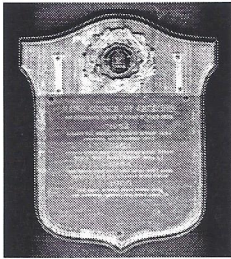


## ARTIFACTS



**Averill Award  
for Outstanding Service on  
Behalf of World Order**

1962

Elizabeth Ifill,  
North Brewer-Eddington  
Methodist Church  
James Nason  
Sanford Methodist Church

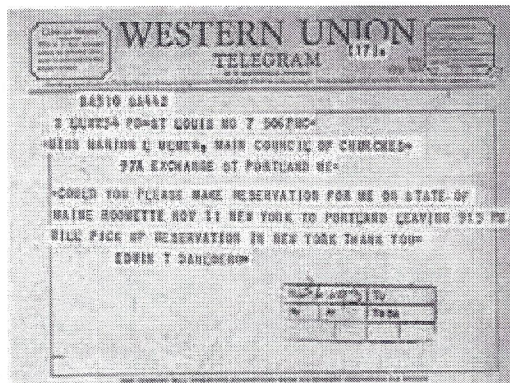
1963

Elizabeth Aldrich  
Forest Ave. Monthly Meeting  
Portland

David W. Tordoff  
People's Methodist Church  
South Portland  
1964

Nina Schlikin  
Court Street Baptist Church  
Auburn

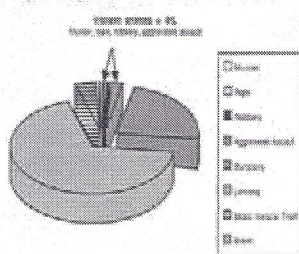
Frederick H. Allen  
The Universalist Church  
Portland



**Edwin T. Dahlberg Telegram (1958)**

Dr. Dahlberg, President of the National Council of Churches, was the featured speaker at an ecumenical service at Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, sponsored by the Maine Council of Churches.

How many of the reported index crimes are violent crimes?

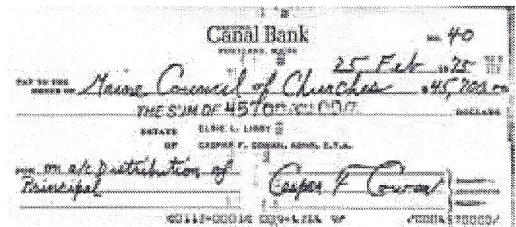


Murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault constitute the violent crimes in the list of index crimes. Only 4% of reported index crimes in Maine are violent crimes. Ninety-six percent of the crimes are property crimes.

**Criminal Justice Survey (1991)**



**1953 World Order Caravan at the United Nations**



**Settlement Check from the Libby Estate (1975)**



**Girl Scout God and Country Award  
(1956)**

### THE CHARACTERS OF MAINE SUITORS

by Dorothy Clarke Wilson

**CHARACTERS:** A SLAYER, THE JUDGE, THE HERALD, A FRODOG, A FUDGE, JOHN PRINCE, A DEPENDANT, THE WITNESS, including any number of children (5 speaking), Mr. and Mrs. Farmer churchmember, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. White, Mr. City Minister and St. Country, Mr. Minister, Fisherman.

THE SLAYER may be either a man or a woman with a good voice. If desired, he may be symbolically costumed, in a colored robe and may carry a scroll.

THE FUDGE are two small children dressed alike. Their costume should consist of caps, tunics, knee length breeches, long hose and buckled shoes. They may be of bright, contrasting colors.

THE HERALD and THE FUDGE may be either young men or young women. They should be costumed. It is suggested that their costumes resemble those of the page, the, if desired, long robes may be used. THE HERALD carries a trumpet, THE FUDGE, a large book and quill pen.

THE FRODOG is a woman dressed in a long white robe with an overdress of deep blue or crimson. She wears a gold halo fastened to the back of her head, her costume giving just the slightest suggestion of an evening angel.

THE JUDGE is a man of elderly appearance and dignified bearing. He wears a black gown.

THE WITNESS will be described at length as they appear in the script.

**SCENE:** A courtroom. The details need not be at all accurate, however, nor true to court procedure, since the setting is entirely imaginary and symbolic. At center, facing front, on a raised platform, is the Judge's bench. Just beneath it, right, is a chair for the HERALD; left, a small table and chair for the FUDGE. At left, a seat for the FRODOG. At right, several chairs which may be used later by various of the witnesses. THE DEPENDANT may have a seat on the platform, right, or he may keep a place on the front seat, with the audience, coming forward and addressing the court as necessary.

