

Norfolk's Unitarian Church welcomes Minister Farrakhan

By Dawud Abdel Rahim

NORFOLK — Unity represents oneness, and oneness represents something that is whole and complete within itself. Anything that is whole and complete signifies that it is in harmony with itself and therefore it is at peace.

These profound words were opening remarks spoken recently by Min. Abdul Haleem Farrakhan, national and international representative of the Honorable W.D. Muhammad, at the Unitarian Church of Norfolk, Va., to approximately 400 enthusiastic listeners.

The attentive listeners were comprised of Bilalians from many walks of life, who have seen the dire need for unity, not only in the Bilalian community but the community of humanity. Enthusiastic over the truth and words of wisdom brought from the Honorable W.D. Muhammad by Min. Farrakhan, the audience cheered and applauded heartily.

SELF AGAINST SELF

Zeroing in on the enemy, the dynamic orator declared: "The biggest enemy to unity is our individual selves." In explaining this he said, "Unity begins in the self and until there is unity in the self there is unity in the self there

cannot be unity in the enlarged self."

"We must resolve the personal conflict, the between what we profess and what we are, which is the conflict between the face we show the world and the real face we hide from the world."

"And as long as we are not in unity with self, then we cannot be in unity with a self that resembles ourselves," he added. Elaborating further he pointed out that, unity is a goal towards which everything is moving, and this movement is back towards Almighty God, who is the Author and Originator of unity."

Many cities in Virginia were represented in the audience with some attendance from as far away as Maryland. The audience applauded repeatedly as Min. Farrakhan echoed the profound truth and wisdom of the Honorable W.D. Muhammad. The overwhelming response of those in attendance demonstrated the thirst and hunger in the community for such truth and wisdom.

Prior to ending the message, Min. Farrakhan removed any doubt of God being other than One, as he wisely demonstrated and proved that in fact God is one. He further stressed that in order for society to be placed back on the right path, we must come

together in unity based on truth. The ending of the message brought a thunderous applause and standing ovation to the message he brought from the Hon. W.D. Muhammad.

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Min. Farrakhan had been asked to return to this city for the second time within a month by Sister Ida Sands, who is working with Operation Push in this area. Min. James Shabazz II, of Mosque No. 57, gave introductory remarks and thanked those in attendance. He gave a special thanks to Father Bennet, pastor of the Unitarian Church, for his unselfish assistance and kindness.

Special guests acknowledged were Sis. Margaret Muhammad, Durham, N.C.; Miss Mary Edwards, journalist, Newport News, Va.; Harvey Johnson and Archie Elliot, directors of STOP; Attorney S. Delacy Smith, Portsmouth, Va.; Jonas Walker, president of Operation Push in this area.

Also in attendance were Min. Muhammad Assadi, Newport News; Min. Shariq Williamsburg, Va.; and Min. Shukhr, Cambridge, Maryland.



Minister Abdul Haleem Farrakhan

(Photo by Khalid F. Ali)

Prison Jubilee Unites inmates

By Clifford Horace

CHINO, Calif. — Sunday, July 25, the Muslim Brotherhood at the California Institution for Men, here, hosted a July Spiritual Jubilee bringing together — for the first time in the history of the California Department of Corrections — Christians, Jews and Muslim inmates.

Two hundred Muslims from Los Angeles, Compton, San Diego, Riverside and Pasadena Mosques attended the unprecedented affair.

The Chino Spiritual Jubilee sought to duplicate the recent historical Spiritual Jubilee held May 23 in Los Angeles, which featured the Rev. Jim Jones of Peoples Temple Churches and the Hon. W.D.

Muhammad, Chief Minister of the Nation of Islam.

Guest speakers included Chaplain E. Owens, Protestant Chaplain, CIM, Mrs. Dorothy Stevens - Roby, assistant director of Women's Affairs who spoke in behalf of J.J. Enomoto, director of the California Department of Corrections.

Ms. Roby assured the assembly that any time the Nation of Islam hosts an affair in her area she would attend, and also see to it that the Muslim women from the California Institute for Women and the California Rehabilitation Center in Corona, Calif. would be allowed to attend.

Featured speaker for the occasion was Min. Daniel Adnan, West Coast Prison Coordinator for the Nation of Islam, and minister of Muhammad Mosque no. 8 in San Diego, Calif.

Since 1972 Min. Adnan has labored in California's prisons securing releases and jobs for prisoners. Min. Adnan has helped initiate Muslim services in all but two institutions in the California Correctional System.



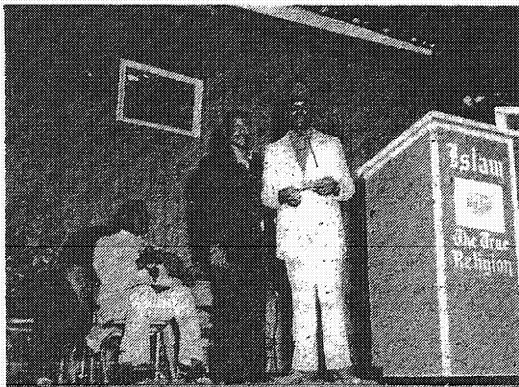
(Photo by L. C. Shabazz)

CALIFORNIA INSTITUTION for Men, Chino, Calif. Mosque Secretary Alex J. Smith (left) and Clifford Horace (right) present beautiful plaque of string art bearing greetings of peace in Arabic to Min. Nuriddin Alawi. In the rear is Ms. Dorothy Stevens - Roby, representing California Correctional Chief, Mr. J. J. Enomoto.

Muslim ministers now service fellow believers at San Quentin, the California Institution for Men (Chino, Corona and Tehachapi), California State Prison at Folsom. The California Rehabilitation Center at Corona, Soledad (North, South and Central), Terminal Island, and the Los Angeles County Jail.

During his lecture, Min. Adnan illustrated that all life is a struggle from the womb to the tomb.

He advised the inmates to continue their struggle after their release. He added that in order for them to survive the struggle and pace that awaits them on the outside, they must allow themselves to develop fully into total human beings.



MIN. CLIFFORD HORACE (right) introduces West Coast Prison Coordinator for the Nation of Islam, Min. Daniel Adnan. Looking on are Ms. Dorothy Stevens - Roby and Min. Nuriddin Alawi.