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ANDERSON, HAROLD L.F.

## Vitae of Candidates for Ordination

### Harold L. F. Andersen

(Recommendations by Pastors H. C. Jorgensen and F. W. Thomsen)



I, Harold Luther Frey Andersen, son of Pastor E. R. Andersen and wife Marie Andersen, nee Frey, was born October 16, 1917, in Kenmare, North Dakota. I was baptized in Nazareth Lutheran Church at Kenmare on the 28th of October, 1917, and confirmed in Emmaus Lutheran Church at Racine, Wisconsin, on the 29th of March, 1931, by my father.

At the time I was four years of age my father moved to Racine, Wisconsin, and it was there that I received my grade school and high school education. In 1937 I graduated from Washington Park High School and immediately took a job with the J. I. Case Company in Racine. At the same time I took several courses from the University of Wisconsin Extension Division. I attended Dana College during the school year of 1939-1940. In August, 1940, I enlisted in the Army and served until April, 1946. However, I returned to Dana College for the spring semester in 1946 and also for the 1946-47 school year. I attended summer school in 1947, having made a request for admittance to Trinity Seminary. This request was granted, so I was admitted to Trinity in the fall of 1947 and have attended there all three years. By attending summer school each summer and taking college courses in addition to my seminary work, I have completed my requirements for a college degree and will receive both the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Divinity degree this spring.

Having been brought up in a Christian home by parents deeply devoted to the work of the Church and the Kingdom of God, I became conscious of my responsibility to God at an early age, and I do not believe that I have ever been completely free of that sense of responsibility. There was the usual period of disillusionment with the Church, especially during the time that I was in service, but even then I felt that the guiding hand of God was not far distant from me. When I returned to school in the spring of 1946, after being released from active Army duty, I had decided upon a career in international law. However, during the summer of 1946 a friend of mine accepted a teaching position at about one-half the salary he had been receiving in industrial work because he had come to the conclusion that he had a responsibility to serve society in whatever way he could best. This especially caused me to reconsider my plans, and I decided to return to Dana College and complete the academic requirements for the ministry.

On December 19, 1946, I was united in marriage to Miss Ann Lage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Lage, of Omaha, Nebraska. In our association we felt that we had both experienced the guiding hand of God and the saving love of Jesus Christ, and that we were under obligation to serve Him. There was then no question in my mind as to whether or not I should enter the ministry. It seemed clear that, in spite of all the deviations, divine guidance had finally brought me to the point of decision and that my future work was clearly defined for me. The blessings of this experience have been kept alive by an ever richer experience of the blessings of God in our home and in every phase of our married life. It is our sincere prayer that God can and will use our home and us as witnesses to the world about us of His love and His guidance.

Having received a call from First Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Indianapolis, Indiana, I hereby apply to the United Evangelical Lutheran Church for ordination at its annual convention at Hutchinson, Minnesota, June 13-18, 1950.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold L. F. Andersen.