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JORGENSEN, SIDNEY EDWARD
1920-

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: Sidney Edward Jorgensen

Born when: Mar. 4, 1920 where: Poy Sippi, Wis.

Baptized when and where: 1920, First English Lutheran Church, Poy Sippi, Wis.

Confirmed when and where: 1934, Poy Sippi, Wis. by whom: I. Gertsen

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

Date of ordination: July 15, 1951 where: Poy Sippi, Wis. by whom: Hans Jarsild

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

Retired from active ministry when: why:

Located where: occupation:

If dead, what date: where: cause:

Buried where date

Marriage: (1) to whom Eileen M. Fleeton.....date and place: Aug. 31, 1946, Chicago, Ill.

Wife's birthdate and place: Feb. 16, 1915, Chicago, Ill.

Her parents: John & Mary Fleeton..... location: Mrs. Martin Miller, Salinas, Calif

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):

James Leon Jorgensen (adopted), born June 7, 1950.

Joan Mary Jorgensen (adopted), born Oct. 10, 1952.

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Other information on family of historical professions, etc.:

Parents: Father (give name, birthplace, occupation, residence, etc.) James Peter Jorgensen, Jutland, Denmark; Farmer (deceased); was at Poy Sippi, Wis.

Mother (give her maiden name, birthplace, home before marriage, etc.) Mary Christiansen, Sjaaland, Denmark, Neenah, Wis., died in 1947.

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

High Schools: Berlin High School, Berlin, Wis., Sept. 1934-June 1938.

Colleges (Give also degrees attained): Dana, Sept. 1941-Jan. 1942, Jan. 1946-June 1947, Sept. 1948-June 1949, B.A. degree June 1949.

Wheaton College summer 1946.

Theological Schools: Trinity Theological Seminary, Blair, Nebr., 1947-48.

John Dickey, Jr., Graduate School of Theology, Wheaton, Ill., 1949-50.

Chicago Lutheran Seminary, Maywood, Ill., 1950-51. B.D. degree June 1951.

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

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.

Eben Ezer Lutheran Church, Warrens, Wis.--St. Peter's Lutheran Church,
Shennington (Rt. 1, Camp Douglas), Wis.--St. Stephen's Ev. Lutheran Church,
Camp Douglas, Wis - June 15, 1951-Feb. 15, 1953.

St. Stephen's Ev. Lutheran Church, Camp Douglas, Wis.--Behhany Lutheran
Church, New Lisbon, Wis. - Feb. 16, 1953-

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CLARK COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

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:

*U. S. Army - Apr. 29, 1942 -
Dec 5, 1945. Served in north africa
& France.*

Date *June 29, 1954*

Signed

Sidney E. Jorgensen

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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STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Camp Douglas,
Wisconsin

SUMMER 1956

S.E. Jorgensen
Pastor

The PASTOR'S MESSAGE -

The time has come to say good-bye. It is not easy. Ever since I came to Camp Douglas in June, 1948, still a seminary student, there has been a love in my heart for this community. That love has grown in the last five years it has been my privilege to serve you as a pastor. As Paul would say, you are my "dearly beloved and longed for in the Lord." I have rejoiced in your spiritual successes, I have grieved over your defeats, I have prayed for you by night and by day. I have loved you. Now the time has come for me to go to another field of labor. And the time has come for you to accept another as your pastor. The love you have shown me, the loyalty with which you have served, now belong to him. Greet him warmly, treat him kindly, pray for him and work with him.

We are all concerned that the congregation should have a good pastor, one who will teach us God's truth and prayerfully show us how to live a Christian life. We want a pastor whom we can cheerfully obey in all things. The congregation promises, in the Letter of Pastoral Call, to respect the pastor as the incumbent of the public pastoral office in the congregation, and that as such the members will obey him in accordance with the Word of God and the Constitution, custom, and rules of the congregation.

We want a good pastor, but what kind of members will he find in the church he comes to serve? Our Constitution states that these are the duties of members:

1. Besides the all-embracing duty to lead, in all things, a Christian life in peace and brotherly love, the congregation desires to remind its members of the following special duties:

A. To observe the day of rest, to attend the services of the church, and to make diligent use of the means of grace (Word and Sacraments).

B. To cause their children to become members of the church through early baptism.

C. To bring them up in discipline and the admonition of the Lord, and to see that they are instructed in the principles of the Christian faith in order that they may continue with Christ, even as they through baptism have been grafted into Him.

