

--An unplanned ideology

--A reversal in order

--Moves for correction

--Current emphasis

- (c) A casual note on Methodist organization..just in brief because it helps us to understand how things happen

you will note the districts, the conferences and the council of bishops

- (d) Early inroads of modern unbelief:

--educational institutions

--the Minister's Home Study Course

--the Loyalty Code debate

--the publications argument

It is important to remember, and I will try to call it to your mind many times, that we are not judging individual performances, just noting the way things have gone.

- (e) The Present body:

--Historic mergers

1939

1968

--participation in COCU (not a merger)

--growth status

- (f) Present inroads of modern unbelief....well, there are a lot of them. Note the following men and some works: Bromley Oxnam: A TESTAMENT OF FAITH; E. Stanley Jones: THE CHRIST OF THE INDIAN ROAD; Edwin Lewis: GREAT CHRISTIAN TEACHINGS. The works of Ralph Sockman and Luther Weigle might also be consulted.

Pointing out the problems from without, try Conant: PRESENT DAY METHODISM AND THE BIBLE, and Edmund Robb: THE BETRAYAL OF THE CHURCH. Critical from within, the work of the GOOD NEWS group. Their special report on seminaries in 1978 was very striking.