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NOMINATIONS

for Elections at Convention

VICE-PRESIDENT: Mr. Adolph T. Liebert
Pittsburgh, Pa.

SECRETARY: Mrs. Wilfred (Ethel) Rice
Cambridge, Mass.

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1 3-year term, filling the unexpired term
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1 5-year term)

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Respectfully submitted,

*Rev. Paul Zacharias, Ch.
Roger D. Paulson
Rev. Galen Unruh
H. Page Conant*

Biographies -



Adolf Liebert

ADOLPH LIEBERT

Mr. Adolph T. Liebert was born, raised and educated in Philadelphia, before moving to Pittsburgh where he now resides with his wife Anne. He is a retired Research Engineer from the United Engineering and Foundry Company. His association with the Swedenborgian Church and its activities includes the office of Vice-President for the past year, membership on the General Council, Board of Managers of the Swedenborg School of Religion, Past President and current Trustee of the Council of the Swedenborgian Church in Pittsburgh, Trustee of the Executive Committee of the Ohio Association and member of the Board of Directors of the Swedenborg Foundation.

For relaxation Mr. Liebert enjoys reading, music and all phases of photography.



August Ebel



Margaret Sampson

ETHEL RICE



Ernest Frederick

Born in Chicago, Mrs. Rice's earliest Church associations were with the Humboldt Park Parish, a society established by her grandfather, the Rev. Adolph J. Bartels. While still in her teens, she was employed at the Book Rooms of the Western New-Church Union in downtown Chicago, and served as secretary to the Rev. Hiram Vrooman during his tenure as broadcasting minister for the Union.

With her husband, minister of the Cambridge Church, Mrs. Rice has worked energetically in such widely separated pastorates as Chicago; Fryeburg, Maine; St. Paul, Minnesota; and Elmwood, Massachusetts. Her chief interests are music and Sunday School work.

Mrs. Rice was elected to the post of Recording Secretary at the 1968 Convention held in Windsor, Ontario.

AUGUST A. EBEL

Society Membership: Washington, D. C.

Occupation: Retired from Navy in 1973 with rank of Captain.

Convention Offices Held: Incumbent Treasurer one year; elected member General Council five years; trustee Pension Fund eight years; chairman Trustees of National Church eight years.

Association Offices Held: Vice President seven years.

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*Ernest Martin**Virginia Branston**Jan Seibert**Corinne Tafel*

Society Offices Held: Treasurer nine years: President four years: various other offices.

Other Relevant Offices: Trustee Urbana College: Treasurer Swedenborg School of Religion.

Education: PhD in physics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Age 55.

Reason for Candidacy: This is a critical office. I believe I am filling it capably and I think this is the most challenging way I can serve Convention.

ERNEST O. MARTIN

President of Convention and Director of the Central Office since July 1968. Graduate of Boston University (AB), Harvard (STB), and the Swedenborg School of Religion. Served as minister of the Wilmington church from 1952 to 1959, and the Washington, D.C. church from 1959 to 1968.

I have accepted an invitation to serve on the staff of the Wayfarers' Chapel beginning in August, and look forward to a new chapter in my ministry. I will continue to be concerned about the work of the larger church and believe that I can make a significant contribution through membership on the General Council.

MARIAN KIRVEN

Born in Illinois in 1928, married into the Swedenborgian church in 1947, by first being baptized and confirmed into the St. Louis Society by the Rev. Joy Hammond in that same year. I studied at the University of Chicago Laboratory School and Four

