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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: Theodor Ingval Jensen
Born when: July 15, 1901 where: Lindsay, Nebraska
Baptized when and where: August 4, 1901, Bethany Lutheran Church, Platte County, Lindsay, Nebr.
Confirmed when and where: April 13, 1919, Danish Luth. Chungh whom: Wolback, Nebr.
If immigrant, date of arrival in America:located where:
Date of ordination: June. 11, where: Waupaca., .Wisconsin by whom: Pastor. NCCarlsen
If not in above synods, when and where accepted as member pastor of our synod:
Retired from active ministry when:why:
Located where: Wartburg Theol. Seminary occupation: Teaching Dubuque, lowa
If dead, what date: where: cause:
Buried where
Marriage: (1) to whom Edith Mathea Sorensen date and place: June 20, 1933, Kenosha, Wis.
Wife's birthdate and place: May 3, 1910, Kenosha, Wisconsin
Her parents: James C. Sorensen and location: Kenosha, Wisconsin
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):
Dorothy Marie Jensen, b. March 15, 1940, now employed as nurse in University Hospital, Minneapolis, Minnesota Ruth Elben Jensen, b. March 24, 1947.
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The United Danish Ev. Luth. Church, The Danish Ev. Luth. Church Association
in America and The Danish Ev. Lutit. Church in North America.
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High Schools: Welback High School, Welback, Nebraska, and Augsburg Academy, Minneapolis, Minnesota. High school graduation certificate in the spring of 1926.
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Colleges (Give also degrees attained): St. Olaf. College, Northfield, Minn., B. A., June 3, 1930.
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Union Theol. Seminary, New York City, S. T. M., May 16, 1946

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	Other activities and official services-at-large (teaching, chaplaincy, editorial, etc., and period of each):
	Teacher in Trinity Theol. Seminary, Blair, Nebraska, 1944-1960; Dean of the seminary, 1946-1956; president of the seminary, 1956-1960 (January, 1960 marks the end of the separate and independent existence of Trinity Seminary.)

	Literary production (books and pamphlets): Give titles and when published.
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Return this report as soon as possible to

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

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April 29, 1956

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

Dear Editor Jensen:

Enclosed is an item which I shall be happy to have you print in <u>Luthersk</u> Ugeblad if you wish.

Sincerely.

Theo. I. Jensen

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Rev. Theo. I. Jensen, dean and professor of systematic theology at Trinity Seminary, Blair, Nebraska, has tendered his resignation from the seminary staff. However, in order to give the board of trustees ample time to make the necessary replacement, Pfofessor Jensen has offered to remain at Trinity until the end of the

1956-1957 school year.

THEO. 1. JENSEN
DEPT. OF SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

Pastor P. C. Jensen
Blair, Nebraska

Dear Friend, Pastor Jensen:

Thank you for your letter received a couple of days ago. It was good to hear from you again, to learn that you and your wife are getting on well, as well as your children. It must be nice for you that three of them are near where you are. All of us here at our house are well too. Our oldest daughter, Dorothy, is not at home. She graduated from nurses training two years ago and is now employed in Minneapolis. My mother and sister live in Minneapolis. Mother is 85 now, but is still in fairly good health.

Now to answer the details about which you ask in your letter. I was elected to teach at Trinity Seminary as of the beginning of the second semester of the 1943-44 school year. As of the beginning of the 1946-47 school year I was made dean of the seminary, which post I held until the end of the school year of 1955-56. At the time Trinity Seminary moved to Dubuque, Iowa, September 1, 1956, I was made president of the seminary. This position I held until Trinity merged officially with Wartubrg Seminary January 1, 1960. Since 1946 until and including the present time I have been professor of systematic theology. In May, 1963 I was named vice-president of Wartburg Seminary. In May, 1964 I was named by the Board of Regents of Wartburg Seminary to serve as dean of the faculty for a three-year term, beginning July 1, 1964. As dean of the faculty I am responsible for the academic phase of the seminary administration. While I am no longer called vice-president, I am still to serve as vice-president in the sense that when the president is absent from the city, I am to act in his capacity when necessary. I believe this answers your specific questions.

You asked for a copy of our 1964 graduation service, including a roster of our graduates. I do not have a copy at hand just at the moment, but shall have a copy sent to you when I get down to the office.

My best wishes to you and Mrs. Jensen.

Sincerely,

P. S. During my entire stay in Blair I as well as all of the other seminary professors were of course also teachers in the religion department of Dana College.

See also FAM-975 Box 3
for the Story of Our Parents for Peter & Minnie
by T. I. Joseph

Blairites Attend Neola Ceremony

A number of Blair people attended graveside services in Neola, Iowa April 9th for Mrs. J. P. Jensen of Minneapolis. Mrs. Jensen was the Marker of Dr. Theodore I. Jensen of Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa and was formerly of Dana College and Trinity Seminary in Blair.

Mrs. Jensen is survived by her son, Dr. Theodore I. Jensen, and another son, Dr. Alvin Jensen, who is a medical doctor in Brownton, Minnesota and her daughter, Miss Christine Jensen, who is a nurse and resides in Minneapolis.

Friends from Blair who attended the service were Mrs.
Peter Bondo, Mrs. Clifford
Madsen, Boas Wisemann, Rev. F.
W. Thomsen and Dr. Clifford

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★ Miss Hedvig Nyholm has retired as professor of English at Omaha University except for evening classes. She was a former student at Dana College.

