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Yet what the League has accomplished in the past is good, and with careful planning, its prospects for future performance as a wing of the denomination will be excellent. The League needs the support of all lay people wherever they may be. They, in turn, wherever and in whatever groups they may gather, will benefit from the leadership, the program assistance, the enthusiasm and the "sense of belonging" which are generated by the League.

In the opinion of this Committee, there is a need and a demand for the expansion of the activities of the League and the extension of its wholly worthwhile services to virtually all of the now independent lay groups and even to the "at large" membership in the Unitarian and Universalist churches and fellowships from coast to coast. Accordingly, the Committee recommends and urges that the League consider and act upon the following proposal to amend the Constitution and By-Laws in any or all of the following respects (changes underlined):

ARTICLE II – OBJECTS of the Constitution and By-Laws should be rewritten to read as follows:

"The objects of this corporation shall be to stimulate interest in religious and social problems, to encourage friendly relations among the laity of the Unitarian and Universalist faiths or in sympathy therewith, and to aid in the advancement of liberal religious ideas and wider lay participation in the life of the church and fellowship."

Sections 1 and 2 of ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP of the Constitution and By-Laws should be rewritten to read as follows:

"Section 1. Any person of good character, over sixteen years of age may become a member of this corporation by paying dues of any of the classes of membership-at-large specified in Article IV, Section 1, or by becoming a member of an affiliated chapter. The same person may be or become both a member-at-large and a member of one or more affiliated chapters, but he shall not be entitled to more than one vote. Honorary members, without the right to vote, may be designated by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Council."

"Section 2. Any lay organization in any Unitarian, Universalist or other liberal church or fellowship, or elsewhere, in sympathy with the purposes of the League, may affiliate with the League as a chapter, on being accepted by the Council or Executive Committee, by filing with the League the names and addresses of its members, and paying the dues hereinafter prescribed."

The Committee emphasizes that the principle of local autonomy is preserved under this proposal. Each group presently affiliated with the League is free to develop or maintain whatever kind of membership structure its members feel to be appropriate. This same principle will apply to new League groups.

The Committee is composed of Dr. Elmer Anderson, member and past president of the Rochester, N.Y., chapter; Guy Briggs, former secretary of the Association of Universalist Men and Yearbook chairman of All Soul's Chapter, Washington, D.C.; Norris Hoyt, current president of the Beacon Hill chapter and former secretary of the continental Laymen's League; Earle Spear, of Canton, Massachusetts, former treasurer of the continental Laymen's League and nominee for executive vice president.

Nominations for New Officers

The Committee on Nominations presented the secretary of the Laymen's League, Mr. Robert Vance Brown, with the following slate: For President (2 year term): Roger T. Guthrie, Enka, North Carolina. For Vice President (2 year term): Earle T. Spear, Canton, Mass. For Secretary (1 year term): Dale L. Button, Bethesda, Maryland. For Treasurer (1 year term): S. B. Butler, Old Mystic, Connecticut.

Voting regulations provide that every member of the League may cast one ballot, but only one, although many electors are both members-at-large and chapter members.

Ballot forms showing the final slate will be prepared and mailed to all members by March 15. Ballots must be returned to the Secretary by Saturday, April 24, 1965.

PX–A New Service

A new League service, PX—(Program Exchange)—is designed to assist men and women who are responsible for creating, promoting and presenting programs for their clubs and organizations. The first issue has already been mailed to groups across the continent.

Sent out bi-monthly PX contains new and reprinted material to share with group leaders the experiences of people who have been faced with the challenging task of putting together a program. Program Exchange is provided free to organizations affiliated with the Laymen's League—if your group has not received a copy write to the League Office.

Advertising Catalog

The new advertising catalog is now available. It contains the latest advertisements currently being used in national publications and a selection of advertisements that have proved their appeal with constant usage across the country. It also includes a variety of new ad copy and layout ideas.

The catalog is in the form of a folder. It will be sent on request with a selection of ads and advertising aids. Cost is 50 cents.

As an additional service to those ordering the catalog, new copy and information will be sent as it becomes available. Catalogs may be ordered by writing to the Laymen's League.

TO THE EDITOR:

In October, 1964 issue, page 2, column 1, I find my family included in the 3,000 estimated new members.

Just wanted to let you and Mr. Sosna know that your ads attracted my attention when I was susceptible. A new member bubbled about his newly selected religion a little later. A trial of visits to a church (30 miles) convinced me. Later we were able to join a fellowship (15 miles) and have lived happily ever since 1960.

I think your ads and literature should always be there. There will always be a turnover. We don't have to be numerous to be effective.

Gratefully yours,
C. W. BROWN