



Beyond the Broadcast

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Spirit Connection Programs - 9th season 1996/1997

Oct. 14, 1996 – Premiere: Leading With Compassion

People across Canada describe the qualities they look for in their political leaders; dramatization by Helen Porter of Abraham and Sarah receiving guests (Genesis 18) as a servant of the people (5:15); commentary on the biblical vision of leadership (3:5 1); John Cashore talks about his view of leadership in developing just settlements with the Aboriginal peoples of B.C. (2:15); dramatization by Helen Porter of Lazarus and the Rich Man (Luke 16) in which Father Abraham describes the ultimate fate of each (3:45); Spirit Watch: North Korea report, Boycott of Florida: United Church on the Internet (3:51); Lyndwood Nursery School plants a tree (1:18).

Oct. 21, 1996 – Ecotheology: Our Relationship to the Environment

“Deep Water Danger” discusses the hazards posed by American nuclear submarines, which use Canadian coastal waters at Nanoose to test their torpedoes (4:00); ethical care of farm animals (5:07); reality check discussion on the theology of the environment with David Hallman, Janet Silman, and Doug Hyde (9:14); Spirit Watch: Climate Petition, United Nations ruling on nuclear weapons, and the World Bank; Blessing of Animals in West Hill United Church (2:00).

Oct. 28, 1996 – Special: The Fruits of the Forest

In the Amazon Basin, the competing interests of loggers, miners, peasant farmers, and environmentalists involve spiritual as well as economic issues. This half-hour special shows the impact of mega-development in the Amazon Basin both on the environment and on the people who live there; Indigenous peoples and peasants are drawn to the region by promises of land. The peasant farmers are supporting new ways of farming in the Amazon, to use the fruits of the forest for a sustainable economy. (29:30)

Nov. 04, 1996 – The United Church in Quebec – Special

Spirit Connection listens to the concerns of a panel of United Church people. The panel begins with a consideration of the political future of Quebec and the effect of the referendum on their lives (8:50). A documentary gives a profile of Eglise Saint-Jean, a Francophone United Church in downtown Montreal (6:55). The panel continues with ideas about the role of the United Church in a polarizing society (5:05). Youth members comment on their hopes for Quebec and their roots in the United Church (3:05).

Nov. 11, 1996 – Middle Class: Slipping Class? – An Update

The topic is people (particularly those in the middle class) who had never expected to be unemployed – how they are coping with their situation and how churches are reaching out with support and friendship. In Whitby, Ontario, we had met with several people (in an earlier video), who were preparing an entrepreneurial future with the joint help of church, community college, and government. We had seen their business plans and now (in this follow-up video) we revisit to see how things are working out. In Vancouver, we had visited several couples who were struggling to find work. In this video, we learn what changes have taken place in their lives. (30:00)

Nov. 18, 1996 – Work, Money, and Meaning

The Downtown Economic Enterprise Development links mentors with people seeking to be self-employed (5:00). Gregory Baum explains why, despite our government's commitment to "jobs," unemployment figures remain high (4:38). The Challenge for Change Conference explores the impact of the new world economy (4:07). A group from Action for Employment discuss the proposal for a 32-hour working week and the benefits this would have for workers, employers, and society at large (9:00).

Nov. 25, 1996 – Special: Dying with Dignity

This video focuses on a "town hall" discussion of the question of euthanasia. The discussion begins with remarks from Marilynne Seguin of the Death with Dignity Association and from Anne Simmonds, a United Church chaplain in the palliative care unit of a large hospital. The opening views are responded to by the audience made up of people from many faith groups and of a wide range of ages. (28:30)

Dec. 02, 1996 – Sacred Arts: Sacred Acts

The arts can be an expression of faith, as seen in this montage of the arts depicted in earlier *Spirit Connection* programs (5:30). "Love in the 90s" includes photos of a couple in their 90s and the letters they wrote to each other from the beginning of their relationship (9:17). Spirit Watch: Aboriginal Commission report, Paper Prayers; National Day of Remembrance of the women killed in Montreal (4:00). Three artists explore the use of dance and movement in the Sacred Acts Workshop at Five Oaks (7:00).

