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JOHN CHRISTENSEN
1884-1974

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: John Christensen

Born when: May 4, 1884 where: Mygdal Parish (Sogn) near Hjørring, Denmark

Son of Niels Chr. Christiansen & wife Anne, nee Jensen

Baptized when and where: June 1, 1884 at his home, Sdr. Gøgggaard by Pastor Jacobsen

Confirmed when and where: April 17, 1898, Bjergby Church by whom: Past. Madsen-Hindshol

If immigrant, date of arrival in America: March 16, 1903 located where: Turin, Monona Co., Iowa

Date of ordination: June 20, 1926 where: Waupaca, Wis. by whom: Pres. Dr. N. C. Carlsen

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

Retired from active ministry when: June 1, 1953 why: age

Located where: Marcus, Iowa supply pastor at an Augustana church
Moved to Ames, Iowa, Sept, 1961 occupation: north of Storm Lake, Ia. 1953-56

If dead, what date: where: cause:

Buried where date

Marriage: (1) to whom Ruth H. Haglund date and place: May 30, 1927

Wife's birthdate and place: June 15, 1899 at Jersey City, N.J.

Her parents: Charles Haglund & wife Anna Marie Larson, Washington Island, Wis.

If wife is dead, give date

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

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

1: Charles J. Christensen, Dana College. 1947-51; ELC Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. 56-59
Naval Chaplain 6th Fleet 1959-63. Now at Chicago without a charge.
Member A.L.C.

2: James Marcus Christensen, attended Iowa State College a year.
married Joyce Briggs. Reside at Marcus, Iowa.

3: Marguirite Christensen, m. Duane Haerther, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. *(Marion Iowa)*
Attended ~~Valparaiso~~ Valparaiso Tech. College, Ind.

4: Meriam Christensen, m. Albert Porter, technician at Collins Radio, Cedar Ra-
pids, Iowa.

5: Paul H. Christensen, Att. Valparaiso U., Ind., B.S. Business Science
empl. Continental Casualty Ins., Columbus, O.; Mgr. of Brokerage Office,
Chicago; later at San Francisco (1969) married Jeanette Bach.

All active member of our Lutheran churches where located.

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

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

High Schools: attended a trade school at Northfield one winter.....

Colleges (Give also degrees attained): St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn. 1906-08 (winter stud
Dana College, Blair, Nebr. 1921-23 cent.)

Theological Schools: Trinity Seminary, Blair, 1923-26

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

Other specific training: Attended a Trade School and served a Lumber Company in
Kenmare, Minot and Tioga, North Dakota, as bookkeeper and manager 1908-15.
and did carpenter work
Moved to Sidney, Montana, in 1915 and farmed a homestead, until 1921, when
he and family moved to Blair.

Additional comment on above:

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

- Wisconsin District Mission Pastor on Washington Island, Wis. Jun. 1926-33
where he organized a congregation Oct. 30, 1928; had church built in 1931
- Pella Church, Clinton, Wis. April 1, 1933 - Jan. 15, 1940
- Ebenezer Church, Rt. 3, Audubon, Iowa Jan. 15, 1940 - Sept. 15, 1943
- Nazareth Church, Marcus, Ia. & Gethsemane, Oyens, Ia. 1943 - June 1, 1953
- An L.E.A. congregation north of Alta, Ia. Sept. 1, 1953 - June 1, 1956

NOTE: Our previous biographical records were lost in the fire that destroyed the office building of the Luther-
an Publishing House, Blair, Neb. Feb. 15, 1953, where the synodical historian also had his office. This accounts for
the missing dates in the case of certain ministers. We are assured of 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.
and we may either have it or borrow it, please send it along. All our collection of cuts was also turned 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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Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

none

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.

Additional information of interest:

Present address: Rev. John Christensen,
111 Sheldon Ave., Apt. 3,
Ames, Iowa, 50010

Date April 1969 Signed Copied by P.C. Jensen from a hand written letter
from him dated 4/14; and from his Vita in UDELG Yearbook 1926.
1969

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John Christensen - born May 4, 1884 - So. Stoggaard, Mygdal Parish
near Aarving, Jutland, Denmark. Europe!

Youngest son of Niels Christian Christensen & wife Anne Caecilia nee Jensen
Baptized June 1, 1884. Private - in the farm home! By a Rev. Jacobson. Presented at
church June 22, 1884: The day of the burial of his mother.

Confirmed April 17, 1898 by Sjunde by Rev. Madson - Hindaeholm.

Arrived in America: Lind Iowa March 16, 1903

Ordained into the ministry June 20, 1926. Wapukaca, Wis. - St. W. C. Carlem.

Retired from active ministry June 1, 1953.

Was located at Marcus Iowa,

Married to Ruth A. Haglund May 30, 1927, Bethel Church, Washington Island, Wis.

Wife Born at Jersey City, New Jersey June 15, 1899.

Parents - Charles Haglund: wife - Anna Marie Larson. Washington Island, Wis.

John Christensen attended St. Olaf College, Northfield Minn. - 1906 - 1908.

Alana College. Trinity Seminary 1921 - 1926.

Served as supply pastor an Augustana Congregation 10 miles north of
Storm Lake, Ia. Sept. 1953 - June 1956.

Moved to Ames Iowa Sept. 1961. Address: 1112 Sheldon Ave. Apt. 3 -

Ames Iowa - 50010

Children: Char. J. Christensen: Marcus High 1947: Lane-51: taught 1950-51-52
Lamborg Mel. W. S. married 52-54. S. N. S 54-56. E. T. C. Seminary at Paul, 56-59:
Naval Chaplain. 6th Flot. Mediterranean, 59-63. At Chicago.