Year College before I was married and resumed studies after my children were in school in 1958. I graduated from Perry Normal School in 1961 and went on to earn a B.S. in Elementary Education from Tufts University in 1963. I continued studying and in 1968 I was graduated as a special student from the Swedenborg School of Religion and I was granted an M.A. in Religion from Andover Newton Theological School. I began serving the Swedenborg School as librarian in 1966 and continue to do so. Twice I have been President of the New Church Sunday School Association and have served on the Board of Education and Hosanna Committee while holding this office. I have been a staff member of L.E.I., Blairhaven, and the Post-Convention Conference. I have had training in Human Relations at the National Training Laboratory in Bethel, Maine, and training in Advanced Pastoral Counseling under Ruel Howe at Bloomfield Hills, Mich. I have also represented the Swedenborgian Church or School at meetings of the National Council of Churches Dept. of Christian Education, American Association of Theological Schools, American Theological Library Association, American Academy of Science and Religion. I am a member of the Swedenborg Publishing Assoc. and the Swedenborg Foundation. I am willing to serve on the General Council because I think I can expand my professional usefulness in this way. As librarian and acting archivist a great deal of current and historical information concerning the activities of Swedenborgians all over the world, passes over my desk daily. I hear the hopes and dreams of the student ministers and I receive and skim the papers of the deceased ministers, and I read the bulletins of the living ministers and churches. This is the background from which I might be of greater service to the church.

*John Harms**Betsy Young**Wilson Van Dusen**Wilfred Locke*

JOHN A. HARMS

John is President of the Washington Society. He has been part of the Washington Society ever since 1950 when he married Janet Harlow, a third generation Swedenborgian. Member of the Church Committee for many years, and former Sunday School Superintendent.

Born in Saskatoon, Canada, where his father was a Lutheran prairie preacher riding a red horse to visit the homesteaders. Temple, University of Philadelphia. Machine gunner, intelligence NCO, battle of the Bulge.

He is a reporter, writer and editor and noted lecturer on Washington affairs. Former editor of *The Kiplinger Agricultural Letter*, and national farm editor of Mutual Broadcasting System, John is now Senior Editor of *The Kiplinger Washington Letter*, covering White House and Congress, and contributing editor, *Changing Times Magazine*.

Member of National Press Club, White House Correspondents' Assn. and Saints & Sinners Club.

John says: "Besides new blood, I should like to bring to General Council a powerful new sense of mission as to the teachings of Swedenborg—and conviction that General Convention has enormous potential for spreading the teachings to bounds perhaps dreamed of but never reached.

"I should also like to join men and women of good will to open the doors of simple love and trust among all Swedenborgians.

"If elected, I would take it as a solemn trust."

EDWARD BOHLANDER, Jr.

Edward Bohlander, Jr. entered the New Church through the Cincinnati Society. He attended L.E.I. and was a student at Urbana College for two years. He completed his graduate studies in the Department of Sociology of the Ohio State University and presently is an Assistant Professor at Western Kentucky University. Bohlander has served on the Board of Publications since 1971. In June, 1974, he was elected Chairman of the Department and continues to serve in this capacity.

BETSY YOUNG

My New Church roots go back to the first Swedenborgians in this country. However, this is not the reason I feel qualified for membership on the Board of Education. My professional expertise is in the field of current educational practices, and I am sure that from this perspective I have something to offer in the development and evaluation of educational programs within our church. Though my current assignment concerns me with the young children, I have worked in the past extensively with teenagers and many adult groups. For twenty-five years I served as an active minister's wife to my late husband, the Rev. Robert L. Young. Through this experience I was able to acquire a knowledge of the needs and expectations of the members of our church.

I would consider it an honor and a trust to serve Convention again as a member of the Board of Education.

F. ROBERT TAFEL

I was ordained in Philadelphia in 1964. I now serve as the minister of the National Church, residing with my wife, Mareta, and daughters Kathleen and Jennifer in Alexandria, Virginia.

I was "born in the church," grew up in it, and continue to serve it. As a fifth generation Swedenborgian minister, I am proud of my "goodly heritage." I love my church, enjoy serving it, and envision greater possibilities than most of us dare to hope for.

I owe much to our Church's camp and L.E.I. programs: I remember Camp Chatauqua, as a toddler; Almont Summer School, in my teens; and L.E.I., having been a participant at its very first session.

I learned much during my first five years of ministry at the San Diego Church. This prepared me for work in a team ministry with the Rev. Dick Tafel, Jr. at Kemper Road Center for Religious Development near Cincinnati, Ohio. From three years of teamwork emerged several sound possibilities for service: retreat and group ministries, marriage ministry of "The Wedding Chapel," and creative worship experiences.