Dec. 09, 1996 – Reclaiming the Sabbath

An Alberta congregation recreates John Wesley's ministry on horseback (6:30). At Nova Nada, a Carmelite monastery in Nova Scotia, the Sabbath is central in their lives (9:00). Rabbi Perry Cohen talks with host, Mardi Tindal, about the Jewish tradition of the Sabbath (5:00). Spirit Watch: General Council will have a festival of the arts; the short version of the Royal Commission report, People to People, Nation to Nation, is available; climate change petition; relief for Zaire is sent by ACT (Action by Churches Together) (3:00).

Dec. 16, 1996 – Deeds of Love and Kindness: Church-based Community Outreach

From Ottawa, The Royal Commission Report on Aboriginal Peoples presents the findings of their five-year study and makes recommendations for creating a more just basis to resolve issues of land claims, Aboriginal self-government, and healing within communities (8:00). Project Genesis in Montreal helps the poor and elderly access social and community services (6:30). Spirit Watch: Muslim/Christian dialogue in Iran: sales of three new translations of the Bible are lower than expected; Adbusters Foundation fights consumerism by spoofing advertisements (4:00). Book reviews of *Voices United*, *Joy is Our Banquet*, *Liberating the Gospels*, and *The Family Story Bible* (5:00).

Dec. 23, 1996 – Special: A Christmas That Matters

A repeat of last year's award-winning Christmas Special. The *Spirit Connection* hosts visit the Luce family in Ponoka, Alberta where they are welcomed into the festivities and sharing of this farm family at Christmas. (30:00)

Dec. 30, 1996 – Highlights of 1996 Spirit Connection Programs

Spirit Connection reviews the past year with stories of national and global concerns, women's issues, and use of "town hall" formats. The choir from Cochrane Street United Church in St. John's, Newfoundland, performs The Beatitudes from *Voices United*. (5:00)

Jan. 06, 1997 – Spirit Connection at Newfoundland and Labrador Conference

Host, Ken Gallinger, meets with United Church people in St. John's to discuss issues that affect them: the new economy, the struggle to sustain social programs, the issue of denominational schools, and why the church plays such a large role in their lives. *Spirit Connection* profiles Emmanuel House and Naomi Centre which offer services for troubled young people and victims of violence. (29:30)

Jan. 13, 1997 – Outreach Across Continents and Religions

Aurora United Church (in Aurora, Ontario) hosts the "Faith to Faith" program, a chance for their congregation to learn about the Buddhist faith (9:41); and The Edmonton Interfaith Centre brings people from different religions together for friendship. Also featured are: education and joint action on community projects (5:21); and, in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, a worship space called The Cedars is shared by a United Church and a Jewish congregation (4:56). Spirit Watch: TEN DAYS for Global Justice, Child Poverty in Canada, Religion on the Web (2:47).

Jan. 20, 1997 – Youth on a Spiritual Quest

This video features a documentary on the rise of religion in mainstream rock music, taped at a Christian Rock festival in Guelph during the summer of 1996 (9:35). University teacher, Paul Fayter, meets informally with students at Glendon College to talk about faith issues and what kind of religious organization or structure would attract them (5:22). Host, Mardi Tindal, explores the church's ministry to children during the "All God's Children" workshop in Ottawa (4:25).

Jan. 27, 1997 – Hope In The Midst Of Chaos (Half-Hour Special on Zaire)

Despite the difficulties faced in eastern Zaire of coping with great numbers of refugees from the civil war in Rwanda, in southwest Zaire, there are positive signs of a new day dawning. A cooperative organization, with leadership from churches, is helping people take charge of their communities which need schools, roads, bridges, agricultural and fishing development, skills training, and so on. It is hoped that as the needed infrastructure is put in place, the young and able-bodied will see a future for themselves in their villages and stay to help build up the rural countryside. (29:30)

Feb. 03, 1997 – "Town Hall" Ecumenism Forum

Hosts, Ken Gallinger and Mardi Tindal, moderate a discussion with a panel and invited audience of many faiths and denominations. On the panel are four United Church members, Rev. Alan Churchill, Gail Reid, Rev. Nobuko Iwai, and the Very Rev. Lois Wilson. The discussion begins with a question that many Christians have struggled with. In the gospel of John, Jesus is reported as saying, "I am the truth and the way." What does this scripture passage mean for Christians today who live in a multicultural and multifaith society? (29:30)

Feb. 10, 1997 – Are Women Moving Forward?

