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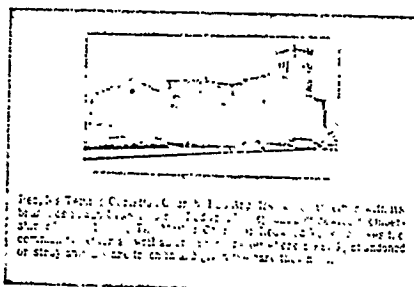


PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 93^d CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION MAY, 1973

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SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT

Pastor Jim Jones is a duly ordained minister of the Disciples of Christ (whose membership has included the late President Lyndon B. Johnson). Having adopted children of all ethnic backgrounds, he feels the necessity of sound law enforcement to serve and protect our communities, both today and in the future. In this light, the church has donated several hundred dollars to each of the following agencies:

UNIAH: Police Drug Abuse Program; Purchase of Reserve Officers' uniforms; Mendocino County Sheriff's Department, for a Public Address System in the County Jail;

SAN FRANCISCO: Drug Prevention Program; Police Summer Youth Fishing Program;

LOS ANGELES: Law Enforcement Community Relations Program.

Inspired by his example, the congregation long ago voted to make substantial contributions to the families of slain policemen.

Pastor JAMES W. JONES, together with the members of Peoples Temple Christian Church, part of the Disciples of Christ denomination of 1.4 million members, hereby:

EXPRESS OUR DEEP APPRECIATION to the Law Enforcement of the San Francisco, Ukiah and Los Angeles areas who practice with valor the Equal Enforcement of the Laws, and

PROMISE OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT of your vital, unheralded work in protecting the Constitutional Liberties of our American citizens, and

PLEDGE OUR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION in your Drug Abuse Prevention Efforts, Basic Car Plans, Reserve Officer Programs, and Funds to Aid the Families of Police Officers slain in the line of duty.

Presented by members of Peoples Temple Christian Church in appreciation of their law enforcement.

REV. JAMES W. JONES,

Many law enforcement people have asked to know more about the life and work of this minister who works so hard to bring about a just society and respect for peace officers. Here, then, are some comments about Pastor Jim Jones by others:

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Rev. James W. Jones, the pastor of Peoples Temple Christian Church, headquartered in Redwood Valley, California, has in recent months been in the news for his ministry of spiritual healing. As authentic and helpful to people as that ministry is, it remains clearly secondary to his ministry of human service, which is based on an intensely literal interpretation of the words of Jesus in Matthew 25 to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned. One result: more than 150 young people have been rehabilitated from drugs, many of whom live in college dormitories provided by the church.

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Many of the people who journeyed with this group had never been outside of California before, even though some of them were in their advanced years.

The children, all past eight years, and their mothers who were most in charge, were in the middle of these who were in charge. At each rest stop, special meals were available for the children to eat and play so that they could get the friends and fun time that they needed.

When the vacation was over, each person was given a personal report about the wonderful time they had had, and a special order for the next vacation.

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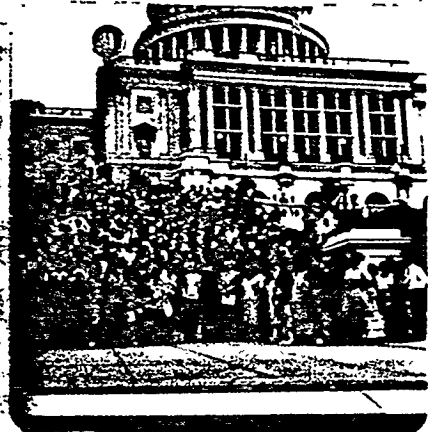
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VACATION HIGHLIGHTS

This is the Capitol Building in Washington D.C., where the entire group of 22 buses stopped on their way around the country this August, 1978. The group was warmly received by Congressman Brown who arranged for tours through the Building.

While we were in Washington D.C. we were interviewed by the leading newspaper of the area, and a front-page story was written, telling of the activities of Peoples Temple and praising the international group. Imagine, if you can, the impact of a group of mostly poor people, totally integrated, going to the Capitol Building to visit this representative.

What a welcome sight this group was to those who are interested in brotherhood and equality! Now think to me are - that we can be living witnesses that INTEGRATION DOES WORK!



