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CHRISTIAN EMIL BERTELSEN  
1895 - 1966

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: Christian Emil Bertelsen
Born when: 3/12 1895 where: Hornstrup, Fyn, Denmark Europe
Baptized when and where: 5/5-1895 Hornstrup Kirke
Confirmed when and where: In spring 1909 by whom: Rev. Pratorius
If immigrant, date of arrival in America: 1921 located where: Webster Groves, Mo.
Date of ordination: June 11 1933 where: Waupesa, Wis. by whom: Dr. Carlsson
Retired from active ministry when: 1963 why: advanced age
Located where: Harlan, Iowa occupation: Visiting Pastor
If dead, what date: August 22, 1966 where: Harlan Iowa cause: Lingering illness
Buried where: Harlan, Iowa date: Aug 25

Marriage: (1) to whom Edith Pedersen date and place: 5/30, 1936 Morgan, Minn
Wife's birthdate and place: Audubon, Ia
Her parents: Jens & Ellen Pedersen location: Morgan, Minn
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): .....

*Norman Christian Bertelsen, Kaukaee, Ill.*  
*Mary Lou*                   *"*  
*Douald James*           *"*  
*Carol Jean*               *"*

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

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

High Schools: *Academy at Louisa*

Colleges (Give also degrees attained): *Capital University*

Theological Schools: *Trinity Seminary 1930-33*  
*Blair, Neb.*

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

Other specific training: .....

Additional comment on above: .....

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

Emmons, Nebraska, Ill. 1933-1938  
Our Saviour's Evangelical and Trinity  
at Bixby, Minn. 1938-1947  
Trinity Churches at Rutland and  
Humboldt, Ia. 1947-1950  
Trinity, Kaukahee, Ill. 1950-1963

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Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

Secretary of all

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

✓

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

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Additional information of interest:

His photo in U.S.E.C. Yearbook 1933

Date

3/21/1955

Signed

Chr. Bertelsen

**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.

Return this report as soon as possible to

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Parents: Father (give name, birthplace, occupation, residence, etc.)

Rasmus Christian  
Bertelsen, Hornstrup, Tyn, Denmark

Mother (give her maiden name, birthplace, home before marriage, etc.)

Anna Marie Rath, Hornstrup,