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ANDERSEN, HENRY LEONHARD
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Individual Questionnaire for

Biographical Record of Ministers

of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church (in America) and its parent synods:
The United Danish Ev. Luth. Church, The Danish Ev. Luth. Church Association
in America and The Danish Ev. Luth. Church in North America.

(Compiled for the Synodical Historical Archives)

Personal Data: (Please give all information you can)

Full name: HENRY LEONARD ANDERSEN

Born when: August 25, 1918 where: Audubon, Iowa

Baptized when and where: 1918 at Audubon, Iowa

Confirmed when and where: April 2, 1933 at Audubon, Iowa by whom: M. C. Hagedorn

If immigrant, date of arrival in America: located where:

Date of ordination: June 11, 1944 where: Medicine Lake, Minn. by whom: Dr. N. C. Carlsen

If not in above synods, when and where accepted as member pastor of our synod:

Retired from active ministry when: why:

Located where: occupation:

If dead, what date: where: cause:

Buried where: date

Marriage: (1) to whom Dorothea Sorensen date and place: May 30, 1942 at Racine, Wis.

Wife's birthdate and place: February 8, 1918 at Racine, Wisconsin

Her parents: Christ & Marie Sorensen location: 1514 Packard Aven. Racine, Wis.

If wife is dead, give date

(2) Second wife (if any; give same information about her)

Children (give names and other information of interest, as occupation, spouse, and present address):

Ronald Meredith Andersen born November 26, 1943 at Blair, Nebraska

Marsha Louise Andersen, born May 26, 1947 at Kansas City, Missouri

Carolyn Christine Andersen, born February 3, 1951 at Kansas City, Missouri

Gregory Christian Andersen, born February 3, 1951 at Kansas City, Missouri

Other information on family of historical interest, i.e., members in the ministry, missionary work, teaching and medical professions, etc.:

Johannes E. Andersen is my older brother and was ordained into our ministry

June 22, 1952. My sister, Eleanor Andersen, has been a parish worker in Blair,

and now is engaged in the same at Lynwood, California. My other sister is

married to Rev. Roswell Aden of Bluff Springs, Illinois, a pastor of the Wartburg

Synod, U.L.C.A.

Educational Training: Give name of institution, location, and when attended.

High Schools: Audubon High School graduate in 1936 (salutatorian)

Colleges (Give also degrees attained): Dana College graduate, 1941 with B. A. in English and

History.

Theological Schools: Attended Maywood (Chicago Lutheran Seminary) in 1941-42, and our own, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, 1942-44 graduating with a B. D. in 1944

Honorary Degrees received (give name of institution and date):

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Other specific training:

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Additional comment on above:

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Ministerial Service. Please give in chronological order the names of congregations or charges served, and period of each.

Bethany Lutheran Church, Roxbury, Massachusetts July, 1944 to November, 1946

Westwood Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Kans., November, 1946 to March, 1951

Bethany Lutheran Church, Denver, Colorado, April, 1951 to present

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REV. P. C. JENSEN
STATIONARY & HISTORIAN
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
BLAIR, NEBRASKA

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Date July 27, 1954

Signed

Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

Secretary of Atlantic District, 1944-45, President of Atlantic District Luther League 1946 and Dean of Bible Camp 1945-46, Secretary of Nebraska District 1949-53, Nebraska District Luther League President, 1948, Editor of "Christmas Chimes" 1949-51, Member-at-large of Home Mission Board from 1952-54, Member of Eben Ezer Home & Hospital Board, 1952-54.

Other activities and official services-at-large (teaching, chaplaincy, editorial, etc., and period of each):

Niobrara Bible Camp, 1948 Teacher on "Worship", Lutheran Chaplain West Roxbury V.A. Hospital, Dean Lutheran Leadership School, 1949-51 at Kansas City, Missouri and 1952-54 at Denver, Colorado.

Literary production (books and pamphlets): Give titles and when published.

Additional information of interest: I had the joy of serving in defense housing ministry at the Martin Bomber Plant, Bellevue, Nebraska from May, 1942 to June, 1944. We built a basement church under war-time conditions, and we organized a congregation from all kinds of Synodical backgrounds. The building program at Westwood Lutheran in Kansas City, Kansas was also a big experience.

Date July 27, 1954

Signed

A Leonard Andersen

NOTE: Our previous biographical records were lost in the tragic fire that destroyed the office building of the Lutheran Publishing House, Blair, Nebr., Febr. 15, 1953, where the synodical historian also had his office. This accounts for the detailed questionnaire now. In the case of deceased members of our clergy we are largely dependent upon living members of their family for correct data. Be assured all cooperation in gathering this historically important data will be highly appreciated. Please fill in what you can, perhaps with the assistance of others acquainted with subject. Furthermore, if you have clippings or other material about the person concerned, especially a photo or picture of him, and we may either have it or borrow it, please send it along. All our collection of cuts was also ruined in the fire. If you can refer us to any person, book or paper that can inform us further, we shall be very much obliged to you.

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Parents: Father (give name, birthplace, occupation, residence, etc.) Ejner A. Andersen born near
Nykøbing, Falster, Denmark, blacksmith and now resides 205 Leroy St. Audubon, Iowa
Arrived in U. S. 1913 at Omaha, but in 1916 settled in Audubon, Iowa

Mother (give her maiden name, birthplace, home before marriage, etc.) Sarah (Hansen) Andersen born
at Nykøbing, Falster, Denmark, and arrived in U. S. 1916 at Audubon, Iowa

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PASTOR ANDERSEN RESIGNS JANUARY 1, 1956

Following the morning worship service on New Year's Day Pastor Andersen read a letter in which he offered his resignation as pastor and spiritual guide of First Bethany Lutheran Church. He has accepted a call to become pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Berea, Ohio, a congregation of the American Lutheran Church. This is one of the leading synods in the contemplated merger of which our United Evangelical Lutheran Church is also a part. He stated that there is a difference in practice between the two synods with respect to the departure date of a pastor who has resigned, and in view of the same requested a compromise at six weeks' time. The former group leaves shortly after resignation while our constitutions usually specify 90 days. He asked permission to make his farewell sermon on February 12, and the church council will recommend to the annual meeting that this request be granted. By such an arrangement he can be with his new parish during all of the Sundays of the Lenten season.

Pastor Andersen came to Denver on April 1, 1951 from Westwood Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Kansas. He has also served Bethany Lutheran Church of Roxbury, Massachusetts. St. Paul's of Berea, Ohio has recently relocated and in October dedicated a parish hall that is valued at nearly \$150,000. They are anxious to begin the project of building the church itself. There is a baptized membership of 613, a Sunday School of more than 300, a full-time parish worker on the staff, and a good opportunity for the future. The city has a population of 16,000 and is located 14 miles from the city of Cleveland, Ohio.

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL, JAN. 8

At the worship service on Sunday, January 8 the church council for 1956 will be installed. Mr. William Pinnell as President, Miss Jean Christiansen as Vice President, Miss Alice Eriksen as Secretary, Mr. Arthur Bumpeltes as Treasurer, Mr. Evald Holm, T. M. Thomsen and Svend Pedersen as Trustees, Mr. Emanuel Knudsen,

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JAMAICA PLAIN 30, MASS.
September 16, 1946

The Rev. P. C. Jensen
Blair, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Editor,

This is official notice that I have resigned from my call as pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church of Roxbury, Mass. to accept a call from Our Savior's Memorial Lutheran Church of Kansas City, Kansas. I read my letter of resignation on September 8, plan to preach my farewell sermon on November 17, and hope to be installed in my new charge on December 1.

Sincerely yours,

H. Leonard Andersen