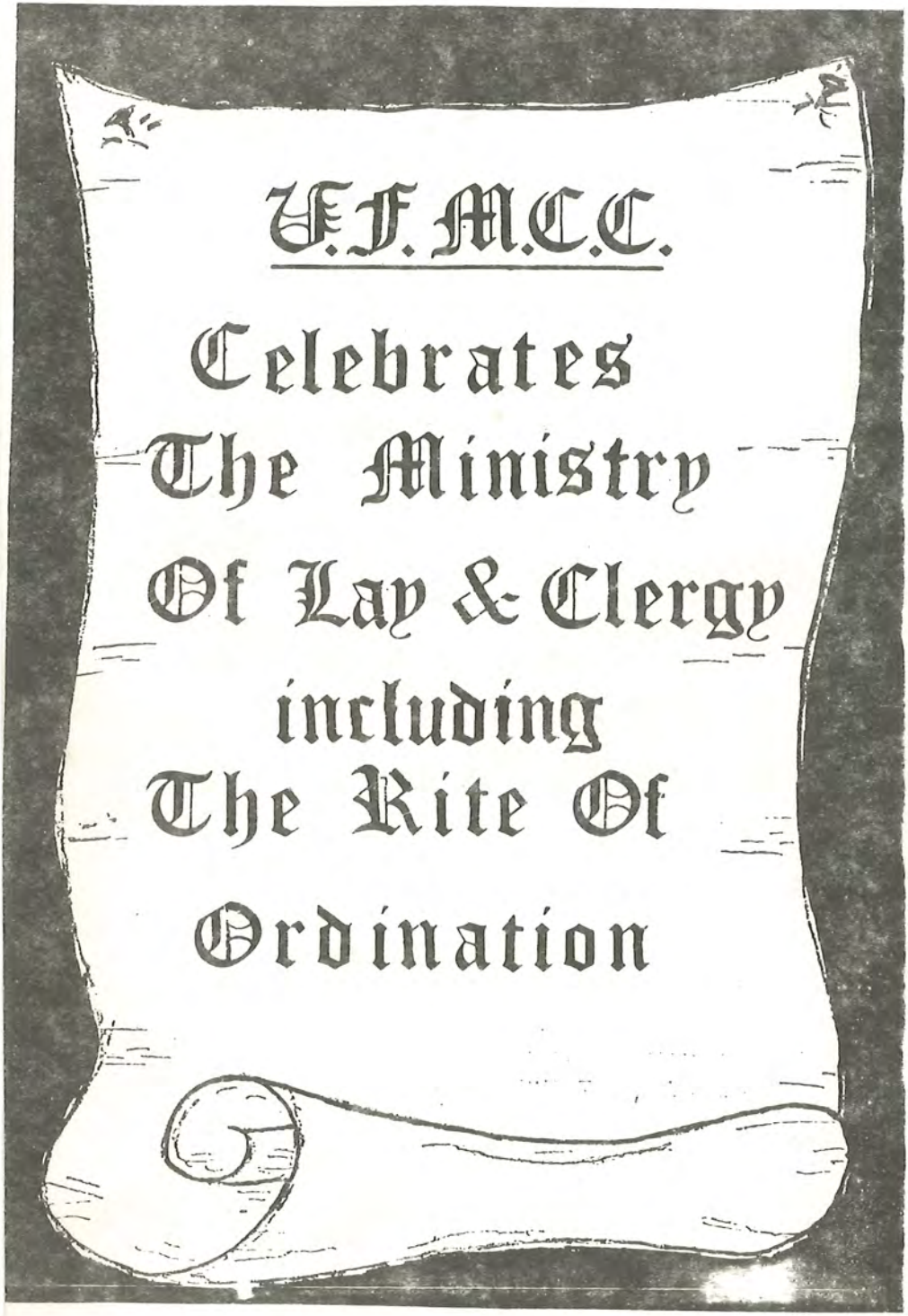

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Celebrates
The Ministry
Of Lay & Clergy
including
The Rite Of
Ordination

1981 General Conference
Houston, Texas

ORDINATION SERVICE
August 8, 1981
Saturday evening, 7:30 - 9:30

*Singspiration (Colleen Darraugn - Toronto, Canada)

Welcome and Announcements (Jacquie Boyle, Bakersfield, California, U.S.A)

* Call to Worship: (Isaiah 6:8-9a) (Larry Rodriquez, Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.)
Leader: Hear the voice of God saying,"Whom shall I send? Who will go with us?"
People: Then I said, "Here I am. Send me."
Leader: And God said, "Go..."

