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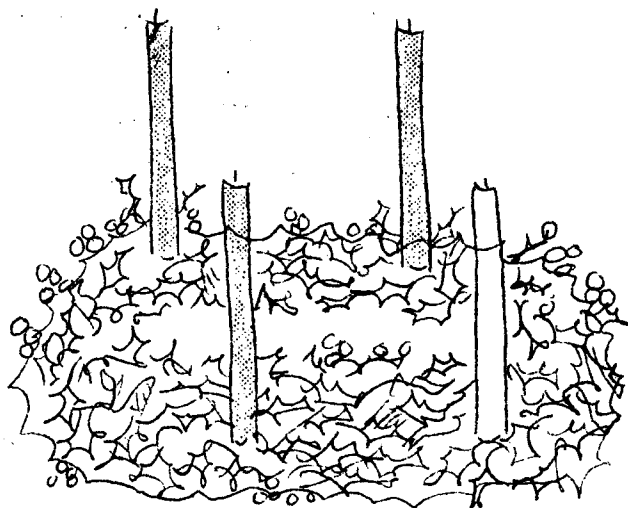
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## TO LIGHT AN ADVENT CANDLE

To light an Advent candle is a meaningful action. All the Advent candles together may scarcely pierce the density of the room's blackness. So it surely is not



for practical reasons we follow our beautiful Advent custom. Our modern electric bulb would serve the utilitarian purpose we seek better than many small candles. Yet in the Advent observance we continue to light our candles. This little action is a symbol of God's infinitely greater action through the Advent message.

God always moves in the brightness of light. He is not a God of darkness, for darkness is the place and the symbol of all that is not God. It is the working place of evil and its forces. God speaks to keep the bright light of day. There is nothing hidden in his person or action. He has no secrets to keep from the uninitiated or favors to withhold from the unfavored. A lighted candle is our reminder that it is daytime in the activity of God.

## THE ADVENT SEASON

Advent, a season of four Sundays, opens the church year. The season begins on the Sunday closest to St. Andrew's Day, Nov. 30. The observance of Advent originated in France during the fourth century. The duration of the season varied from four to seven weeks until the Bishop of Rome in the sixth century set the season at four weeks. In ancient times Advent was strictly observed. Every Christian was required to attend church services and fast daily.

The word "Advent" consists of two Latin words, *ad venire*, meaning "to come to." Advent's message is that God in Christ is coming to the world. This coming may be--

A past experience. God did come in Christ at Christmas. The prophet's promise was fulfilled in the Babe.

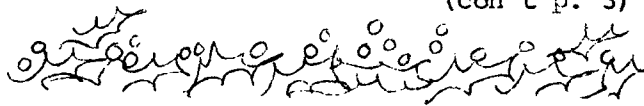
A present experience. God may come to you this Christmas in terms of rebirth either for the first time, or a renewed birth in deeper dimensions of reality.

A future experience. Christ will return unpredictably at the end of the world. "He shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead."

Since Advent promises the sure coming of the Lord, its message is "prepare." The Lord is coming whether the world is ready or not. For those unprepared, his coming means judgment. For those ready for his coming, it means salvation.

The mood of Advent is expressed in the liturgical color of violet. It depicts a feeling of quiet dignity, royalty, and repentance. Violet was the traditional

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NORT'S SPEWSSCC Meeting Minutes 11/15/78

Somehow it just doesn't seem fair... I mean really, I've been writing sports for over 2 months now, and when the time comes to take part in a big sports decision, I get passed by. Hey, you know the Heisman voting ended today, and I didn't even get a ballot. Not even a note telling me why I couldn't vote. After all what makes ~~the~~ those other thousand sportswriters so knowledgeable? Half of them probably didn't ~~xx~~ even finish college. Ah well, my vote wouldn't have mattered anyway, everybody is going to vote for what's his name, the quarterback from North State U or whatever who threw his halfback over the goal line from 5 yards out in the big game against Rival College. Everybody's voting for him.

Here's the big sports story you've all been waiting to hear.. basketball results. Folks the seemingly indomitable LTS roundballers winning streak finally ground to a hard-fought halt. After dominating the intramural scene for an entire week, and winning all of their first game, the LTS hoopsters lost their most recent one. Although the final score was 61-47, it was not representative of the intensity of the battle, since the Semindians trailed by a mere 4 points, before succumbing to exhaustion in the last ticks of the clock. --NEXT GAME: MON. DEC. 4, 9PM GOOD LUCK--

I'm running out of bowling anachronisms so any suggestions are welcome. Write to: Nort, care of this paper, and place them in the Seminarian office. Thank you.