I have served as Secretary of the Council of Ministers, on the Council's Committee on Worship, and on Convention's Nominating Committee (serving as its chairman in 1973). I've served as Camp Minister and Camp Director for Split Mountain Camp.

I have given considerable thought to accepting the nomination to serve on the Board of Missions. I don't need the position to keep busy or find fulfillment or any other reason. I accept the nomination because I've been asked to serve, and I know I can do a good job. I ask for your vote this coming June.

MARGARET S. SAMPSON

During my many years on the Board of Missions I have been most active as chairman of its Project Committee. In this capacity I effect liaison between the Alliance and the Board on matters relat-

ing to the Mite Box. I assemble and mount our exhibits at Convention and carry out various activities as they occur. Presently my chief concern is producing worship services for our isolated members. I do this in cooperation with Bob Tafel, a member of the Board, and with Win Sullivan, electronics expert and member of the New York Society. We are having some initial success with this project and are trying to broaden the knowledge of and use of these cassettes. I hope to continue this activity.

ERNEST L. FREDERICK

As my parents were Salvation Army officers who saw service in many parts of the world, I received the benefit of schooling in Australia, China, Germany, Canada and the United States. I was graduated from McMaster University (A.B.), Harvard (B.D.) and The Swedenborg School of Religion, and was ordained in 1954 at the New York Convention.

I have served the Brockton, Mass. and the Miami Church and am now at DeLand, Fla. at Swedenborg House, which is both a church and a regional center for the southeastern area. On March 23rd I was married to Hazel DeTrude, a Swedenborgian from Daytona Beach, Fla.

In past years I have been on a number of boards and committees of Convention, including General Council, the Executive Committee of the Council of Ministers, the Committee on Spiritual Healing, and currently am Chairman of the Board of Managers of the Swedenborg School of Religion and on the Advisory Committee on Admission to the Ministry. My chief interest lies in helping our church to expand and become a more effective instrument for the Lord's work in the United States and throughout the world.

MARGARET WORCESTER BRIGGS

Childhood, youth: Philadelphia, Cambridge. Vassar '23. S.S. Teachers course: NCTS. Exposed to needs of 7 diverse N.C. Societies. Minister's wife, educational end; last 23 years, Fryeburg, Maine.

Acquainted with Almont, early L.E.I., Fryeburg Assembly.

Visited (with Wm. Worcester in official capacity); Philippines, British Conference, European Federation, most Societies on Continent, '23, '24.

World Council of Churches, Amsterdam, '48.

World Assembly, London, '70.

4th generation N. C. ministerial line, observing important changes and contributions of outstanding NC leaders through the years.

Acquainted with NCTS since 1911 (President's daughter, long service on Board of Managers, Visiting Com.)

On ACAM hope to recognize and encourage individual ministerial qualifications—concerned to strengthen peculiar N.C. functions. Find ACAM interviews extremely interesting.

WILFRED C. LOCKE

Personal: Born in Streator, Illinois, on September 18, 1911. Wife—Johanna. Has two children: Robert born February 21, 1937, and Carol (Ricca) born January 30, 1942.

Education: Attended Highland Park Junior College from 1929 to 1931. Received A. B. degree in Economics in 1933 from the University of Michigan. Has taken a number of Trust courses at the Detroit Institute of Technology, Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company and Wayne State University Law School. Attended International Accountants Society, Inc. from 1940 to 1942.

Prior Business Experience: Employed by the Detroit Edison Company as an Accounting Clerk from September 1933 to June 1942. Was a Junior Economist for the U. S. Department of Labor from June to October 1942. Worked for law offices of Dahlberg, Simon, Jayne, Woolfenden & Gawne as a Tax Accountant and Office Manager from October 1942 to April 1951.

Church: Former Trustee, Urbana College, Convention Pension Board, etc., Treasurer Michigan Assoc. Past Pres. Church of the Holy City, Detroit.