Even though it was somewhat out of the way, Pastor Jones and the group unanimously decided to visit his home town, Lyan, Indiana. The group was fortunate to see points of historic interest that marked the beginning of Pastor Jim's ministry, and to visit with his dear friend, Myrtle Kennedy, who was a positive influence in his early life.

Myrtle Kennedy took him in as a child and fed him when he was hungry. She spoke with him often, listening to the words of wisdom that seemed to come from a deep understanding of life far beyond his years.

Here you see Pastor Jim giving Myrtle Kennedy her copy of his record, which includes the song "Down From His Glory" sung by Pastor Jones, and other Temple favorites. He also delivered her copy of THE LIVING WORD, the magazine that is published by the Peoples Temple staff.

Her relatives, also shown here, warmly received Jim after having heard about him from her.

Here is the Lyan, Indiana, home of Jim Jones. When Jim Jones was only 7 and 8 years old, this location was a store-front church that he attended. He was often asked to preach as a child because even then it was realized that he had a message that could improve the world if people would listen to him and heed the message that he gave.

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The old store-front church was later made into a lovely home.



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PEOPLE MAKE FREEDOM ISSUES

"In that you follow the path of freedom — a path between a free church, a free church of humanity, an open eye, a free church man with all the great things of a better world for the children — and a free church for the children, the church is the church of the future."

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James Jones and his dedicated wife, Marceline, are seen here with their beautiful, adopted rainbow family, "household child" and grandchildren.

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IAPA News Feb-March 1978, Inter American Press Association, in article entitled, "Church Donates \$100 Fight for Press Freedom."



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This is to certify that I have known the above-named Pastor Jim Jones several months, and know him to be absolutely truthful in every respect. Pastor Jim Jones teaches Christianity, brotherly love, kindness, and willingness to help friends in need of all things. He teaches all of these things to his members, and in fact that they live this type of life every minute of every day. One of his favorite expressions is: "We are one brother's keeper." This idea coincides with his teachings completely.

Further, I have attended many meetings of Pastor Jim Jones at Peoples Temple and many times I have seen him demonstrate his supernatural power over the eyes of all present. I have also seen Pastor Jim Jones heal people who had been crippled with arthritis for many years. These people were able to walk with rapid strength with the power of Jim Jones.

As a physician of many years of experience, I am convinced that these miraculous cures are genuine and true. Pastor Jim Jones is unique in his performance. He should be seen and heard by people of the entire world. He has the power to prove all of his claims if he is given the chance to do so. This world will be a better place in which to live because of Pastor Jim Jones.

J. Bruce Mowsey, M.D. (Physician and Surgeon in letter "To Whom It May Concern," dated July 27, 1978)...

VIEW OF FORMER TV NEWS BUREAU CHIEF:

"While a news bureau chief for the CBS television affiliate in Sacramento, I came to do a feature study on Peoples Temple in November, 1972. I discovered the most dedicated person to the cause of humanity I've ever met. I found Pastor Jim Jones' motives and humanitarian principles to be unquestionably honorable. He is exemplifying the life of Christ by working day and night to relieve suffering and establish true brotherhood, wherever he can. I have become so impressed with the integrity of this humble and selfless man that I recently gave up that position to work full time for this incredible ministry."

...Michael J. Prokes, former news bureau chief for CBS television affiliate in Sacramento, California (March 7, 1973)...

VIEW OF LOCAL CLERGY:

"(Progress in meeting) the needs of people... is perhaps seen most dramatically in the seven-day-a-week program of the Peoples Temple with its teams of teachers and lawyers, to mention just a few, who strive in the name of Christ, to serve their fellow men."

...Dr. Elmer Schmitt, President of the Ukiah Ministerial Association (Raporton Church Progress, published in *Ukiah Daily Journal*, September, 1971)...

VIEW OF A SEMINARY PROFESSOR:

"James Jones seems to have great qualities. His para-psychological powers are quite extraordinary.... Obviously this man has some powers (not dissimilar to those of Jesus in the Biblical record) that are beyond those of most of us. His capacity to help sick and decrepit people is also evident...."

...James Carley, Professor at Christian Theological Seminary (in letter published in *Indianapolis Star*, Dec. 22, 1971)...

