raised to the rank of *Evangelist* in God's Church! Not since December 2, 1955, when Mr. Ted Armstrong and Mr. Norman Smith were ordained as Evangelists, had there been another Evangelist ordained. And now, THREE on one day!

First was Mr. Wayne Cole, early graduate of Ambassador College and former Student Body President, one who has founded and powerfully built up *many* local churches, and is now Director over all of God's Work in Australia. Next was Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, the dedi-

cated servant of Jesus Christ, who has faithfully and zealously been used in founding the Church of God and its offices in far-flung corners of this earth. Mr. Waterhouse is currently in charge of God's Work in the Philippine Islands, and is also laying the groundwork for the start of churches and offices in South Africa!

Last, but as Mr. Armstrong said, "*far from least*," was Mr. Albert Portune. Mr. Portune gave up his partnership in a successful and growing heating and air conditioning business to come to Ambassador College in 1956. He became an administrative assistant, and later Executive Assistant, to Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong during his last two years in college and also held the office of Student Body President in his senior year. Since graduation, he has proved one of the most able and effective ministers in God's Church today.

He is an associate professor in Ambassador College, an editor for both *THE PLAIN TRUTH* and *GOOD NEWS* magazines, and continues as Executive Assistant to Mr. Ted Armstrong and part of the decision-making body of God's Evangelists at Headquarters in Pasadena. And now, as we will see later, Mr. Portune has been given

another most important job in God's Work.

All SEVEN of these men were chosen for these offices because of the abundant "fruits" that they have produced! Let us REJOICE, brethren, and ask God to *bless* and *empower* these ministers in their new responsibilities, and to inspire others to join their ranks as soon as it is His will.

Not until all of the ordinations were over did we realize that on the TWELFTH day of the first month, SEVEN Evangelists joined Mr. Armstrong in ordaining SEVEN men!

Important New Assignments

During and just after the Ministerial Conferences, important new assignments were given three of God's ministers. These assignments were given partly because of the full-scale AUSTERITY PROGRAM being put into effect throughout God's Work by Mr. Herbert Armstrong. Finances in God's Work have been *very right* for years—but especially so now. Also, because several of us who are editors on *THE GOOD NEWS* are loaded with other duties, this magazine has had to drag behind and come out late quite often over the years. So, Mr. Armstrong has proposed

to put new LIFE into The GOOD NEWS and also into all of the local church newspapers.

To deal with the financial situation, Mr. Armstrong has appointed Mr. Albert J. Portune—now an *Evangelist*—to be the full Business Manager for God's Work here at Headquarters! Mr. Portune—as has been mentioned—was partner in a successful heating and air conditioning business for several years before coming into God's Work. He has had business experience and training. In addition, he is already working on the inner executive "team" here at Headquarters and has had the experience of working with Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong on top-level decisions for a few years already. He will certainly continue some of his ministerial duties and teaching at least one Bible class at Ambassador College, but he will have a challenging job now to get God's Work in top financial condition—as we have long wanted to do.

So remember Mr. Portune EARNESTLY in your prayers, that God would give him the *wisdom, the insight*

and the *strength* he needs with this new, heavy responsibility! But we should also REJOICE that God has now seen fit to place one of His own ministers in His Church in this vital responsibility in an ever-expanding work now running into the *millions of dollars* and encompassing the entire globe!

As you may have noticed in the editorial box, the new *Managing Editor* of The GOOD NEWS is Mr. David Jon Hill. Mr. Hill—recently raised to Pastor rank in the ministry—has already been an Associate Editor of The PLAIN TRUTH and GOOD NEWS. In addition, he has been the Ministerial Advisor of the local Pasadena *Church of God News* and the Faculty Advisor of the Ambassador College campus paper, *The Portfolio*.

He has an unusual flair for putting zest and interest in all of his articles. *Through your prayers* we know he will be given the inspiration and guidance to put this same zip and interest in The GOOD NEWS—coupled with the deep spiritual feeling and "meat" which God's scattered people need so much.

The third new assignment goes to

Mr. Bryce Clark—pastor of the churches in Kansas City and Springfield—recently raised to Pastor rank. Mr. Clark has now been appointed Superintendent over the churches and scattered people of God in Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, as well as his own churches in Missouri. His area will be designated as the Central-Midwest District, with Mr. Dean Blackwell as Superintendent over the churches in the *Northern Midwest*.

Remember to pray for Mr. Clark in this new responsibility, and that God will add new churches in his area—which is certainly foreseen within the near future.

Two New Churches

On the Sabbath, February 2, the Negro brethren in the Chicago area met together in their *separate church* services for the *first time!* They were very enthusiastic about this opportunity, and by meeting separately were able to secure a beautiful ballroom in which to meet. The attendance for the first Sabbath was 181! So let us all REJOICE

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Christ living in YOU, are winning the most gigantic encounter of your life?

Examine yourself!

