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The Honorable Gilbert A. Robinson
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Dear Gil:

I have just received your invitation to address the November 18th luncheon sponsored by the Laymen's National Bible Association. I wish that I could do it, but I am just not in a position to take on any more commitments during that period of time. I have just returned from two weeks out of the country, have a heavily committed schedule in front of me, and will be devoting very substantial amounts of time to transitional planning. I hope you will understand.

I know it will be a lovely luncheon and I wish you and the association all the best.

Sincerely,



William H. Webster

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Dear Bill:


For many years I have been on the Board of Directors of The Laymen's National Bible Association and was its President at the time President Reagan invited me to join his administration. This interfaith organization sponsors the annual nonsectarian observance of National Bible Week.

Each year the observance is kicked off with a major luncheon that is held in The Plaza Hotel in New York City. It is attended by about 450 business and religious leaders from across the nation. Last year Secretary of the Interior Hodel was our special guest. The year before Secretary of Transportation Dole was with us. Both have a keen interest in the Bible. This year is a little different. We are honoring President and Mrs. Reagan who have been the Honorary National Chairpersons of National Bible Week for the past eight years.

Until the end of last week we had hopes that the President himself would be present with us for the luncheon on Friday, November 18th. We have now had definite word that he will be unable to attend.

I suggested your name to the Board and was immediately asked to extend an invitation on its behalf. We would be delighted and most honored if you will help us inaugurate the 48th annual observance of National Bible Week at our luncheon on November 18, at 12:00 Noon in The Plaza Hotel in New York City.

With warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Gilbert A. Robinson

P.S. Enclosed is a copy of the luncheon invitation and information about LNBA and National Bible Week.

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FACT SHEET

THE 48TH ANNUAL NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK

DATES: NOVEMBER 20-27, 1988, National Bible Week coincides with Thanksgiving, America's only nonsectarian religious holiday.

PURPOSE: To remind all Americans of the Bible's importance, to motivate Bible reading and study, and to reaffirm the founding principles of the United States.

SPONSOR: LAYMEN'S NATIONAL BIBLE ASSOCIATION, INC., now in its 48th year, is the only interfaith, nonsectarian laity organization in the U.S. Wholly directed by lay men and lay women, LNBA has no official sponsorship from or ties with any faith group, denomination or church, yet works with all on an interfaith basis.

LEADERS: Honorary National Chairpersons: President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan.
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Congressional Co-Chairmen: Sen. John C. Danforth of Missouri and Rep. G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery of Mississippi.

ELEMENTS OF THE WEEK-LONG OBSERVANCE: A public service media campaign created by WernerChepelsky & Partners, the 1988 volunteer ad agency, on the theme: "TO KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING, READ THE BIBLE." Local observances conducted in over 7,500 communities across America by civic groups, schools, libraries, bookstores, churches and synagogues use a basic materials kit supplied free by LNBA. Governmental proclamations are issued by mayors and governors in the U.S. and its territories. President Reagan's Bible Week message is widely distributed in the secular and religious press. (Copies available from LNBA)

KICK-OFF: *The Annual Bible Week Luncheon, Friday, November 18, at the Plaza Hotel, N.Y.C.*

PARTICIPATING CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS: AFL-CIO, Armed Forces Chaplains, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., Kiwanis Intl., General Federation of Women's Clubs, Church and Synagogue Library Association, National Council of Catholic Women, National Exchange Clubs, Christian Booksellers Association, and U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

COOPERATING RELIGIOUS GROUPS: American Bible Society (sponsors Bible Sunday on first day of National Bible Week), Intl. Bible Society, Salvation Army, John Milton Society for the Blind, Jewish Publication Society, Foundation For Christian Living, Lutheran Church, Catholic Biblical Apostolate, Christian Science Church, United Synagogue of America, Southern Baptist Convention, Seventh-day Adventist Church, United Methodist Men, National Council of Churches, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, United Presbyterian Men, Greek Orthodox Church, Episcopal Church, Reformed Church in America, Lutheran Bible Ministries, Scripture Union, Lord's Day Alliance, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, United Church of Christ, Seventh-day Baptist Church, Christian & Missionary Alliance, and hundreds of local churches and synagogues.

CONTACT: *To book interview guests for radio, TV newspapers and magazines, or to obtain additional information, write or call: REUBEN H. GUMS, Executive Director, or KEVIN HOGAN, Assistant for Media & Program.*

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