

# information sheet

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## NOVICED

BERKLEY, The Rev. Claude  
BONAS, The Rev. Hilton  
CHARLES-DAVID, Evelyn  
ELLIOTT, Ann K.  
FELL-SMITH, Germaine  
ISAAC, Philip  
JONES, William D.  
KEATING, Carla  
LIEF, Carolyn  
MORRIS, Martha  
NICOL, Mary  
RODRIGUEZ, Francilla  
THOMAS, Steve

## POSTULANTS

10/04/95 ✓	CHARLES, Mildred	10/04/95
10/04/95 ✓	CONTRERAS-RODRIQUEZ Antonio	09/17/95
10/04/95 ✓	CROOKS, Josephine	10/04/95
08/05/95 ✓	JAMES, Ossilla	10/04/95
10/04/95 ✓	MCKENZIE, Emeris	10/04/95
10/04/95 ✓	SCOTT, The Rev. Catherine	07/17/95
10/07/95 ✓	SPEER, Garold (Gary)	07/10/95
07/19/95 ✓	STRANGE, Alice C.	06/22/95
09/24/95 ✓		
10/04/95 ✓		
09/30/95 ✓		
10/04/95 ✓		
10/04/95 ✓		

## PROFESSED

BEAZLEY, Walter	09/17/95 R
HODGE, Gary	09/03/95 R
PARKER, CHC USN, Rev. Gary	08/25/95 R
RICE, Corinne C.	08/26/95

## RIP

Dorothy M. Clayburg	05/01/95 -
Peter Patrick	08/31/95
Stanley W. Eno Jr.	09/08/95 ✓
Charles Bjorlin	11/25/95 ✓

BARR, Susan  
BLANCHARD, Barbara  
BRAY, Betty  
CROOKS, Rebecca ✓  
FORBES, Elizabeth ✓  
FREY, Lisa ✓  
HAWLEY, Dale ✓

## WITHDREW

PAIN, Jack ✓  
SALIH, Sue ✓  
TREECE, Jan ✓  
WEBB, Charles ✓  
WERKER, Stephen ✓  
WILSON-YOUNGCHILD, The Rev. Barbara ✓



## Summary of the Oct. 10-13, 1995 Chapter Meeting held at Little Portion Friary

Brother Justus led the Quiet Day on Tuesday. Chapter members present were Alden Whitney, Anita Catron, John Dotson, Julia Bergstrom, Dee Dobson, Robert Durand, Esther Thomas, Gloria Waldron, Kathleen Eickwort, Hawley Todd (newly elected since David Burgdorf was elected Chaplain in August), John Brockmann, Carol Tookey and David Burgdorf. Masud Syedullah was absent. Visitors present were Br. Robert Hugh SSF and Sr. Pamela Clare CSF.

Our **Minister Provincial**, Alden Whitney, reported on the numerous changes in provincial leadership (noted throughout this summary). During 1995 he attended the NE Convocation, the CSF Chapter in San Francisco and the Ministers' Provincial meeting in Capetown. If the membership wishes, Alden will stand for re-election as Minister Provincial in 1996. He is also willing to stand for another term as Minister General (his term is up in Oct. '96).

Alden noted that there has been little internal conflict in fellowships; however, wherever it has occurred it has tested our abilities to be welcoming, understanding, disciplined, forgiving and compassionate. He believes we have ongoing problems in our whole Third Order community dealing with the negatives caused by fear and anger. Community life inevitably is associated with personality and behavior problems. We need to learn to deal with them in effective and

timely ways.

The **Assistant Chaplain**, David Burgdorf, reported that 69% of the professed were accounted for (65% of these reporting at least once a year). There is a general lack of knowledge among professed that we should report to our area chaplains.

Resigning Area Chaplains: Robert Goode, Jeanie Wigle, Dorothy Adams. New Area Chaplains: Lester Pittman (Washington D.C.), Steve Waller (Arkansas). *[Editor's note: In August, David Burgdorf was elected Provincial Chaplain.]*

**Formation Director** Ann Harris reported two classes (Tennessee and San Francisco). The need for better communication among professed as well as those in formation is still an issue. Ann thanked the Assistant Formation Directors, noting Amory King's retirement after 14 years. Ann's term of office has also ended.

*Carol Tookey is new Formation Director*

**Formation Director** Gloria Waldron (Caribbean and English-speaking South America) reported 9 novicings and 4 new postulants on St. Francis Day in Tobago. Pamela Redhead-Mongroo is the new Area Chaplain.

