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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: Laurits Christian Hansen

Born when: Nov. 6, 1883 where: Toreby Parish
Sløsserup, Lolland, Denmark to parents
Peter Hansen and wife, Dorthe Hansen

Baptized when and where: Toreby Church
at Immanuel's Church, Council Bluffs, Iowa

Confirmed when and where: Spring 1897 (at Norw. Synod. Church) by whom: P. A. Hendrickson.

If immigrant, date of arrival in America: 1885 located where: Council Bluffs, Iowa

Date of ordination: June 5, 1921 where: Blair, Nebr. by whom: G. B. Christiansen

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

Retired from active ministry when: 1947 why: Obtained employ. at Luth. Publ. House
Res. 2120 Nebraska St. (purchased house from Rev. L. H. Kjøffer)
Blair, Nebr.

Located where: Blair, Nebr. occupation: retired from this. 1956

If dead, what date: Apr. 14, 1965 where: Blair, Nebr. cause: af-ter operation for stomach
ulchers

Buried where Blair Cemetery date Apr. 21, 1965

Marriage: (1) to whom Agatha C. Mengers date and place: March 30, 1921, St. Louis, Mo.

Wife's birthdate and place: Dec. 2, 1896 at Philadelphia, Pa.

Her parents: Niels Carl Christiansen
Rev. ~~Ernst~~ Mengers & wife location: deceased (see his file)
Maren Dorthea nee Henricksen from Hampton, Nebr.

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):

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..... David..... Denver, Colo.....

..... Ethan..... Atascadero, Calif

..... Charles..... Arlington, Nebr.

..... Ellen, Mrs. Gail Schooley,..... Chicago, Ill.....

..... Sara Anne, Mrs. Harold Houser..... Bloomington, Ind.

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:

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Colleges (Give also degrees attained):

..... Dana College..... 1913-16

..... State University of Nebr., Lincoln, Nebr. 1916-17

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Theological Schools:

..... Trinity Seminary, Blair, Nebr. 1918-20

..... Chicago Luth. Seminary, Maywood, Ill. 1920-21

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Honorary Degrees received (give name of institution and date): B.A. - U. of Nebr.

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.

1921-22: Gethsemane Danish Luth., Chicago, Ill.

1922-27: Dan. Luth. Churches at Shennington, Camp Douglas, & Warrens, wis

1927-37: Trinity Ch., Kenmare, & Zion Church, Norma, North Dakota

1931-35: also Lutheran Ch., Luverne, N.D.

1937-47: Dannebrog Luth. Ch. & Dry Creek Luth. Ch., Dannebrog, Nebr.

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Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

Secretary North Dakota District 1928-37

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

Custodian, Proofreader, Mailcarrier, Luth. Publ. House, Blair 1947- 56

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

Additional information

Mr. Marshall 30, 1919
CONCLUDING SERVICE
Blair Cemetery

C. Clifford Madsen
William Thomsen
Paul Johnson

PALMBEARERS

Clifford Hansen
Delvin Hultion
Oto Save

Oh Love That Will Not Let Me Go, P. 402

Behold The Great White Host, P. 599

MUSIC BY

Soloist
Organist

Rev. George Pallesen

OFFICIATING

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Saturday, April 17, 1965--2:00 P. M.

November 6, 1883
Denmark

SERVICES AT

April 14, 1965
Blair, Nebraska

LAURITS CHRISTIAN HANSEN
IN MEMORY OF

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

Date April 1965

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Rev. L. C. Hansen Died Wednesday

April 14, 1965

Funeral services were held on Saturday for Rev. Laurits Christian Hansen, 81 years of age, who died Wednesday evening at Memorial Community Hospital.

The services were held at First Lutheran Church, the Rev. Geo. Palleson officiating with interment in Blair Cemetery.

Rev. Hansen, who lived at 2120 Nebraska Street, is survived by his wife, Agatha; sons, David of Denver, Ethan of Atascadero, California and Charles of Arlington; daughters, Mrs. Gail Schooley (Ellen) of Chicago and Mrs. Harold Hauser (Sara Anne) of Bloomington, Indiana; a sister, Mrs. Henry Larsen, of Underwood, Iowa, and 12 grandchildren.

