EDITOR'S NOTE

The GORABS (Geography of Religions and Belief Systems) Newsletter, previously edited and disseminated by Jeffrey Maddux, Thomas McCormick and Gregory Stein, went out of print some time ago. Bob Stoddard (UN, Lincoln) suggests the newsletter be resurrected, and I concur. The last known issue is that of Volume 7, 1985. This issue will be numbered Volume 11. The editor solicits any information or essays related to Geography of Religions and Belief Systems for future publication. I would like to publish short essays similar to those published in the past, such as "Apparitions in Western Europe," by Mary Lee Nolan, "Modern Religious Cosmologies," by James Landing, and "The Mandala As A Model For Sacred Space," by Robert H. Stoddard. Two issues a year will be published, a Spring issue and a Fall issue. If anyone would like to submit an essay, or pass on relevant information about conferences or publications, etc., please mail them to the editor by September 1st (or at least contact the editor by that time if the essay is not complete) for the fall issue. This issue will be necessarily short, but hopefully future volumes will expand with your contributions.

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The special sessions on Geography and Religion were a great success this past spring. We not only had excellent papers presented, but also attracted a large crowd to hear them. The following list of names and addresses represents the participants, session attendees that volunteered their names, and several individuals known by the editor to be interested in GORABS. This list now represents our mailing list for the newsletter. If you know anyone who would like to join us, share the newsletter and forward their names and addresses to the editor.

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in the US and Canada published by the AAG.

Dissertations: Each dissertation can be ordered from University microfilms

Hiebert, Daniel J. "The Geography of Jewish Immigrants and the Garment Industry
University of Toronto.

Karasov, Deborah "Ideology and the Politics of Landscape in Israeli Planning,"
1987-88 University of Minnesota.

Prorok, Carolyn V. "Hindu Temples in Trinidad: A Cultural Geography of

Thesis: Each thesis should be available through inter-library loan

Bagshaw, Roberta Lee "Settlement and the Church of England in the Bishopric

Brasher, Phillip Andrew "The Spatial and Demographic Analysis of the Presbyterian
Church (USA) in Shelby County, Tennessee," 1988 Memphis State University.

Cressman, Kenneth W. "A Descriptive Summary and Analysis of the Changing
Settlement and Occupational Patterns of the Mennonites and Amish Mennonites
of Wilmot Township, 187 University of Waterloo."
Creuziger, Clementine G.K. "The Preservation of Ukrainian Culture in Chicago; With Special Reference to the Role of the Church," 1987 University of Chicago.


Dulteman, Mary A. "Ecology and Theology: Christian Responses to Lynn White Jr.," 1987 California State University, Northridge.


Konovnitzine, Peter "The Russian Orthodox Community in Los Angeles: 1922-1985," 1988 California State University, LA.


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CALL FOR PAPERS

The Association of American Geographers will hold the 1990 National Conference in Toronto. Anyone interested in submitting abstracts related to the field of Geography of Religions and Belief Systems should send them to Carolyn V. Procok, Department of Geography, SRU Slippery Rock, Pa. 16057 (412-794-7771 or 7310) by August 1, 1989.

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