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WELCOME to Deacon Valentino Mokiwa, a TO novice from Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, who will be spending this academic year at Virginia Theological Seminary.

NEW DIRECTORY should be out in November. It will reflect changes sent prior to 25 October.

"SHARE THE VISION" European General Chapter (i.e., all tertiaries) will be held in York, England, 5-7 July 1991. Interested in attending? Write to Pamela Richardson, 6 Ringinglow Road, Ecclesall, Sheffield S11 7PP, England.

REQUIEM PACE Canon Paul Saunders TSSF, Area Chaplain for New Mexico and the Diocese of the Rio Grande, died on September 5, 1990; Brother Chad SSF, died on Saturday, October 13, 1990 at Little Portion.

NEW FRANCISCAN TIMES EDITOR is **John LaBoone**. Please send all your delectable tidbits, articles, newsletters, etc., to him at P.O. Box 2173, Brunswick, GA 31521.

WHAT THE SECRETARY LEARNED AT CHAPTER - professed tertiaries can modify their Rule as needed; area chaplains are there not just to receive our reports but also to pastorally guide; and she tires sooner than Splash the Wonder Dog when it comes to playing ball!

SUMMARY OF THE 1990 CHAPTER

Full minutes and reports are available from the secretary. Although not essential, your sending 65 cents in stamps would help defray mailing costs.

Chapter began with a Quiet Day on Tuesday, 2 October 1990, led by Assistant Chaplain Sam Hale

Members present: Dee Dobson, Marie Webner, Sam Hale, Alden Whitney, Ann Harris, Jackie Richards, Anita Catron, Jacqui Belcher, Dorothy Adams, David Nard, Mary Ann Jackman, Masud Syedullah, Ruth Duncan, Terry Rogers, Peter Patrick, Carole Watson, Heber Peacock.

Absent: Dorothy Nakatsuji, Jose Valenzuela. [Anita Durveen, SFO, who was to be at Chapter, had been invited to lead a pilgrimage to Assisi. Chapter instructed the secretary to invite her to the 1991 Chapter.]

Also present: Br. Dominic, First & Second Order Visitors Br. Donald Sullivan, Sr. Catherine Joy, Sr. Mary Dorothea, our Bishop Protector George Hunt, and the Rev. Dale Trana, Minister Provincial of the Ecumenical Order of Franciscans.

REPORTS LAID BEFORE CHAPTER

Minister Provincial
Chaplain
Formation Directors
Fellowship Coordinator

Bursar
Provincial Secretary
Librarian

Franciscan Times Editor
Pax et Bonum
First Order Visitors

FELLOWSHIP CONVENOR'S REVISED HANDBOOK soon to be sent out. Only 7 annual reports returned as of Chapter meeting.

PAX ET BONUM The production will remain the same. Discussion as to how contributors should be identified (eg, should it be noted if an author holds a position in the Order?). It was agreed that all information on the authors should appear on the contributors' page as part of their bio. Terry Rogers and Arthur Wolsoncroft were commended for doing a splendid job and it was noted that controversial pieces should not necessarily be avoided.

THE GIFT SHOP Robert Goode reported that the beginning balance was \$1,258.45 the closing \$1,247.18. Tapes on the School of Prayer are available. There is a surplus of small T-shirts. It was the suggestion of Chapter that he contact Kirk at the Bishop's Ranch to inquire about other sizes and designs. It was also suggested by some members that the shop be better advertized and that if the small t-shirts continued not to sell they be donated to a worthy cause, such as St. Mary's Home in Trinidad. Dee Dobson has sold all but 4 of the new Tau cross, she will order 20 more.

SONG BOOK It was moved and approved that this project be dropped and that Franciscan hymns and songs be abstracted from same and distributed to the fellowships. David Nard volunteered to oversee this project.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S HANDBOOK The mailing of this revised handbook to the entire membership and then to new postulants via the Area Formation Directors was approved.

BOOK OF SAINTS The secretary was redfaced when she realized that she was, unknowingly, in possession of this project. She promised to unearth it and work on it in the coming months.