National Bank of Detroit experience: Joined bank 1951 as a Tax Statistician. Assistant Vice President 1962. Second Vice President March 27, 1975.

JAN SEIBERT

As a long-time active participant on Convention boards, I've acquired a broad acquaintanceship throughout Convention. This has led to my conviction that we have untapped resources of able persons who could serve our church well if they were approached to serve in capacities to utilize their own special talents. Because of this deeply held feeling, I welcome my nomination to fill an unexpired term on the Nominating Committee.

My parish affiliation is with El Cerrito Hillside Church although I live 150 miles from it, hence rarely attend. My husband is E. Ellsworth Seibert, well known in Convention, who can be, and is willing to be, of signal assistance in suggesting names of people appropriate for the boards having vacancies to be filled.

Although I continue to be an active board member of the Department of Publication, I can see no conflict of interest should I be elected to the Nominating Committee.

CORINNE B. TAFEL

I was born in Stratford, Ontario, Canada, a Shakespeare town, where I attended both the Romeo and Juliet schools. I went to Sunday School and the New Church in Kitchener, some thirty miles away. Later I graduated from Urbana College and the University of Michigan.

I am married to the Rev. Richard H. Tafel of Philadelphia. We have three sons, two of whom are Swedenborgian ministers.

I am a past President of the Women's Alliance and presently serve as Mite Box Chairman. Also I am Secretary of the Swedenborg Publishing Association and serve on the Department of Publication as its representative member. Besides being actively involved in the life of the Philadelphia Church, I am greatly interested in Urbana College and the Wayfarers' Chapel as our best missionary outlets.

When my husband was President of Convention, I visited most of the Societies and Associations in this country, Canada and Europe, a rewarding experience in meeting so many of our fellow Sweden-

borgians. Because of my wide knowledge of the Church and its members, I feel qualified to serve as a member of the Nominating Committee.

WILSON VAN DUSEN

He was born and raised in San Francisco on the edge of poverty. He graduated high school as an honor student. During the second World War he was in the US Coast Guard Academy, US Merchant Marine and the Naval Reserve, and sailed all over the Pacific, ending the war as a second mate in the Merchant Marine and commissioned in the Naval Reserve. He completed the AB and MA degrees in psychology at the University of California in 3½ years. He served a one-year internship in clinical psychology and completed a PhD summa cum laude in clinical psychology at the University of Ottawa, Canada. For 16 years he worked at Mendocino State Hospital in positions of increasing responsibility from staff psychologist to chief psychologist and chief of research. He became known for his phenomenological studies of madness, enlightenment and hallucinations. Thereafter he served as associate director of Awareness House, a national drug treatment project which he helped start. When he can, he returns to the sea on yachts and ships and now has unlimited captain's papers. He is now partly retired, writing, with two books out and 60 articles.

He has been a self-taught student of Swedenborg for some 15 years with one book and three articles on Swedenborg and five articles in press. The book *Presence of Other Worlds*, is his best known work. He is manager of Philemon Foundation, a non-profit foundation dedicated to advancing the work of Swedenborg. His primary interest is in scholarship and disseminating a broader understanding and appreciation of Swedenborg.

VIRGINIA BRANSTON

Virginia Branston is a New Yorker by adoption, having lived longer in "the city of serendipity" than any of the other ten states in which she has resided. She received her B. A. degree in economics from Hunter College and has pursued grad-

uate studies at the Bernard Baruch School of Business and Public Administration.

Virginia is a member of the New York Society of the New Church; New York Association of the New Church (Treasurer); Swedenborg Publishing Association (Treasurer); Tri State Media Ministry (Treasurer); New Church Board of Publication; Department of Communications of the Council of Churches of the City of New York (Secretary); Religious Publications Council; and she is also a member of the Board of Trustees of Urbana College.

For many years she held an executive position with the British Marconi Company—pioneers in the communications industry. During the past 13 years Virginia has been manager of the Swedenborg Foundation.