Miss Karen Jensen, music instructor at Jefferson High School in Council Bluffs, Ia. and Robert Capel, athletic director at the school were married recently. Karen is the sister of Chaplain Richard Jensen, Dana College Campus Pastor and she was a soloist in the Dana College choir when she was a student there.

Theo. I. Jensen

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February 1, 1970

Rev. P. C. Jensen 115 South 18th Street Blair, Nebraska 68008

Dear Friend:

Thank you for your card received a couple of weeks ago. I apologize for the delay in ny answering it. As for Søren Kierkegaard's <u>Begrebet Ironi</u>, I shall of course be happy to receive it and add it to the set I received from you many years ago. I would expect to pay you for it. Therefore, please mark the price in it.

You are most welcome to visit Wartburg Seminary and the archives at any time it is convenient for you to come. In fact both Rev. Wiederanders and I would urge you to make a trip over here sometime this spring perhaps. Please let us know in advance of your coming so that we can arrange to be on the premises when you come. At any rate it would be unfortunate if Wiederanders should not be here when you come.

Probably neither I nor the church (the UELC and its "successor," The ALC) have ever shown due appreciation for the important work you have been doing all these many years in the interest of collecting and saving for future reference books and records, etc. I know it is appreciated, but probably we have not expressed our appreciation as much as we should have. At any rate I know I personally have not. May I take this opportunity to say thank you for the fantastic amount of work you have been doing for the church in this area.

A little personal reminiscence: I was teaching DVBS in Sidney at the time you came there as pastor (You may remember this.) I was present in the church basement of Pella Church on the evening that the congregation gathered for a little informal event for you. (This was just after you had accepted the call but before your family moved there.) You gave a little speech at the time, and you used as your take-off a reference to Pep breakfast food. I wonder if you remember this. Anyway, your theme was "pep"--we must have pep if we are to get anywhere and accomplish anything! And I must say, Rev. Jensen, that you have through the years had a lot of pep--more of it than a great many others.

My good wishes to both you and Mrs. Jensen. I hope you are well. All is well at our house. Again, thank you for writing.

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THEODOR I. JENSEN

Heading the seminary as acting president during the interim is Dr. Theodor I. Jensen, prof. of Systematic Theology and Dean of the Faculty since 1964.

Jensen's record of service in the church includes that of pastor from 1933-44 in parishes at Farmington, Minn., Des Moines and Audubon, Iowa. He became a professor at Trinity Seminary in Blair, Nebraska in 1944 and assumed the presidency in 1956 serving in that capacity during the move of Trinity to the Wartburg campus and until the merger of Trinity Seminary with Wartburg in 1960. He was a member of the U.E.L.C. union committee. In addition to his teaching duties at Wartburg he has been a tireless worker on several faculty and inter-faculty committees. Earlier this year his translation of Regin Prenter's dogmatics CREATION AND REDEMPTION was published by Fortress Press.

Jensen was born in Lindsay, Nebraska. He attended Augsburg and St. Olaf colleges graduating from the latter in 1930. His theological training was from Luther Seminary and Trinity. He has done additional work at Concordia Seminary, Princeton and Union.

Founders Day - October 4

Installation of Dr. Peter L. Kjeseth...his inaugural address, with discussion...worship in Loehe Chapel, Dr. M.C. Austinson, president of Southern Wisconsin District, preaching... panel discussion on "What Is Happening To The Parish Ministry?"...participating pastors, A.C. Schumacher ('43), Homer Larsen ('48), David Rath ('53)...tea...brief meeting of the Wartburg Seminary Association...fellowship banquet featuring President Bruno Schlachtenhaufen of the Iowa District...Wartburg Seminary invites you . . .

CALENDAR

	Sept.	6 -	8	Orientation	of	New	Student
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Sept. 8 Opening Convocation

Sept. 11 Classes Begin

Sept. 18 On-Campus Graduate Studies Begin

Sept. 25 Extension Courses - Spencer and

Waterloo

Oct. 4 Founder's Day

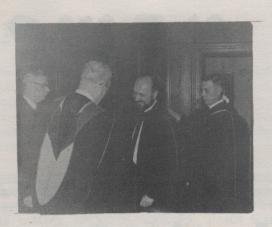
Nov. 7 - 9 Midwest Ecumenical Symposium

ASSOCIATION BALLOT 1967

For Secretary

Emmett Busch ('58)

Don Zelle ('57)



Forrell Honored

The Doctor of Divinity degree was conferred upon Dr. George W. Forrell, director of the School of Religion, the University of Iowa, at the spring graduation exercises. In the citation Forrell was honored for his scholarly competence and teaching excellence, for his battling for the truth of theology as he sees it and maintaining the conviction of the importance of the traditional Lutheran distinction between Law and Gospel, for reasons of his daring to be himself, and to remain alive and fresh when so much of life seems bent on drabness.

Degrees were also conferred on 43 graduating seniors and three graduate students. Commencement speaker was Dr. Edward C. Fendt, president of Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary, Columbus.

