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International Council of Religious Education
Lemuel Petersen, Director of Public Relations
203 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago 1, Illinois

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September 8, 1947
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 29, 1947

Dear Dr. Ross:

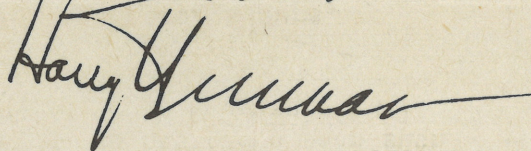
I am happy to note the splendid theme selected for the seventeenth annual observance of Religious Education Week, to be held September twenty-eighth to October fifth under the auspices of the International Council of Religious Education. "Faith is the Victory" seems peculiarly fitting at this hour in human history.

The war years confirmed our faith in the abiding dignity of man. It is true that evil and greed and prejudice remain. But many of us cannot rest so long as there is injustice. Significantly, our numbers are increasing.

Surely the development of our social conscience measures our progress as a democratic nation. With instruction in the great religious doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, we shall continue to advance in our moral evolution. Such is the faith we live by, and nothing can break that faith. It is rooted in spiritual realities.

Perhaps at no time before us has there been such somber and urgent need for teaching youth that spiritual growth is the goal of all human history.

Very sincerely yours,



Rev. Dr. Roy G. Ross,
General Secretary,
The International Council of Religious Education,
203 North Wabash Avenue,
Chicago 1, Illinois.

MEMORANDUM FOR PROCLAMATION

Suggested form of MAYOR'S Proclamation for the
Seventeenth Annual RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK,
September 28 - October 5, 1947

WHEREAS, many forces threaten the stability of the family which is the primary unit of community life;

WHEREAS, widespread delinquency among children and youth gives evidence of the faulty environment which we provide for growing life;

WHEREAS, economic and class tension threaten the very foundations of the community;

WHEREAS, faith in the one God, who is the Father of us all, is the only bond that can tie diverse elements together into true community and brotherhood;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____, Mayor of the City of _____, hereby proclaim the period beginning Sunday, September 28, and continuing through Sunday, October 5, as the Seventeenth Annual Religious Education Week.

I call upon my fellow citizens to seek for themselves and to share with others a sure religious faith. Let us build our own community by this faith so that out of our homes, our churches, schools and neighborhoods may emerge the citizens we need for the city and the nation of tomorrow.