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BOX 2

PACKET 27

ALVIN WOODWARD CHING
1922 -

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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: Alvin Woodard Chiving

Born when: APRIL 29, 1922 where: Castlewood, So. Dakota

Baptized when and where: April 4, 1944

Confirmed when and where: Brookings, So. Dak. by whom: Rev. A E Hanson

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

Date of ordination: Sept 12, 1950 where: Minneapolis by whom: Nils Kleven

If not in above synods, when and where accepted as member pastor of our synod: June 20, 1956

Retired from active ministry when: why:

Located where: occupation:

If dead, what date: where: cause:

Buried where: date:

Marriage: (1) to whom Harriette Bekke date and place: March 21, 56; Minneapolis

Wife's birthdate and place: Feb 24, 1927 Hayti, So. Dakota

Her parents: Mr + Mrs Henry Bekke location: Hayti, So. Dakota

If wife is dead, give date

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

366. A. W. Chiving

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

None

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

None

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

High Schools: Brookings Hi., Brookings, So. Dakota.
1936-1940

Colleges (Give also degrees attained): So. Dakota State College, Brookings
S. D. BS Physical Chemistry. Also 3
yrs of work on a degree in Mechanical Engineering

Theological Schools: Luther Theological Seminary
Como Ave + Luther Place, St. Paul, Minn.

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

None

Other specific training:

United States Air Force Training School for Aerial Photographic Officers; Training School for Counter Intelligence Officers, U.S. Army

Additional comment on above:

During the War (WWII) I commanded a Photographic Unit in the States and the 97th Counter Metropolitan Counter Intelligence Unit overseas, Headquarters Nagoya Japan.

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

Bethany Luth. Ch. 27th & E. Franklin Mpls
Sept - Dec. 1950.

Edina Comm. Luth. Church June 1955 - Present

NOTE: Our previous biographical records were lost in the tragic fire that destroyed the office building of the Lutheran Publishing House, Minneapolis, Sept. 15, 1963. Where the synodical historian has had his office. This accounts for the missing information in the case of persons mentioned in the records. We assure all cooperation in restoring this historically important data will be highly appreciated. Please fill in what you can perhaps with the assistance of others acquainted with subject. and we may either have it or borrow it please send it along. All our collection of sets 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:

REV. C. JENSEN
STATISTISKA & HISTORISKA
UNDERSÖKNINGEN
SVERIGES LUTHERSKA
KIRKAN

Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

None

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

None

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

A number of unpublished papers on
Religious Psychotherapy

Additional information of interest:

6 yrs of post-graduate work in
Philosophy & Psychology. I will soon get
my Ph.D. in Psychology at the University of
Minn. Specialized in Philosophy of Religion,
Philosophy of Science and Learning Theory
(Psychology).

Date

July 16, 56

Signed

Woodard Chering

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

John

Parents: Father (give name, birthplace, occupation, residence, etc.) Russell J Ching
Birthplace: Castlewood, S.D., Retired, 402-4th St NW
Watertown, So. Dak.

Mother (give her maiden name, birthplace, home before marriage, etc.)
Mabel L. Lorshbough, Hartley, Iowa and
Residence: Clark, So. Dakota.

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PASTORS - PAUL F. KELLER
WOODARD CHING

TELEPHONES: CHURCH - WALNUT 6-3808
PARSONAGE - WALNUT 6-8659

Rev PC Jensen
Statistician & Historian
United Evang. Luth. Ch.
Blair, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

I was in the University Hospital when your postcard came. Here are the answers to the questions you asked me to answer:

Father: Russell John Ching

Mother: Mabel Leda Lorschbough

Home Town: Watertown, So. Dakota

Date of Ordination: Sept 12, 1950.

Ordination performed by: Rev. Nils Kleven

Address (my own) 4550 - 35 Ave So., Mpls, Minn

Wife (maiden name): Harriette Bekke

Home Town: Watertown, S. Dakota

I hope this information will help you compute some additional statistics and estimate some more parameters. If you can correlate an Englishman who has a Chinese name and belongs to a Danish Lutheran Church,

with anything else, and add to the
sum-total of human knowledge thereby —
more power to you.

Yours truly,
Woodard Ching.

Thank you for welcoming me. Wc

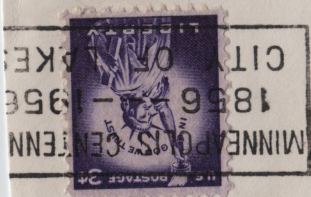
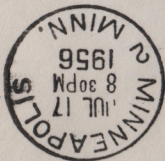
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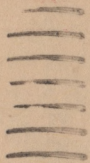
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Blair, Nebraska



Woodard Ching
4550 - 35 Ave So.
Maple & Mann.

July 18, 1957

Dear Pastor Jensen:



With reference to your recent card asking for information regarding the status of Woodard Ching; he has left

the Lutheran Church.

Sincerely,

Carl F. Allen

Edina Community Lutheran Church