Midwest Ecumenical Symposium

Members of the Association of Theological Faculties in Iowa, Inc. present the Midwest Ecumenical Symposium on November 7-9 in Dubuque, Iowa. They are holding a pre-assembly consultation looking toward the 4th Assembly of the World Council of Churches scheduled for Uppsala, Sweden, 1968. Clergy invited!

Speakers for the symposium include Dr. Jerald C. Brauer, dean of the Divinity School, University of Chicago, speaking on "New Mod-

els of Ministry" and "A Critique on the Theology of Revolution"; The Very Rev. Leonidas C. Contos, dean of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Theological School covering "The Concept of Newness: A Biblical and Historical Appraisal"; The Rev. Bernard J. Cooke, S.J., chairman of the department of Theology, Marquette University speaking on "The Future of Sacramental Worship", and teaming with Contos to address the question, "Tradition and Change - Are They Compatible?". Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, general Secretary, World Council of Churches will lecture twice on "Economics and Ecumenics in a Shrinking World" and "Towards a New Style of Living".

For further information write: Association of Theological Faculties in Iowa, 2050 University Ave., Dubuque, Iowa 52001.



Summer Study Programs

A hundred Protestant and Catholic clergymen and women constituted the enrollment of the joint graduate studies summer session in June and July. Among that group were fourteen ALC pastors. Two Wartburg professors were on the seven man faculty.

Interest in the concerns and issues set forth by the capable Luther Academy faculty was high among the participants. But low attendance will again give the committee reason to consider the future of the Academy. Below Carl Stokes, Ohio state legislator and candidate for the office of mayor of Cleveland answers questions about the churches obligation to be involved with city and state governments in ministering to the poor and depressed.



Faculty News

An evening of worship and fellowship in observance of Dr. Ewald's retirement gave many friends the opportunity to say thank you and to wish the Ewalds well.

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Notes from our missionaries

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GIFTS FOR THE SEMINARY





A new flag, an electric water cooler for the chapel foyer, and video tape equipment were gifts given to the sem in recent months. Thanks were extended to Mr. Alvin Burrack, Aurora, Iowa who made a special trip to campus to present the flag in memory of his wife, Charlene.

The cooler was presented by St. Paul's Lutheran congregation of Monona, Iowa, Robert Langholz, pastor:

Concord and Setchell-Carlson video tape equipment is a gift of the Bethany Lutheran

congregation, Portland, Oregon, C.S. Kloth, pastor, who gave \$1700 toward the purchase. The gift came in appreciation for interns supplied to the congregation and was offered on the occasion of its 65th anniversary. Included in the set are a TV camera, tripod, recorder, 9-inch monitor, 23-inch monitor (which is a UHF and VHF TV receiver as well as an independent speaker system), and tapes. The set will be used in preaching classes, liturgics, religious drama, counseling demonstrations and special events coverage.

At The Seminary

Thirty four ladies of Zion Lutheran, West Union, Iowa, escorted by Pastor Paul T. Meyer paid a visit to the campus on May 3.

Georgette Spach was honored by the seminary family on the 14th of July. She has moved to Waverly and now works part-time in the meals-on-wheels program there. Notes to 202 First Ave. N.W., Zip 50677 will reach her.

Badly needed remodeling will make St. Sebald and St. Paul houses more livable this fall. Crews throughout the summer have been replacing the old and inadequate wiring with new. The creaky wooden floors, lifted to run the electrical work, have been replaced with concrete and tile. Walls have been repaired and painted.

While contractors have been working in the dorms, Cliff's campus crew has been busy with exterior repairs on the roofs, windows and woodwork. Two more elm trees on the upper campus had to be removed as the elm disease continues to infect and destroy.

Visiting Lecturers

The faculty will get an assist in the coming school term in the persons of the visiting lecturers who have been scheduled to commute and teach courses. Dr. Richard Evenson of the Parish Ed. Department will teach a course in Christian Education in the fall term and Richard Husfloen of Augsburg College is scheduled for a course in Social Ethics. Christian Social Ethics is the area to be explored in the spring term by Dr. George Forrell, head of the School of Religion at the University of Iowa and Dr. Gerhard Frost of Luther Seminary will lecture in Christian Education and Church Administration.

Fall Enrollment

Figures released by the registrar's office in August list 47 new students for a total of 175 B.D. students. Four in-residence STM candidates are also registered.

Jarvis Study

The editors of the NEWS consider the Jarvis study important and revealing. With his permission we publish the abstract.

Abstract of the Thesis of Wayne L. Jarvis

A LIMITED STUDY OF THE CONTINUED PARTICIPATION OF RECENT CONFIRMANDS OF THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY:

To attempt to determine the degree of participation and the reasons therefor of a 1% random sample of the high school confirmation classes of the American Lutheran church of 1964.

LIMITS OF THE STUDY:

The study was limited to American Lutheran Church high school youth within the continental limits of the United States. In general the study was limited to the activity level of the youth, based on a mathematically calculated activity scale, as determined by their answers as to the congregational activities which they participated in, and its relation to the 62 questions in an instrument entitled, "Youth Activities Inventory." Confirming and explanatory data were also secured through a personal interview with 89 of the 596 youth responding.

Summary of Findings:

- 1. Youth are active in congregational activities in direct proportion to the activity level of the parents, encouragement and support given to youth by parents, and example set by the parents. Forty percent of the activity of the youth can be attributed directly to parent-youth influences.
- 2. Highly active youth find more meaning in the congregation activities (worship, Sunday School, Luther League) than do the very inactive youth. But even the highly active youth do not feel that the church is making Christianity applicable to everyday life. They sense that the church tries to make religion an intellectual exercise rather than something which gives a base upon which to build their lives in the world.

