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TO ALL AOTS MEN

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The postal situation has at last been resolved to the point where I can report to you on some of the recent events that are very important to the future of AOTS.

In August, at the 9th Biennial Convention in Ottawa, the delegates adopted the report of the Long Range Planning Committee, including the recommendation to hire an Executive Secretary exclusively for AOTS; and paid for by the National Association. It was envisioned that this person would be a "promoter" and "stimulator" of AOTS activity, travelling all across our country, wherever he is needed. In reality, we were looking for an "almost" full-time person on a part-time pay schedule. This was asking a great deal from men interested in AOTS! Job specifications were established, applications were invited from all clubs and a committee established to interview to recommend to the National Association.

We were most fortunate to have four very capable and energetic people respond for this position that would not only require a lot of travel, activity, and over abundance of enthusiasm but a great deal of organizational skill and diplomacy.

At the November Meeting of the National Executive, Mr. Phil Spence, a former Executive Secretary for AOTS and the United Church, so well known to you, was hired to fill this

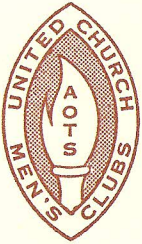
position. Phil will take over January 1, 1976 and will be working out of the new National Office for AOTS at his home in Deep River, Ontario.

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We hope to co-ordinate Phil's time and energy for the optimum benefit of AOTS. We expect that all clubs, District Councils and Conferences will use his talents but will prudently co-ordinate any request for his time through your Conference Men's Club Chairman and the Regional Vice-President, so that several events can be arranged whenever he is travelling in your area on AOTS work.

In the past few years, we have had the good fortune to have Don Smith as our Executive Secretary for AOTS. Don has provided a fantastic inspiration and help to us, but in his duties as an Associate Secretary in the Division of Mission, he is increasingly required to spend more of his valuable time away from AOTS. Don has resigned as our Executive Secretary effective December 31, 1975, to devote more time to other areas of concern within his general area of work with laity. He will still be available as a resource



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person and continue to offer his expertise and guidance but will not be associated specifically with our AOTS movement. We accept his resignation with regret, but ever thankful of his many years of devoted service and inspiration. We wish him every success in his expanded work with the Division of Mission.

The delegates at the Biennial Convention, realizing the new interdependent position and the added financial responsibility being assumed by AOTS, voted in favour of an annual \$5.00 membership fee for all club members. This \$5.00 assessment per member to clubs will help provide the additional services now being assumed by your National Association. The Division of Mission will continue to support us financially but on a gradual decreasing scale of support and services. AOTS is maturing and stepping out more independently to truly be a spiritual arm reaching into the community. AOTS is a vital and viable fellowship and you are now being given the opportunity to financially assist the expansion of this movement beyond the area of your own club and church. The \$5.00 assessment per member can be raised as a membership fee or as a project but no matter how it is accomplished it is important for the expanded mission of AOTS service to men. Although the \$5.00 fee is assessed by the National Association, \$1.00 of this is available for your Conference area or District Council upon request. AOTS is alive and we must work strenuously and responsibly to achieve and maintain the potential that is ever present As One That Serves.

As the festive season approaches and the birth of our Master is once again so vividly brought to our attention, let us renew our Christian example in service to Christ. Let us strive to make the coming year a most meaningful and successful year of AOTS Activity.

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The very best wishes to you and yours at this Christmas season and may you continue to find meaningful Christian fellowship and accomplishment throughout the coming year.

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May the Joy of Christmas 1975 be with you and yours as you venture into 1976 where no one has ventured before.
Happy New Year.

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