Edie Parker, who was diagnosed with advanced breast cancer, describes her year of treatments and the experience of being "loved into wellness" through the prayers and caring she received (10:00). Donna Laframboise, author of *The Princess at the Window*, raises concerns about male-

bashing and stereotyping of men (5:00). At the Senior Education Centre of the University of Regina, we revisit several older women we taped five years ago—and find them realistic about their financial limitations, but optimistic about life (6:50). Ruth Blaser, Director of the Centre, reinforces the fact that many older women continue to face grave economic problems (2:37).

Seven Storytellers of Faith

Seven broadcasts – February 17th to March 31st 1997

Feb. 17, 1997 – Seven Storytellers of Faith: John Dominic Crossan

Co-founder of the Jesus Seminar and author of *The Historical Jesus* and *Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography*, Crossan talks about his faith and how it has grown with his studies. (28:30)

Feb. 24, 1997 – Seven Storytellers of Faith: Robert Fulghum

In this episode, our guest is Robert Fulghum, author of *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. Among other topics, Fulghum reflects on how choosing his gravesite has made his life richer. (28:30)

Mar. 03, 1997 – Seven Storytellers of Faith: Madeleine L'Engle

Madeleine L'Engle, author of *A Wrinkle in Time*, talks about how science and faith form a dynamic balance. (28:30)

Mar. 10, 1997 – Seven Storytellers of Faith: Brian Wren

Brian Wren talks about writing lyrics for hymns, some of the issues in finding images and words to express spiritual realities, and his commitment to social justice. Wren contributed many hymns to *Voices United*. (28:30)

Mar. 17, 1997 – Seven Storytellers of Faith: Tex Sample

Tex Sample is the author of *Hard Living People*. He talks about the painful courage of convictions and the struggle everyone has to live up to the goals one has for oneself. He says that he is practising giving money away. (28:30)

Mar. 24, 1997 – Seven Storytellers of Faith: Janet Wolf

Janet Wolf, a Methodist minister in downtown Nashville, talks about living and dealing with deep hate and discrimination. (28:30)

Mar. 31, 1997 – Seven Storytellers of Faith: Terry Waite

Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, endured four years of shackled imprisonment in Lebanon. He talks about his journey back into the light and his book *Taken on Trust*. (28:30)

Apr. 07, 1997 Social Justice and the Church: a Town Hall discussion

This forum brings together people with direct involvement in social issues—a lawyer who works with refugees, a former provincial minister of education, a journalist, a current member of the Ontario Legislature, and many more for an exchange of views.

Apr. 14, 1997 – Remembering

The Rundle Mission commemorates the work of Robert Rundle, a Methodist minister who pastored to the Native peoples on the plains. This summer marks the 150th anniversary of the founding of the mission in Pigeon Lake, Alberta (7:50). In discussion with Ken Gallinger, Marion Best reflects on her term as Moderator and her views as to the future of the United Church (7:00). Mardi Tindal and Ken Gallinger look back at their years as hosts of *Spirit Connection* and remember interviews and stories that stand out in their memories (10:40).