- 3. There is a dichotomous way of thinking in the lives of the youth between the "spiritual" and the "secular." This could be a failure on the part of the church to not recognize the world as part of their spiritual heritage, or it could be attributed to the separation of church and state in our culture. Further research needs to be done in this area.
- 4. There is evidence that The American Lutheran Church is trying to serve the needs of the middle to upper-middle socio-economic class and the more intellectually bent individual. The youth in general are not nearly as interested in the intellectual discussion of doctrine as in how to apply the doctrines of the church to their world.
- 5. Materials and curriculum are not nearly as important to the youth as the establishment of relationships with adults and other youth at the church. Adult example, concern for youth as individuals, and consistency between what adults actually do and what they say they believe are very important to the youths' concept of adulthood in the congregation.
- 6. The youth have the insight to see what is wrong (or at least that something is wrong) but they do not have the experience or maturity to be able to make concrete suggestions as to a plan for revitalization or renewal for the church in order to make it more meaningful for them.
- 7. Worship seems to be meaningful only because they choose to make it so. To most the Liturgy is meaningless because they don't understand what is taking place and the adults around them do not feel that it is meaningful. The sermons are the best part of the service because modern language is used; but there are too many cliches and too much theological jargon used for them to understand what is being said. They say that the hymns are out of date and don't apply to the church today, and the tunes are more like funeral dirges than something that expresses the joy of a life in Christ.

It is the responsibility of the adults of the church - laymen, pastors, and others to make Christianity take meaningful forms for the youth.

Alumni Nems

Henry H. Hafermann (W'52) has completed the U.S. Air Force senior chaplain course at Air University, Maxwell AFB. Alabama.

Kenneth Thurow (W'63) was re-elected secretary of the South District of the ALC.

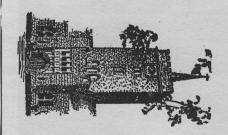
Hans E. Sandrock (W'46) Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) U.S. Air Force recently had the privilege of pinning six awards of the air medal on his brother Vernon H. Sandrock, F-104 Starfighter pilot and operations officer, U.S. Air Force (also Lieutenant Colonel).



Class Reunions

The class of 1917 held a reunion this summer in Denver.

Twenty of the class of 1957 and their families returned to Wartburg early in July for their 10-year reunion. Organizer of the reunion was Don Zelle, now pastor of St. Peter's in Dubuque.



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Dear Alumnus:

Greetings from Wartburg Seminary. Often in the years I have been a teacher I have had a little nostalgia for the parish ministry which I left 24 years ago, particularly at the great festival seasons of the church, such as Christmas and Easter, because of the singular opportunities which they offer the pastor. I wish for you that the coming Christmas season will be such a time in your ministry, a time of rich opportunity and experience in your preaching and in your general ministry among the people. And I wish for you, too, that you may have the blessing of God upon all of your labors in the new year which is soon here.

Personally and on behalf of all of us at Wartburg Seminary I want to take this occasion to thank you for your support through another year. We see so many evidences that you love your seminary and are concerned about the work we are doing here. To know this is very encouraging to us. We have received checks from many of you from time to time, and this is a big help to us. For your support in whatever form we thank you.

Wartburg Seminary stands right now on the eve of a new day in its history in that on January 1 Dr. Kent Knutson, whom the Omaha convention elected to be our president, will take office. We look forward to his coming with great anticipation because we believe he brings to this office the theological and administrative leadership which we have reason to believe will make our seminary the kind of theological school both we and you want it to be. I ask of you that you stand behind him with all that you are able to give him. Trust him; speak well of him; pray for him; support his program financially with your own checks and with what you can influence other friends of Wartburg to give; visit the seminary when you have opportunity.

Those of you who heard his acceptance address at the Omaha convention will agree that it was a gem. I am anxious that all of you may know what he said on that occasion. A copy of his address is here enclosed. It cannot but give you confidence in the person who as of January 1, 1969 will be the president of Wartburg Seminary.

Sincerely,

Theodor I. Jensen

REMARKS BY KENT S. KNUTSON TO THE CONVENTION, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Mr. President, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Executive Director, fellow members of The American Lutheran Church, and especially the alumni of Luther Seminary and Wartburg Seminary:

Twenty years ago I made a lonely and difficult decision. I was working, then, as a research chemical engineer for Standard Oil. I sat in my office high over the refinery with the smell of sulfur in my clothes and pondered a haunting call. I finally gathered my courage, took the night train to St. Paul and entered Luther Seminary to study for the ministry. I have never regretted that decision. Not for a moment. Theology has been for me the most fascinating, demanding and rewarding vocation I could imagine. It has been my privilege to be in succession a student, a pastor and a teacher of theology. The call you gave me to teach theology has been for me the highest of vocations.

You in this convention have faced me with another difficult call. You have asked me to leave the work, the people, the place and the opportunities I love. I consider the gravity of my decision to be as great as that vocational decision of 21 years ago. My answer has been reached only in these last days but is the result of much sober reflection. But the answer is clear and is based on two principles. My loyalty to the church as a whole must transcend my loyalty to any one institution in the church. My obedience to this call must supercede the call you gave me for my present work.

