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MONTANA CLERGYMEN
TO STUDY ECONOMICS
IN FIRST MONTANA CONFERENCE

MISSOULA--

Montana clergymen of all faiths will get their initial opportunity to study economics as a group Sept. 8-12 under a program sponsored by the national Clergy Economic Education Foundation (CEEF) and the University of Montana Extension Division.

A five-day workshop, the first annual Montana Clergy Economic Education Conference, will be Sept. 8-12 at the Nine Quarter Circle Ranch, Gallatin Gateway. The program begins at 4 p.m. Sept. 8 with registration and room assignments for the 50 clergymen and 50 lay economic experts attending the workshop.

The conference, conducted through the UM Extension Division, will be an annual event in Montana, said Thomas J. Collins, director of public services at UM, the conference coordinator.

Purdue University launched the first one-week program in economic education for clergy in 1957. Since then more than two dozen economic conferences have been held in 25 states.

The 50 laymen at the Montana conference next month will be comprised of business, industrial, labor and agricultural representatives, Collins said. Topics covered will include both national and international areas of interest.

Opening discussions on Sunday evening, Sept. 8, will include a talk entitled "Economic Values in a Judeo-Christian Society" by the Rev. William Hogan, S.J., director of research at Fordham University, the Bronx, New York. Father Hogan will speak during the 7:15 p.m. program Sept. 8.

The CEEF was founded in 1921 at Purdue to bring a factual and comprehensive analysis of the American economic system to clergymen of all faiths.

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