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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: **Gerhard Jorgen Nygaard**

Born when: **Sept. 22, 1924** where: **Winnetoon, Nebraska**

Baptized when and where: **November 2, 1924, Bethesda Lutheran Church, Winnetoon, Nebraska**

Confirmed when and where: **March 3, 1940, Bethesda Luth, Winnetoon** by whom: **Rev. A. P. Staby**

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

Date of ordination: **June 19, 1953** where: **Atlantic, Iowa** by whom: .....

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 **Betty Jane Jensen** date and place: **May 30, 1952, Bethany Luth, Spencer, Iowa**

Wife's birthdate and place: **August 26, 1926, Windom, Minnesota**

Her parents: **Mr. & Mrs. Ansgar Jensen** location: **519 East 4th St., Spencer, Iowa**

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): .....

Linda Marie Nygaard, born February 2, 1953

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

Brother: Rev. Marvin Nygaard, 325 W. Chippewa St., Dwight, Illinois

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

High Schools: Royal High School, Royal, Nebraska. September, 1938 - March, 1940

Kennard High School, Kennard, Nebraska, March, 1940 - May, 1940.

Blair High School, Blair, Nebraska, September, 1940 - May, 1942.

Colleges (Give also degrees attained): Dana College, Blair, Nebraska, BA degree, 1950

September, 1946 - May, 1950

Theological Schools: Trinity Theological Seminary, Blair, Nebraska

Bachelor of Divinity Degree, 1953

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

Other specific training: **Teachers' Training Course, Dana College**

**X-ray technician, United States Navy**

Additional comment on above: .....

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

**Trinity United Evangelical Lutheran Church, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada, July 5, 1953 ---**

Parents: Father (give name, birthplace, occupation, residence, etc.) **Nels P. Nygaard, born in Ringsted, Iowa, semi-retired, Creighton, Nebraska**

Mother (give her maiden name, birthplace, home before marriage, etc.) **Carrie Marie Jensen, born in Denmark, home in Creighton, Nebraska, before marriage.**

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Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

Member of Visual Aids Committee, West Canada District. August, 1953 ---

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

Instructor of Biological Sciences, Dana College, Blair, Nebraska, summers of 1950 and 1951.

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

Additional information of interest:

Date June 29, 1954

Signed

Gerhard J. Nygaard

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.

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