I am honored to be associated with the students, faculty, alumni and destiny of Wartburg Seminary and I now identify with that new loyalty. And it is with firmness of purpose and calmness of spirit that I go, at your request, to a new life and responsibility.

The task you have given me is not easy. Theological education exhibits some of the turmoil that greets us on every side. I consider your call to me to be not only administrative but more primarily to engage in a struggle with three basic questions.

What is theological education? A seminary once had the image of a sleepy place, irrelevantly academic and certainly not revolutionary. But three new elements are now with us. The students you send us from your homes and congregations are lively, independent and questioning. They reflect the environment you have given them and they demand more than we are able or prepared to give them in the present system of education. Their great compassion and open spirit must be channeled in new ways. There is an explosion of theological knowledge that needs keen minds and more diligent work than can be crammed into 3 years. And we now operate in an ecumenical context that requires new approaches and new responsibilities.

But this question cannot be answered without examining the question, What is the ministry? You laity have expectations of your pastor that go far beyond the pastoral image a generation ago. The new pastor must be skilled in pastoral work, in the dynamics of social concerns, in organizational prowess, in the handling of his own emotional stress in addition to sound theological competence. There are now a host

of specialized ministries to be reckored with and the ever increasing zeal and leadership of the laity to be considered. We must decide for what we are training a man.

But again, there is a more fundamental question facing us. In convention, we are considering a number of crises--as we should--but we haven't faced the crisis which underlies everything we do--the crisis of the identity of the church: What is the church? We know how to define the church theologically. The church is the people of God. The church is the assembly of believers among whom the Gospel is preached and the sacraments administered. But we do not know how to translate this definition into our life in the world. The continuing debate about structures, the unresolved question about ministry, the role of the church in the world and the varying interpretations of the church in the pre-convention report are all evidences that this supreme question confronts us.

These questions will be a continuing part of the responsibilities of the call you have given me.

I make two pledges to you as I go to my new work. First, I will keep ever before me the empowering force of the Gospel. The Lordship of Jesus Christ is for me the constant and renewing fact of my life. This means to me freedom from the errors and the limitations of the past and freedom to hope for and live for the future. I believe that the Lutheran confessions are the most cogent witness to that Gospel in Christendom and I shall seek to inspire love, confidence and zeal for these gifts God has given us in the Reformation.

And second, I pledge to give my every energy for the task. You ask for nothing less and I give it. By this I mean candor and honesty, disregard of ambition or favor, and the capacity to dream.

And I ask of you two pledges. In calling me, you have accepted a common responsibility. I ask, first, for your trust. I know that some of you are uncomfortable with some of the new problems in theology. I understand that. We should all be somewhat uncomfortable. But I am not afraid. The Gospel cannot be kept under a bushel. It must be examined in the light of day. There has hardly been a time in the history of the church, with perhaps the exception of the l6th century, when theology has been more exciting or the Gospel examined with more care. It is possible to be a modern man and an alive and confident Christian. The Pastor must be trained to serve not only you but also your children and your children's children. Trust us as we deal with 2,000 years of church history and the challenge of our time. The Gospel will prevail.

Second, I ask for your co-operation. If we engage in some new ways to train pastors, help us by giving us your interest, by sending us your best young men, by providing us with the staff and funds to do excellent work. The Seminary and the church must go together. Give us your good will and prayers. The Seminary is a servant of the church but also dependent upon the church.

I thank you for your confidence and I ask you for continued confidence. Together we can face the many tasks of today and the new uncharted ones of tomorrow.

vil den atter bryde frem som et brusende Væld, indtil den til sidst hjemme i Paradis lyder som Bruset af mange Vandes Lyd.

Kan du saa synge: Lovet være Gud? er Frelsens Lovsang født i dit Hjerte? Lad mig spørge dig, om du nogen Sinde har kendt Langfredags-Sorgen; thi har du ikke det, da kender du næppe Paaskedags-Glæden.

Men derfor led Jesus Kristus en Gang for vore Synder, at ogsaa vi skulde lære Sorgen over Synden at kende, at den skulde drage os til Korset, til ham, som giver Bod for Vaanden. Han elsker os, og han vil lægge en ny Sang, en Lovsang til vor Gud i vort Hjerte og paa vor Tunge, og da kan vi holde Paaskefest med Glæde.

Men du, der kender Frydesangen, løft dit Hoved højt og syng din Tak og Pris ud for ham, der vandt det store Slag ogsaa for dig; og da skal du erfare: At Herrens Glæde, den er vor Styrke!

Ja lovet være Gud, at det blev Paaske paa Jord, og at der kan blive Paaskeglæde i en Synders Hjerte, ja, evig Fryd og Fred! Amen!

Syng højt, Guds Folk:
Det er fuldbragt,
vor Frelser Sejer vandt,
al Verden ham er underlagt,
hvis Blod paa Korset randt!
I. Watts 1707-09. Grundtvig 1837.

Fra vor Kirkemark

BEKENDTGØRELSE

Vort Kirkesamfunds 64nde Aarsmøde afholdes i Minneapolis, Minnesota, i Bethel Lutheran Church, 17th Ave. S. and 42nd St., d. 18de til d. 21nde April, 1960. Mødet begynder Mandag Aften, Kl. 8, og sluttes Torsdag Aften.