**Fellowship Coordinator** Anita

Catron, reported 46 active fellowships (25 reporting to date) and 8 convocations. The 2 new fellowships are in Alabama and Wyoming/Nebraska. The major problem in fellowships is travel distance, indicating a greater number but smaller fellowships in the future. Anita also noted that communication within the Order could be better. She has assembled a notebook which includes a USA map showing regions and fellowships, fellowship newsletter names, and convocation information.

Anita has spent much energy on planning for the 1997 Provincial Convocation. Chapter confirmed that no regional convocations should be held in 1997 to encourage attendance to the provincial in New Orleans.

Three fellowships continue in Trinidad & Tobago. Pamela Redhead-Mongroo convenes the South Trinidad Fellowship, Jacqueline Richards the Northern Branch. Gloria Waldron continues to assist the Tobago Fellowship, since the death of their convener, Peter Patrick, in August.

**Bursar** Carole Watson reported a good response to the 1994 funds appeal. Financial commitments will be met this year. 271 members have made a pledge (a pledge to the First or Second Order does not fulfill our obligation under the Rule to financially support the Third Order).

Some convocations elected to cover

the travel of First Order visitors. Carole noted that travel expenses for one First Order visitor to a convocation may be covered by the Chapter budget (honorarium for services rendered should be provided by the convocation).

**Secretary** John Dotson reported 3 *Information Sheets* and 3 *Franciscan Times* published in 1995 to date. The stock of Br. Ramon's book, *Franciscan Spirituality*, is depleted.

Total membership as of 30 September was 588.

It was decided not to purchase Manual binders except for those in Trinidad & Tobago.

John recommended that the new secretary delegate duties to assistants as provided by the statutes. As he stepped down, he thanked all those who helped him during his term of office.

The **Franciscan Times** editor, Robert Durand, intends to publish 4 issues next year, two of which will be dedicated to promoting the 1997 Provincial Convocation.

For the **Society of St. Francis**, Br. Robert Hugh reported that limiting convocations to one Visitor worked well for the First Orders. Robert Hugh attended the Trinidad & Tobago Convocation. He hopes to attend the summer '96 regional convocations and the '97 provincial. A significant number of Tertiaries participated in the pilgrimage "In the Steps of St. Francis". The next pilgrimage will be offered in 1998.

For the **Community of St. Francis**, Sr. Pamela Clare reported that Sr. Catherine Joy has returned to San Francisco, feeling affirmed in both a contemplative life and a life in the First Order. The sisters are considering options for Franciscans following a contemplative life style.

Their new inclusive language Office Book will cost \$50. Chapter has approved its use by the Third Order.

and Sr. Pamela Clare as our First Order Visitors.

**Elections:** *Formation Directors* - Carol Tookey, Gloria Waldron; *Fellowship Coordinator* - Anita Catron; *Provincial Secretary* - Bob Kramish (duties to include clerk of Chapter, Correspondence Secretary and administering the duties of his assistants: Dee Dobson, printing and distribution; Jacqui Belcher, *Information Sheet*; Robert Durand, *Franciscan Times*; John Dotson, database and Directory);

*Assistant Chaplain* - Julia Bergstrom

**Old Business:** The revised Office of Admissions, revised Statutes, Manual labels and table of contents will be printed and mailed.

Robert Durand will edit videos received from convocations/ fellowships.

Ministers in the American Province have decided that Associates "belong" to both the First and the Third Orders. The Second Order maintains its own associate organization.

The 1997 Provincial Convocation "Rebuild My Church" will cost approximately \$225 double occupancy and \$300 single (lodging, food, registration). The Lutheran Third Order and the Order of Ecumenical Franciscans will be included in the planning of this convocation.

**New Business:** There being no specific outreach requests, Chapter distributed the budgeted \$1,500 to Family Link in San Francisco (\$1,000); L.E. (Lupus) Support Group Newsletter (\$200); St. Steven's School, Trinidad, first aid kit and supplies (\$250); and Holy Gospel Network tape ministry to shut-ins (\$50).

More funds will be made available to the Minister Provincial, Chaplain and Formation Directors to visit convocations in 1996. Tertiaries are encouraged to attend convocations other than their own, although Chapter cannot

It was agreed that the calendar year shall continue to be the fiscal year for the Third Order, with the previous year's spreadsheet appearing in the January *Information Sheet*. It was also decided that the office of bursar should be an elective position, nominated by the treasurer and elected by Chapter. The bursar will serve a 3 year term, first election to take place at the 1996 Chapter, term to

begin January 1, 1997.

