

Ecumenical Events

attention for his lecture on "The Relationship between Philosophy and Theology in Modern Jewish Thought."

Papers presented during the meeting will be published in the journal, *Ultimate Reality and Meaning* (University of Toronto Press).

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Mobile-Area Jewish-Christian Dialogue ✓

Dialogue is a way of actualizing God's commands to a new "halakha" as well as an historical search for the God Who is One for us all.

For the past eight years the Mobile-Area Jewish-Christian Dialogue group has been meeting in an attempt to achieve understanding and tolerance of each of our individual faiths as well as the pursuit of common goals, undertaken in concert for the good of our community and society. In the beginning, small groups of Catholics and Jews met in private homes to become acquainted, build trust, and discuss topics of mutual interest. During the second year we were fortunate to have several members of the Protestant community join us.

As a result of the input from participants, the dialogue assumed a new look. Several speakers with expertise in various areas of Christian and Jewish theology were invited. Subsequently, a study group was added to the available options for dialoguers, consisting of educational programs at several area churches and at the Dauphin Street Synagogue.

Speakers for 1983 included Dr. William Harter of the Presbyterian Church, Chambersburg, PA, on "Role of Church and Synagogue in Social Issues"; Robin Miller of the Philadelphia regional office of the National Conference of Christians and Jews on "Dealing with Antisemitism Today"; Prof. George Kemon of Biscayne College, Miami, on "Msgr. Walter Carroll: The Pope's Envoy"; and Dr. Michael Singer of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Los Angeles.

Paul and Mary Filben, Mobile, AL

Baltimore Interfaith Harvest Program

More than fifty representatives of Jewish, Catholic, Protestant, and Hindu congregations took part in "Religious Harvest Symbolism in the Acts" on World Food Day, October 16, 1983, in Baltimore. The program featured original liturgical music based upon the Hebrew Scriptures, sacred dance, and East Indian and Black Gospel music. The director of the Maryland Food Bank described the process of distributing foodstuffs to the poor, including perishables from grocers who ordinarily would discard damaged produce.

Louis Rosenfield, American Jewish Committee, Baltimore, MD

Martin DePorres Celebration in Albany

On November 3, 1983, the Committee on Black Cultural Awareness in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, NY, and the Minority Student Alliance of the Junior College of Albany sponsored a cultural celebration for Saint Martin DePorres. The ecumenical committee organized the event to bring greater awareness and understanding of Martin DePorres to contemporary society. A lay Dominican brother, he was a noted Afro Hispanic saint known for his healings through herbs and his work among the poor. He was born and died in Lima, when Peru was under European control.

The program began with an evening liturgy at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Following the liturgy, a program at the Junior College opened with an address by the Rev. Marcelo Blazquez on the life and importance of Martin DePorres. Jean