FUTURE CHAPTER MEETING SITES After much discussion, it was the consensus of Chapter that it would keep the following schedule: 1991 - Little Portion Friary
1992 - Regional location in USA to be determined at 1991 meeting
1993 - Trinidad (as long as air fares are not exhoritant)

RESIGNATIONS Jose Valenzuela as Formation Director; Pat Mahon as Librarian; Joanne Maynard as Franciscan Times Editor.

ELECTIONS Alden Whitney as Minister Provincial; Masud Syedullah to Standing Committee (which now includes Alden Whitney, David Nard, Jacqui Belcher)

APPOINTMENTS John LaBoone as Franciscan Times Editor; Br. Donald Sullivan and Sr. Catherine Joy as First Order Visitors; Marie Webner as representative to 1991 Chapter of the Order of Ecumenical Franciscans.

ELECTED TO PROFESSION Joan Verret (FL)

RELEASED/DISMISSED FROM VOWS Warren Beal; John Filler; Effie Hanes; Charlanne Van Beveren

FORMATION Ann Harris will oversee both the men's and women's formation program. Jackie Richards, with Gloria Waldron, will continue as Formation Directors for the West Indies and English speaking Central and South America. It was not decided who would replace Jose Valenzuela regarding the Spanish speaking people in formation.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

The Chaplain wishes the following to be included as a preamble to the resolution on human sexuality:

"Most high, all-powerful, all good Lord!
All praise be yours through all that you have made...
--St Francis

In the spirit of praise and thanksgiving so characteristic of the Franciscan way, members of Chapter searched for words to express to Third Order members and the Church at large our gratitude to God for the gift of sexuality and our respect for that gift in all our brothers and sisters.

Some differences of opinion were expressed. Our Christian responsibility for the right use of sex, as of all God's gifts, was a common denominator.

The mind of Chapter found expression in a resolution passed on October 5, 1990. We pray that it will be a contribution to the elimination of fear, hatred, and confusion."

Marie Webner, Chaplain

Whereas there has been growing concern about the prejudice and discrimination that have existed in the Episcopal/Anglican Church toward lesbians and gay men,

Whereas we, as a religious order, have pledged to fight against all ignorance, pride and prejudice that breed injustice or partiality,

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the Chapter of the Third Order of the Society of St. Francis, American Province, affirm that Christ indwells all persons regardless of sexual orientation; we affirm that we welcome to our services of worship and to all occasions for fellowship all persons; and we affirm that we welcome and encourage full membership in this Order for persons of all sexual orientations.

Further, we encourage those of us who would do so, to educate ourselves and others in the Church about the current pressing issue of lesbians and gay men in a society that is frequently hostile to them; and we commit ourselves to action to end ignorance about, prejudice toward, and discrimination against lesbians and gay men in the Episcopal/Anglican Church and in society at large.

The intent of this resolution is to emphasize the fact that Christ indwells each of us and speaks to the sexual orientation of an individual not to sexual practice. The **resolution passed** with one abstention (Jackie Richards). The secretary was instructed to distribute same to the membership, via the Information Sheet, and to the General Convention for its information.

Recognizing that the consumption of alcohol is a serious problem for some people and a potential problem for many others, the Chapter of the Third Order, Society of St. Francis, American Province, in session on the Feast of St. Francis, 4 October 1990, directs that at all Third Order functions (fellowship meetings, convocations, etc.) where alcoholic beverages are served, non-alcoholic beverages be also readily available and as attractively served as the alcoholic beverages.

The **resolution passed** unanimously and will be placed in the revised Convenor's Handbook.

OUTREACH

- o A \$10,000 loan to the Community of St. Francis for renovation to the bathrooms at their Army Street house. This interest free loan will be repaid at the Community's discretion as funds are available, most probably over a five-year period.
- o \$1,850 to Br. Desmond in Belize for school/college tuition of two sons of one of his priests.
- o Jackie Richards conveyed the thanks of Fr. David Benjamin (Trinidad) for money to St. Mary's Children's Home and Orphanage. The grant of \$1,000 from 1989 Chapter was used to buy books and equipment for the primary school. **Jackie also noted that donations of books for the school library would be gratefully accepted. They may be mailed to Jackie, clearly marked "Educational Material".**
- o Ann Harris reported that \$400 seed money granted a few years ago to The Summer House, Davis, California, a program for those with developmental disabilities, has turned into a \$300,000 fund raiser for their new building.

