

INSTALLATION OF DAVID MEYER AS MINISTER OF THE PRAIRIE UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST
SOCIETY OF MADISON, WISCONSIN NOVEMBER 1, 1970

Opening Song: Simple Gifts (#3)

Opening Words: George Calden

"The World Tree" sung by Clark Edwards

Words from the Congregation: Aileen Nettleton, Boris Frank, Pat Cautley, Bob Koehl

Duet from Vivaldi's Gloria Mass: Ruth Calden, Recorder; George Calden, Mandolin

Address: "The Free and Loving Church: by Charles Eddis, Minister, Unitarian
Church of Evanston, Illinois

Hymn: A Fierce Unrest (#36)

Ceremony of Installation (All stand):

All: We are gathered together here to share ourselves;
With openminds and open hearts, we expand to the growing, the living world.
To know ourselves and each other deeply;
To give and to receive. (All join hands)

Joan Burns, Chairman of Prairie Society: After three years of living and
struggling together, we in the Prairie Unitarian-Universalist Society choose to
bring a minister into our group. We wish to include this man with us in order
that we may all grow, living and struggling as before, rather than that the
congregation may follow where our minister leads. We have a tradition of self
reliance, not only in the Prairie Society, but in the greater liberal religious
community of which we are a part. This tradition, coupled with a clear knowledge
of our interdependence, has brought us to an experiment in a new kind of ministry,
a ministry of mutual responsibility, mutual concern, mutual struggle, mutual
growth, mutual learning. For this reason we of the Prairie Society wish to
celebrate the inclusion of our new minister, David Meyer, in our group. We have
asked him to join us in our community life and to bring his life to our
community. ~~Therefore, following my lead, we all together ask~~

Will you, David Meyer,
Join the community of the Prairie Society
To share with us
As member and minister
Our struggles and triumphs,
Our conflicts and failures,
Our works, hopes, and dreams,
Our joys and celebrations?

David Meyer: I do join you, gladly,
With excitement and eagerness
For the unknown times
We move toward together.

All, following Joan Burns: So you are our minister: welcome.

David Meyer and Joan Burns join hands with the rest of the group for a

moment of silence. Members of the congregation pass wine to the group.

Some thoughts at the installation of the Prairie Society's first minister:
Max Gaebler, First Unitarian Society, Madison; George Wirz,
Holy Name Seminary, Middleton.

Closing song: L'Chaim (#8)

Closing words: David Meyer

75 people here
- 5 kids
70 sherry drinkers

5 dozen Pierre glasses
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60
12 dozen Davidson

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