**REMARKS:** (standing in the center of the stage and either reading or reciting from memory) There is a law of justice which is older than Sinai, more ancient than the code of Hammurabi. Its judge is the human conscience. Its witnesses are the deep, unspoken murmurings of humanity. Its verdicts are those divine compunctions which have driven the great souls of every age to lift the human race to higher physical, mental and spiritual levels. There were one lone man, to be as deeply convicted of the needs of man that he sentenced himself to a lifetime of self-sacrifice, ending in a cross. Here likewise through the years have come his followers, entering the portals as seekers after truth, going out as men of science, doctors, preachers, educators. Before its judgment seat have passed, one by one, the nations of the earth, to be weighed in the balances and found wanting; the great political and social movements of history, to be tried and sentenced and, if found wanting, to be

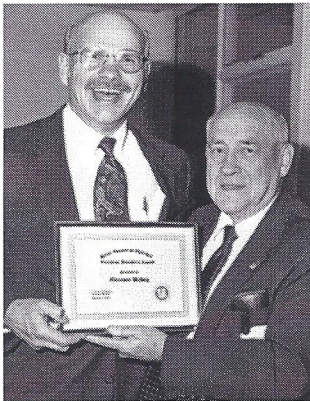
**Dorothy Clarke Wilson Script (1960)**

Author and playwright Dorothy Clarke Wilson was best known for her book, *Prince of Egypt*, one of the sources for Cecile B. DeMille's film "The Ten Commandments."

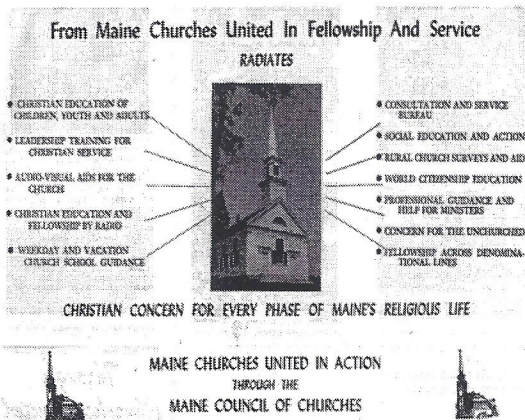
SEEKING COMMON GROUND. WORKING FOR THE COMMON GOOD.



## ARTIFACTS



Clarence McKay receives the Executive Director's Award from Tom Ewell (1983)



Maine Council of Churches Brochure (1947)



Town and Country Committee (1956)  
Carl Geores Jr., Donald Henderson, Alva I. Cox, Jr.

### UCC CONFERENCE + BANGOR, ME. + Oct. 9, 1981

THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO BRING GREETINGS FROM THE MCC. We are here because we believe in the REALITY of Risen Christ in the power and empowering gift of the HOLY SPIRIT to enable us to do the will of the FATHER "in whom we live and move and have our being."

MCC came into being Oct 31, 1938...founded by nine leaders meeting in United Baptist Church, Bangor (now Assoc. member). After 32 years of ministry the MCC voted itself out of existence (disbanded) 7/31/70...MCC went into spiritual limbo land or hibernation. Then something that reads like fiction happened... A Maine man (Arthur Libby) married daughter of a wealthy Kentucky dentist and brought her to Maine in 1923... May 18, 1961 Miss Libby made her final will, leaving her her estate to the MCC...she died 9/13/73. Remember - I indicated before that the MCC was disbanded in 1970 for lack of financial and other kinds of support....

RESULT...ANOTHER MIRACLE...the REBIRTH/RESURRECTION of the MCC in 1973 is another illustration of the biblical truth that God works in strange ways his wonders to perform. (Settlement of Libby estate relative to MCC)

Understandably there has been much activity in getting the MCC into the public mind. This began, mostly land, from a woman who supposedly had little or no interest in the church, not a member anywhere...BUT HEARD A RADIO PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE MCC...and that inspired her to leave her estate to the MCC for its "RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL & CHARITABLE PURPOSES".

At the time of the disbanding of the MCC a member of your denomination, The Rev. Bruce Roberts was President. Thanks to his initiative and spiritual perception the MCC was "re-activated". In a letter to me, dated 9/21/73 he wrote to a member of the Exec. Comm. as thought by job as President of the MCC was gone, passed, but I see it is not and there are some exciting days ahead for all of us.

I am here to affirm that these "exciting days" of challenge and opportunity are here confronting all the churches in their ecumenical outreach to do together the things which none of us, in our denominations, can do alone, or as well.

