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## Thousands seek answers in church

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LOS ANGELES — The banner stretched across the front of First African Methodist Episcopal Church, the city's oldest black church, read: "BROTHERS COME HELP US STOP THE MADNESS."

And they came. By the thousands. But they weren't all "brothers."

The Sunday worship hour that has long been said to be the most segregated hour in America, was integrated on this Sunday, several blocks from the violent scenes that inflamed race relations across the country.

"I came because the only answer to this crisis is unity of religion and unity of race," explained Hrei Moss, who had come from Berkeley.

He joined hundreds of other whites, Asians and Hispanics who came together in peace and fellowship with a hope for understanding.

"I came to see what I could do to help," said Larry Rea from Costa Mesa, mirroring the sentiment of others from as far away as Canada and England.

And as he filed in with the throng of people, trucks, vans and cars — driven mostly by whites — dropped off boxes of food and supplies for the needy.

"This is the picture we want on TV," shouted a long-haired blond man, who was unloading boxes of blankets and supplies. "We are one."

They were Scientologists, Jews, Moslems, Muslims, Buddhists, Catholics and the unaffiliated. They sang joyfully, cried tears of release, prayed fervently — even danced. They were mesmerized by a sermon of anger and hope while in the distance the sound of police helicopters and sirens periodically broke the spell.

"I don't know what America saw," shouted the Rev. Cecil L. Murray, resplendent in white robe draped with a black, red and green African sash. "But when I saw Rodney King being brutal-



Over Owen Brown  
In Sacramento, Centennial United Methodist Church Pastor Madeline Elson and Greater Faith Baptist Church Pastor Verdoy W. Y. Griffin led a joint service.

ized, I saw the King of Kings being brutalized, I saw truth and justice being brutalized and I saw you and I being brutalized."

Murray told the congregation, many of whom had been waiting to get in since 8 a.m., that "Jesus had come to L.A. that you might have more life and a different life."

Many concurred.  
"I believe something good will come out

of this bad," said Toni Moseley, a drug counselor. "I'm leaving here with more understanding and more commitment. We've got to help our people."

Murray referred to the city where the Rodney King brutality trial took place as "the Sun Valley of Death." And he alluded to Los Angeles Police Chief Daryl Gates as "the bad shepherd who wears the badge and loves and protects all the sheep except the black sheep."

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— the Rev. Cecil L. Murray

Sunday's service was attended by a host of celebrities and politicians who donated thousands of dollars in food and cash.

"We set some of those fires, but we didn't start any of them," Murray told the crowd. "Those flames started when high officials said this country can live half slave and half free. The fire started when somebody poured gasoline on the Constitution of the U.S."

But when members of the congregation jumped to their feet, he reprimanded them.

"It is not our credit that we are looting and pillaging. That is not us. We are a noble people," he said, pointing to several hundred black men and women who stood behind him dressed in African robes singing rousing gospels. "You should choose hunger over humiliation."

On a strong conciliatory note, Murray urged the crowd not to lump all people together. And he brought several Korean-American leaders and ministers to the pulpit and embraced them.

Then, as was done so often in the early days of the civil rights movement, when black congregations were inspired by ministers and directed by politicians, Murray turned the pulpit over to Rep. Maxine Waters.

"We are not returning to business as usual," she declared. "God has smacked and given us an opportunity to get up and get going."

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# REVIEW

## Churches take close look at riots

By Annette Chadney  
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This is the final story in a two-part series on assistance provided by local churches to riot victims.

Food, clothing and a helping hand served as answered prayers to hundreds of Los Angeles riot victims.

But according to local ministers, another area of concern was the unanswered spiritual and emotional questions of congregation members and the South Central residents.

Rev. Derek Kiewatt of Unitarian Universalist Society in La Crescenta believes that congregation members must be assisted in understanding what provoked the riots.

"We have certainly talked about the riots at the pulpit and have a human relations commission who has studied the situation as well," he said.

"We are probably the most liberal of the mainstream denominations and have always had a strong commitment to social justice," Kiewatt said.

Concerned that assistance will stop

after a few months, Kiewatt said the Society will also begin a series of public programs, forums and town hall meetings in which the discussion of racial tensions and social injustices will be addressed.

"We don't want to respond to it just now, we want to keep responding to it," he said.

Members of the Church of Scientology will be instructing and using Dianetics techniques to help people.

The Counselors will be available at various family gathering places, such as Leimert Park at Vernon and Crenshaw, the Chocolate Snowman Barbeque Stand on Crenshaw between Exposition and King and Ladera Park, south of Slauson on La Brea.

According to Shirley Young, spokesperson for the Scientologists, the rapidly expanding corps of volunteers will combat pervasive despair helping victims realize they can't run from the problem.

"If we want to have a safer, saner city, then we are going to have to roll up our sleeves and make one,"

Young said.

Maribeth Henry, youth minister at Salem Lutheran Church, said the youth congregation has been especially concerned about the tensions in Los Angeles.

