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The success of all church work depends upon a well informed leadership

Leadership Training Institute

Monday to Thursday, September 24-27, 1928

DAY SESSIONS

Cleveland Hotel, Public Square

EVENING SESSIONS

First Methodist Episcopal Church

Euclid Ave. and East 30th St.

Q A group of selected leaders *enrolled on eight commissions* will study the problems of the Church in Missions, Evangelism, World Friendship, Social Service and Bible Instruction. Every Church is invited to be represented on the *eight commissions*. The Y.M.C.A and the Y.W.C.A. will send delegates.

The registration fee of \$1.00 entitles one to membership on one Commission and to attendance at all other Commissions.

The Federated Churches
701 Hippodrome Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

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Subject: The Needs of the Pupil.

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Commission on the Bible and the Primary Pupil

Leader for Series—Mrs. J. W. Kubek

Subject: The Needs of the Pupil.

What are the typical situations in which Primary children are placed? What is the religion of a Primary child? How does he conceive of God? What religious developments should take place during the Primary period?

Commission on the Bible and the Junior Pupil

Leader for Series—Rev. Philip C. Jones

Subject: The Needs of the Pupil.

What are the problems of Junior children? What is the attitude of the Junior toward God? Toward the Bible? Toward his fellows? What is the purpose of Bible instruction for Juniors?

Commission on the Bible and the Young People

Leader for Series—Mr. Ernest P. Wiles

Subject: The Needs of the Pupil.

What specific needs of young people can the Bible best meet? What are the primary aims of the use of the Bible in the instruction of young people? Do young people make use of the Bible? Should they use it more than they do?

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Rooms L, M, N, O—**Meeting of Commission on the Church and Evangelism**, Dr. G. A. Lawson, presiding. Subject: "THE CHURCH."

What is the Church? What is its mission? Is it fulfilling its mission? Is it necessary to the community life?

Address by President Chas. F. Wishart of the College of Wooster.
Discussion opened by Dr. L. C. Wright, Pastor of Epworth Euclid Church.

2:00 P. M. to 3:30 P. M.

Georgian Room—**Meeting of Commission on the Church and World Friendship**. Subject: "RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA."

What motives have inspired the policy of the United States toward Caribbean countries in the past twenty years? Has this policy strengthened friendship with Latin countries? What practical steps toward better relations have been taken in the past ten years? What has the Missionary policy done toward better relations in education, trade, and government?

Leader: Whiting Williams.
Consultants: President Robert E. Vinson. Dr. Charles F. Thwing.
Dr. Nicholas VanderPyl, of Oberlin.

3:45 P. M. to 5:15 P. M.

Georgian Room—**Meeting of Commission on the Church and Social Service**. Subject: "MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE CHILD."

The exceptionally bright child, the disobedient child, the mentally deficient child, the dependent child. What is the relation of the Church to agencies dealing with this problem?

Leader: Mr. E. D. Lynde.
Consultants: Mr. James E. Ewers, General Secretary Humane Society.
Mr. Lawrence C. Cole, Children's Bureau.
Dr. H. C. Schumacher, Child Guidance Clinic.
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Subject: The Materials to be Used.

What portions of the Bible are most suitable to use with Kindergarten children? Is the material provided by lesson writers always suitable? What portions should be memorized? Should the emphasis be upon Old or New Testament stories? Do Kindergarten children understand the Bible?

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Commission on the Bible and Young People

Subject: The Bible, Science, and Youth.

What does it mean to "believe in the Bible"? What does belief in the Bible mean to young people? Why are young people confused regarding the teachings of science and religion? How may they best be helped to solve the apparent conflict?

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What is the Bible? What is its authority? Does it meet present day needs? Why do not more people read the Bible?

Address by Dr. Charles L. DeBow, pastor of First Methodist Episcopal Church. An Expository Sermon by Rev. J. A. Scott.
Discussion opened by Dr. Millard Brelsford, pastor of East Cleveland Baptist Church.

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"Should War be Abolished? Can it be? By what means?"

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Address by Dr. Philip Smead Bird, Pastor Church of the Covenant.
Discussion opened by Dr. J. H. Goldner, Pastor Euclid Ave. Christian Church.

12:15 P. M. to 1:45 P. M.

Ball Room—General Luncheon of the Federated Churches.

Addresses by Judge Florence E. Allen and Mr. Whiting Williams.

2:00 P. M. to 3:30 P. M.

Rose Room—Meeting of Commission on the Church and World Friendship. Subject: "STEPS ALREADY TAKEN TOWARD INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATION."

The League of Nations, The World Court, International Conferences (economic, religious and political), Various Peace Societies, The Multilateral Treaty to abolish war as a national policy, What may we expect from them? How may we further these beginnings?

Leader: Miss Mabel Head.

The Consultants will include a number of prominent ministers and laymen.

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What is the place of recreation in the lives of both adults and children? What is the relation of the recreational program of the church to the recreational program of the community? The relation of recreation to health and moral life.

Leader: Dr. Dan F. Bradley.

Consultants: Mr. Henry Bush, specialist in Adult Education, School of Applied Science. Miss Estelle M. Bonnell. Mr. W. I. Newstetter. Miss Isabelle Kennedy.

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8:00 P. M. "THE CALL TO THE NEW CRUSADE"

A dramatic presentation of the Crusade with Christ Movement. By the Young People's Division of the Federated Churches.

Miss Adella R. Sterritt, Director.

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