Spirit Connection Programs - 10th Season 1997-1998

Sep. 08, 1997 – Report on the 36th General Council

This program, which preceded the beginning of the 10th season, is included in the compilation tape for October 1997. (30:00)

Oct. 13, 1997 – 10th Season Premiere

North Korea: The Silent Famine: accompanying the Canadian Foodgrains Bank shipment of food, United Church producer, Shane Chadder, documents the extent of the food crisis affecting North Korea (9:35). Prayer and Action: Bill Phipps, the new Moderator of the United Church, calls upon United Church members to continue the church's support for social justice based on a faith in God whose love for all people is unconditional (6:00). Risk and Rejoice: across Canada, by bus, plane, and car, United Church Women gather in Hamilton to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the UCW (6:00). Spirit Watch: Emergency Appeal for North Korea and Central Africa; Nan Hudson speaks of Mother Teresa; Canada's role in Landmines Ban; United Nations Disarmament Week (4:00). Royal Orr: introducing the new host of *Spirit Connection*, his family life, his journalism background, and his priorities. (1:30)

Oct. 20, 1997 – The Future of Work

A "Shadow Cabinet" of people concerned with the issues of employment—and lack of it—look with hope for solutions. The panel includes futurist, Robert Theobald, T. Sher Singh, Arthur Model, Peggy Nash, Lisa Gregoire, Gerald Vanderzande, and Vicki Obedkoff. (29:30)

Oct. 27, 1997 – Manitoba After the Flood – A Regional Special

Spirit Connection host, Royal Orr, travels to Winnipeg to cover stories about the people rebuilding their lives after the flood of the century (6:28); comments on the flood by Allan Saunders (1: 58). Work, Money & Meaning: through a drama by playwright, Scott Douglas, we discover what youth and young adults see as their future work world (7:37); comments by Kirsten Earl on helping young adults (1:43). Native Spirituality: The Marion Harper Memorial Circle congregation blends traditional United Church liturgies with Native spirituality (5:42); comments by Solly Kakegamic on Native spirituality (2:04). Music: Three Day Band, from Sturgeon Creek United Church, performs "They'll Know We Are Christians" (1:00).

Nov. 03, 1997 – SPECIAL: Peace, What Peace?

During 1997, Kathy Price of the Inter-Church Committee on Human Rights in Latin America travelled throughout Nicaragua, Guatemala, and El Salvador and found that in too many places the "war of bullets" has been replaced by a war of hunger and devastating poverty. She met with Native people, farmers, and others who are trying to set up people-centred economic alternatives for their communities. Hopeful beginnings are demonstrated through co-operatives. (30:00)

Nov. 10, 1997 – Seeking Peace

"Toward a Peaceful World Free of Nuclear Weapons" is an exhibit from the Hiroshima Peace Park Museum in Japan (1:00). Interview with Ernie Regehr of Project Ploughshares on Abolition 2000, a

movement working on the ban of nuclear weapons (4:30). "Fifty Years Later" is a story of two women from Hiroshima, survivors of the atom bomb, who tell their stories to the next generation (4:44). Andy Mathews, a World War II veteran, who flew 30 missions as a navigator in an R.A.F. Lancaster bomber, talks with Royal Orr about his experience and his reflections (5:01). Islington United Church awaits the arrival of another refugee family, who they have sponsored through WGGR, the Ontario-based Working Group on Refugee Resettlement (5:04). Spirit Watch: Remembrance Day, Disarmament, Study Guide on Jesus—*Reconciling and Making New: Who is Jesus for the World Today?*

Nov. 17, 1997 – SPECIAL: Threads of Justice

In Canada, women in garment manufacturing sweatshops and "homeworkers" systems are often exploited. The employees are mainly immigrant women, and too often their working conditions violate Canadian labour standards. This situation is becoming a serious moral concern for consumers. (29:30)

Nov. 24, 1997 – Nourishment For Body and Soul

This video focuses on the community kitchen at Shalom House, where the food grown in their community garden is prepared and eaten together in a weekly event that provides food for the soul as well as the body (6:20). A pastoral message from the Moderator, Bill Phipps (3:26). Co-leading Elder, Fred Jamieson, of the All Native Circle Conference talks about the slow and often painful process of healing and reconciliation (6:40). Foothills United Church finds ways to interact with everyone—adults, seniors, youth, and children—involving them in a meaningful way in the life of the congregation (6:27).