"We focused on and helped the kids understand why it was happening in society. A lot of the kids were very fearful for their lives and the safety of their homes," Henry said.

Following the riots, the church conducted a three-part series in which they addressed the questions what binds a community together, what tears apart a community such as prejudice and what rebuilds a community?

Cindy Johansen, facilities manager at La Canada Presbyterian Church, said sermons at the church sought to help people have a better understanding of what the community requires.

"Within the sermon, we were told that we need to reach out and to have a better understanding of people's needs," she said.

In responding to the vision of its

founders and to address one of the problems raised during the riots, the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States established Race Unity Day to offer a vision of racial unity.

Hundreds of Baha'i communities across the country celebrated this day by holding gatherings to encourage interaction and understanding between the races. The Baha'is of La Crescenta met at Verrdugo Park in Glendale on June 14.

In their statement, "A Vision of Race Unity," the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States appealed to all Americans to resolve the most pressing social problem of this country: racism.

"Racism is the most challenging issue confronting America. Racism is an affront to human dignity, a cause of hatred and division, a disease that devastates society," the statement reads.

The Baha'i writings proclaim that the accomplishment of unity between races "will be an assurance of the world's peace."

# LEADER

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# The Portland Observer

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## Church Of Scientology Dresses Neighborhood In Ribbons



Today, in celebration of living drug free lives, the Church of Scientology of Portland and the Church of Scientology Celebrity Centre passed out hundreds of Red Ribbon Week campaign ribbons to neighboring businesses for their staff to wear the rest of the week. Campaign posters were also distributed and displayed throughout the downtown area.

The Red Ribbon Campaign started

in 1985 when Federal Agent Enrique Camarena was murdered by drug traffickers. In his honor, red ribbons were displayed and became the symbol to end the demand for drugs.

Each year since 1987 the National Federation of Parents sponsors the national Red Ribbon Week from October 24 to November 1. Schools, churches, neighborhood associations and other

groups participate by displaying red ribbons and conducting activities that promote living drug free. The Church of Scientology, long known for its anti-drug stance, has joined in this campaign for the second year. In addition to the ribbons and posters, the Church has produced a special cable television program that educates a person on what drugs do to the body, why people really take drugs and what alternatives there are to drugs. Large, red bows will also don both Church locations throughout the week.

According to Gwen Mayfield, spokeswoman for the Celebrity Centre, the Church of Scientology has a 100% drug free congregation. "Because Scientologists believe that what you do to the body can also greatly affect you spiritually, we just don't use drugs," stated Mayfield. "Scientologists have high ethical and moral values and feel it is vital that they help others decide to live drug-free lives." The Church participating in the Red Ribbon Week is part of the Church's community outreach program, Lead The Way to a Drug Free USA.

To find out more about how you can participate in Red Ribbon Week, or to get your red ribbon to wear, contact either church of Scientology or the Oregon Federation of Parents for a Drug Free Youth.

## Lead The Way to A Drug Free L.A.



Representatives from churches and civic organizations throughout Los Angeles received special awards of recognition Sunday evening for their contributions to the "Lead the Way to a Drug-Free LA" campaign. A special proclamation declaring May 28 "Lead the Way to a Drug Free LA Day," held up by television and film star Jeff Pomerantz (sixth from the right) of the Church of Scientology, was presented to all of those present by Marcine Shaw, Chief Deputy for Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

In response to the rising tide of crime and violence around the nation that is being caused by drug use and abuse, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors officially proclaimed the 28th of May "Lead The Way To A Drug Free LA Day".

The proclamation was given in support of a city-wide campaign by churches and civic organizations across the city which have joined together to bring an end to drug abuse throughout Los Angeles. The organizations which have pledged to "Lead the Way to a Drug Free LA" include Californians for Drug Free Youth, which offers comprehensive drug education and drug rehabilitation programs; Narconon, which uses the drug rehabilitation technology developed by L. Ron Hubbard; the Silverlake Improvement Association; the Concerned Businessmen's Asso-

ciation; Delphi School and the Church of Scientology.

The proclamation was presented by Marcine Shaw, the Chief Deputy for Supervisor Hahn of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors during a special awards celebration at the Wilshire Ebell Theater.

"Drug abuse is one of the biggest problems in the nation today," said Shaw, who has been actively involved in a campaign to close down crack houses in Los Angeles. "The problem has to be given attention every day in order to combat the growing rate of drug addiction. By proclaiming May 28, 'Lead the Way to a Drug Free LA Day,' we are encouraging cities across the country to join with us and turn this into a campaign for a drug-free USA."

Special awards of recognition were presented to Carol Stein of

Californians for Drug Free Youth; Hollywood stunt man Wild Bill Mock, who accepted the award in behalf of the Narconon Celebrity All Stars; America's top Olympic gymnast, Charles Lakes; and film and television star, Jeff Pomerantz, founder of the Hollywood Kids Say 'No' To Drugs campaign.

