



PEOPLES TEMPLE

OF THE
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Jim Jones,
Pastor

BIOGRAPHY: MICHAEL PROKES, ASSOCIATE MINISTER

"For I was an hungered
and ye gave me meat:
I was thirsty
and ye gave me drink;
I was a stranger
and ye took me in;
Naked, and ye clothed me;
I was sick, and ye visited me;
I was in prison,
and ye came unto me.

"Then shall the righteous
Answer him, saying,

When saw' we thee an hungered
And fed thee?

Or thirsty,
And gave thee drink?
When saw' we thee a stranger
And took thee in?
Or naked, and clothed thee
Or when saw' we thee sick?
Or in prison,
And came unto thee?

"Verily I say unto you,
Inasmuch as ye have done it
Unto one of the least of these...
...Ye have done it unto me"

Matthew 25:35-40

Michael Prokes is a graduate of two colleges in California, Modesto Junior College and Cal State University at Fullerton. He majored in communications, and following his graduation worked for two television stations as a production assistant for a large independent, and as a news bureau chief for a major network affiliate (CBS television). His work was based in Sacramento, the state capitol of California.

In November of 1972, Prokes resigned his post as a television news correspondent and joined Peoples Temple Christian Churches to work full time as an assistant to Bishop Jim Jones. When asked why he gave up his prestigious position in broadcasting, Prokes responds, "Because I found the most dedicated group of people to the cause of humanity that, perhaps, exists anywhere. Led by a courageous humanitarian, Jim Jones, the Peoples Temple congregation exemplifies the real teachings of Jesus Christ by working day and night to stand fearlessly against all forms of injustice, to relieve human suffering of every kind, and to establish brotherhood among peoples of wide ranging backgrounds wherever they can."

Michael Prokes is now an associate minister of Peoples Temple, helping to coordinate the church's vast ministry of human services. He regularly travels to the various areas of the United States and South America where the Temple has constituencies. His main role is to assist Bishop Jones with the planning and development of the church's many programs which are aimed at reaching every type of human need.

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