If your answer to the above is a weary shake of the head, then—WAKE UP! Prod yourself! You have robbed yourself of joy—real happiness—long enough. If you need help, cry out to God in earnest prayer. Confess your sins to Him. Lay out your problems as Hezekiah did (II Kings 19:14) before the eyes of your King. *He will respond abundantly!*

If you need inspiration, encouragement, exhortation, contact one of God's ministers immediately—or one of His representatives in your area. Get busy and *solve* your problems quickly so you can begin to LIVE and, once and for all, to *work the WORK OF GOD!*

In the words of our Saviour, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my JOY might remain in you, and that your joy might be full!" (John 15:11).

This is the measure of the Church's responsibility. *How about doing yours?*

Christians Fight?

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the original Apostles teach the same thing that Jesus taught, or did they change? Did the true Church as it started out follow the instructions of Jesus and the Apostles?

Did the Catholic Church follow these same teachings of Jesus and the original Church? What about the Protestants; did they reform and get back to the faith once delivered, or did they just perpetuate the practices of the Catholic Church?

There are so many people who consider themselves Christian today who are in military service, that it is necessary to have a whole corps of chaplains to take care of the servicemen's religious needs. Did the early Catholic Church have people in service like this? The amazing truth of history will be shocking and eye-opening.

Christ said He would build His Church and even the grave would not prevail against it. He prayed that His disciples down through the centuries would continue to be ONE, not divided and in confusion (John 17:20,21). The centuries intervening were not to divide His Church. Have Christ's words stood the test of time? If so, it is obvious that the confusion of today is not true Christianity, but that of a clever, diabolical, counterfeit kind of "Christianity."

The world has been in confusion too long. The truth must be exposed to

light. *Young men need to be SURE* of God's teaching so they will not continue to be deceived by today's religious confusion. They have a right to see this subject clearly and in the right perspective, and to know what to do in the trying times immediately ahead.

It is time to face this question squarely and stop avoiding it. You need to know what God expects of you—in this very end time—today.

The next installment will begin to unfold the startling but plain answer from the very Word of Almighty God. Then we shall see from history just how the present confusion came about. We shall see who started it.

We shall also see how there has been an *amazing change* in the teachings and practices of the churches. The results of this change are shocking! What will happen in the *future* as a result of this confusion of beliefs *will be made plain.*

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Canada Work

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of changing and turning to the true way of God has been ever-increasing. In recent weeks, there has been an *unusually high number* of requests for baptism all across Canada.

The baptismal tours across Canada are going to be *busy* this summer! At present, there are over ELEVEN AND A HALF THOUSAND people receiving The PLAIN TRUTH magazine in Canada! ONE THOUSAND or more are studying the Correspondence Course. Many of these people will write in—requesting baptism. *Many will be baptized!*

Already, there are over ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE *families*—members of God's Church in Canada! Many will be added this summer. The need for *ministers* to shepherd these areas is going to be great! Christ commanded us as His people and Church to pray that God would send more laborers into the harvest (Matt. 9:38). The need is certainly great in *Canada!*

Let's become really engrossed in God's Work—interested in it. Mr. Armstrong has exhorted us many times that, "We grow *spiritually* in proportion to how much we have our *hearts in the WORK!*"

Pray for these men in Canada! That God will call the laborers—that He will call others to see His truth!! Get to know the world-wide scope of the Work of Almighty God! Become *vitaly* interested in it.

Church Growth

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with our Negro brethren in this new challenge, and pray for their continued growth in God's service!

Also, soon after the Ministerial Conferences, Mr. Carn Catherwood—having first taken unto himself a new wife—raised up a *new church* in Cincinnati, Ohio! The first services were held on the Sabbath of February 23, with 190 brethren in attendance! This still leaves Mr. Catherwood with nearly 300 in attendance at the Indianapolis Church, so remember to pray for him in his new responsibilities, both with his new church and his new wife! Congratulations, Carn!

Three New Bible Studies

On this same week end, Mr. Raymond Cole started a new Bible study—leading to a church later—in Boise, Idaho! The first week's attendance was 43, but is definitely scheduled to grow rapidly as more of the brethren in outlying areas learn about it and become accustomed to meeting together each week. So *pray* for this new study, and rejoice that God's people in Idaho now have the opportunity to meet together!

On February 10, a new Bible study was begun in Minneapolis, Minnesota, with 112 in attendance! The brethren there were very enthusiastic, and hope that it may become converted to a church as soon as we have enough ministerial help. This, too, depends much upon *your prayers!*

Finally, a *special blessing* came to both the white and Negro brethren in Atlanta, Georgia, when they were able to meet *together* in a Bible study on February 10. These studies will be held at first only once a month—because of Mr. Arthur Craig's demanding schedule—but the attendance for the first meeting was 141!

Brethren, let us lift up our hearts and voices to God with great THANKS for these wonderful opportunities for so many of our scattered brethren who—after waiting for years—are finally able to meet *together* to worship Him!

Let us *work* and PRAY more earnestly that God would bless and empower His Church—*provide more ministers* for full-time service, and *rebuke* us, *chasten* us, *fashion* and *mold* us all, so that our SPIRITUAL GROWTH and *dedication* may equal the tremendous physical progress in churches, studies, and facilities which He is making possible for our use in preparing for His coming Kingdom!