VIEW OF AN ATTORNEY:

"Jim Jones is the most principled, compassionate, and dynamic human being I've ever encountered. He knows his own mind and is totally secure. He levels people, fears nothing, and stands publicly for everything he believes privately. Although remarkably intelligent, he speaks in simple terms and lives a simple life. His respect for little insects and all other life in the eco-system is immense. He believes fervently in the Bill of Rights, appreciates the blood and sweat from which these rights were forged, and is prepared, I am convinced, to lay down even his

life in their defense. He rigorously opposes totalitarianism in any form. He has inspired his congregation, too, to care about society and to have the courage of their convictions. How utterly fortunate it is that America has Jim Jones -- a citizen who truly lives his ideals."

...Eugene B. Chalkin, Attorney at Law (July, 1973)...

DISCIPLES LEADER SPEAKS:

"The program of the congregation seems to be wide in its concerns, ranging from care of abandoned animals through orphan's homes, homes for the aged, financial support of students in college, legal services for the community, narcotics rehabilitation; in fact, it is apparent that no human need is expressed without an honest attempt being made to meet that need. I have the impression the congregation is ready, willing and able to assist any human being with almost any problem. Concern for social structures and processes is also evident.... One gets the impression of being in the midst of the human race at its best: a community of people whose primary concern is to love and to serve.... Peoples Temple is led by a man of deep integrity and sensitivity."

...Rev. Gerald McHarg, Associate Regional Pastor, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for Southern California, in *Staff Report* dated April 6, 1973...

VIEW OF THE WASHINGTON POST EDITORS:

"The hands-down winners of anybody's tourists-of-the-year award have got to be the 980 wonderful members of the People's Temple Christian Church of Redwood Valley, Calif.—who bend over backwards to leave every place they visit most attractive than when they arrived. Like thousands of other tourists, they went calling on the U.S. Capitol the other day; but unlike others who tramp through our town spreading litter better-shelter, this spirited group of travelers fanned out from their 15 buses and spent about an hour cleaning up the grounds."

One 82-year old woman who was policing the area at the foot of the Capitol explained to reporter Frank Jones that the members take pleasure in sweeping across the country this way. The church, which has black, white and American Indian members, has already won friends in dozens of cities since its tour last Redwood Valley Aug. 6, and still more areas will benefit by the members' stopovers on their return trip."

...Editorial, *Washington Post* (Aug. 12, 1973)

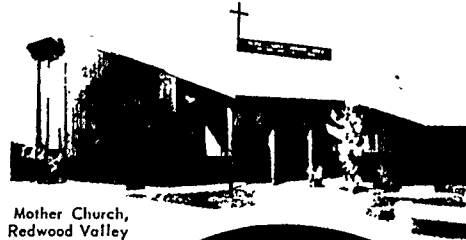
PEOPLES TEMPLE

Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

IS OUR RELIGION



Peoples Temple apartments, laundromat, and project center in Redwood Valley.



Mother Church, Redwood Valley



Hilltop Haven Convalescent Home was recently commended by state officials for its outstanding level of geriatric care.



Pastor Jones' concern for every living thing is manifested by the number of stray and abandoned animals he has taken into the animal shelter. He is seen here with some of his little friends.



Happy Acres Boy's Ranch is managed by Peoples Temple members who love and care for handicapped children.



Peoples Temple, Los Angeles, was established a year ago to meet the needs of our thousands of members in Southern California.



Temple buses are on the road every day of the week as we spread "Spiritual Healing" and "Love Ministry."

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PASTOR JIM JONES

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PEOPLES TEMPLE

As Viewed By Others

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... Wade Rubick, Attorney

Seminary Professor: "Obviously this man has powers not dissimilar to those of Jesus in the Biblical record. . . ."

... James Carley, Professor, Christian Theological Seminary

District Superintendent of United Methodist Churches: "Peoples Temple is a caring community of people of all races and classes. They bear the mark of compassion and justice -- compassion for the hungry and jobless, lonely and disturbed, and also for the earth and her offspring."

... Dr. John Moore

Former TV News Bureau Chief who resigned his post to join Peoples Temple: "Pastor Jones manifests the life of Christ by working day and night to stand courageously against all forms of injustice, to relieve human suffering of every kind, and to establish brotherhood among peoples of all different backgrounds."