OTHER BUSINESS

- o Dee Dobson will continue to be in charge of stewardship mailing, T.O. stationary and brochures.
- o The savings account, administered by Dee, will be turned over to the new Minister Provincial.
- o David Nard and Heber Peacock will begin revising the Devotional Companion.
- o The Societ has been invited to participate in an ecology conference to be held at Kanuga, 14-18 April 1991. David Nard is to obtain more information regarding this. Persons who may possibly be interested - Sr. Pamela Clare, Br. Jon Banquert, Jacqui Belcher, Br. Tom Carey.
- o Br Dominic reported that the Diocese of Mexico was interested in a Franciscan presence. The outcome of discussion being that the request will be carefully looked into with a trip to the area possibly being made.

BUDGET The approved 1991 budget is enclosed. With the exception of the Minister Provincial line item (due to Dee's continued commitments for next year), it reflects a 9% decrease over 1990's due to an anticipated reduction

in income. Discussion brought out that a letter of appeal to Tertiaries sent out last year, noting their obligation as stated in the Principles and Rule, has had little effect - still about half of our members do not financially pledge!

BISHOP HUNT addressed Chapter, at which time he noted that, in his opinion, the two immediate priorities facing the Church and the world are the environment and the dissolution of the patriarchal mindset. His address may be obtained from the secretary (45 cents in stamps should cover mailing costs).

NECROLOGY Una Bademsemper (12/89); Paul Saunders (9/90)

THANK YOUS Ken Watts (novice class), David Catron, Dorothy Adams, Gloria Goller (counsellors), Joanne Maynard (Franciscan Times), Jose Valenzuela (Formation), Sheila Affoo (typing), Bob Tuedesmann (inquirers), Alison Trenholme, Edward Medina (chauffeuring), Br Jason & the Friary (hospitality), Vivian Wright (food), Pat Mahon (library), Arthur Wolsoncroft & Terry Rogers (Pax et Bonum), Peter Funk, Robert Durand, Warren Beal (area chaplaincy), John Dotson (publications), Dee Dobson (her superb job as Minister Provincial).

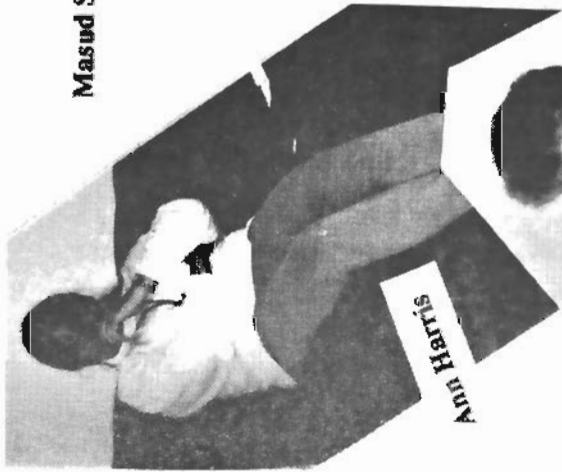
ORDER OF ECUMENICAL FRANCISCANS (OEF) now has 20 members (professed or in formation). The Order is beginning to formulate its constitution. The next Chapter (which is more like our regional convocations) will be held at Mount St. Francis in Louisville, Kentucky, May 24-26. Murray Bodo will be the retreat leader and Dale Trana extended an invitation to the TSSF. The cost for the entire time is \$70. Please contact Dale if you wish to attend.

FIRST ORDER: The BROTHERS hope to be back in the "old" friary by next fall. Br Dominic is currently Provincial as Rodney is on leave. **The SISTERS** hope to have a sister attend each of the TO convocations. In 1990 they have had three sisters leave or withdraw.

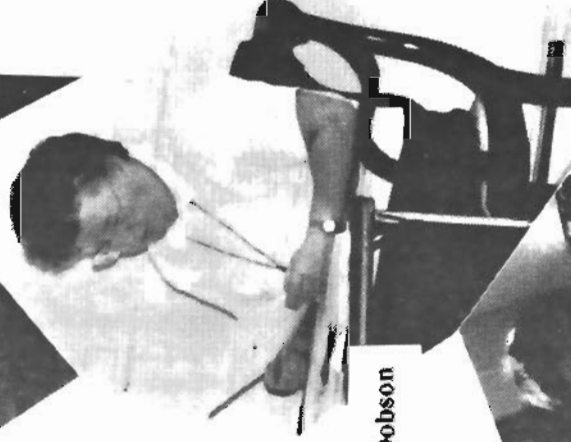
POOR CLARES are in a state of change. If plans go accordingly, they hope to build a new convent in the not too distant future, thus encouraging postulants to stay.