Dec. 01, 1997 – SPECIAL: No Place to Call Home

Worldwide, more than 50 million people are refugees—women, men, and children—ordinary people who through no fault of their own have been forced to leave their homes and livelihood. Some are victims of civil war and persecution; many are economic refugees who leave in order to survive. This program explores the root causes of today's uprooted people. It tells stories of tremendous courage in the face of almost overwhelming odds. This documentary will move you: to anger, perhaps to tears, hopefully to action. (28:30)

Dec. 08, 1997 – The Impact of "The Decade"

In 1988, the member churches of the World Council of Churches launched a 10-year project called The Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women in Church and Society. In "Sounding the Bamboo," women from ethnic backgrounds deepen friendships, bring other women into the fellowship of the church, and explore ways to participate fully in Canadian life (6:00). Former United Church Moderator, Lois Wilson, points out that during The Decade, we became more aware of the obstacles women face within the church and how our theological understandings of the Bible must change (5:41). "Language of Grace" examines how First United Church in Ottawa has worked to include everyone in the language of worship (6:00). A woman living in a Glasgow slum declares war on the forces of injustice that have kept her in poverty and always on the edge of life (5:00).

Dec. 15, 1997 – SPECIAL: The Peace Brokers

The peace process in KwaZulu, Natal, South Africa is aided through "Practical Ministries," a small group of peace workers who criss-cross a large section of the province teaching tolerance, peace, and reconciliation. It is a story about forgiveness, faith, and fellowship in a land wracked with violence for too many years. (29:30) (*This program won a Bronze Award at the WorldFest competition, which drew entries from over 123 countries.*)

Dec. 22, 1997 – A Christmas Theme

The Nativity, re-enacted in many cultures and many places, is a testimony to the power of Luke's telling of the birth of Christ, a story that resonates across the centuries, bringing the meaning of Christmas out of the shopping malls and into our lives. United Church Moderator, Bill Phipps, speaks about the different feelings and the intensity of those feelings that the Christmas season evokes. He remembers his family's celebrations when he was a child and how these traditions continue in his life today. As well as personal and biblical stories, we re-tell true stories, like *The Christmas Miracle Child*, and legends, such as *The Story of the Chimes*, that express the wonder and joy of Christmas.

Dec. 29, 1997 – SPECIAL: Christian Faith in a Violent World

This documentary, shot at locations across North America, illustrates the efforts of church people to mediate in situations of conflict and violence. This video could be used as a companion study to "The Peace Brokers" broadcast on December 15th. (29:30)

Jan. 05, 1998 – Hope For The Future

Host, Royal Orr, interviews Basil Manning, a minister with the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa, about his work in transformation and reconciliation in a society torn apart by racist policies and attitudes (7:15). In Nova Scotia, Three Rivers Pastoral Charge organizes support for local people through a trade fair for small businesses (8:30). Youth at General Council describe what they like about their experience of worship—and music plays a big part (6:40). Spirit Watch includes: *Honouring A Place For All*, a resource with includes ideas for youth and worship, spirituality, and much more; Nova Nada, a Carmelite hermitage in Nova Scotia, their mission and environment is threatened by logging; nine faith communities call for a full judicial inquiry into the 1995 death of Dudley George at Ipperwash; North Korea still needs food assistance; *Gospel, Culture and Media*, a book and study kit.

Jan. 12, 1998 – SPECIAL: Gambling with the Future

This half-hour special investigates the impact of institutionalized gaming in Canada. Is gambling the answer to the revenue needs of our governments? What are the real costs of promoting gambling in order to finance social services—to society, to community helping agencies (such as churches), and to the gamblers themselves? This documentary shows the efforts of many to get behind the hype of the casino promoters and provides some thought-provoking statistics. (30:00)

Jan. 19, 1998 – "Mending the World" Before It's Too Late

The congregation at St. James-Bond United Church (in Toronto) enjoys a "Faith-to-Faith" experience when they invite a Muslim educator to spend a week with them (7:50). Rev. Timothy Njoya from Kenya talks about recent elections in that country and his concerns for the development of democracy (5:00). Toronto street people take part in a "sleep out" on Yonge St. to raise awareness of the needs of those without adequate housing (7:00). Spirit Watch includes: David Hallman, who led a delegation from the WCC for the global warming summit at Kyoto.