She is the mother of four children and proud grandmother of six. Her varied interests include travel, legitimate theatre, ballet, modern dance, jazz, and an occasional game of bridge.

DR. DOROTHEA HARVEY

My professional education is in the field of religion with a B.D. from Union Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. from Columbia University. My work has been the teaching of religion and philosophy to college students at Wellesley College, Milwaukee-Downer College, Lawrence University, and Urbana College. I am concerned about effective teaching of religion to present day students, in work with adults, and in what is going on in education today. My church and the writings are important to me, and I think I have something to contribute to the Board of Managers of the Swedenborg School of Religion from both my experience and my interest. I seek election to this Board.

At the 1974 convention I was made an Authorized Candidate for the ministry. I look forward to full ordination at the coming convention.

NEW STATUS TO U. C. DEGREES

URBANA COLLEGE FULLY ACCREDITED

The Rev. Ernest O. Martin, President of Convention and Chairman of the Urbana College Board of Trustees, announced that the school has been granted full accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Roland D. Patzer, president of Urbana College, was notified on April 9th of the decision by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education.

President Patzer appeared before the commission at its meeting in Chicago to present a response to the report submitted to the commission by an evaluation team of North Central which made its final visit to Urbana January 6, 7 and 8 of this year.

The college has been on "candidate for accreditation" status for the past four years. The accreditation, the first granted by North Central to Urbana in the 125-year college's history, is effective immediately.

Mr. Martin declared: "Accreditation is a tribute to the united efforts of the entire college community and the church. The building of the Swedenborg Memorial Library in 1968, through contributions of church members, was a great boost forward. Church members have served ably on the Board of Trustees, faculty, and administration of the college. The act of accreditation is a cause for celebration and is an inspiration for us to move forward with renewed efforts to make a unique impact on higher education through Swedenborgian emphases and philosophy.

Patzer also remarked, "Urbana College has demonstrated the ability to conduct a viable operation. The NCA Team itself noted the institutional strengths in student services, Trustee development, clarification of College purposes, library staff improvement, fund-raising effectiveness, campus-wide planning, administrative direction and faculty degrees."

"Areas of concern do exist, and while some demand immediate attention, others can be remedied only through long-range planning and sensitive management of fiscal and human resources," he added.

"The dedication of Urbana College faculty and administrative staff, in addition to that of students, contributors and community members, truly helped us in our bid for accreditation. Urbana College is deeply indebted to them. It is fitting that accreditation should come in 1975—the year Urbana College is celebrating its 125th Anniversary. With this step, and with the continuing interest and assistance from our friends, Urbana College will remain to serve students for another 125 years."

Today's announcement climaxes a seven-year campaign to achieve North Central accreditation.

In 1968, the college received authority from the UC Board of Trustees to develop a four-year program and in 1968 Urbana graduated its first four-year class. The same year the college was granted "Correspondent Status" by the North Central Association and in 1971 it gained "Candidate for Accreditation" status.

In each stage of the accreditation process, the local college experienced no delays. In fact, the school stayed somewhat ahead of the normal schedule prescribed by North Central.

Urbana College has been accredited since 1968 by the Ohio Department of Education to prepare students for state certification on both the elementary and secondary levels.

The college's teacher education program is periodically reviewed by the State Board of Education and, as a result of the most recent review this winter of its program was again granted full approval of the State Board to continue preparing teachers for state certification.

The State Board's evaluation team, in its most recent report, cited the college for the quality of the faculty and administration in the teacher preparation program, its clearly defined programs, strong relations with area schools and communication between students, faculty and cooperating teachers in this area.

Urbana College is also currently a member of the American Association of College Teacher Education, the Association of American Colleges, and the Council for the Advancement of Small Colleges.

On the state level, Urbana College belongs to the Dayton-Miami Valley Consortium, the Mid-Ohio Conference, the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Ohio, and the Ohio College Association.

NOTICE OF CORPORATION MEETING

The Annual Meeting of The Corporation of the New Church Theological School to elect officers and to transact such other business as may properly come before it, will be held at the Swedenborg School of Religion at 48 Sargent Street, Newton, Massachusetts, on Saturday afternoon, May 10th at 1:30 P. M.