... Michael Prokes

The Congressional Record: (A prominent legislator stated on the floor of congress) "Mr. Speaker . . . I would like to commend the Rev. James Jones and every member of his congregation for this outstanding demonstration of their commitment to the principles on which this country was founded."

Attorney at Law: "Pastor Jim Jones is the most loving, Christ-like human being I've ever met."

... Eugene Chaikin

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PEOPLES TEMPLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH TAKES LEAD IN ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP, RESPECT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND CONCERN FOR OTHERS.

Peoples Temple started a fund several years ago to assist the families of policemen who were killed by senseless acts of violence. "We are utterly horrified by this move to murder police all over this nation," Reverend Jim Jones told the San Francisco Chronicle. Since then, Peoples Temple has sent funds to the families of slain policemen all over the nation on countless occasions.

Pastor Jim Jones, who has served as Grand Jury Foreman, and as a highly respected member of the Juvenile Justice Commission for our county, feels the necessity of sound law enforcement to serve and protect our communities today and in the future. Local officials have consistently commended Pastor Jones' congregations for being exceptionally law-abiding. The Pastor's emphasis upon respect for law enforcement has resulted in a remarkable record for Peoples Temple members in helping many persons to become rehabilitated and successfully reintegrated into the mainstream of society. The Temple's program also has been an effective instrument for bringing scores of youth off hard-line drugs and guiding them to a life of productive citizenship. Some of them are now working in law enforcement around the state.

Inspired by Pastor Jones' example, the Peoples Temple congregation voted long ago to make substantial contributions, amounting to thousands of dollars, for law enforcement programs and for equipment that the Police Department budgets did not allow for. In San Francisco, support has been given to the Drug Prevention Program and a contribution made to the Police Summer Youth Fishing Program. In Ukiah, Peoples Temple has supported the Police Drug Abuse Program, purchased reserve officers' uniforms, financed a public address system in the Mendocino County Jail, and donated to the California Highway Patrol for its Drunk Driving Prevention Program. The Temple also helped to put out a booklet on junior citizenship entitled, "Laws for Ukiah Youth," which was circulated in all area public schools.

Pastor Jim Jones and the members of Peoples Temple Christian Church wish to:

EXPRESS THEIR DEEP APPRECIATION to Law Enforcement personnel who practice with valor the Equal Enforcement of the Laws, and

PROMISE THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT of vital, unheralded work in protecting the Constitutional Liberties of our American citizens, and

PLEDGE THEIR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION in Drug Abuse Prevention efforts, Reserve Officer Programs, Community Relations work, and in rendering assistance to families of policemen slain in the line of duty.

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LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

"The apparent depth of respect which your congregation holds for law enforcement agencies in general and for this Department, in particular, is most gratifying and deeply appreciated.

"Your congregation's firm stand in support of the police is most vital and germane in the performance of their dangerous and endless task of protecting and serving the citizens of our free society. It is organizations like yours . . . throughout the country that are to be especially commended for the nobility of reason and maturity of vision in giving the most needed support to the efforts of law enforcement."

E. M. Davis, Chief of Police

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT

"You are to be commended for . . . outstanding service to mankind."

Donald M. Scott, Chief of Police

"The knowledge of your good deeds has been with us for a long time."

President, S. F. Police Commission

FRESNO POLICE DEPARTMENT

"Those in police work are constantly aware of the lack of community resources and existence of viable rehabilitation programs designed to help our young people return to productive lives. Thank heaven there are individuals and organizations, such as the Peoples Temple, who not only recognize this need but are also doing something about it.

"My congratulations to you and your organization for your much appreciated efforts. If we can ever be of assistance, do not hesitate calling on us."

H. E. Britton, Chief of Police

CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

"The Peoples Temple Church certainly deserves accolades from those of us engaged in the field of crime prevention, for the moral, physical, and spiritual leadership it has provided for citizens . . ."

James M. Rochford, Superintendent of Police

UKIAH POLICE DEPARTMENT

"I wish to introduce you to the Reverend Jim Jones and members of the Peoples Temple Christian Church of Redwood Valley, California.

"Jim and his church members strongly support law enforcement and they also respect the property rights of others. They have never trespassed, destroyed or littered. In fact, any area they visit will benefit because the grounds are 'policed' and all litter is removed prior to their departure.