Alle Samfundets Menigheder bedes sende Delegater efter Reglen: een Delegat for hver 50 voksne Medlemmer (21 Aar og over). Hver Menighed er berettiget til mindst een Delegat, saafrem Menigheden tilhører Samfundet.

Delegaterne bedes medbringe deres "Pre-Convention Report," som kan faas hos eders Præst. Vi tilskynder alle Præster og Menigheder at læse alle Rapporter deri under grundig Overvejelse og Bøn.

Alle Sager, der paakræver Aarsmødets Behandling, maa være Kirkebestyrelsen i Hænde ved 1ste April.

Maa Gud udgyde sin rige Velsignelse over vort 64nde Aarsmøde! Bed for Mødet!

William Larsen, Formand Lawrence Siersbeck, Sekretær

NB: The WMS business session will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church in Minneapolis April 21, 2:30 p.m. The fellowship banquet will be held at 5 p.m., and all convention guests are invited to attend.

SEMINARIETS FORSTANDERS RAPPORT TIL AARSMØDET



Dr. Theo. I. Jensen

Trinity Seminariums Forstander, Dr. Theodor I. Jensen, aflægger følgende Beretning til Aarsmødet denne Maaned i Minneapolis (oversat fra "Pre-Convention Report," Side 79-80). Red.

Efterdi Samfundsforeningen af Kirkerne ALC, ELC og UE-LC fuldbyrdes ved næste Nytaar, og efterdi vort Seminarium samtidig forenes med Wartburg Theologiske Seminarium i Dubuque, Iowa, er

dette selvfølgelig den sidste Indberetning I modtager fra Trinitatis Seminarium. Med dette i Tanke kunde jeg skrive mangt og meget, hvilket næppe vilde høre hjemme i denne Rapport. Det er dog med blandede Følelser at jeg overvejer Virkeligheden af, at vor elskede Præsteskole vil slutte sin Tilværelse om nogle faa Maaneder. Fra en Side set er der en tragisk Tone i Trinity's Historie. Seminariet blev aldrig ret stort; ikke en Gang saa stort, aner jeg, som det kunde være blevet, selv indenfor vort forholdsvis lille Kirkesamfund. Og endvidere forfølger den Tanke mig at muligvis vilde vort Samfund have været større og udført større Ting, dersom dets Præsteskole var lykkedes bedre. Uvilkaarligt spørger vi: hvorfor ikke? Man faar i hvert Fald noget af et Svar ved Læsningen af den nylig udkomne Bog, THE SAGA OF THE TOWER, der siger: Helt fra Begyndelsen og gennem de 75 Aars Forløb har der været visse temmelig vigtige Problemer, som det aldrig lykkedes os helt at løse.

Fra den anden Side set har vi ogsaa god Grund til at takke Gud for det Tidsrum, vi fik Lov til at udføre dette Arbejde. Her var det, at vore Præsteelever blev uddannet og inspireret til deres Gerning, og vi vilde blive baade ydmyget og begejstret, dersom vi var i Stand til at vurdere Frugterne af deres Virksomhed. Thi Trinitatis Seminarium har i Almindelighed ført an i en vital og dynamisk Type af Teologi. Dette er ofte blevet misforstaaet af dem, der for let lod sig tilfredsstille med en indskænket, færdiglavet Teologi, men er ogsaa Aarsagen hvorfor saa mange af dets Graduenter er af Hjertet stolt af deres Præsteskole. Næst efter Guds naadige Styrelse maa man give Kredit for meget af det gode, der kan siges om vor Præsteskole, til de Mænd, der udgjorde dets Lærerstab. Særlig ønsker jeg at nævne Dr. J. P. Nielsen og Dr. C. B. Larsen, som begge gav Skolen i saa mange Aar et nidkært skolastisk Undervisningspræg.

Efter at vi nu har haft hjemme paa Wartburg Seminariets Campus i næsten fire Aar, og har i den Tid tragtet bevidst efter at blive mere og mere forbundet med vor Vært, er der nu kun meget lidt at sige om Trinity Seminariets særegne Liv og Program. Det har været mit Maal, at saaledes bør det være og at vor Forening med

Wartburg d. 1. Jan. 1961 bliver kun en formel Erkendelse af hvad allerede er sket.

Paa Papiret er der selvfølgelig nogle faa Ting at berette. Paa Listen er der for Tiden 16 Studenter indskrevne. De indbefatter fem afgaaende Kandidater. som tager Afgangseksamen dette Foraar; og ni i Mellemklassen, af hvilke to nu er ude i "internships" og de andre syv faar anvist samme for kommende Aar; og to er i Junior Klassen. Dr. Paul C. Nyholm, som siden sidste Maj har været i Danmark og andre Steder i Europa paa Studieorlov med Bifald af baade Wartburg og vort eget Skoleraad, vendte tilbage lige før det andet Semester begyndte i Januar. Det glæder os at han fik denne Anledning, og baade Studenterne og hans Medlærere er glade for at have ham iblandt os igen. Vi ved at dette Udlandsophold vil vise sig berigende baade for ham selv og hans Klasser.

