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The governing board of the United Campus Christian Ministry (UCCM) at Stanford has voted "with extreme reluctance" to terminate the services of the Rev. Joseph Hardegree, a self-described Marxist and Christian, effective June 30.

The cutback stems from a \$7,000 reduction in UCCM's 1970-71 allocation from the United Ministry in Higher Education for Northern California (UMHE). UCCM is an independent organization which leases space from the University in the clubhouse adjoining the Old Union.

In taking its action, the UCCM board reaffirmed "the value of a ministry such as [Hardegree's], which deals openly and seriously with radical political ideologies."

Expressing "strong appreciation" for his work, they said "we feel that UMHE should assume special responsibility for the employment of the Rev. Hardegree within the framework of the Christian Church, preferably in a campus ministry under jurisdiction of UMHE."

The board provided two months additional salary, allowances and benefits beyond June 30 for Rev. Hardegree. A minister in the United Church of Christ, he is 35 years old, married, and father of four children.

A former campus minister at the University of Denver, he coordinated the western half of the Poor People's Campaign in 1968 and came to Stanford that year.

Often seen at campus demonstrations, he is an active supporter of the current boycott at Tresidder Memorial Union. In an interview earlier this week, reported by The Stanford Daily, he said: "Marx and Lenin were essentially right when they stated that religion is a bastion of reaction. When the chips are down, those wielding power in the Church side with their class interests.

"They forget that the Christian symbol is a cross, and that the number one man in Christianity was executed for sedition, among other things."

His departure will leave the Rev. Richard Roe as the sole UCCM pastor at Stanford. Rev. Roe came to Stanford in 1962 and participated in the 1964 Mississippi Summer Project.

When UCCM initially came on the campus in 1966, it had three ministers under its own auspices plus one funded separately by the Episcopal Church. Other denominations supporting UCCM include the Presbyterians, United Church of Christ, the Disciples, and the American Baptists.

Campus ministries have been financially curtailed in the wake of cutbacks in the private support received by several of these denominations nationally.