

On motion of the Bishop of South Florida, the House voted confirmation of the election of the Rev. John M. Burgess as Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts.

On motion of the Bishop of South Florida, the House voted confirmation of the election of the Rev. Theodore H. McCrea as Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Dallas.

On motion of the Bishop of Western New York, the House voted that the Committee on Counsel to the Clergy be continued.

As directed earlier by the House, the Committee on the Pastoral presented the following statements, which were adopted, with the recommendation that they be distributed to the clergy of the Church for their thoughtful attention and as a basis for study, prayer, and action among their people:

I.

RACE RELATIONS

We, the Bishops of the Episcopal Church, entrusted with the duty to proclaim Christian truth, affirm the natural dignity and value of every man, of whatever color or race, as created in the image of God. Neither race nor color is in itself a barrier to any aspect of that life in community for which God created man.

In the words of the bishops at Lambeth, "The Church itself must bear witness to this truth in its own life. Inter-racial worship, inter-racial meeting both formal and informal, freedom of all races to enter and use educational, social and health facilities, must be seen within the pattern of the Church's life and witness without compromise, self-consciousness, or apology. There may be no easy answers to special and local conditions; nevertheless, the Church must affirm that any form of segregation or separation solely on the basis of race is contrary to the Divine Will." In these matters, as well as in all others of faith and morals, the Body of Christ should lead and not lag behind the secular state.

In civil life we call for willing obedience to laws which grant equal access to our public schools to all students, the right to vote to all citizens, and justice in economic and housing opportunities. We support the courageous actions of all who in places of tension and conflict have spoken and worked for law, order, and justice for all races and now labor in the long process of reconciliation.

II.

NEW MOVEMENTS IN THE CHURCH

Since, from time to time, new movements rise within the life of the Church, we, your Bishops, share two observations.

(a) When a new movement rises, which may stress some aspect of the richness of Christ, it is the duty of the whole Church to view it with sympathy, to work to keep it within the great fellowship, and to discern what