Executive Secretary "Ray" Bolger's Notes to the UCC Annual Meeting (1981)

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**GREEN CLERGY NETWORK**

Have you ever had an experience of the Sacred in nature? Are you interested in learning about how faith can shape and deepen your relationship with the natural world, but don't know where to start? Would you like to network with your peers from other faith traditions in Maine for fellowship and conversation, but lack the time to organize a group?

The Green Clergy Network will provide all these opportunities and more beginning in 2002. Two day-long meetings are planned in early Jan. and early March, culminating in an overnight retreat in May. Presentations by theologians and naturalists, as well as facilitated vision discussions and readings from leading thinkers on spirituality and nature will guide our conversation. Time in nature, creative arts and music, and ideas for bringing these concepts to your congregation are planned. Limited to 50 clergy. Call for information or to register.

**TWO DAY-LONG SEMINARS 9:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.**

What do we want to impart to Participants?

**HEAR:**

- Intellectual grasp of eco-theology through reading and dialogue Session 1 and Session 2
- Working familiarity with denominational resources and resolutions on nature Session 2

**BEAR:**

- An appreciation (preferably a personal sense) of connections with earth as sacred space Session 1 and Session 2
- Build camaraderie and peer network across denominations in Maine Session 1 and Session 2

**ACTION:**

- Awareness of environmental issues and trends in Maine Session 2
- Tools to "serve" good from poor environmental choices at personal and congregational levels Session 2
- Plans for bringing nature into the life of the congregation in worship, education, property management, etc. (MediL, Climate Change) Session 2

Green Clergy Network (2001)

### GOD AND COUNTRY



God and Country Award

### Sunday, Jan. 12

Programs listed are in eastern standard time and are subject to change without notice. Where no listing is made for a station, the program is on the air.

#### MORNING

- 7:30 WFOR—Weatherman
- 7:35 WFOR—Morning Devotions
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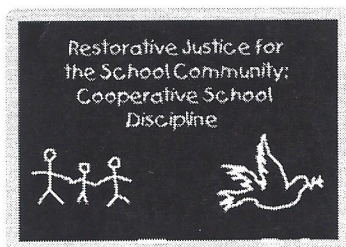
### 1997 14th Annual CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, Union Church, GREENVILLE  
THURSDAY, MAY 16, Community Church, Presbyterian USA,  
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FRIDAY, MAY 17, North Parish Congregational Church, SANFORD  
MONDAY, MAY 20, Methodist Church, WEST GRAFTON  
TUESDAY, MAY 21, Congregational Church Community House,  
WATERFORD

FOR church school workers, vacation church school workers, pastors, parents  
ALL who wish to increase their understanding and skill in Christian Education

These Workshops, sponsored annually each spring since 1944, by the Children's Work Committee of the Maine Council of Churches, are open to all who are interested. There is no registration fee, but an offering will be received to help defray expenses. Come for as much of the program as possible. This is not theory - it is practice. These are not speeches - it is a WORKSHOP. Come and get help and inspiration!

For additional programs and information, write: Maine Council of Churches,  
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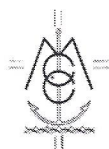


*If we are to reach real peace in this world  
we shall have to begin with the children.*  
- Mahatma Gandhi



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December 15th, 1982  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Jetport, So. Portland, Maine

A TRIBUTE SONG TO WES HAYNES....COMPOSED BY LYNNE JOSSELYN  
and heartily sung to her accompaniment on the guitar to the  
tune of "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly".....

Here's to Wes with our thanksgiving, Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
for his leadership and living, Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Best of luck in your endeavors, Fa la, la la, la la la.  
We will always you remember. Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Thanks for all you've been in guiding, Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
We've progressed through your good tidings. Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
You've been great; your spirit leading, Fa la, la la, la la la.  
When you leave we'll all be grieving. Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Now the Council says "adieu", Wes, Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Joy to you and may God bless, Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Happiness in all you do, Fa la, la la, la la la.  
Yes, oh yes, we will miss you! Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Wes goes on sabbatical in January and February 1983 so will not be with us  
at the Annual Assembly. In addition to the joyous, musical send-off, we gave  
him a card expressing our affection and a poinsetta to remind him to keep blooming  
with the Christmas Spirit that he has so graciously shared with us these past years.  
We look forward to his return in March to serve as the UCC representative on the  
Executive Committee. Meanwhile, Wes, have a great time of refreshment and renewal.  
Executive Committee members.



Ray Pike standing beside the van purchased through a matching grant of  
\$2,500 from the Maine Council of Churches.