**Statute Changes:**

- a) The change regarding the elected office of bursar was added.
- b) Section III.B-3 was changed to read, "The Formation Director in consultation with the Chaplain may admit persons under 17 year of age to the formation program."

[Full minutes are available from the secretary, Bob Kramish.]

<b>1996 Budget</b>	
Minister Provincial	\$ 6,000
Minister's Discretionary	900
Chaplain	1,500
Assistant Chaplain	350
Area Chaplains	100
Fellowship Coordinator	750
Inquirer Correspondence	300
Bursar	<u>1,000</u>
<b>TOTAL SERVANTS</b>	<b>10,900</b>
Formation Director	1,500
Ass't Formation Directors	500
Caribbean FD/Area Chaplain	100
Counselors	150
Training	0
<b>TOTAL FORMATION</b>	<b>2,250</b>
Franciscan Aid Fund	700
Other Aid	1,500
First Order	3,000
First Order Visitors	1,900
Regional/Scholarship Needs	0
African Travel Fund	500
Third Order Central Fund	<u>2,000</u>
<b>TOTAL OUTREACH</b>	<b>9,600</b>
Information Sheet	600
Franciscan Times	600
Brochures and Book Lists	2,270
Library	200
Advertizing	300
Copier	600
Video Production	<u>2,000</u>
<b>TOTAL PRODUCTION</b>	<b>6,570</b>
Annual Meeting	
Travel	7,000
Accommodations	5,500
Planning Committee	2,000
1997 Convocation Escrow	<u>8,500</u>
<b>TOTAL MEETINGS</b>	<b>23,000</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$52,320</b>

**1996 Convocations:** Caribbean, Jan.19-21; South Central, April 26-28; OEF, June 14-16; Western, Aug. 2-4; Midwest, Aug. 13-15; Northeast, Aug. 23-25; Southwest & Rocky Mountains, Aug. 23-25; Southeast, Sept. 20-22.

**African Province:** There are no book stores in Zambia! In other African countries books are often too expensive for most people. We, however, can send new or used books (on Franciscan spirituality, theology etc) to fellowships. Mail these to:

- *John Chilver*, Diocese of Dar-es-Salaam. POB 25016-Illala, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania
- *The Rev. Canon Samuel Ndonde*, Dean of the Cathedral, Diocese of Dar-es-Salaam (as above)
- *Rogers Banda*, 4 Petauke Close, Kanseshi, Ndola, Zambia
- *Mrs. Comfort Baidoe*, c/o Dr. Ivy Osei, Kwahu

- *Matsepo Mokuqu*, POB 87, Masero 100, Lesotho, S. Africa
- *Godwin Peter Masawi*, 1031 Unit G Seke, Chitungwiza, Zimbabwe

**New Zealand Province:** As of September, the Solomon Islands have been transferred from the Australian Province to New Zealand. N.Z. professed now give "Annual Review of Vocation" rather than a report to help promote a positive attitude towards what some consider a chore.

**The Order of Ecumenical Franciscans (OEF)** now accepts associates. The establishment of this membership is not to make an "easier way to belong" but rather to "widen our embrace". Next June, the OEF Chapter will meet with Richard Rohr OFM at the Center for Action & Contemplation, Albuquerque.

**Intercessions:** Dorothy Adams, Bill Dobson, Mary Hayes, Claire Savage, Bob Tuedesman, '97 Prov. Convocation, & for the repose of the soul of Charles Bjorlin

#### The *franciscan* Magazine

For an alternative Christmas gift, how about a subscription to the *franciscan*. the international magazine of the Society of St. Francis, mailed 3 times a year from England? Yearly subscriptions - \$11 surface mail or \$16.50 airmail - should be sent to Helen Webb, American Subscription Secretary, 7200 Third Ave, C-092, Sykesville, MD 21784. Make checks payable to the *franciscan*.

### Positions Available

Do you enjoy working with figures? Are you computer literate with a knowledge of bookkeeping?

If you answered "yes" to the above, you might be interested in the position of

#### Third Order Bursar

or

#### '97 Provincial Convocation Bursar

For more information in applying for either position, please contact the Provincial Secretary, Bob Kramish.

June 24-29, 1997

## Provincial Convocation

with Bishop Desmond Tutu

## Plan Now!

**For the first time in ten years, Tertiaries from the American Province will have an opportunity to gather together. Join your Franciscan sisters and brothers at Loyola University, New Orleans, for this momentous occasion. Bring the family!**

**Cost for the five night/four day extravaganza is expected to be only \$50 a day! Wow! That's registration, lodging and meals! Y'all come!**

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