

# Rev. Bruce McLeod is guest speaker at annual meeting

Richmond Hill and Thornhill Area Family Services will hold its 10th annual meeting at the Heintzman House in Thornhill May 1.

The Very Reverend Bruce McLeod will be guest speaker. He will talk about "The Rights of Children" in honor of the International Year of the Child.

Mr. McLeod has had a varied and interesting career promoting the human rights of all people.

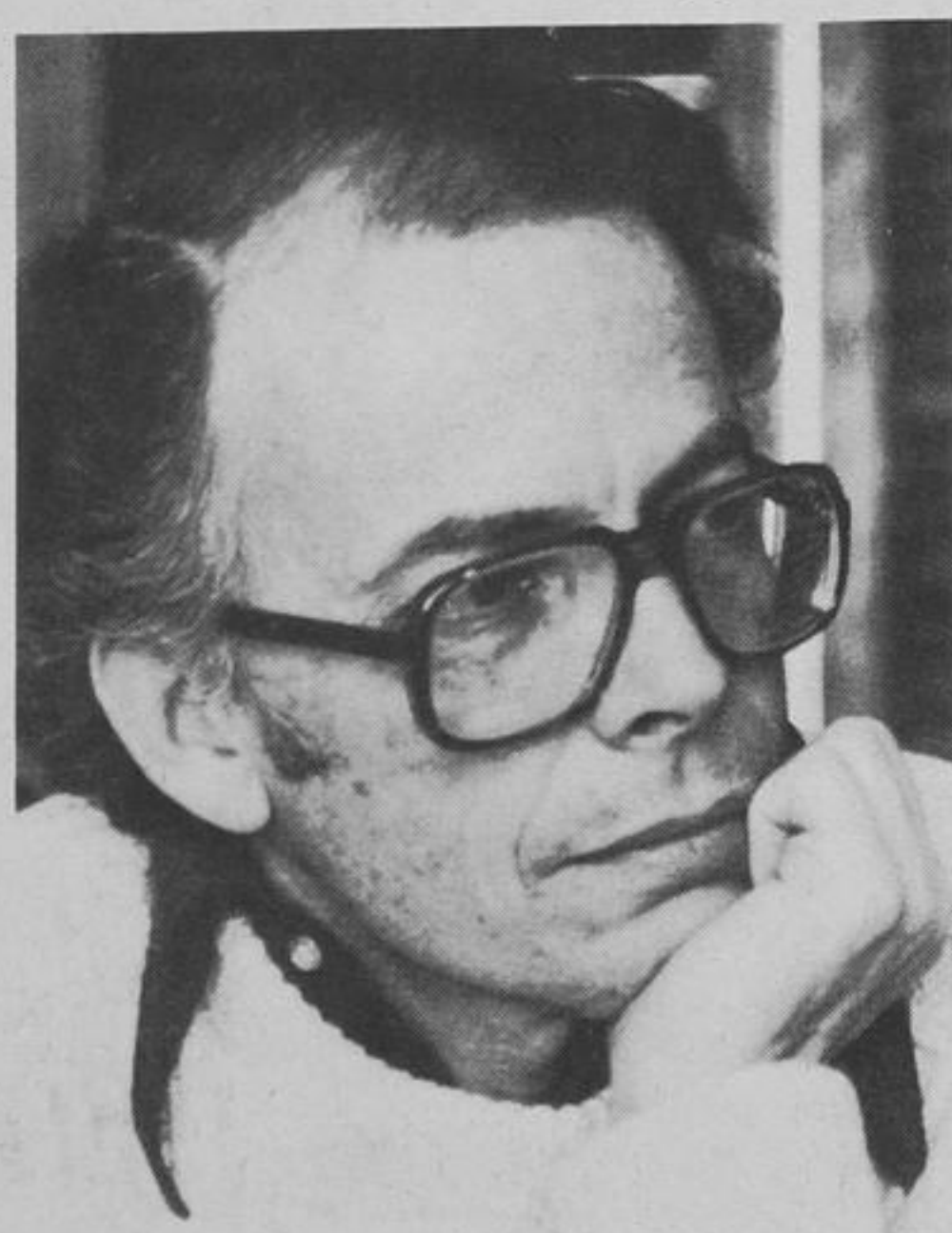
From 1972 to 1974 he served as Moderator of the United Church of Canada, the youngest man ever to be elected to this position.

From 1975 to 1976 he was the first Canadian volunteer at Pueblito in Costa Rica, an agricultural co-operative and village for abandoned children.

At the same time he was one of 10 Canadians to hold the Research Award from the International Development Research Centre.

From 1975 to 1978 he served as Commissioner of the Ontario Human Rights Commission.

He held many public hearings across Ontario and was responsible for drafting "Life Together", a Report on Human Rights in Ontario which



REV. BRUCE McLEOD

contains 97 specific recommendations and is currently before the Ontario government.

Mr. McLeod has travelled extensively in Vietnam, Taiwan, South America, the Middle East, and Central America.

He has written for a number of publications and has appeared on Front Page Challenge.

The Great Debate, Man Alive, and many other television and radio shows.

Mr. McLeod lives in Richmond Hill and will assume his duties as the minister of Richmond Hill United Church July 1.

The Family Services annual meeting begins at 8 p.m. and everyone is welcome to attend.

# York must pay \$1,132 in legal fees

Even though the charges were withdrawn in court, the Region of York will still have to pay a \$1,132 lawyer's fee for two police officers charged with common assault.

The York Regional Police Commission approved the payment to Gordon Ecclestone at last week's meeting. The bill will be forwarded to the Region of York for payment.

Another bill from Mr. Ecclestone for his defence of two York policemen sparked controversy at Regional council last year. That bill is now undergoing an independent audit.

Last week's bill related to charges against constables Robert Lafrenierre and Paul Moore who were charged following the arrest of two Aurora men last Aug. 17.

One man, Ronald Preston, was arrested and charged with impaired driving, failing a breathalyzer test, mischief to private property and escaping lawful custody. He eventually pleaded guilty to impaired driving and was fined \$125.

The other man, Derek Rundle, was charged with causing a disturbance, assault with intent to resist arrest, escaping lawful custody, mischief to private property and theft.

He subsequently pleaded guilty to causing a disturbance, assault with intent to resist arrest

and mischief to private property.

Mr. Rundle was sentenced to 28 days in jail, and fines totalling \$300.

Both men alleged they were assaulted by police during their arrest.


When the case against the police officers came to court on Jan. 29, 1979, the two men stated they did not wish to proceed with the charges.

Mr. Ecclestone's account included actual costs of \$755 plus and extra \$377 because Mr. Ecclestone acted for two men. His policy for representing two officers on one case is to charge 1 1/2 times the rate for

representing one officer.

Charges include \$300 for half a day in court, \$120 for two hours of preparation time, \$120 for a brief court appearance and various smaller amounts for phone calls.

Under a police commission policy, the region agrees to pay legal fees for officers charged with criminal offences while on duty, if they are exonerated and if the commission has approved the choice of lawyer.



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