Indtil nu har Trinity's Bibliotek haft sit eget Lokale, men nu efter Overeenskomst mellem Wartburgs Bibliotekar og mig, bliver vore Bøger omkatalogerede og indgaar i Wartburgs Bibliotek dette Aar. Skønt de to Skolers Forening er ikke endnu fuldbyrdet, men ganske sikker, mente jeg det heldigst at faa Bøgerne samlet nu, dog vil alle der tilhørte Trinity, blive mærket saadan.

De \$20,000, fra Hans Holms Arvebo, som vort Skoleraad sidste Aar skænkede til Wartburg Skolens Byggefond blev udbetalt for nogle Maaneder siden. Resten deraf anvendes mest til Scholarships for Trinity Alumni for videre Studium. De \$1000 fra Karen Andersens Dødsbo blev ogsaa givet til særligt Udstyr i Seminariet. Trinity har et Laanefond, der kaldes "Student Aid and Endowment Fund," som gaar over i den nye Kirke og vil formodentlig fortsætte som et Laanefond for Seminariets Elever. Ligesaa nyder Trinity godt af Jersild Studenterfond til Laan eller Scholarships under Kirkens Varetægt, og en af de senere Graduenter faar Fordel af et Scholarship paa \$1000 derfra for Tiden, og en anden vil næste Aar.

Andet vedrørende Seminariets Budget m.m. blev behandlet ved Skoleraadets Møde her i Dubuque d. 9. Februar. Tillige kan meddeles, Wartburg Seminariets Skoleraad var samlet her d. 8. Februar for at kalde en Professor i Gl. Testamente til at tage afdøde Dr. Engelbrechts Plads. Dermed vil der ialt blive 12 Professorer her ved Skolen, to i hvert Department af Undervisningen. Saalangt Dr. Jensen.

Vort Samfunds Skoleraad har Forslag til Aarsmødet om et Budget for Trinity Seminary paa \$14,800 for de sidste ti Maaneder. Raadets Formand, Professor Byron Langenfeld, Racine, Wis., udtaler i sin Indberetning en varm Paaskønnelse af det gode og fremadstræbende Arbejde, der udøves baade i Seminariet og paa Dana College af Lederne og Lærerne. Ligesaa til Samfundsstyrelsen og Raadsmedlemmerne for deres opofrende og indforstaaende Medvirke. Det har været en sand oplivende Glæde at være med i dette velsignede Arbejde for at uddanne unge Mænd og Kvinder til at blive bedre Redskaber i Guds og Kirkens Tjeneste og dygtige Borgere af vort Land. Og Takken gaar opad til Herren i det høje og udad til vort trofaste Folk, hvis Kærlighedsofre til Sagen gør Arbejdet mulig.

To teologiske Kandidater, Ronald L. Christensen og Harold J. Laursen, har nu antaget Kald, Mr. Christensen som Kapellan hos Pastor C. M. Videbeck i Atlantic, Iowa, og Mr. Laursen som Præst i Kennard-Orum, Neb. Det er muligt at nok en teologisk Kandidat, Richard A. Jensen, der siden han graduerede fra Seminariet i Dubuque sidste Aar, har studeret videre ved Chicago Lutheran Seminary, Maywood, Ill., bliver ordineret saa snart hans Kaldelse er afgjort. Dermed bliver vor Præstestand forøget med ni nye Præster, syv ved Ordination. Denne finder dog ikke Sted under Aarsmødet i Minneapolis denne Maaned, da de ikke bliver færdige paa Skolen saa tidlig, men vi forstaar de vil blive præsteviede enkeltvis paa forskellige Steder senere.

Dana College Værgeraad (Board of Trustees) afholdt Møde i Blair d. 14.-15. Marts og dets Formand, Byron Langenfeld, Racine, Wis., oplyser, at Dr. C. Arthur Christiansen udnævntes som "Academic Dean" for Skolen og vil overtage dette Hverv, naar næste Skoleaar begynder. Dr. Reuben Poston havde denne Post de sidste tre Aar. - Raadet vedtog ogsaa, at anvende den store Arvegave fra Borups Dødsbo (se Nr. 6) til Opførelse af en ny Bygning for fysisk Trænering og anden Aktivitet, som Studenterlivet kræver udenfor det egentlige akademiske Arbejde. Raadet vil samles igen senere for at overveje Arkitektens Udkast. - Man vedtog at opnævne det nye Dormitorium for Kvinder "Mickelsen Hall," efter Mr. og Mrs. Peter Mickelsen, Minneapolis, fordi de har skænket rundt \$100,000 til Byggefondet. — Der udtaltes Paaskønnelse af den dygtige Tjeneste, Dr. Poston har udført i de tre Aar han var knyttet til Dana. Ligesaa til Dr. C. Arthur Christiansen for at have fuldendt sit Studium ved Nebraska Statsuniversitet og venter snart at opnaa en Doktorgrad, saa han kan kvalificere for et fast Professorat i Biologi.

En Shakespeare Forestilling bliver afholdt i Danas Auditorium Torsdag Aften d. 7. April, Kl. 8, hvortil Publikum er velkommen.