Jan. 26, 1998 – SPECIAL: Who is Jesus for the World Today?

Spirit Connection host, Royal Orr, asks a panel what modern-day scholarship concerning the Bible contributes to their understandings of faith. This lively discussion is a stimulating start for those seeking answers to the question of how to "love our neighbour" as we live in a world with people of many religious faiths or of no identified religious affiliation. (29:30)

Feb. 02, 1998 – Healing and Faith

Some congregations are adding a Parish Nurse to their staff to provide pastoral and nursing care (7:30). Rev. Coral Prebble and Rev. Lawrence Pushee join host, Royal Orr, to talk about ways in which their churches are involved in healing ministries (9:03). Rev. Bev Williams of Millbank-Hampstead United (Millbank, Ontario) discovers the healing power of nature in capturing its beauty on film (5:30). Spirit Watch includes: the Ice Storm appeal of the United Church; the theme of World Day of Prayer service, prepared by women from Madagascar, is "Who is my neighbour?"; TEN DAYS for Global Justice focuses on Fair Trade coffee (4:00).

Feb. 09, 1998 – SPECIAL: The Class of '57

In the summer of 1997, a '57 graduating class of United Church theological students held a reunion. Ken Gallinger talks with them as they share stories and reflect upon their lives as ministers over the past 40 years. Their experiences underscore the degree to which our society and our expectations have changed, but also show the many ways in which the practice of ministry remains the same. (29:30)

Feb. 16, 1998 – Compassion and Celebration: The United Church in B. C. Conference

At First United in Vancouver, staff and volunteers maintain the mission that has operated on that site for over 100 years (8:04). Brian Thorpe, Executive Secretary of B. C. Conference of the United Church, discusses the challenges of the church in a rapidly changing society (6:00). Ryerson United in Vancouver has embraced transformation in congregational life (7:30). On Sunday afternoons, at St. Andrew's-Wesley United, a Jazz Vespers service is warmly appreciated by many who are drawn there by the music, and who find that their spiritual lives are nourished (5:20).

Feb. 23, 1998 – SPECIAL: The Class of '97

A sequel to "The Class of '57." (Feb. 9) Ken Gallinger talks with six recent graduates of theological schools as they compare their current experiences in congregations to that of ministers who began their work 40 years earlier. (29:30)

Lenten Series: Sacred & Secular: March 2 to April 6, 1998

Royal Orr talks with six Canadians from various backgrounds about how their faith affects their daily lives.

Mar. 02, 1998 – Bill Phipps talks about how he views Lent in the Christian calendar. (28:30)

Mar. 09, 1998 – Gail Reid, the managing editor of *Fellowship Magazine*, speaks of the need for prayer and reconciliation within the church and the world. (28:30)

Mar 16, 1998 – Anne Cools, known for speaking out on issues of family violence and protecting children, takes her strength from her faith even when public controversy engulfs her. (28:30)

Mar. 23, 1998 – Paul Henderson's life is now a ministry of The Word to men's and youth groups. His is a passionate, deeply personal faith, which he says has transformed his life in every aspect. (28:30)

Mar. 30, 1998 – Susan Eagle is a long-time advocate for the rights of the marginalized as well as a sensitive and caring pastor in congregations. She reflects on how the Gospel calls people to be active in the world. (28:30)

Apr. 6, 1998 – Bill Carr, performer, humorist, and theologian, believes that experience of suffering and joy are integral to understanding Lent and the Easter story. (28:30)

Spirit Connection Programs - 11th Season 1998-1999

Oct. 19, 1998 – Premiere of Season 11

On the premiere show of the 11th season, Moderator, Bill Phipps, talks with host, Royal Orr, about a faith perspective on the economy (11:31). Poverty has a serious impact on 20 per cent of Canada's children: interviews with single parents and professionals (6:56). A community kitchen program lets youth develop life skills and some practical techniques for preparing food (4:30).