"Any assistance you may give to the church members will be greatly appreciated. If, for any reason, you desire additional information, feel free to contact me or any member of my department."

Donn D. Saulsbury, Chief of Police

Pastor Jim Jones



Welcomes Mayor



to Peoples Temple

The Honorable Mayor of Los Angeles, Thomas Bradley, came to worship at the beautiful Peoples Temple in Los Angeles on a recent Sunday. The mayor appeared sincerely touched by what he saw, as he spoke to an overflow congregation which packed the huge sanctuary. Here are some of his remarks:

"I am really pleased and inspired by what I have seen. Here truly is a man - Pastor Jim Jones - who is touched by God. He has not been able to bring you together from such a variety of backgrounds, such a difference of interests, such a difference of colors, such a difference of education - without being sent to do that very thing."

"My ultimate ambition is the same as yours and Pastor Jones'. It is to bring about the unification of people . . . to bring together people from various backgrounds so that they may understand that, indeed, each is his brothers' keeper. If we can develop that kind of universal love, we won't have to worry about unemployment, crime, drugs, and all the other things that plague us in our lives. The Spirit will unite us and we shall overcome!"

"I ask for your prayers and your blessings and help, but most of all I ask that you continue to support - continue to lift up - Pastor Jim Jones."

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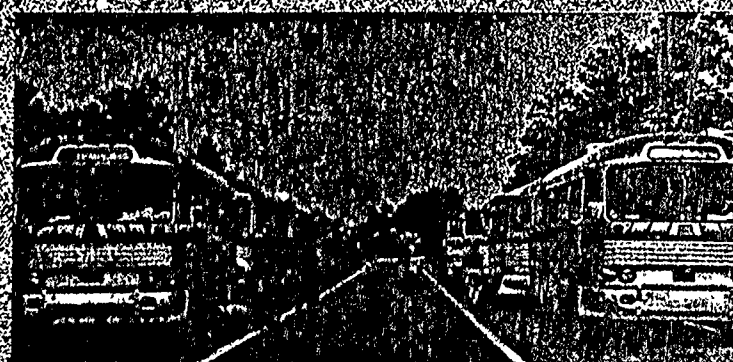
For I was an hungry and ye gave me meat:
I was thirsty and ye gave me drink:
I was a stranger and ye took me in:
Naked, and ye clothed me:
I was sick and ye visited me:
I was in prison and ye came unto me.
Then the righteous shall answer Him, saying,
When saw we thee an hungry and fed thee?
Or thirsty 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

They said it could not be done, but it happened. More than 700 members of Peoples Temple were transported in nearly 20 vehicles over 10,000 miles, on a round trip cross-country tour in three weeks time. It was a sight to behold! People everywhere marveled at seeing the Temple's fleet of Greyhound-type buses, a semi-truck and trailer loaded with various supplies, a food truck and ice van, and several utility and support vehicles, all moving down America's highways and biways together, through mountains, valleys and deserts, in a five-mile long Caravan of Hope. There were inter-racial people of all ages, from babes in arms to seniors in their 80's and 90's. They visited major cities with landmarks at such places as the United States Capitol, in Washington, D.C., Martin Luther King's home in Atlanta, the Canadian country-side, and beautiful Niagara Falls.

