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JUSTESEN, CHRISTIAN
1896-1986

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: Christian Justesen
Born when: Dec. 24, 1896 where: Westbrook, Maine
Baptized when and where: Dec. 28, 1896, Westbrook, Maine
Confirmed when and where: 1911(?) Westbrook, Maine by whom: Rev. P. P. Thoreby
If immigrant, date of arrival in America: located where:
Date of ordination: June 20, 1926 where: Waupaca, Wisc. 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: occupation:
If dead, what date: where: cause:
Buried where date

Marriage: (1) to whom Mary G. Hansen date and place: June 8, 1926; Elk Horn, Iowa
Wife's birthdate and place: November 23, 1902 Audobon County, Iowa
Her parents: Anton & Inger Hansen location: 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):

...Mrs. Mary Janet Brostrom nee Justesen, teacher, Husband's name -

...Paul Brostrom, (In service)

...Lois Anne Justesen, high school student

Other information on family of historical or professional professions, etc.:

Parents: Father (give name, birthplace, occupation, residence, etc.) Christian Justesen;
 ...Gilbjerg Mark Hegnsvig Sovn, Denmark; deceased (employed in
 paper mill.
 Mother (give her maiden name, birthplace, home before marriage, etc.) Karen Hansen Smith;
 ...Vesta Viste, Denmark; Denmark was home before marriage, deceased.

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

High Schools: Westbrook High School, Westbrook, Maine; 1912-1916

Colleges (Give also degrees attained): Dana College, Blair, Nebr. 1919-1921

..... St. Olaf; Northfield, Minn. 1921-1923; B.A.

..... Trinity Seminary; Blair, Nebr. 1923-1926

Theological Schools: Trinity Seminary; Blair, Nebr. 1923-1926

..... Northwestern Seminary, Mpls. Minn. (Post-graduate)

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.

.....Shelby, Iowa. 1926-1929.....

.....Minneapolis, Minn. 1929 - 1935.....

.....Chicago, Ill. Jan. 1, 1936 - July 26, 1943.....

.....Cedar Falls, Iowa July 26, 1943 - July 26, 1948.....

.....Fresno, Calif. July 26, 1948 - present time.....

.....*[Signature]*.....
Date: July 7, 1954.....

NOTE: Our previous biographical records were left in the hands of the late pastor of the Lutheran Church in Blair, Iowa, who was the synodical historian also and his office. The accounts for the past several years have been furnished to the synodical historian and the records of the past several years have been furnished to the synodical historian. 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. All our collection of data was also turned in the past several years and we may either have it or borrow it, please send it along. 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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BLAIR, IOWA

Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

... Pres. Luther League, Iowa District, 1927-28

... Pres. Luther League, Minn. District, 1934-35

... District Secretary, Ill. District, 1936-37

... President, Ill. District, 1937-43

... Pres. National Luther League, 1944-45

... Member Dana School Board, 1948-49; Pres. Bd. of Trustees, Dana College & Trinity Sem., 1945-51; Pres. Pacific Dist. 1952-present

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: ... Chairman of National Convention, 1946 & 1947

... Directed Boy Scout activities in our synod several years.

Date July 7, 1954 Signed *Christian Justesen*

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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