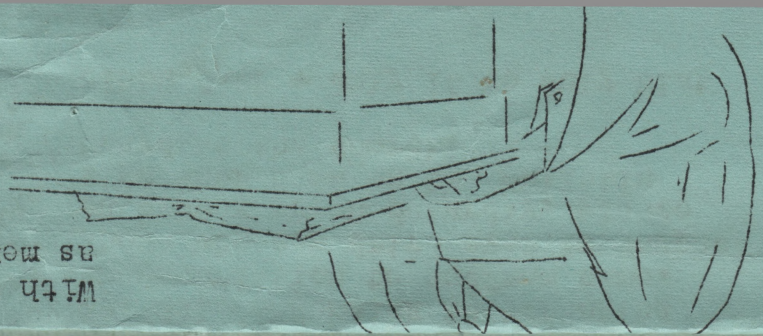
D. To make daily use of the Word of God and prayer in the home, as a family and as individuals.

E. To visit and help the sick, poor and other needy persons in their trouble.



F. To contribute, each according to his means, toward all that the congregation has made its concern, and in general to assist in promoting

With these reminders of our duty
 let us members of the church
 cheerfully assist the members
 in their journey



In the five years that Pastor S.E. Jorgensen has served St. Stephen's, 75 persons have been baptized. They are listed here so that you may check and see that none have been omitted in our church records:

Kathleen Kay Kish, Robert Henry Strade, James August Kordian, Arthur Chris Madison, Fred Carl Henricks, Robert Richard Petersen, Joseph Edward Schneider, Pamela Sue Leach, Gary Alan Woggon, Kenneth George Nelson, Daniel Paul Woggon, Gary Loyd Jessen, Yvonne Mary Belcher, Edgar Allen Henricks, Charlotte Jean Henricks, Joan Mary Jorgensen, Charles Lawrence Georgeson, Roy Raymond Johnson, William Kenneth Petersen, Carolyn Jane Henricks, Eileen Faye Georgeson, James Louis Georgeson, Duane Allen Georgeson, Karen Ann Georgeson, Jo Ann Margaret Sampson, Karen Kaye Sampson, James Herbert Sampson, William Alan Sampson, Richard Dean Sampson, Norman Lee Sampson, Lyle Ellsworth Briggs, Mildred Irene McCumber, Neil Eugene McCumber, Darwin Dale McCumber, Wayne Allan McCumber, Larry Lee McCumber, Richard Ray McCumber, Thomas Emery Frei, Linda Joy Kopecky, Nancy Katherine Riggs, Gary Lane Henricks, Herbert Stanley Sampson, Kaye A. Sampson, Bruce Alvin Woggon, Charmaine Diane Buffington, Patricia Ann Newkirk, Shirley Jean Newkirk, Linda Sue Belcher, Jacqueline Lee Woggon, Mathias Charles Anderson, Kenneth James Harmer, Leilani Ruth Beller, Kenneth Roy Henricks, Barbara Mae Schroeder, Christy Eileen Macrafcic, Rebecca Sue Noakes, Dale Wm. Stickney, Timothy John Hansen, John George Harris, Charles Glen Beller, Deborah Ann Arntz, De Ella Jane Retzlaff, Jacqueline Marie Belcher, Karl Eric Katuin, Rachel Youngs Kidd, Roger Alan Mortensen, Glen Alvin Mortensen, Roger Val Worden, Randolph Gerron Miller, Robert Louis Koenig, Jeanne Marie Hansen, Chris Robert Martinson, Pamela Rae Webber, Catherine Ann Woggon.



MARRIAGES

1951 - 1956

Paul E. Woggon - Phyllis Langendorf
 John Macrafcic - Eileen Madison
 Maurice Katuin - Evelyn Georgeson
 James Hansen - Gladys Billings
 Charles Jessen - Shirley Kahl
 George Jensen - Irma Morris
 Milo Kroeger - Patsy Ann Woodsmall
 Harland Halverson - Betty DeLap
 Donald Buchwald - Carole Roberts
 Raymond Faulkner - Patricia Bryant

May God grant that these home might be truly Christian.

Since June, 1951, fifty-seven persons have been confirmed: Jean Marie Woggon, Martha Zastrow, Mary Ann Zastrow, Melvin Hanson, LeRoy Hanson, Harold Hanson, Joyce Hess, Mary Jane Schultz, Devona Kordian, Phyllis Woggon, Mary Belcher, Margaret Harmer, Nancy Ness, Betty Ann Kopecky, Gary Anderson, Maurice Katuin, Donald Reynolds, Bernice Reynolds, Joanne Mortensen, Jeannette Kruschke, Edith Kruschke, Eileen Georgeson, Gail Anderson, Shirley Billings, Donald Morris, Rodger Zastrow, Michael Nelson, David Cunningham, Arvid Anderson, Lucille Kearney, Arthur Miller, May Miller, Marlene Kearney, La-Vern Zastrow, Donald Zastrow, Clifford Edwards, Jr., Beverly Chase, Maybelle Wedell, Margaret Arntz, John Wendt, Susan Johnson, Charles Beller, La Verne Moskow, Jelaine Olson, Judith Chase, Raynette Mortensen, James Georgeson, Judith Nelson, Jo Ann Sampson, Everett Miller, Thelma Miller, Darwin Elsing, Elaine Hancock, Barbara Henricks, Geniece Martinson, Arthur Von Valkenburg, Clara Von Valkenburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Von Valkenburg joined the congregation in the presence of the deacons on June 16th. We do now welcome them as members of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church. Let us encourage them and visit them.