Mr. Hansen was born Nov. 6, 1883 in Denmark. He served in the ministry for many years and also worked at the former Lutheran Publishing House for several years.

Rev. Hansen was married to Agatha Mengers on March 29, 1921 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Rev. Hansen served churches at Chicago, Illinois, Shennington, Wisconsin, Kenmare, North Dakota and Dannebrough, Nebraska. At the age of 65 Rev. Hansen retired and worked for the Lutheran Publishing House in Blair for many years.

Pallbearers were D. C. C. Madsen, Rev. Paul Johnson, Dr. Clifford Hanson, Rev. Delvin Hutton, Rev. William Thomsen and Otto Stave.

The Bendorf Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

by His help and grace to overcome all that which seeks to destroy the soul.

So having once begun the good fight of faith stand fast therein for the gain is life itself in all that is beautiful and good while the loss thereof in the language of God's Word is hell with all its terrible consequences.

The Christian life calls for action, words and promises are empty unless backed up by deeds of loving service both towards God and man. Therefore withstand the tempter in whatever form he may appear and walk daily in willing obedience to Him who is the Lord of truth and love. Choose that which is right and resolve with the help and grace of God to continue therein. The way will often be difficult but will also be rewarding in the best sense of the word. It will mean growth in godliness which is profitable for all things having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

As a fig tree should bear figs, and not olives, so Christians should bring forth fruits of righteousness, and not of evil, As a fountain brings forth one kind of water, so Christianity shows itself in one kind of life, a life consistently Christian.

L. C. Hansen

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A Consistent Life

Can the fig tree, my brethren, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh. James 3:12.

We have often heard the statement: "Actions speak louder than words."

The Christian religion lays down the principles of right living. It is of greatest importance that we have a right knowledge of life and to this we have free access in our God-Given Bible and in His Christian church here upon earth.

God alone, who created man, understands him aright. His commandments show a complete understanding of the human heart. God knew man as he came forth perfect from His hand in the garden of Eden. He knows him also as he is after the fall into sin as a ruined and lost creature.

Because man is precious in the sight of God He wants him back again and makes possible the return through His Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Man in accepting God's salvation finds that he is engaged in warfare, a battle fiercer and more complex than any earth-

ly struggle, a fight to the death with the forces of spiritual evil for the possession of an eternal soul.

"This is the life," yours and mine as a believer and follower of the Son of God, our Redeemer.

The fight is on, O Christian soldier,
And face to face in stern array, . . .
With armour gleaming, and colors stream-
ing,
The right and wrong contend today!
The fight is on be not weary;
Be strong and in His might hold fast;
If God be for us, His banner o'er us
We'll sing the victor's song at last!

On the part of God our salvation is complete. But there remains also our part continuing as long as life shall last and that is what we enter into through a living faith. Faith must have a beginning but it must also "march on" and it is here that the call comes to be consistent. James speaks of the devil going about as a roaring lion but he may also come as an angel of light.

So the contest for victory is very real, this striving against sin. Prophecy speaks of the last times as the day of the great Armageddon. Clearly today the lines are drawn between the forces of good and evil. Unashamed and without conscience the power of darkness raises its standard to do battle against the Church of God and the

free nations of the world. Mighty weapons, falsehood and deceit are used to accomplish its evil purpose bringing men again into the bondage and slavery of sin.

To win in life's warfare we must have a staunch and living faith. We must face the goal and follow the course laid down for its attainment. The goal is the salvation of your own immortal soul.

The hindrances are many and are found around us and within us. They are called the world, the devil and our own flesh. The allurements of the world can be so enticing. Earth's riches and glory can seem so desirable that all else can be forgotten in the mad scramble to acquire what would seem to be so glorious a possession. So many through time, like the rich man in the parable of Jesus, have lost heaven's peace and happiness for that which never can satisfy the soul of man.

Then there is the flesh or the inner desires through which we are tempted to transgress God's holy law and let the evil inclinations of the heart rule over us and lead us in the ways of vanity, pride, selfishness and shameful lusts, which at last plunge men into depths of hopelessness and despair. Whether it be the coarser manner of sinfulness or it be of a refined nature, the result will be the same, to rob man of everything that has true value both for this life and that which is to come. God's call is for man to curb the evil appetites and