

Ministers Attracted Here to Institute for Study

Answers Dream of Rev. Howe

PHOTO STORY
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Twelve serious men sit talking in a spacious room at Cranbrook House in Bloomfield Hills.

They laugh occasionally, but mostly they speak earnestly, with real concern for the problem they are discussing—that of man and his God.

These men, most of them young, are ministers from a variety of Protestant denominations. Each has completed his theological training and been a practicing minister for at least three years. They're attending one of the seminars in a 10-day post-graduate training session for ministers, sponsored by the Institute for Advanced Pastoral Studies.

At the head of the seminar table sits the Rev. Reuel Howe, director of the Institute.

THE MEN HAVE come from all over the country to the important institute which began operation last fall.

Episcopal laymen from the Diocese of Michigan raised the money to finance the new program. The institute's trustees include names of important laymen such as Charles F. Moore, Jr., of Ford Motor company; Fred W. Sanders, of the bakery firm and Henry S. Booth Cranbrook foundation head.

Dr. Howe is overseeing a program he saw the need for during his 20 years as professor of pastoral theology at Virginia theological seminary. Former students, he discovered, were more "teachable" after three years.

Dr. Howe is a practical man. Pastoral theology, he says, could really be called practical theology.

"IT RELATES the insights of the social sciences to the insights of theology," he says.

"I feel that all ministers should study the social sciences, such as sociology, anthropology and psychology."

"Religion has two poles," he explained, "there is the truth that centers in God, but there is also

the truth that centers in man. The social sciences open up the truth about man.

"The more you understand about man, the more you understand about God. When you see the full wonder of man, his complexities and his mysteries, you should have reverence for that which God made."

EACH GROUP of 12 ministers centers a great deal of its institute study on man—how to help him with problems of marriage, parent-child relationships. The 10-day sessions also include such subjects as pastoral care, teaching, preaching, parish administration, the minister's life, his relations to the community.

Each session's curriculum is tailor-made, Dr. Howe explains, depending on the needs revealed by the ministers in preliminary questionnaires.

The men live in dormitory quarters on the third floor of the wing of Cranbrook House the institute occupies. They dine in a first floor room, once called the "breakfast room" when the George S. Booth family lived in the beautiful home. (They sing the praises of Mrs. Olga Garrison, dietitian who supervises their menus.)

THEY LIVE informally, attend

Sit In On Discussion

Rev. R. O. Harig of Canton, Ohio; Rev. William Logan of St. Martin's Episcopal church, Detroit, and Rev. Barton N. Lloyd of St. Stephen's Episcopal church, Birmingham, from left, sit in on a seminar at the

institute. Rev. Lloyd was formerly associated with Dr. Reuel Howe, institute director, when he was on the teaching staff at Virginia theological seminary.

The Over-all View

Ministers attending the Institute for Advanced Pastoral Studies at Cranbrook sit around the discussion table at one of the institute's seminars. Pastors came from cities throughout the country. One missionary attended on leave from Japan.

seminars in sport shirts, carry on Howe said. "Actually, their ministry is a human being and hours of them at work at the institute and see a great deal more than they think he does."

That's why the 12 young men around the table are serious—they know their job is an enormous one—and serious.

"This image sometimes keeps people from seeking them out," Dr.

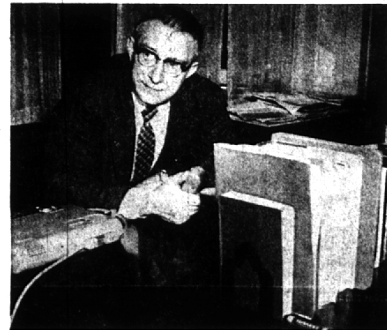


She Led Seminar

Miss Suzanne de Dietrich, temporarily associated with Parishfield mission, Brighton, and formerly with the ecumenical Institute of the Reform Church of France, leads the discussion. Dr. Reuel Howe, center, director of the Institute for Advanced Pastoral Studies, is on her right. She led one seminar at the institute.

Institute's Head

Dr. Reuel Howe, director of the Institute for Advanced Pastoral Studies, dictates in his office at Cranbrook House.



An Informal Talk

Three of the ministers attending the Institute of Advanced Pastoral Studies at Cranbrook hold an informal discussion in their dormitory. Left to right are Rev. James Starkey, Methodist pastor from Coats, Kan.; Rev. John Bishop of Cincinnati, and Rev. R. O. Harig of Canton, Ohio. The latter two are Episcopalian ministers.

One of the first characteristics one must have, in order to win the approval and praise and friendship of others, is to think and act without being selfish. There is a vast difference between selfishness and self-interest. The latter requires, for one's growth, the manifestation of age-old virtues, which are captured in the powerful Golden Rule.

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