Meanwhile... the scores:

Tuesday Nov 14: Pat 185\*, Chuck 301\*, Tony 222\*, Mark 332, Fr. Ed 361, Nort ~~44~~ 442, Vicki 276, Bruce 519, Randy 346, snf Tim 291.

Tuesday Nov. 21:

Tim 327, Bruce 457, Celia 293, Vicki 317, Mike 429, Mark 379.

Jesus said unto them, 'Who do you say ~~xx~~ that I am?' And they replied, 'You are the eschatological manifestation of the ground of our being... the charisma in which we find the ultimate meaning of our interpersonal relationships.'

And Jesus said, 'WHAT?'

Author Unknown

Meeting was called to order.

Jeff Wagner opened with a prayer.

Those who were present included; Craig Curt A., Jim M., Jack G., Mack, Donna Kay, Jim H., Jeff Whitman, Sally, Tony Jeff Wagner, Chuck S., Pat, Bruce, Jeff Dick, Motelepula, Norma R., Randy R., Ron P.

Wagner moved that the minutes be accepted as read, (Disher seconded), motion carried. Agenda was set.

Old Business

SCC Stationary

Book exchange

Class rep's needed

New Business

Housing

Constitutional interpretation

Have minutes printed in the Seminarian.

Old Business

Norma has asked that the SCC Secretary check prices on SCC stationary. Allen has agreed to do this.

Book exchange, tabled till next meeting.

The Sr. class elected Tony V. to be their Sr. class rep. Tony moved that the Exec. officers of SCC get the middler and junior classes together to elect their class reps. Motion carried.

Information: Jeff Wagner reports that candy will go up from 20¢ to 25¢ around Jan. '79.

New Business;

Constitutional Interpretation; Points of Information.

a) SCC is the selected body which represents the student body.

b) Business meeting procedure-SCC VP shall use the Roberts Rules as the guide (Guide or Rule?). Tony ~~moved~~ that we adopt the word "guide" to mean "procedure" He then withdrew his motion.

Steve moved we table the discussion, Jack seconded, motion carried.

c) Tony raised the question of who votes on the SCC (elected off. and appointed chairpersons? or just elected?) (the constitution is not clear on this point).

Craig suggested that we appoint someone to revise the SCC Const. and bring the revision before SCC.

Tony moved that only elected off. and representatives be given the right to

AMERICAN PRISONS OF TOMORROW-  
SPORTING NEW FACES

"I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness." Isaiah 42: 6-7

It is always interesting to note what legislative actions and executive decisions American people are willing to accept outright. Except in certain instances of personal interest and concern, most Americans are more than willing to remain unconcerned, ill-informed, and outright apathetic to most events which do not directly affect them, their families, or in some instances their closer friends and acquaintances.

It appears that when the big oak doors of governmental offices and agencies are closed for decision-making, the American public often loses sight of the issues through governmental release of information (which is either too difficult to understand or interpret for the average person) or through deliberate misinformation or half lies. In the years that have followed after an American awakening to "Politics as Usual" (Watergate) it seems that any recognition of the problem of keeping our representatives honest and responsible may have been laid to the side as we continue to be sucked into the "American Dream."

One such problem which most Americans tend to know little about, other than superstitions or misconceptions, are the problems and ethics of the American criminal justice systems, structures, and philosophies. It is indeed a sad note on American society to note the crime rate increases, the question of the death penalty, and the way American economics works against the poor, under-educated and oppressed peoples in our land.

The newest demonstration of this legislative and bureaucratic irresponsibility are the current plans for the "Olympic Prison" which is under construction in Lake Placid, New York. Planned for the use of world athletes during the 1980 Winter Olympics, these facilities will then be used as a federal prison for young adults. The Lake Placid Olympic Organizing Committee

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ADVENT

color of a king's robe. The coming Christ is king of kings. Advent, like Lent, is a time for solemn and sober thought about one's sins leading to repentance. It denotes a quiet time for watching, waiting, and praying for Christ to come again either personally or universally. An alternate color for Advent is blue, the color of hope.

