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BRIEF BIO:

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Robert M. Armstrong was born and raised in Philadelphia. He is currently Vice President for Management Services of Howell Associates, Inc. a Washington D.C. firm providing management services to retirement housing, continuing care communities, nursing homes and their sponsors. Bob is a Cum Laude graduate of the University of Pennsylvania (B.A), a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh (MSW) a graduate of the University of Chicago (M.Div.) and has done post-graduate work at Western Reserve University (School of Social Work) and University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration. He trained in Nursing Home Administration at Columbia University.

Holding Nursing Home Licenses in three states, Bob has served as Chief Executive Officer or Administrator in nursing homes, apartments for the aging, domicilliary care facilities, multi-facilities, Continuing Care Retirement Communities, (CCRC) and community based services. He has established Teaching Nursing Homes. He has been an Adjunct Professor in three schools of social work, and has served in three states as a mentor for 20 administrators in training.

During almost thirty years of experience in leading ministries of compassion to the elderly and disabled, Bob has been active in the ministry as a Stated Supply Pastor, Interim Minister, Program Director, and guest preacher. He built experimental projects to assist churches in helping older persons in New York City, Western New York, Indianapolis, and Towson, MD. Out of an interest in the relationship between the word and the work and inspired by Graham Taylor founder of the Chicago Theological Seminary, as a professional social worker, he became a student at the seminary, where, as one of its first students in a combined program, he completed a Master's thesis on a Christian philosophy of social work. During that

time he served as Pastor of a small inner-city church, Chaplain to Illinois' first treatment school for mentally ill children, and built three projects addressing the needs of the physically disabled, blind and deaf adults and including one that involved fifty Protestant churches in Chicago in providing monthly transportation to churches so that the 250 disabled persons could participate monthly in study of the scriptures, worship, and a meal with members of these congregations. This work expanded to bring five hundred Roman Catholic disabled, deaf, and blind to churches in the Chicago Diocese for confession, Mass, and a meal.

Bob is a fellow in the American College of Health Care Administrators (FACHA) and is a member of the American Academy of Certified Social Workers (ACSW). He holds standing as a Pastor in the United Church of Christ.

PROPOSAL

For a Parish Visitors organization and program.

BACKGROUND: United has among its members many people who are shut-ins due to age or illness. Pastor Armstrong and Paul Bauersfeld visit these people on a regular basis, and Fred Long occasionally participates. The members of the Bible Study \Prayer group which meets Tuesday evenings want to express their learning in practical action, and have requested that they be allowed to become Parish Visitors.

PROPOSAL: 1. That we have a training course (one day) for people who are interested in doing this on a regular basis. Both Marty and Priscilla have materials which can be adapted and used, and Priscilla has experience in teaching and organizing such a program. Harvey and Ursula were part of such a team in another church and are experienced.

2. Parish visitors supplement, but not replace visits by the Pastor; they may help to reduce the actual number of annual visits the Pastor needs to make.

3. Assignment cards to be made out, and brief reports turned in to the Pastor about each visit. A member of the group should be selected to handle this paper-work.

4. Visitors will note any urgent need of the shut-in, and telephone the church office immediately. Other notes will be given in writing.

5. That a committee of people from the Bible Study \Prayer group meet this summer and develop specific plans for recruiting and training for Fall.

Priscilla W. Armstrong

ADULT PROGRAMS
IN BIBLE STUDY, PRAYER AND THE
CHRISTIAN LIFE

AT

UNITED EVANGELICAL UCC
S. East Avenue at Dillon Street
Baltimore, MD 21224

(Picture)

Rev. Robert M. Armstrong,
Pastor

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BIBLE STUDY

Sunday morning, 9:15-10:15

Attend after the 8:00 a.m. service of worship or before the 10:30 service.

Teacher: Marty Clement

Tuesday evening: 7:15-9:00

Bible Study/Prayer Group. Bible study alternates with Prayer Group. Bible study focuses on a book of the Bible. Student study books available. Prayer Group: learning effective methods for personal and group prayer. A period of intercessory is included. Focus on healing prayer.

Leader: Priscilla Armstrong

Wednesday Evening 7:15-9:00

(except during Lent) Bible study focuses on a Book of the Bible. Student study books available.

Teacher: Priscilla Armstrong

SPECIAL EVENTS

Occasional Special Events are planned by Bible Study\Prayer Groups. Recent events included attending annual Prayer Conference of the Episcopal Diocese, and attending a Healing Service at St. Stanislaus Church in Fells Point. The Prayer Group also assists with the Healing Services which are part of the Lenten series at United.

COMMUNITY FORUMS

Sunday morning, 9:15-10:15

monthly. Replaces Bible study once a month. Outside speakers present topics and discussion - question period follows. Recent Forums have addressed the problems of the elderly and neighborhood safety & police services.

Leader: Marty Clement

PARISH VISITORS

A new group will be formed in the Fall for those who are interested in visiting shut-ins and hospitalized members. A training course will be given at the church.

Leader: Priscilla Armstrong

NEW CREATIONS

Another new group planned for fall will be New Creations, a group for anyone in the church or community who has been wounded by life and wants to meet with a group of others for support, friendship and healing.

Leader: Rev. Robert Armstrong

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

To plan Community Forums, Special Events, and to coordinate adult education activities. The Committee meets regularly with Mrs. Clement and/or Mrs. Armstrong and/or Pastor Armstrong. If you enjoy planning with a group, we urge you to join this group.