

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, October 3, 1993

WORLD COMMUNION / INVITATION / APPEAL

- A. Today we celebrate World Communion Sunday....always celebrated on the first Sunday of October. Christians around the world are kneeling today at the Lord's Table to receive the Sacrament....an important Sunday in the Christian Church!
- B. For the benefit of visting friends, I would mention that the TABLE OF OUR LORD is open to all....that one does not have to be a member of this Church...nor of this denomination.... HIS table is open to all and we invite all of you to receive the Sacrament, trusting that this may be an occasion of spiritual renewal, rededication...reaffirmation of your life to the will of God as it has come to us....
- C. Procedure: elements will be served to you in the pews...upon receiving them, please hold until all have been served....
- D. For many years now, it has been customary to receive a special World Communion appeal....described in your bulletin along with an envelope....place this appeal on your hearts and trust you will respond with a gift to help..

GREETING TO THE VISITORS

- A. We greet the visitors in the congregation....pleased...and hope that we shall have opportunity to greet you....be free in the sharing of your name....sign one of the visitor cards, or leave your name in one of our guest books....Come, worship...
- B. Roots of this church are deep in the soil and concrete of this part of NYC...doing Lord's work here s nce 1837....minister in name of Christ and it is in HIS LOVING SPIRIT....

PARISH CONCERNS

- A. Pick up a copy of our monthly news sheet....prepared by Melanie Kirkpatrick....review the bulletin, noting the meetings and the study group opportunities....and also the need for workers for the Feeding Program (Jan Ernst), Rummage Sale of Oct. 23rd (Diane Keller) and the November 20th Church Fair (Wayne Wiebe).
- B. Trustees on Monday night. Finance Committee on Thursday night to start work on the 1994 operating budget. Dan Boone....
- C. Right now we're in the midst of preparing for our October 18th Church Conference...most important meeting of Fall..lot riding on it in terms of program goals for 1994....plan to be present as we...

TODAY'S PREACHER

A brief word regarding today's preacher. We welcome Dr. Robert J. Harmon to our pulpit this morning. As Deputy General Secretary of the World Division of the Board of Global Ministries of our United Methodist Church, he is responsible for the world-wide mission program of our Church - the largest of all mainline Protestant denominations. He knows intimately the problems and concern related to world mission and his office handles a budget of 23 million dollars that touches Methodist people in 79 countries around the world.

A native of Illinois, his academic life has touched a number of institutions of higher education among them North Central College, Illinois, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, New York University and the Wharton School of Business of the University of Pennsylvania. A former pastor and a former District Superintendent, Dr. Harmon has travelled extensively, and has been active in social justice ministries and civil rights activities both in church and community.

Married to Marcia, a teacher...and father of two grown sons, it is a joy to welcome Dr. Harmon this morning. His sermon title is "Witnessing In a New World."

OFFERING

Let us now worship God with our morning offering,  
remembering the words of Jesus:

"IT IS MORE BLESS TO GIVE  
THAN TO RECEIVE."