This notice serves as an official call to that Meeting and also as a notice of a proposal to amend the By-laws in order to:

1. Reduce the size of the Board of Directors.
2. Set up staggered terms for Directors, and
3. Limit the consecutive number of terms for which a Director is eligible to two.

(Signed) *Harvey M. Johnson*,
Clerk

IN MEMORIAM

THE REV. WERNER SCHMIDT

Sept. 30, 1919—April 30, 1975

The Rev. Werner Schmidt of Freiburg, Germany, pastor for West Germany, died on Easter Sunday after a long illness. A memorial will appear in a later issue.

ANCHOR SOCIETY CREATED TO PRODUCE ECUMENICAL COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Calvin Turley of the Swedenborg School of Religion, has been named a Director of the Anchor Society. A newly-established nonprofit organization created to produce ecumenical communications, the Anchor Society will publish the *Fish International Newsletter*, *New Life*, *Ecumenical Directory of Retreat and Conference Centers* and the *Directory of Religious Publishers*, which have previously been published by Jarrow Press, Inc. Jarrow Press as an incorporated company will soon cease to exist, but the Anchor Society will retain the name of Jarrow Press as a publishing division for bound books.

Incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a nonprofit organization, the society is presently located at 29 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass. 02116, but plans to move and establish its permanent offices in Denver, Colorado, before the end of 1975. Officers of the society are Philip David Deemer, president and clerk, and Arthur J. Goldsmith, Jr., treasurer. The board of directors includes Messrs. Deemer and Goldsmith; the Rt. Rev. William C. Frey, Episcopal Bishop of Colorado; Dr. Ruth Tiffany Barnhouse, psychiatrist and spiritual director, Cambridge, Massachusetts and the Rev. Dr. Calvin Turley.

The purpose of the Anchor Society will be to create and produce materials in the larger field of ecumenical communications, specifically periodicals, books and directories, and plans in the future to produce cassettes, greeting cards and stationery, as well as to conduct conferences, for the spread of the Gospel through the Body of Christ, supporting renewal therein, as widely as possible.

CONVENTION VIEWS '74 PUT YOURSELF IN THE PICTURE IN '75



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Ernest O. Martin

As the seven years of my presidency come to a close, I continue to be excited by the variety and depth of my relationships with members of the Church. I shall always be grateful for the opportunity to serve the larger Church and to meet and work with Swedenborgians throughout the world.

From February 13-15 I met with the Department of Publication in Newton. This is one of the most active bodies in the church and its responsibilities are great. We had an opportunity at this meeting to talk with the Rev. Paul Zacharias about his plans for the editorship of *The Messenger*. Paul's duties will begin with the September issue. Several manuscripts are being prepared for publication and Dr. Wilson Van Dusen has offered to work with the Department in the preparation of literature.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Managers of the Swedenborg School of Religion met on February 15 and 16. Considerable time was given to a discussion of the respective roles of the managers, faculty, and president. A report will be made to the Board of Managers at the meeting on May 9-10.

As chairman of the Board of Trustees of Urbana College, I meet with the Executive Committee each month and preside at the three meetings of the Board each year. We are tremendously encouraged by the accreditation of the college, achieved on April 9. It is gratifying to gain accreditation during the 125th anniversary of the founding of the college. The kick-off of the anniversary celebration took place at the Founders' Day program on March 7.

I continue to find inspiration and enlightenment at meetings of the National Council of Churches. I attend meetings of the Governing Board twice a year, the latest meeting taking place in Chicago on March 4-6. Meetings of the whole board are interspersed with meetings of smaller sections where there can be more participation and dialogue. Mealtimes and informal get-togethers also provide occasions for friendships to develop. An atmosphere of mutual respect prevails.

The Executive Committee of the Council of Ministers met in Newton from March 11-14. The Advisory Committee on Admission to the Ministry (ACAM), made up of some of the same people, met with the individual students of the theological school to become better acquainted with them and to orient them to the responsibilities of ordination.