BOND SALE

The Salem Lutheran Homes, Elk Horn, Iowa, are offering for sale \$350,000.00 in twenty year, first mortgage, negotiable, coupon bonds in denominations of \$1,000.00, \$500.00, and \$100.00 in order to finance the new proposed custodial building. The interest rate is five percent (5%), which is payable annually January first of each year. For information write to —

Shelby County State Bank, Trustee C.o. Mr. Marion Boose Elk Horn, Iowa

Pastor Soren S. Kaldahl, Supt. Salem Lutheran Homes Elk Horn, Iowa



Dana Koret-48 Medlemmer, samt Professor Neve

Endvidere kan meddeles fra Skolen i Blair, at Dana Koret gav sin Hjemmekoncert i Byens Højskolesal Søndag Aften d. 3. April for fuldt Hus, Man var grebet af det velvalgte Program og den anstærdige og dog betagende Maade, de sang paa. Det var en god Forsmag paa hvad Vennerne ud over Samfuhdet kan vente sig, naar Koret nu hen i Maaneden kommer paa dets Rundtur mod Nordøst, som før tillyst. Af gammelkendte danske Salmetoner paa Programmet nævnes Grundtvigs "Kirken, den er et gammelt Hus," Brorsons "Den store hvide Flok" og Ingemanns "Dejlig er Jorden." Professor Paul Neve har en beskeden og dog udtryksfuld Evne til at dirigere og inspirere Sangerne, saa de villigt yder deres bedste i en harmonisk Helhed uden Opstyltning. -Ogsaa Skolens Musikkorps har været paa en kort Runde i Dagene 28. Marts - 1. April og gav Koncerter i nogle Skoler og Kirker i Nebraska, Kansas og Colorado. Korpset bestaar af 47 Mand med 14 forskellige Instrumenter og dirigeres af Musiklærer Dr. Wayne Wise. Dets Hjemmeprogram her i Blair gives i Skolens Auditorium Søndag d. 8. Maj, Kl. 3 Eftm. Det er som en Afslutning paa Majfestlighederne. Gæster udefra velkommen. - To nye Lærere er engageret for næste Skoleaar, nemlig Miss Bodil Strøm fra Vejle, Danmark, der skal undervise i Dansk og andre Sprog og tildels udfylde Professor Bansens Plads under hans Friaar. Hun vil tillige tage Kursus i amerikansk Litteratur og Historie. Og Lærer Keith Skogman, der i 1950-54 var Instruktør i Fodbold m.m. paa Dana, kommer tilbage for at give Undervisning i fysisk Trænering og andet, samt tjene som "Dean of Men." Siden han forlod Dana har han haft lignende Stilling ved Nebraska Wesleyan College i Lincoln. — Senior Student Howard Christensen er den heldige Vinder af et tre Aars National Defense Graduate Scholarship paa et Beløb af \$7600 og vil derved være i Stand til at fortsætte sine Studier i Nationaløkonomi, og agter at frekventere Statsuniversitetet i Lincoln næste Skoleaar med en Doktorgrad for Øje, og derpaa en Professorpost paa en af Landets højere Læreanstalter. Pengene bevilges af U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare i Washington.

Audubon, Iowa. Pastor Erhardt Nielsen meldes meget syg for Tiden. Lad os huske ham og hans Familie i

vor Forbøn. Han er nu i sit Hjem, hvor hans Hustru, bistaaet af andre, giver ham den bedst mulige Pleje. Deres Adresse er 213 E. Division Street, men kun de allernærmeste tillades Besøg.—Et af Our Savior's Menigheds gamle trofaste Medlemmer, Mr. C. Peter Christensen, 77 Aar, afgik ved Døden d. 19. Marts efter et kort Hospitalsophold. Han var født i Kimballton, Ia., og som ung tog et Kursus paa Grand View College i Des Moines. I 1909 kom han til Audubon og samme Aar var med til at organisere den danske Menighed, der senere antog Navnet, Vor Frelsers lutherske Mgh.

Han havde Ansættelse ved en af Byens Banker i flere Aar, var Farmer 1924-32 i Exira Egnen og derpaa havde Ejendoms- og Assuranceforretning sammen med L. K. Madsen i Audubon flere Aar, senere sammen med sin Søn, Herluf, indtil han i 1953 opgav Arbejdet efter et Slagtilfælde lammede ham. Han blev gift i 1913 med Johanne Rasmussen, der tillige med Sønnen og to gifte Døtre overlever ham. Pastor F. C. M. Hansen forestod Begravelsen d. 21. Marts, og varetager iøvrigt Menighedsbetjeningen. — Fhv. Leder af vort Forlagshus i Blair, Mr. Philip Magnussen, er nu blevet Kompagnon med sin Broder William i dennes Ejendomshandel.

Vor Ungdomssekretær — eller "Youth Director," som man kalder Pastor George Robertsons Virksomhed i vor Kirkes Tjeneste — har antaget Kald fra den nye Kirkeunions Ungdomslederraad (Board of Youth Activity) til at blive Ungdomsdirektør i Vesten med San Francisco som Udgangspunkt. Hans Titel bliver "Western Regional Youth Director." Pastor Robertson har haft god Indøvelse i denne Gerning nu i fire Aar og er samtidig som vort Samfunds Repræsentant paa henhørende For-

Vi har endnu Eksemplarer af DANSK NYTAAR 1960



paa Lager og sender den gerne portofrit til enhver Adresse for en Dollar.

Med dens lødige og velvalgte Indhold vil Bogen være en velkommen Gave i ethvert dansk Hjem.

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