*Processional Hymn, "THE CHURCH ALIVE" (by Jack St. John).

(1) We are the Church alive, Christ's presence on this earth.
We give God's Spirit body in the act of our new birth.
As yielded, open channels for God's descending Dove,
We shout and sing, with joy we bring God's all-inclusive love.

(2) We are the Church alive, our faith has set us free,
No more enslaved by guilt and shame, we live our liberty!
We follow Christ's example, and freedom now proclaim,
Destroying myths of doubt and fear in Jesus' mighty name!

(3) We are the Church alive, the body must be healed,
Where strife has bruised and battered us, God's wholeness is revealed.
Our mission is an urgent one; in strength and health let's stand,
So that our witness to God's light will shine across the land.

(4) We are the Church alive, all praise to God on high,
Creator, Savior, Comforter! We laud and magnify
Your name, Almighty God of love. Pray give us life that we
May be your Church, the Church alive, for all eternity.

Invocation, Prayers of the Church (The Reverend George McDermott - Providence, R.I., U.S.A)

Psalm Prayer (Based upon Psalm 23) (Sylvia Hudgins, Dallas Texas, U.S.A.)

Leader: You, O God, are my shepherd; there is nothing I shall lack.
Fresh and green are the pastures where you give me repose.

People: Near restful waters you lead me to revive my drooping spirit.
You guide me along the right path, for you are true to your name.

Leader: If I should walk in the valley of darkness, no evil would I fear,
For you are with me, and your shepherd rod and staff comfort me.

People: You prepare a banquet for me in the sight of my foes,
My head you anoint with oil; my cup is overflowing.

All: Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. In your house, O God, I shall dwell forever. Amen.

Special Music (Cornerstone Trio - Fort Worth, Texas, U.S.A.) 7 → 155

Scripture Readings
1 Peter 4:10-11 (Jerusalem Bible) (Jane Sandmeier, Portland, Oregon, U.S.A)

"Each one of you has received a special grace, so like good stewards responsible for all these difference graces of God, put yourselves at the service of others. If you are a speaker, speak in words which seem to come from God. If you are a helper, help as though every action was done at God's orders; so that in everything God may receive the glory, through Christ Jesus, since to God alone belongs all glory and power forever and ever. Amen."

Ephesians 4:11-16 (Spanish Reading) (Steven Thalasists)
"And the gifts that Christ gave were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, all to equip God's people for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. So shall we all attain to unity in our faith and in our knowledge the Son of God, to mature adulthood, measured by nothing less than the full stature of Christ. Let us no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of new teaching, at the mercy of the tricks that people play, and duped by clever deceits. Rather, let us speak the truth in love; let us grow up in every way into the one who is the head, into Christ. On Christ the whole body depends. The whole frame is joined and knit together by every joint, and it grows when each part carries out its own activity. In this way the body builds itself up in love."

Special Music (Strings - Portland, Oregon, U.S.A.)

Sermon - Jean Grailey, Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A.) Eph. 4:11
- Ken Elder, Kansas City

*Hymn #33, "Open My Eyes"

Offering of Our Gifts (The Reverend Lucia Chappelle, Los Angeles, CA, U.S.A.)

Offertory Anthem (MCC Dallas Choir)

*Doxology: "Praise God the source of all we know.
Praise Jesus Christ in whom we grow.
Praise to the Holy Spirit give,
That we in love with God shall live. Amen."

*Prayer of Dedication

THE RITE OF ORDINATION

The Presentation of Ordinands

*Hymn #45: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Explanation of Ordination

Examination of Ordinands

Laying On Of Hands With Prayer

Reading of Luke: 4:18-19

(1) This is the way Jesus described his own ministry by reading from Isaiah 61, and this is our ministry as well.
(2) "The Spirit of God is upon me because God has anointed me to preach good news to the poor."
(3) "God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind."
(4) "God has sent me to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of our God."

Song, "Spirit of the Living God" (sung twice)

"Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Scriptural Charge to Ordinands
2 Timothy 4: 1-5 (New American Bible)

"In the living presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is coming to judge the living and the dead, and by Christ's appearing and his ruling power, I charge you to preach the word, to stay with this task whether convenient or inconvenient - correcting, reproving, appealing - constantly teaching and never losing patience, for the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine, but following their own desires will surround themselves with teachers who tickle their ears. They will stop listening to the truth and will wander off to fables. As for you, be steady and self-possessed; put up with hardship, perform your work as an evangelist, fulfill your ministry."

Presentation of Symbols of Professional Ministry

*Hymn #4: "Are Ye Able"

*Benediction (The Reverend Roy Birchard - St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.A.)