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NEWS BULLETIN

"JAZZ - WEEK" - MARCH 1-3, 1967

Two guests from New York City are arriving on our campus February 28th for "Jazz - Week." The Faith and Life Council has invited Pastor John Gensel and Mr. Eddie Bonnemere.

Pastor John Gensel, born in Puerto Rico, graduated from Gettysburg in 1943, and continued graduate studies at Union Theological Seminary. He is now full-time Pastor to the Jazz Community in New York.

Mr. Eddie Bonnemere teaches music in New York and is known as piano stylist, composer and recording artist. He heads a jazz-mambo quintet and has made several albums.

While at Waterloo, Pastor Gensel and Mr. Bonnemere will be involved in classes, daily chapel, a jazz demonstration, and discussions with groups of students. Pastor Gensel will talk about his ministry in the New York jazz community, share some worship forms developed in this community and open discussion of the wider implications of such work for church renewal. Eddie Bonnemere will demonstrate jazz, participate in worship and discussion and also rehearse with the university choir.

The highlight of "Jazz - week" is Missa Hodiema - an original composition and master's thesis of Eddie Bonnemere. Eddie has integrated jazz, calypso, bossa nova and Gregorian chant into the different parts of the Mass. This will take place with drums, piano, bass and the Waterloo Lutheran University Choir early Thursday evening, March 2nd.

The Faith and Life Council feels it is important that the university community be exposed to, and confronted with, faith and life from the outside. Faith, even more than music, is not a distinct category. "Jazz - Week" is not an opportunity to watch a performance, but a chance to encounter two exciting people - as they live, eat, work and play right on campus. This year a musician and pastor, who have known each other and worked together for many years, will be here. In a way their visit is an important follow-up to last year's "Jazz - Art Week," since Pastor John and Eddie Bonnemere represent quite a different world-view and approach than last year's guests.

You are invited to "make use of" Eddie Bonnemere and Pastor Gensel. You are invited to meet them and join in further planning - at 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 28th, in the downstairs lounge of the Seminary building. You are invited to ask questions, and talk with Faith and Life Council members about this project.

The Faith and Life Council
Rosie Janson, Programme Chairman.