Parents are urged to fulfill the responsibility invested in them. to

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Carl Philip Stickney, Christine Jewel Kopecky, Henry Winklemen, Richard L. Petersen, Mrs. Agnes Olesen Schultz, James Christensen, Rose Klemt Teuber, Carolyn Jane Henricks, Julius Claus Clausen, Wendell Guy Noakes, Willard Calvin Morfey, Jacqueline Marie Belcher, Mrs. Karen Hansen Peterson, Mrs. Anna Katherine Marie Mortensen, Pamela Rae Webber. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

By way of further information, the following facts are stated: since June, 1951, 237 souls have joined the congregation. At the present time we have 190 confirmed members, 40 of whom are living away from the Camp Douglas area.

We would like to urge you to take your church membership seriously. Do not let it become merely something sentimental. If you move to another community (as so many do in these days) search out the house of God, confer with the pastor and transfer your membership. Every Christian should be diligent about the things of the Spirit, seeking in all things to put Christ and His Kingdom first in our lives.

The pastor should be informed at once of any ministerial acts which are desired before he leaves (i.e., baptisms, weddings, communion for sick and shut-in).

August 5th may be the last time that the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in our church for a long time. All confirmed members should avail themselves of this opportunity.

We should partake of the Lord's Supper often. If we do not we shall suffer spiritually. Always we must remember that this sacrament is sacred and must be received only after due preparation of self-examination and prayer.

U.E.L.C. CONVENTION

The Synodical convention, held in Cedar Falls in June was attended by Pastor and Mrs. S.E.Jorgensen. It was a momentous convention. There was much business and it was cared for speedily. Among the highlights were elections: Pastor William Larsen was elected to succeed Dr. Hans Jersild as president, and P.V. Hansen was elected to succeed H.J. Hansen as Treasurer of synod.

The important vote on the merger - passed 395 to 19 - proved the unquestioned enthusiasm for the U.E.L.C. on the question of unity in the Lutheran church.

Concerning our schools the following decisions were made. Dr. C. C. Madsen will act as president of Dana College following the resignation of Dr. Richard Morton. The convention voted to close our seminary at Blair and to operate Trinity Seminary jointly with Wartburg Seminary at Dubuque, Iowa.

A record high budget - \$339, 317 - was passed without a dissenting vote.

REFORMATION RALLY

The Reformation Rally of 1956 is to be held in our church the last Sunday evening in October. Since Pastor Jorgensen cannot finish his term as chairman of the Pastoral Conference, Chaplain L.G.C.Pedersen of Tomah has been elected to succeed him. Chaplain Pedersen will be making arrangements for the rally.

LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION

The Third Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation is to be held in Minneapolis, August 15-25, 1957.

We ask all of you to pray that "Minneapolis 1957" will effectively proclaim Christ who "frees and unites" His people.

PASTORS SPEAK OUT ON SCHOOL DANCE

(The subject of wholesome recreation for our youth has been under discussion in the Pastoral Conference. The following statement has been formally endorsed.)

We, the pastors of the National Lutheran Council Pastoral Conference of the Lemonweir Area hereby declare:

1. Whereas the Ballroom dance has received common promotion throughout our high schools as the most acceptable youth recreation; and whereas it has monopolized the thinking of our youth leaders as the one and only program that will appeal to youth;
2. We, the undersigned, contend that many aspects of the ballroom dance do not contribute to the wholesome development of youthful character and thinking, and that this social activity contributes rather to their moral degradation;

WE BELIEVE the matter of dating and having to attend social affairs by couples has been emphasized and encouraged beyond all due proportion, and that properly planned and supervised group activities would meet the needs of our youth, together with satisfying their natural desire to be with others of their age.

Authentic studies prove impressively that teen-age marriages are in the biggest percentage of cases unhappy. The public school sins, therefore, in emphasizing the attraction of the sexes as being of foremost importance. We believe it is completely possible to help our young people to a wholesome regard for the opposite sex while we are devoted to the main job of providing education and inspiring them to find their vocation or profession.

WE RECOMMEND that greater efforts be expended by parents, administrators and leaders of youth in our communities to provide such recreation as does contribute to the wholesome and genuine welfare of our youth.

Rev. Paul H. Sanders
Rev. A. O. Skibsrud
Rev. Oscar Thompson
Rev. Burnell A. Lund
Rev. C. Schulte

Rev. L.G.D. Pedersen
Rev. A. M. Kusten
Rev. Conrad Rebelein
Rev. Richard N. Rem
Rev. George Demant

Rev. Sidney E. Jorgensen