Oct. 26, 1998 – Cuba Today: Three Faith Perspectives

Three Cubans reflect on their faith and how their beliefs and values have developed and changed over the years since the revolution. This special was taped in Cuba in the spring of 1998. This video provides three faith perspectives on the contemporary Cuban reality: Yzel Perez (a Methodist) who stayed; Tony Ramos (a Baptist) who left; and Carlos Ham-Stanard (a Presbyterian) who, but two-years-old in 1959, has grown up as a Christian in post-revolutionary Cuba. Hosted and produced by Rod Booth. (30.00) (*Awarded Gold at WorldFest-Houston 1999*)

Nov. 02, 1998 – Forum on Faith

Six callers from across Canada pose questions of faith to a panel hosted by Royal Orr. Each discussion is about four minutes long. The panel members are Bonnie Green, Isaac Kawuki-Mukasa, Ted Reeve, and Patty Evans. Topics include: Jesus the man, ethical investments, declining membership in churches, difficulties faced by rural churches, healing and spirituality, and what the panellists find is the centre of their faith.

Nov. 09, 1998 – Vanishing Christians

In the Middle East, Arab Christians feel under increasing pressure from both Muslim Palestinians and Israelis. Church leaders and other prominent educators were interviewed in the Middle East in 1998 (9:46); a panel moderated by host, Royal Orr, includes Peter Wyatt, Hershel Sahian, Hanny Hassan, and James Kafieh in a discussion of their perspectives on the situation (14:00).

Nov. 16, 1998 – The Decade

Women in Canada and around the world gathered in Guelph, Ontario for a conference called "Daring Hope" in which they examined and celebrated their work during The Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women in Church and Society (6:42). Kristine Greenaway, Elizabeth Eberhart-Moffatt, and Noelle Bowles talk with host, Royal Orr, about their perspectives on The Decade (11:25). "A Decade with Linnea Good" showcases the talents of this songwriter of faith, whose lively music draws in an audience of all ages (4:30).

Nov. 23, 1998 – Staying Together: the Story of the World Council of Churches

This documentary tells the story of the Council's first 50 years of establishing the modern ecumenical movement. The Council meets in Harare, Zimbabwe, in December 1998 to celebrate and chart the next 50 years of interfaith dialogue and understanding.

Nov. 30, 1998 – Music and Worship

The choir of Deer Park United Church (Toronto) performs two songs, and their director of music offers background of their years of performance (8:30). Fred Graham speaks of the vision of *Voices United* and its achievement (4:30). The Oneida Gospel Singers perform (6:30). Sharon Riley talks about the Faith Chorale and leads the group in two gospel numbers (7:10).

Dec. 07, 1998 – The Uprooted in Our Midst

Wawanesa Pastoral Charge in Manitoba helps a refugee family from Eastern Europe find housing and work in their rural town (6:30). In Vancouver, Chown Memorial United Church and Chinese United Church work to build bridges of understanding (8:00). Bellefair United Church in Toronto persevere in their efforts to help an Ethiopian family and, although the mother dies before she was to come to Canada, her children are allowed entry and re-unification with a relative (8:00).

Dec. 14, 1998 – Saskatchewan Stories

At File Hills Reserve, a member of the congregation talks about his experience in the residential school system and the impact of the Apology in healing the pain (7:30). Bill Wall, the Executive Secretary of Saskatchewan Conference explains why the United Church has issued a formal Apology to Native peoples (6:20). The "Social Gospel" continues to be reflected in prairie views on community building (4:50). Life on the farm has changed greatly and, while many farmers have had to leave the land, farming is and hopefully will continue to be means for families to find value and meaning in life (9:00).

Dec. 21, 1998 – The Magnificat

Host, Royal Orr, listens to Christian women in the Middle East as they read Mary's famous song, The Magnificat, and talk about the significance they see for women today in Mary's response to her pregnancy. The choir of Deer Park United Church, Toronto, performed some of the music used in this program.

Dec. 28, 1998 – Pocketfuls of Faith – Brazil

We visit Christian Base Communities in Brazil, which offer empowerment to the marginalized, bringing them hope and conviction that they can indeed build a better tomorrow for themselves and their children.

