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Young Friends Committee of North America 4 Wyomissing Hills Blvd. Reading, Penna. 19609 15 August 1963

Dear Young Friend,

Thank you for your registration blank. We are happy to have you among the many who will be at the YFCNA Conference. Enclosed are a few items that we think you will want to have before the Conference begins.

The first is a set of travel instructions. Those of you who asked for rides or riders should be hearing from us shortly. Second is a list of discussion groups and their leaders. You will want to look this over before the Conference so that you will have some idea of your preferences when you arrive.

You will find enclosed a brief section of a lecture by L. Hugh Doncaster, a British Friend, which we suggest you read. The piece reflects one point of view, and this is far from being the only one that will be presented at the Conference. We feel, however, that it can help you start thinking about the Conference theme. For those of you who have not thought much about the concepts of Christ, the Doncaster piece can introduce you to some of the modes of thought. Those of you who are fluent in dealing with Christ will find the piece a helpful reminder of the difficulties that other Conference attenders will have in discussions with you.

Finally, you will see at the bottom of this page a list of other readings that would be of real use to you in preparing for the Conference. The more you bring to the Conference, the more you will be able to gain from it.

We are looking forward to seeing you at Massanetta on Monday afternoon 26 September. Registration begins at 1:00 and runs till 5:00. We are expecting you for dinner at 6:30 and for the opening program at 8:00. Don't forget to bring your swimming suit and shorts.

Sincerely yours,

David Leonard

Conference Co-ordinator

Pre-Conference Readings

- The New Testament, particularly the Gospels and Paul's Epistles.

 They constitute the primary source material for all historical and theological investigation about Christ.
- John Knox, On the Meaning of Christ (also to be found in Jesus: Lord and Christ). This neo-orthodox theologian offers some refreshingly new ways of looking at Christological problems which help to break down the barriers between orthodoxy and liberalism.
- W.H. Griffith Thomas, <u>Christianity is Christ</u>, Inter-Varsity Press. One of our main speakers highly recommends this more orthodox exposition.
- Everett Cattell, <u>The Christian Mission</u>, Shrewsbury Lecture # 3. The author speaks quite effectively to liberals about the orthodox Christian position.
- Rudolph Bultmann, <u>Jesus and the Word</u>. This is one of the most important modern and scholarly investigations of the realities of Jesus Christ.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Massanetta Springs is loacted on Route # 33, 4 miles east of Harrisonburg, Va. This is about 120 miles SW of Washington, D.C., 25 miles North of Staunton, Va., and 50 NW of Charlottesville, Va. Piedmont Airlines serves Staunton, Greyhound Bus Lines serves Harrisonburg, and Southern Railway has passebger service to Charlottesville. IF WE ARE ADVISED of your arrival times at these places we will plan to have someone to meet you. Should you not inform us prior to the Conference please call the Conference center (Area 703, 434-3829). Should you wish to contact the Conference Business Manager prior to August 24th. the number is: Area 919 769-3486.

Massanetta Springs is in the Shenadoah Mountains and the days can be warm and the nights can become cool, but generally the temperature is in the 65-78° range. You may judge you wardrobe accordingly. You do not have to bring linens as they will be furnished at no extra cost.

