

...so they may know life's purpose

Today they are impelled by impulse, wanting only to run, to play . . . to be everlastingly doing . . . until sleep comes and restores their energies for tomorrow.

But the time will come when they need a conscious purpose in life, a set of values to help them decide what they should do and what they shouldn't. Each of them needs to ask "Who am I?" and "Why am I here?"

The answers to these questions may be found in the spiritual growth that comes, most often, through the practice of a religious faith. And here, in Illinois, we have abundant opportunity to pursue the faith of our choice . . . be it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Buddhist or Baha'i.

Communities throughout Illinois support vital local congregations of many faiths. These congregations also join together in the best ecumenical spirit to work for the common good.

They join in inter-faith federations such as the Adams County Council of Churches.



As part of its centennial celebration, this council has undertaken a "hundred year" evaluation of its activities, seeking to update its goals in the light of new religious thought and action.

They also join in groups such as the Conference on Religion and Race, to promote communication and understanding among all people.

Those seeking careers in religion will find in Illinois one of the world's largest centers of religious education: In the Chicago Metropolitan area alone they can choose from 36 seminaries and 6 additional church and Bible schools, as well as 23 church-related colleges and universities.

A major portion of the clergymen throughout the United States have received all or part of their training in one of these institutions.

Illinois clergy and laymen are leaders in the current movement to make religion more meaningful and relevant to modern man. They have helped to sponsor and originate a variety of dramatic new ministries that carry religion beyond church walls:

A "Night Pastor" ministers to jazz musicians, artists and others who frequent nightspots on Chicago's north side. Another provides a "ministry to management," helping businessmen with special problems of ethics. Church sponsored coffee houses also provide a "meeting place of the minds" for young intellectuals who normally are not churchgoers.

In Chicago, 14 denominations sponsor the Urban Training Center for Christian Mission, a new school for clergy and lay leaders, designed to impart an understanding of social problems and how religion can help meet them.

All of these activities promise ample opportunities for our children's spiritual growth here in Illinois.

These opportunities exist because we are fortunate to have in this state an enlightened and progressive partnership of government, education, business, industry, civic and religious organizations working together to provide the leadership and facilities to match our children's potential.



As a responsible member of this community partnership, we at Illinois Bell Telephone pledge ourselves to work for continued advancement of Illinois and its people. We know that only in a growing, prospering state, can any private enterprise hope to grow and prosper, too.

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