Jan. 04, 1999 – The Homeless

Taped on Canadian city streets, this program lets us see the faces and hear the stories that lie behind the statistics of homelessness. This "sleep out" by homeless people helps raise awareness of those others who, for a variety of reasons, "fall between the cracks" of our social safety net. (29:30)

Jan. 11, 1999 – Forum on Interfaith Dialogue and Action

The United Church has committed itself to working with people of all faiths and those with no specific faith designation to help "Mend the World." This *Spirit Connection* forum, hosted by Royal Orr, provides an opportunity for callers from across Canada to pose questions to the panel about how congregations and communities can build the bridges of trust and cooperation needed. (30:00)

Jan. 18, 1999 – Yukon Stories

Spirit Connection's host, Royal Orr, travels to the Yukon to meet people whose strong spiritual life is reinforced by their sense of community; and the good times roll as we see women finding recreation and friendship in the natural hot springs in Whitehorse and congregational members finding joy and healing in their church life. (30:00)

Jan. 25, 1999 – Salty Christians: The World Student Christian Movement

The World Student Christian Movement provided the inciting experience for many of those who have taken leadership in the World Council of Churches. This documentary gives a vivid overview of the student movement from the heady days of its beginning, through the stresses of the Cold War period, to its present status on the campuses of Canadian universities.

Feb. 01, 1999 – African Heritage

Host, Royal Orr, talks with Archbishop Desmond Tutu in an exclusive interview during a recent visit to Canada. Bishop Tutu comments on the importance of an apology in the process of reconciliation (10:00). Two congregations preserve and celebrate their African traditions with music that is central to their worship—Ghana Calvary Methodist United (8:30) and Communaute Chretienne de Bethel (5:46). (*Awarded Silver at WorldFest-Houston 1999*)

Feb. 08, 1999 – FORUM on The Apology

How can churches help heal the relationship between Native and non-Native people in Canada? Callers from across the country express their views. In studio, host, Royal Orr, and guest, Aleace Davidson, of St. Clair United Church in Sarnia, Ontario, discuss these comments.

February 15, 1999 to March 29, 1999 - LentScape

LentScape takes the viewer through the events of Lent, weaving each biblical story with an issue that's implicit in the story. Each Bible story is introduced by former Moderator, Robert Smith, with the issue being addressed by the series producer and host, Ken Gallinger, and five panellists.

Feb. 15 – The Triumphal Entry "*Is popularity worth it?*"

Feb. 22 – Cleansing the Temple "*When is anger justified?*"

Mar. 01 – The Footwashing "*How do we choose leaders?*"

Mar. 08 – Betrayal "*How do I know God's will?*"

Mar. 15 – The Trial "*Is 'justice' ever served?*"

Mar. 22 – Crucifixion "*What price faith?*"

Mar. 29 – Resurrection "*Can people really change?*"

Apr. 05, 1999 – Moderator's Consultation: Faith and The Economy

Host, Royal Orr, moderates a discussion between Bill Phipps and a panel of people interested in how faith underlies economic policy. Phipps says the world has made "The Market" a god. This discussion explores the faith base of the world's economy and the need for finding a moral basis for the economy.

Apr. 12, 1999 – Daughters of Abraham

Spirit Connection's host, Royal Orr, travels to Jerusalem and the Negev Desert of Israel to bring us the story of two young women social activists, one Bedouin Israeli and the other Jewish Israeli. Their lives reflect two very different realities in one country. Both young women are trying to find a place for themselves in the often confounding and disparate society of Israel and to bring understanding between people of different cultures.

Apr. 19, 1999 – Spiritual Work in a Secular World

Bonnie Greene explains the United Church's involvement with other churches in the situation in Kosovo – helping refugees and building bridges between people for the future of that region (8:00). In British Columbia, Sikhs and Christians gather to learn about each other, share concerns, and consider future projects together (4:30). In Alberta, a church organizes an innovative way of keeping in touch with their congregation through a program called Commune-I-Care (3:06). *Spirit Connection* celebrates the television ministry of Rod Booth, who retires this month from his position as Director of Media Resources and Executive Producer of *Spirit Connection* (11:00).