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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: AARON ERIC CHRISTIANSEN
January 14, 1899

Born when: where: Racine, Wisconsin

Baptized when and where: Spring, 1899 Immanuel Luth. Church

Confirmed when and where: April 13, 1913, Racine, Wis. by whom: Rev. M. O. Block

If immigrant, date of arrival in America: June 2 located where:

Date of ordination: 1929 where: Elkhorn, Iowa 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: Dearborn, Michigan occupation: Veterans Hospital Chaplain

If dead, what date: where: cause:

Buried where: date:

Marriage: (1) to whom Alice C. Christiansen date and place: June 5, 1929

Wife's birthdate and place: August 13, 1899, Racine, Wisconsin

Her parents: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Johnson location: Both deceased

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):

Margaret L. Christiansen: graduated from Dana College with
B. A. degree in 1953. She is a Social Worker for The Lapeer

Consultation Center, Detroit, Michigan

Helen L. Christiansen: she has attended Dana College for two
years. She plans to attend Capital University, Columbus, Ohio
for two years and then plans to teach.

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

Helen Margaret Jacobsen, Missionary to Africa, is my niece.

Jack E. Jacobsen, Pastor at Marcus, Iowa, is my nephew.

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

High Schools: Dana Academy, Blair, Nebraska, 1919-1923.

Colleges (Give also degrees attained): Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois
B. A. degree 1923-1926.

Theological Schools: Trinity Lutheran Seminary, one year, 1926-1927

Chicago Lutheran Seminary, Maywood, Illinois 1927-1929 B. D. degree

Honorary Degrees received (give name of institution and date): ..None.....

Other specific training: ..Chaplains' School, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

1942

Additional comment on above: ..In preparation for Army Chaplaincy service.

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

Bethany Lutheran Church, West Branch, Iowa, 1929-1932

First English Lutheran Church, Brush, Colorado, 1932-1937

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Hartland, Wisconsin, 1937-1942

On leave of absence from Our Savior's Lutheran Church from

October, 1942 until September, 1944.

Left Our Savior's Lutheran Church in October, 1945.

REV. P. C. JENSEN
STATISTICIAN & HISTORIAN
UNITED EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH
DEAR BROTHERS

Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

Secretary, Illinois District 1947-1952

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

Chaplain, Army, AUS, for 23 months : October, 1942-September, 1944.

Director of Chaplaincy services, Lutheran Charities, Detroit, Michigan, 1945-1951

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

None

Additional information of interest:

Date June 29, 1954

Signed

Rana E. Christiansen

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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Dearborn, Michigan
March 23, 1953

Rev. P. C. Jensen, Editor
Luthersk Ugeblad
Blair, Nebraska

Dear friend:

Recently we have moved here to Dearborn, closer to my work, and I am herewith sending you the change of address from 12020 Northlawn Ave., Detroit, to 21719 Military, Dearborn, Michigan.

Will you kindly list this address in the new Year Book and in the pocket size ministers' book? Our telephone number is Logan 3-6457. Thank you for this accommodation.

We were very sorry to hear about the big fire, but we are glad that things are working out real well.

We are happy in this new home which we had built. It was hard to get the right location and type of house, so we decided to have one built, though it is very expensive.

We hope to see you at Dana for graduation. Our daughter, Margaret, is a senior this year.

Best greetings and good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Arvo E. Christiansen