James- Marcus High 1949 - 4 quarters Iowa State married to Joyce Briggs, Marine.
Five children. Alvin. a daughter Beverly. lived at S. N. S. 3 sons. Jim. Brian
Joyce: S. N. S. from S. N. S. Elementary teacher.

Marguerite Christensen Knutson. Marcus High 1951: S. N. S. Armo-1955:
B. S. degree in Home Ec. 2 Majors. English: Child Development: Minor Social
Science: Married: Duane Knutson 1957. B. S. electrical Eng. S. N. S. and
Dalhousie College of Technology - Dalhousie Inst. Eng. Tech. at Illinois Radio Repair
Marguerite taught Technical Writing: Applied Art at Dalhousie and home in the
at girls dorm. ~~two~~ ^{two} daughters Patricia, Kathryn.

Miriam Christensen: Marcus High 1953. 2 yrs Cedar Falls: 1 yr Teaching
married Alvin Peter of Marcus. a Technician at Collins Radio Civil Engineer
2 daughters - Jill. Andrea.

Paul St. Christensen: Marcus High 1958: Daphnia 2. Daphnia 2. Daphnia 2.
Paul, 1963 - B. S. Degree in Business Economics. Admitted to
Continental Casualty Insurance, trained as underwriter, 1964. Some office
2 yrs. Columbus Ohio. Recalled to Home Office. Advanced to Asst. 1967
Home Office 1971. Manager of Bridge Office, Some Group Chicago. ~~Cal.~~
Some a second advancement and transferred to San Francisco Cal.
Married: to Jeanette Bach. B.S. Degree in Home Ec. Michigan State. Mich. who
has been assistant buyer of Ladies Apparel, Carson, Perri Scott Chicago.
and branch stores.

The children have prospered well: Most of all they adhere to the faith
their father has so faithfully taught them.

Now a pastor of A.S. Synod. Jim's his family are members of
Bethesda Church at Ames. Their second son will be confirmed with Monte
Marquitt & Luane belong to Lutheran Church Wisconsin Synod. Both are
hand workers for their church. St Paul of Marion: the train teachers to
teach in the A.S. This year she is in charge of Bible Vacation School.

Marion & her family attend A.S.C. Round Trip: ~~from~~ but is not a Lutheran.
Paul was confirmed in Wisconsin Church: Pease of Marcus. His wife is
Presbyterian: but will be confirmed in the Lutheran Church. When they are located
in San Francisco:

Ministerial Service.

Ordained June 20, 1926 at First Service Church, Washington, Wisconsin.
Called by this district, Abramston, to serve as mission pastor in
Washington Island, Wis. Beginning his work June 27, 1926
Congregation organized Oct. 30, 1928. Church built & dedicated May 3, 1931
Reformed April, 1933.
Fella Church. Clinton, Wisconsin April, 1933 - Jan. 15, 1940.
Ebenzer Church. Audubon Iowa: Jan. 15, 1940 - Sept. 15, 1943.
Parable Church Marcus - Bethel Iowa. Sept. 15, 1943 - June, 1945
N.C.A. Church. North of Alta Iowa, Sept. 1, 1953 - June, 1956

Other Training: Attended St. Olaf College. 1906-1908. Studying Business
and bookkeeping. Starting work at First Lutheran Co. he worked to
manage, at Kenosha, Minn and Iowa N. Dakota. 1908-1915.
Summer of 1915. moved to a farm at Delaney Montana living
there until he moved to Blair to attend College there 1921.

Ames, Iowa, April 14, 1969.

Rev. P. C. Jensen,

Sir:

Thank you for your letter. The record blank you sent became messed, so I have written what you want to know - please enter same on a new record sheet.

We have been away, two weeks to Marion Iowa visiting our daughters. Then to Chicago July back to visit our sons. Paul our youngest son has been transferred by his company to California, thus the visit before his departure.

John had a letter from Herman Schmidt asking for a photo, which we hope to send shortly. also sending one to you. We have many snapshots but have been informed they are unsatisfactory for copy.

John had a brother Jens Christian Christensen living at Turin, Iowa 1910-1964, and was guardian for the young one arriving there 1903. He left Turin 1904 to spend a year in Denmark because of ill health. On his return to the U.S. he lived in Colorado. Died there about Oct. 1909.

The paper on the children not necessarily for a record. They learned early togetherness would be essential and they have diligently followed their

course. helping each other financially with our help, when possible.

John will be 85 yrs. old next week. Feeling well, he neither sees or hears well. He reads with an electric lit magnifying glass, which helps to occupy his days.

Our children are very good to us, since they are 'our family,' we feel very close to them.

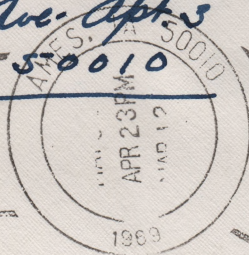
The picture you ask for will be sent soon as they are available to us.

I am sorry John cannot write this letter to you. He sends fondest greetings to you and Mrs. Jensen. And hopes to attend the celebration at Ebenezer. How can he visit you for a conversation or so.

If you want any further information - we shall be glad to send it to you.

Very Sincerely
John Christensen
R. F. C.

Rev. John Christensen
111 S. Hudson Ave. Apt. 3
Ames Iowa 50010



Reverend P. C. Jensen
115 So. 18th Street

R. F. C.