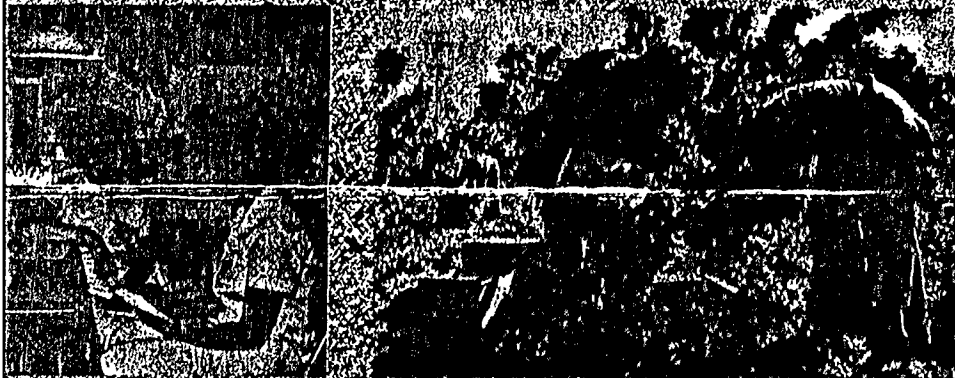
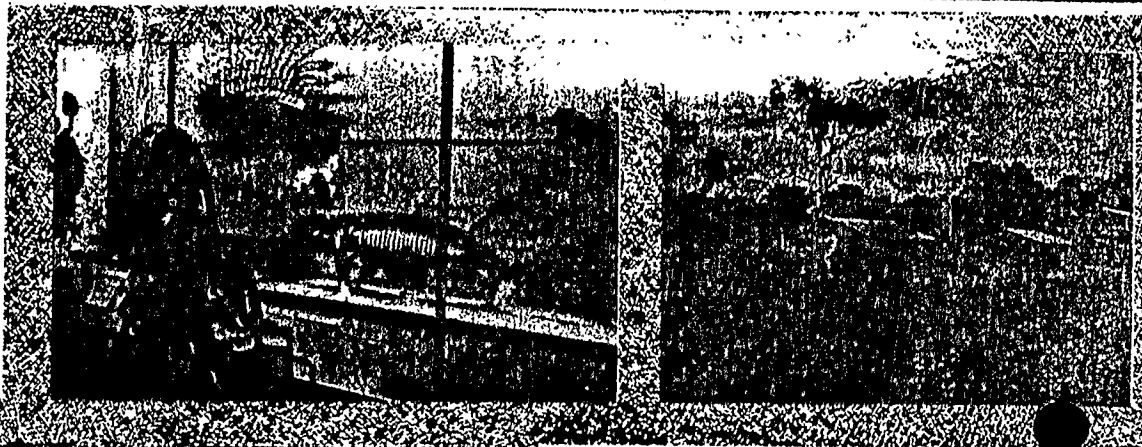
This beautiful rainbow family originally came from every type of educational, social, and religious background, but now their message is the same - "...brotherhood among all people, irrespective of race or creed, does work and is the answer to the most serious problems facing a great nation."

PEOPLES TEMPLE
Christian Church
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This extensive and highly regarded ministry provides various kinds of support to all types of humanitarian concerns and charities, representing a host of efforts toward common goals. One of the Temple's biggest concerns is medical care. Funds are sent regularly to support medical research into a wide range of areas including cancer, sickle-cell anemia, and multiple sclerosis. The church's own staff of professional medical people, including registered nurses, give care to members and to the community. Legal assistance is provided by a staff of attorneys to those who need it. Food and clothing are provided on an emergency basis. A unique, effective drug rehabilitation program has successfully rescued more than 300 young people from dangerous drug habits. Many individuals with backgrounds in crime and militancy have been reformed by the church and Pastor Jones' non-violent teachings. They are now productive and respected citizens, and there has been practically no return to former patterns.

Peoples Temple provides assistance in almost every kind of human crisis situation where immediate help is required. In some cases where families were turned out of their homes as well as in many hardship cases, Peoples Temple has responded. A community center with an indoor swimming pool has been built by the church for use by all people, no matter what race or religion, agency or organization to which they may belong. Impressive care homes have been established for senior citizens, orphans, and exceptional children. Modern convalescent sanatoriums, operated by Temple members, have won commendations for their high level of care. Educational programs are sponsoring the training of young people of all faiths on Temple scholarships. These young people desire to help humanity with their educations. A large animal refuge center, known throughout the region, takes in sick, abandoned and stray animals, which are all treated by veterinarians and given the best of care.



The efforts of the Temple have received recognition from community, civic, religious and national officials. Jim Jones, the pastor of Peoples Temple, is an ordained minister in the 2 million member Disciples of Christ denomination. He has been selected as one of the nation's outstanding clergymen by Religion in American Life, and has won recognition by newspapers for his work as a committed and tireless humanitarian.

Pastor Jones has chosen to live modestly and simply. He and his wife, Marceline, have adopted many children of different ethnic and racial backgrounds. Rev. Jones has drawn people of all races and creeds together to work as a united family for the good of humanity. He has demonstrated that if every church would attempt to meet the needs of its own, this nation would have the answer to the problems of the welfare state, as well as the strongest deterrent to totalitarianism, whether it threatens from the so-called Left or the Right. It is the fervent desire of Jim Jones and the members of Peoples Temple to establish a society where hate and violence do not exist, and where, instead, a cooperative spirit of harmony and brotherhood prevails. (Pastor Jones, at left, is pictured speaking at the Nation of Islam's headquarters mosque for the U.S. and Western World.