I LOVE YOU

Bennet Cerf tells this story: "In Java they tell of a young man who spied a beautiful maiden on the high road and followed her for a mile. Finally she wheeled and demanded, 'Why do you dog my footsteps?' 'Because,' he declared fervently, 'you are the loveliest thing I have ever seen, and I have fallen madly in love with you at sight. Be mine!' 'But you have merely to look behind you,' the girl said, 'to see my young sister who is ten times more beautiful than I am. The gallant cavalier turned and saw as ugly a wench as ever drew breath in Java. 'What mockery is this?' he demanded of the beautiful girl. 'You lied to me!' 'So did you,' she replied. 'If you were so madly in love with me, why did you turn around?'"

God loves you. When you profess love for him, your eyes must be on him only. Divine love searches every nook and cranny of our lives. Love is self-giving for the benefit of the recipient. It is reciprocal vulnerability.

Turn your eyes to the Lord, and accept his proposal of love. The world will not be changed by those who know the most but by those who love the most.

-Max R. Hickerson, Clovernook Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Quote...

You are young only once, but you can be immature forever.--John P. Grier

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vote. Jack G. seconded this. Steve asked for time to study the const. first. Motion was tabled.

Tony then moved that the Pres. appoint four interested persons from the SCC to do work on the const. and make recommendations to the SCC. Jeff Wagner seconded this. Steve proposed this amendment; of the four, 2 to be elected members and 2 be committee chairpersons. Motion carried. (These persons will be; Randy, Tony, Steve, and Bruce).

Tony moved we extend the meeting until 5:00pm. (at least)

Bruce seconded and the motion carried.  
Housing;

Tony moved that the SCC adopt and act upon a resolution as submitted to the SCC from concerned students concerning women's housing. Bruce seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tony moved that we adopt the proposal which he handed out. Bruce seconded his motion.

Allen amended; the word "administration" be taken out and the word "Board of Trustees" be inserted.

Steve amended; women currently in apartments be offered the option to stay in their apartments.

Motion carried.

Tony moves; the minutes be printed in the Seminarian, Jeff Wagner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jim Maas moves; we give \$100 to the United Way. Tony seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Bruce moved; put \$100 into another Benev. Fund. Steve seconded this motion. After discussion, Bruce rescinded his motion and Steve rescinded his second. Motion was tabled.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

Allen Hermansader  
Secretary SCC

Quote...

Many ideas grow better when transplanted into another mind than in the one where they spring up.--Oliver Wendal Holmes

Pastor and People

How do you view your minister? Do you set him on the pedestal of perfection? If you do, then your estimate of him is doomed to disappointment. He cannot live honestly or comfortably on such a high place. Actually he lives on the same plane as you do, wherever that is, with the same frailty, same hurts, same hopes, same temptations, same needs and same humanity. Perhaps one difference is that he feels a call to listen intently to the beat of the Master Drummer and seeks to interpret what that may mean for our lives.

Each Sunday it is the minister's blessed task to set a meal before his people, and too often he knows that all he as chef has accomplished is to warm a few leftovers or prepare a light meal at best. To place a solid meal before the congregation takes hours of labor in the garden of study and quiet times in the kitchen of meditation. And if that kind of time is found it has to be carved away from the embrace of other needs. That's perhaps the main reason so many of us are not better preachers. Too many times we have climbed into the pulpit praying at God's short order window to help us make a respectable meal out of the light bread of our study or a tasty milkshake out of the skim-milk of our preparation.

Have you ever had company with little of nothing to put on the table? It's a rare joy when the minister sets his Sunday morning table with the confidence, that he has a real banquet to serve his people. It's by the grace and mercy of God when nourishment is found from what he offers. And if there is anything worth hearing, he finds that he too has been a listener.

He knows that if light comes from his lifted lantern the flame is other than his own. He is aware that if anything is harvested from the tree of his life the fruit is there by God's grace. He sees himself as a vessel for the carrying of God's truth, but ironically others find it to be fullest when he sees it most empty, and others see little there when he thinks it is fullest.

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He is fed and nourished by the love and acceptance of his people, a love for the most part unexpressed but reflected in their relationship. He is a mountain dulcimer who has no music to give his people until their loving relationship with him becomes the hands of God that plucks the string, and even then only the ears of faith hear the music that may be God's.