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1944 MCC Ecumenical Service, Waterville  
on the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the  
Maine Sunday-school Association

The Maine Council of Churches  
invites you to celebrate  
**Spirituality and Earth Stewardship**  
**Sunday, March 9, 1997**

An afternoon of fun for people of all ages  
and spiritual traditions.



Join us  
for a community gathering  
with play, art, music,  
and worship celebrating the  
greater Damariscotta watershed.



Bring water from a natural source in your area to share in the worship.  
The day's events are free of charge to all participants.

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| 2:00 -<br>3:45 p.m. | Sledding & fun outdoor activities for all ages - DRA<br>Salt Bay Heritage Farm, Belvedere Road (at<br>blinking light, .5 mile North of Rt. 1), Damariscotta. |
| 2:30 -<br>3:30 p.m. | Guided nature walk at the Salt Bay Farm Heritage<br>Center with Tom Arter.   |
| 4:00 -<br>5:00 p.m. | Soup and bread supper, St. Andrew's Church,<br>Glidden Street, Newcastle. Free will donation.  |
| 5:15 -<br>6:00 p.m. | Spirituality and Earth Stewardship Program,<br>St. Andrew's Church, Glidden St, Newcastle. Singing,<br>readings, prayers and water ceremony.                 |

Featured participants include: Tom Arter, Jim Bickford, Rev. Robert Ives,  
Julia Lane, and Rev. Stephen White.

For more information please call Tom Arter at  
(207) 644-8797 or Tom Ewell at the  
Maine Council of Churches - (207) 772-1918.

## Church School Classes Held In Hospital

### Children Like New Program

The Church School of the Air has recently broadened its work to include Sunday school classes each Friday from 2.30 to 3.30 p. m. for the children under doctors' care in the Children's Hospital.

The classes, like the church school broadcast series, are being sponsored by the Maine Council of Churches. The radio series is also heard in the hospital, but personalized religious study has never before been attempted in the hospital's schoolroom.

The first class period was held during Lent on an experimental basis with the Rev. Gladys Doughty York, North Yarmouth, supervising the work.

#### Routine Altered

The class program gives the dozen or more children a chance to sing familiar songs, to pray and to study a Bible story. The routine is often altered to include a showing of Kodachrome pictures and to permit a period of handcraft work.

Hymn story lessons are being planned later this year. Records will be played for music appreciation and hymns appropriate to the age of the group will be taught. These lessons will be prepared in cooperation with the junior choir leaders affiliated with the Maine Federation of Music Clubs.

Some of the patients in the hospital have been there many months and the familiar contacts of Sunday school and the atmosphere of religious study have created great enthusiasm among the pupils and their parents.

1948 article from the  
Portland Press Herald



Rt. Rev. Roger Blanchard  
accepting the 1997  
Ecumenical Achievement Award



"We shall awaken from our dullness and rise  
vigorously toward justice. If we fall in love with  
creation deeper and deeper we will respond to it  
endangerment with passion."  
Hildegard of Bingen (12th Century)

### The EarthCare Team Initiative

Practicing our faith by  
caring for Creation

Maine people of faith putting their  
environmental stewardship goals  
to work through supportive  
community teams.

A joint project of  
Maine Interfaith Power & Light, Inc.,  
and the  
Maine Council of Churches'  
Environmental Justice Program



BANGOR DAILY NEWS, October 12, 1989

## Church council opposes prison bond

Spokesmen claim state should establish a comprehensive penal plan

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In 1970, Rev. Phil Palmer (outgoing Executive Secretary of the Maine Council of Churches) presented the Council's letters and papers, as a collection, to the Maine Historical Society. The records are now organized into 12 File Boxes and available for search at the Society, as follows:

- Box 1: Council of Religious Education, 1924-1937; Executive Committee, 1956-1965; Committees, 1939-1941
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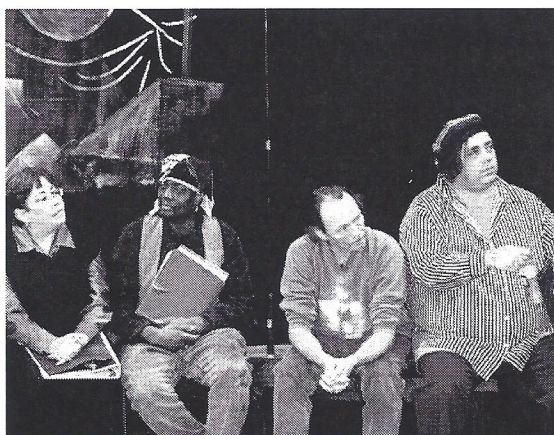
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