

Church

A Word Through Bishop E. N. Webb:



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A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God." Isaiah 40:1-5, Psalm 24.

Many will be expecting visitors in the next few

THE KING IS COMING

that we must live right weeks. Are you? If you are like most of us, you will probably spend a great deal of time getting ready for their arrival - cleaning house, cooking and many other household chores. That's how it was in ancient times, too, when the king came. One just wouldn't think of being unprepared for the arrival of the honorable monarch. When all was prepared and ready, an air of expectancy could

be felt everywhere, because the king was on his way.

Our King is on His way right now. That's the message of Advent, a time that takes its name from the King's coming. The King, of course, is Jesus Christ, and His Kingdom is His church.

Now, Christ the King calls us individually to sweep out our lives, because His coming demands a whole new style of life. This means now, in this present day

and time, as if the King were already here. This requires that we turn our interests away from ourselves and direct them to Him and to others who need our love, showing by what we say and do, that we are part of the kingdom that isn't only coming, but which is already here. The time is at hand to prepare the way of the Lord into our heart and homes.

By Joyce Wright, Publicity Chairman

A PHILOSOPHY OF PRISON ADMINISTRATION

By Rev. Charles Wyatt

The following is a thumbnail sketch of my philosophy of just some of the areas I believe are deserving of much thought and work on the part of any administrator in a prison setting.

Prologue - I had the occasion to read a very interesting opinion handed down by the United States Supreme Court in *Greenholtz versus Inmates of Nebraska Penal and Correctional Facility*. In that opinion the Court stated, "The objective of rehabilitating convicted persons to be useful, law abiding members of society can remain a goal no matter how disappointing the progress."

Orientation -- In my studies of the Criminal Justice Systems throughout the United States, I have come to realize that in most cases, Orientation is actually being used in reverse pattern. From the moment an inmate enters a prison facility,

the inception of his incarceration? Why hasn't this inmate been on this form of program from the very first classification?

Naturally, there must be the inevitable study period - that period of time where the administration must



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evaluate the inmate. However, even this period should be used in such a fashion that the inmate and the administration will derive benefit from the time spent.

Work - In so many cases the Work Programs are catch-all

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the inmate should be pointed toward one goal: RELEASE. And if our prisons are to be of purpose to society other than holding stations, that orientation must be fashioned for the individual inmate. In all prison systems, we have the tools to accomplish far more than we are accomplishing today. We have Work-Release, Pre-Parole, Work Living Experience and a plethora of other programs that are just not being utilized to their fullest potential.

In almost every instance the system demands that the inmate be within a very short time period of his or her release date before he can be a part of these programs. But what about the years that have gone by before this person reaches that "short time" period? Why hasn't this inmate been on some form of pre-release program from

situations, where the institutional needs are allowed to overshadow the individual needs of the inmate. Departments such as the Culinary Department, the Laundry and others within the average prison that are thought to be in the lower echelon of job placement, are used, mainly, for the recalcitrant inmate. However, every department within a prison is important, in that it has its counterpart in the "free world." And in most cases, inmates with the skills, mentalities and personalities can be found staff all these positions. Furthermore, every position in a prison should have qualified personnel who can instruct on a Job Training Program basis. The loss of human hours in a prison is a travesty.

Education - The confines of a prison are no different than any other

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