CHAPTER CONCLUDED on 6 October. 1991 Chapter will meet 8-12 October.

1991 THIRD ORDER BUDGET	
Minister Provincial	\$ 6,000.00
Minister's Discretionary Fund	900.00
Chaplain	3,500.00
Assistant Chaplain	700.00
Area Chaplains	450.00
Fellowship Coordinator	700.00
Inquirer Correspondant	125.00
Bursar	1,350.00
TOTAL SERVANTS	13,725.00
Directors & AFDs	4,500.00
Counselors	450.00
Training	450.00
TOTAL FORMATION	5,400.00
Franciscan Aid Fund	700.00
Other Aid	1,500.00
1st Orders	3,500.00
1st Order Visitors	3,500.00
Regional/Scholarship Needs	350.00
3rd Order Central Fund	2,000.00
TOTAL OUTREACH	11,550.00
Information Sheet	1,700.00
Franciscan Times	1,300.00
Brochures & Booklets	2,000.00
Office Costs	300.00
TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS	5,300.00
Annual Meeting	5,400.00
Travel	4,000.00
Accommodations	4,000.00
Standing Committee	125.00
TOTAL CHAPTER	9,525.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 45,500.00



Ann Harris



Dee Dobson



Ruth Duncan



Masud Syedulillah



Sam Hale



Dale Trana



Peter Patrick

CHAPTER
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WORK,
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PRAYER



David Nard

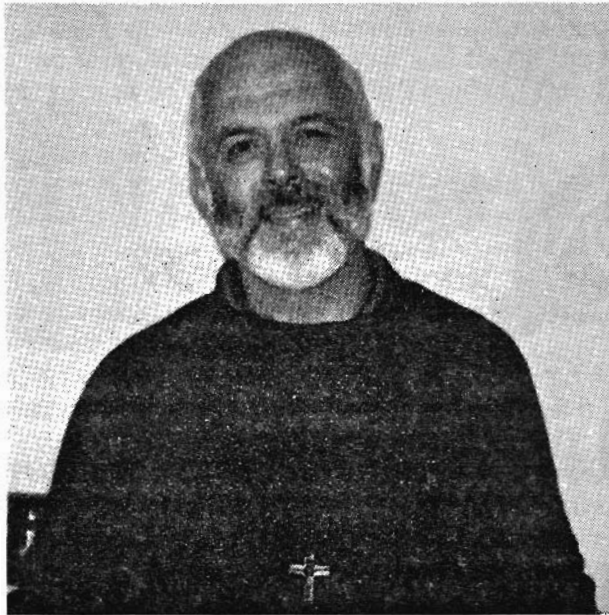


Terry Rogers

Jackie Richards

MaryAnn Jackman

THE REVEREND ALDEN WHITNEY, M.D., MINISTER PROVINCIAL

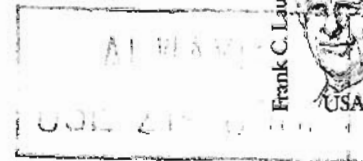


A native of Massachusetts, Alden was ordained to the priesthood in 1984. Except for his leave of absence to study at Berkeley Divinity School, Alden has been the Chief of Section for Alcoholism & Addiction at Norwalk Hospital, Conn., since 1972. In the mid 70s he became an Associate of SSF. A couple of years later Tertiaries he knew suggested he try his vocation in the Third Order. Alden went through formation and seminary at the same time and says the Order became an anchor in his life. Alden was professed on December 8, 1981 and has been a formation director for over seven years.

Bishop Hunt, we have come together today to welcome Alden who has been chosen to serve as Minister Provincial of the Franciscan Third Order, American Province. We believe that he is well qualified and that he has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

Celebration of a New Ministry, BCP
Friday, October 5, 1990

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