Most congregations have more opportunities than they realize to help their minister be better than he is.

Robert F Bunch

#### The Last Word

Something of value has been lost by parishioners in the church. It is the word 'amen'. It is lost in some churches when congregations surrender the saying of amen after each prayer to the choir. In other churches the pastor says amen after every prayer, and the congregation remains silent.

This is regrettable because the word amen was so important to Christians that even though they worshiped in different languages around the world, they never translated amen into their own tongues, but retained the original aramaic word used by the first Christian.

Amen is used in the bible to indicate agreement that what has been said is the will of God. It was used by Jesus as a preface to many of his statements. It is even used as a description of the first and second persons of the Holy Trinity.

Let's return to the church what has been lost. When a prayer is offered, let everyone make it his own by saying aloud amen. Will you begin this practice and continue until it becomes one more good habit enriching our personal and corporate worship?

Harry A. Aufiero

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has been working with the Federal Bureau of Prisons in this bizarre attempt to use the Federal bureau of Prisons' budget to build this facility. A true question of moral bankruptcy.

That the young athletes will come and go and the facility will remain as a prison is certainly a questionable proposition which a number of concerned groups are raising. From organizations as diversified as the American Friends Service Committee, The National Urban League, Sojourners, The Fortune Society, The National Coalition of American Nuns, and the UCC, Commission on Racial Justice, an alliance has been formed to stop the Olympic Prison.

Consider also the facts that surround the growing controversy; Ray Brook, the location of the proposed facility is isolated, hundreds of miles from the nearest city, bereft of the important role of social service systems, lacking in job training and job opportunities.

Respective prisoners will come mainly from cities throughout the northeast and almost none will be able to consider the location close to home. The majority of prisoners have been estimated to be in the vast majority, from 60-75%. Stated bureau standards are indicating that the facilities do not even follow their own outlines, i.e. small in size and close to the areas of origin of the intended population.

When we review the facts surrounding this altercation we must recognize its implications and our responsibilities as citizens, individuals, and Christians. To remain apathetic or unconcerned is not only irresponsible, but has history has demonstrated, its also down right dangerous.

Marc Alexander Wessels

#### NOTICE...

Job openings for writers are not being announced. Please submit your application by writing some type of article and submitting it by Tuesday 5:00 pm.

A special thank-you to the people who contributed to our Thanksgiving Project. Even though only about 14 people responded to our call for donations of food, etc., we received a good amount of goods. The family receiving the goods were very thankful and most appreciative of our gift, especially the gift of showing we cared!

Debbie Disher  
ASW

### Winter Break Training Course in D.C.

The promise of laws that protect the legal rights of the handicapped and mentally ill will become a reality when greater numbers of informed, skilled advocates are available to provide assistance.

Advocacy for the legal rights of the mentally and physically disabled is the topic of the next training event of the National Public Law Training Center, and affiliate of the National Paralegal Institute in Washington D.C. The four days of advocacy training will be offered at the National 4-H Center, Jan. 3-6, 1979. Housing and meals are available at the sight.

The goal of this training is to provide non-lawyers--students, educators, paralegals, practitioners ~~xxxxx~~ (paid or volunteer) in various human service occupations--with basic understanding of some of the laws that effect and protect such clients. Issues such as due process and commitment, patient rights mainstreaming, and independant living, and descrimination in education or employment will be covered. Legal advocacy skills such as fact gathering, mediation and case presentation, which are needed for effective client advocacy will be practiced.

Tuition for the course is \$200, with a non-refundable application fee of \$25 (applied to tuition) due on Dec. 8, 1978. A Double room plus three meals is (\$26) a day. NPLTC does not descriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, age, sex, nor handicapping condition. For information or to enroll call Ms. Pat Powers (202) 872-0660 or write National Public Law Training Center 2000 p. Street, N.W., Suite 600, Wash. D. C. 20036.

### Woman

She is quiet, still  
wordless touch  
soft as a prayer  
gentle as breath  
cold as winter rain  
jagged ice  
rough as a curse  
thunder's worst  
mellow, adrift  
lost amid Cassiopia  
distant, bold  
the challenge of lightening..  
She is faithful, strong  
Keystone of life  
hemlock, murderess  
shadow on the haunt  
sweet wine, aphrodisiac  
desire's intoxication.  
She is pet, she is master  
she is woman.

R. Michael Vaughan