Also receiving awards were Chip Pope, of the Orange County Red Ribbon Organization; top jazz artist and performer, Chick Corea; film star Michael Roberts, who recently starred in the Academy Award winning film "Rain Man," and who is also the Executive Director of "Right Track," a Los Angeles-based group which provides education on the dangers of drugs and drug abuse to school-age children and Fredrick Douglas Shaw the Deputy Sheriff for Crime Prevention in Los Angeles.

# Senate

## RULES COMMITTEE



RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
ADOPTED JULY 7, 1989

THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH GROUP OF THE

# Church of Scientology

WILL REAS, The Community Outreach Group of the Church of Scientology has devoted many hours to assist the Department of Children's Services provide better care for children and the needs of children and their families and

WILL REAS, Members of the group designed and painted the entire family visitation room and painted a large mural in the children's waiting area of the West Los Angeles Office and

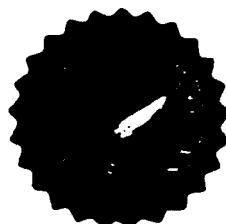
WILL REAS, Members of the group worked almost every weekend for six months giving up their Saturdays to complete this project; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE, That the Members commend the Community Outreach Group of the Church of Scientology for their many hours of providing facilities used by children in the care of the County's Department of Children's Services.

Senate Rules Committee Resolution No. 1989 adopted July 7, 1989

*David Robert*  
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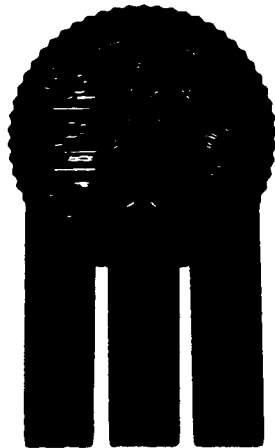
## COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

Whereas, THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH GROUP OF THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY HAS DEVOTED MANY HOURS TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES TO PROVIDE BETTER CARE FOR AND RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AND

Whereas, MEMBERS OF THE GROUP DESIGNED THE PAINTED BEAUTIFUL MURALS FOR THE CHILDREN'S WAITING ROOM IN THE NEW VAN NUYS COURTHOUSE AND

Whereas, EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WORKED 72 HOURS STRAIGHT TO COMPLETE THE MURALS, SO THAT ON THE OPENING DAY OF THE NEW DEPENDENCY COURT, THE CHILDREN'S WAITING AREA WOULD BE READY

Now, therefore, THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH GROUP OF THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY IS HEREBY HIGHLY COMMENDED AND WARMLY THANKED FOR THEIR MANY HOURS IN ENRICHING THE FACILITIES USED BY CHILDREN IN THE CARE OF THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES



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October 19, 1988

Mr. Tom Smith,  
Director  
Church of Scientology  
Community Outreach Group  
4833 Fountain Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90027

Dear Tom:

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Department of Children's Services Volunteer Services Program, I would like to thank you and the Church of Scientology Community Outreach Group for providing excellent quality entertainment for the children we serve at the Region VI Foster Family Picnic held in Baldwin Hills State Park on Saturday, September 24.

Dance Acts under the direction of Bonita Bradley performed a delightful dance which was very well received. The children especially enjoyed interacting with the dancers. The dance taught by Ms Bradley and troupe was delightful. Everyone was impressed with the professionalism of the children's performance after only a few minutes of instruction.

John Peden's magic tricks amazed and entertained the entire audience. Please extend our personal thank you to him for allowing the children to crowd around him while he performed. It provided a rare opportunity to watch the tricks close-hand and added immeasurably to their enjoyment.

Your personal attention to the details for the event are most appreciated, Tom. Thank you for the on-going support.

Very truly yours

*Mrs. Susan Gonçalves*

(Mrs.) SUSAN GONCALVES, SUPERVISOR  
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c.c.: Shirley Young, President,  
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November 10, 1987

Church of Scientology  
Community Outreach  
4833 Fountain Avenue  
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Dear Mr. Smith and Friends:

Mac Laren Children's Center Staff and especially the young people whom we serve, wish to thank you for your presentation of the Children's play, "The Family of Rec," at Mac Laren on Saturday, November 7, 1987.

Noelle North and the Scientology Children's Choir put on a Wonderful production for our children, and the feedback from both children and staff was most positive. This type of program enriches the lives of our children, all of whom are victims of child abuse who need the support and concern of caring community groups like yours.

We greatly appreciate your interest in bringing your special program to our facility. Thank you for sharing your talent with us.

Sincerely,

*Pete Cunningham*  
Pete Cunningham, Supervisor  
Recreation Section  
Mac Laren Children's Center

*William Barsom*  
William Barsom, Coordinator  
Recreation Section  
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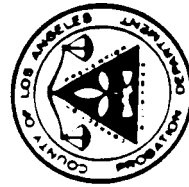
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TO

TOM SMITH

CHURCH OF SCIENIOLOGY



June 17, 1987

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