Preaching engagements during the last few months have included Washington, D.C. on February 9, DeLand, Florida on March 23, Cleveland on Easter Sunday, Pittsburgh on April 6, and Kitchener, on May 4.

I was privileged to baptize Rachel Mariah, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Jaikoo Lee of Park Ridge, Illinois on March 9th, and to officiate at the wedding of the Rev. Ernest L. Frederick and Hazel DeTrude on March 23rd in DeLand, Florida.

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Board of Education's Adult Work Committee's
4th Post-Convention Conference

RESOURCES FOR REGENERATION: II

Urbana College, from Monday noon, June 30, thru Friday evening, July 4.

Staff: Dr. Dorothea Harvey, Director; Dr. Calvin Turley, Mrs. Perry Martin, Mrs. Lorraine Sando, Rev. Jaikoo Lee, Mrs. Marilyn Turley.

Cost: \$15.00 Registration Fee per participant (no registration fee for non-participating children), plus room and board at \$12 per day double occupancy, and \$17 per day single occupancy.
Registration accepted for full session only.

PROGRAM

Reflecting the process of Regeneration, the program will emphasize experiences of particular resources for regeneration, followed by theological reflection on the experiences. Full-group sessions will be alternated with meetings of small groups devoted to specific resources, including meditation, artistic expression, Bible or doctrinal study, etc.

Participants will live in Urbana College dorms and have access to swimming pool, gym and tennis courts. Baby-sitting will be provided without extra cost. Please indicate this need on registration form.

Send registration to:

**The Swedenborgian Church
Board of Education
48 Sargent Street
Newton, Mass. 02158**

Application dead-line June 1

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Registration—Post-Convention Conference

Name _____

Children _____

(names and ages: use back of sheet if necessary; indicate baby-sitting needs)

Address _____

Phone _____

Make checks payable to: **General Convention — Board of Education**

Arrival in Urbana _____

date

mode of travel

Departure _____

date

During my visit to the west coast from April 17-28 I met with church members in San Diego, Los Angeles, Yucaipa, the Wayfarers' Chapel, and the San Francisco bay area. Perry and I also engaged in a house-hunting expedition in the Palos Verdes area, as we prepare to move from the east coast to the west coast. I look forward to assuming new duties on the staff of the Wayfarers' Chapel in August.

Earlier in April I went house-hunting with Roger Dean Paulson in the Boston area as he prepared to take over his duties as Director of the Central Office of Convention. Roger has bought a home in the Boston suburb of Arlington and hopes to move in by June 1st.

Spring is a time for several of our associations to meet. I will participate in meetings of the Canada Association in Kitchener on May 3-4. One of my assignments is to sum up my 7-year presidency in 30 minutes. One mathematically-minded friend pointed out that I had a little more than 4 minutes per year . . . The Illinois Association will meet in LaPorte, Indiana, from May 16-18. The Rev. Matt Glowe will be host minister, and I look forward to meeting with him and Johnnie as they conclude the second year of their ministry in LaPorte.

Plans are nearing completion for the Convention sessions in Urbana from June 22-29. Be sure to complete the registration form and send it in to the Central Office if you plan to attend the convention. We look forward to some exciting new mini-courses and to the celebration of Urbana College's 125th year.

MINI-COURSES AT CONVENTION

The popular mini-courses will be offered again this year. Look over the list now, and sign up for your favorite when you arrive at Urbana.

MULTI-AGE CREATIVE LEARNING ACTIVITIES

(Betsy Young and Marilyn Turley)

RELIGIOUS VIBES IN CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

(Faculty to be announced)

WOMEN

(Mary Kay Klein and Ginger Tafel)

DEATH AND DYING

(Faculty to be announced)

SWEDENBORG MADE EASY: A SIMPLE TREATMENT OF RELIGIOUS IDEAS

(Dorothea Harvey)

SWEDENBORG AND EASTERN RELIGIONS

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