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## Rev. Arpad L. Beretz elected Bishop of Calvin Synod



The Reverend Arpad L. Beretz, pastor of the Faithful United Church of Christ, Hammond, Ind. was elected the first Bishop of Calvin Synod Conference of the United Church of Christ and the first Bishop in the United Church of Christ denomination of 2 million members in Buffalo, N.Y. on April 28th at the Annual Meeting of Calvin Synod. He will begin his duties on June 30.

The new Bishop is a native of Bridgeport, Conn. and is a graduate of The Reformed Seminary in Sárospatak, Hungary and did graduate work at the Yale Divinity Graduate School in New Haven, Conn.

After a brief ministry in Cleveland, Ohio he served the Evangelical and Reformed Church in Wallingford, Conn. from 1948 - 1961.

Bishop Beretz was called to his present pastorate in East Chicago and Hammond in 1961.

The new Bishop served in various synodical positions including Vice-President and Secretary, Chairman of National Missions, Christian Education, Liturgy, Press and Radio. Also, President and Secretary of the Eastern Classis of Calvin Synod.

The Rt. Reverend Beretz is also a pioneer in the ecumenical movement. He was named Secretary of

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the Ecumenical Council of the Reformed Church in Hungary, President of the Wallingford, Conn. Ministerial Association, Chairman of the Church World Service Committee of the Connecticut Council of Churches.

Named by the Church World Service of the National Council of Churches to work with the World Council of Churches to assist Hungarian refugees in Austria. Appointed Dean of Vienna by the Reformed Church of Austria.

Vice-President and Director of the Northwest Indiana Council of Churches, attended the Second and Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Evanston, Ill. and Uppsala, Sweden as press participant. Delegate to the 400th Anniversary of the founding of the Reformed Church in Hungary, Delegate to the National Council of Churches Assembly in Miami, Florida.

Locally, he gave leadership to the re-locating of the Congregation from East Chicago to Hammond and dedicating a new Sanctuary and educational building, also in uniting with the First Evangelical and Reformed Church of Hammond. The II Phase of the Building Plans is now under construction bidding. He is also President of the Hungarian (Magyar) Club of Chicago, Ill. and General Secretary of the Polish-Hungarian World Federation with headquarters in Chicago, Ill.

The new Bishop is married to the former Helen E. Kosa of Kalamazoo, Michigan, a teacher of German at Highland High School, Highland, Indiana.

His daughter, Julianna will receive her Master's Degree from Rutgers University in June, 1971. Margaret Louise is a Junior at Hope College, Holland, Michigan, The Bishop's mother lives in Stratford, Conn. and his brother Louis in Trumbull, Conn.

## Address

**preceeding installation of new officers of Calvin Synod**

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

Albert Einstein, the world famous Jewish scientist, made a following excellent witnessing of the effectiveness of the earthly visible church in pre-World War II Germany. Being a lover of freedom when the Revolution came in Germany, I looked to the universities to defend it, for they boasted of their devotion to the cause of truth — but the universities were immediately silenced. Then I looked to the great editors of the newspapers, who in their inflaming editorials proclaimed their love of freedom, but they also were silenced. Then I looked to the