

## The convictions

- 1) The Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.
- 2) Jesus Christ has come to fulfil this divine intention of reconciling the world.
- 3) The agency of this reconciliation is his Church, the power of it is his Holy Spirit, and the means to it is obedient life in and testimony to our crucified and risen Lord.
- 4) This testimony roots and flowers in dialogue — with God as prayer and communion, with each other in covenant com-

MORE, a UCC national program I was responsible for the literature and promotion of...."From these convictions the nuclear *principle* of MORE derives: Obedient, joyful, and effective witness depends on the Church's being constantly renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

1 Evangelism flows naturally out of faithfulness to the Lord."

2 How can the church move from monologue to dialogue? Overcome the separation between pulpit and pew? Encourage dialogue within the church and with the culture?

3 How release the power of the laity? Communicate the meaning of Christian community, mutual ministry, and witness?

4 How involve pastor and people in considering and experiencing the holiness of the personal? Experience evangelism as concern for persons?

## The concerns

5 How can we move from self-centered institutionalism to Christ-centered community within the church as institution? From institutional success to faithfulness to the living Lord? To a new vision of the church as the Church?

5 How experience discipline as the basis of the renewal of the person and of the church? Deepen worship, private and family devotion, study, and the life in Christ in the world?

## The approach **A YEAR OF EVANGELISM**

### ...the first six months

An orientation for pastors of the area  
 ... Congregational commitment ... Local retreats — pastor with official board and other leaders of the church ... Creative conversations—including self-studies ... Preparatory meetings of pastor and people ... Congregational involvement in principles and program

### ...the mission week

- A celebration of our oneness in Christ
- Bible study — pastors each morning
- Seminar on the principles and practice of evangelism
- Missioner's ministry to pastor and wife
- "Kirchentag"
- Preaching
- Prayer vigil
- Commissioning service

...the second six months [See also "Introduction to the Resource Book."]

a renewed faithfulness to the Lord  
 of the Church in the world

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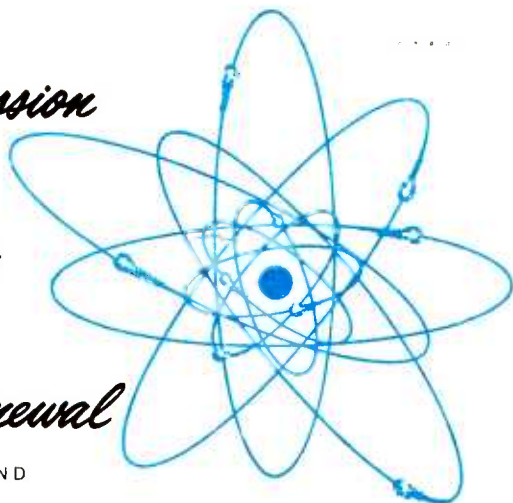
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**O** *n*

**R** *enewal*

AND

**E** *vangelism*



... a movement based on great  
*convictions* about the working  
of the Spirit of God in the spirit  
of man and in the Church of Christ  
... centering on the *creative*  
*power of dialogue* between  
pastor and people  
... and wrestling with  
*five concerns*

**a year of evangelism in**

**area  
and  
church**