PEOPLES TEMPLE IN THE Congressional Record

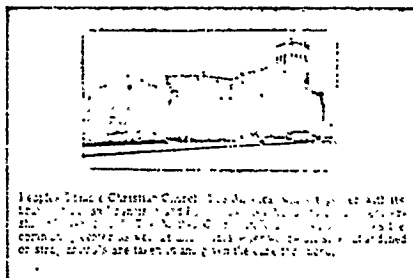


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"Mr. Speaker...

"I would like to commend the Rev. James W. Jones, who is pastor of Peoples Temple Christian Church, and every member of his congregation for this outstanding demonstration of their commitment to the principles on which this country was founded.

"Called less formally Peoples Temple, the church is best known and highly regarded for its social works which include housing and feeding senior citizens and medical convalescents, maintaining a home for retarded boys, rehabilitating youthful drug users, and assisting non-members as well as members of the faith through college and legal difficulties."



SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT

Pastor Jim Jones is a duly ordained minister of the Disciples of Christ (whose membership has included the late President Lyndon B. Johnson). Having adopted children of all ethnic backgrounds, he feels the necessity of sound law enforcement to serve and protect our communities, both today and in the future. In this light, the church has donated several hundred dollars to each of the following agencies:

UKIAH: Police Drug Abuse Program; Purchase of Reserve Officers' uniforms; Mendocino County Sheriff's Department, for a Public Address System in the County Jail;

SAN FRANCISCO: Drug Prevention Program; Police Summer Youth Fishing Program;

LOS ANGELES: Law Enforcement Community Relations Program.

Inspired by his example, the congregation long ago voted to make substantial contributions to the families of slain policemen.

Pastor JAMES W. JONES, together with the members of Peoples Temple Christian Church, part of the Disciples of Christ denomination of 1.4 million members, hereby:

EXPRESS OUR DEEP APPRECIATION to the Law Enforcement of the San Francisco, Ukiah and Los Angeles areas who practice with valor the Equal Enforcement of the Law; and

PROMISE OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT of your vital, unheralded work in protecting the Constitutional Liberties of our American citizens; and

PLEDGE OUR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION in your Drug Abuse Prevention Efforts, Basic Car Plans, Reserve Officer Programs, and Funds to Aid the Families of Police Officers slain in the line of duty.

(Presented by members of Peoples Temple Christian Church in appreciation of their law enforcement efforts. For further information, contact: Rev. James W. Jones, Peoples Temple Christian Church, P.O. Box 216, Ukiah, California 95568.)

REV. JAMES W. JONES,

Many law enforcement people have asked to know more about the life and work of this minister who works so hard to bring about a just society and respect for peace officers. Here, then, are some comments about Pastor Jim Jones by others.

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View of Methodist District Superintendent:

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Epitomizes the Giving of Self:

"The Peoples Temple Church, motivated and inspired by their pastor, Jim Jones, epitomizes giving of one's self for human services."

... Marge Boynton (Prominent state republican leader, in letter dated February 22, 1973)...

The View of a Medical Doctor:

"I have known Reverend Jim Jones for more than one year and have found him to be a dedicated, trustworthy, sincere person who is endowed with an ability and talent possessed by very few. He practices exactly what he preaches, has helped numerous individuals obtain cures believed impossible and all of the while being a considerate, understanding leader of men. It was with pleasure that I attended his services and witnessed his utter, complete involvement. He has saved many from disaster and started them on a meaningful path of constructive, well adapted behavior."

... I. H. Perkins, M.D. (In a letter "To Whom It May Concern," dated March 2, 1972)...

A Family Man:

"The man who pastors this flock of 'brothers' is a cross between a fiery archangel, a humble servant of humanity, an erudite wit, a loving family man with all the usual longings for a 'better life' for his children - and a plain human being who sometimes finds the battle 'heavy going.'"

... Kathy Hunter, wife of Editor, of the Ukiah Daily Journal (June 3, 1968)...