THE GOD COMMITTEE

You have been chosen as a representative to sit on the God Committee for liver transplants. The following 15 people need new livers, but ONLY SEVEN livers have been donated this month. Which seven should receive the scarce medical resource and why?

1. Dr. Dane. African-American, 35, married, one child (Bobby), no religious affiliation, PhD in history, college professor, good health, physically active, and enjoys politics. Can afford treatment.

2. Mrs. Dane. Caucasian, Jewish, 38, BS and MS in Psychology, counselor in a mental health clinic, drinks heavily, one child (Bobby), and active in community activities. Can afford treatment.

3. Bobby Dane. Mixed Caucasian and African-American, Jewish, 10, attended special education classes for 4 years, has a mental disability, an IQ of 70, good health, and enjoys pets. Can afford treatment.

4. Mrs. Garcia. Hispanic, 33, raised Catholic, 9th grade education, exotic dancer, prostitute, good health, in a foster home as a child, was attacked by foster father at age of 12, ran away from home, returned to reformatory where she stayed until 16, and has a 3-week old child, Jean. Cannot afford treatment.

5. Jean Garcia. Three weeks old, Hispanic, in good health, and is still nursing. Cannot afford treatment.

6. Mrs. Evans. African-American, 32, Muslim, BA, and MA in elementary education, teacher, divorced with one child (Mary), good health, outstanding teacher, enjoys working with children. Can afford.

7. Mary Evans. African-American, 8, Muslim, 3rd grade, excellent student, and in good health. Can afford.

8. John Jacobs. Asian-American, 13, Protestant, 8th grade, honor student, and in good health. Cannot afford, but national media is following her story and people are sending funds.

9. Mr. Newton. Caucasian, 26, atheist, starting last year of medical school, known to have homosexual tendencies, good health, and wears “freaky” clothes. Cannot afford treatment.

10. Mrs. Clark. Caucasian, 26, Muslim, college graduate in electrical engineering, married, no children, good health, enjoys outdoors sports, and grew up in the inner-city. Can afford treatment.

11. Sister Mary Kathleen. A Caucasian Nun, 35, college graduate, English major, middle-class American, drinks occasionally but in good health. Can afford treatment.

12. Mr. Black. Caucasian, 51, Mormon, high school graduate, mechanic, “Mr. Fix-it,” married, and in good health. Cannot afford treatment.

13. Miss Harris, Hispanic, 21, Protestant, college senior, nursing major, likes people, good health, and enjoys outdoor sports. Cannot afford treatment.

14. Father Flanagan. African-American, 37, Catholic, college, seminary experience, priest, active in civil rights activities, criticized for his liberal views, good health, and a former college athlete. Cannot afford.

15. Dr. Lee. Asian-American, 66, Protestant, MD cancer researcher and colleagues claim he is on the brink of medical breakthrough. He has had two heart attacks in the past 5 years. Can afford treatment.