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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: Finer William Olsen

Born when: Oct. 15, 1911 where: Culbertson, Montana

Baptized when and where: 1911 Ebenezer Lutheran Church, R.R. Froid, Montana

Confirmed when and where: April 1926, Ebenezer Church by whom: H. Ostergaard

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

Date of ordination: June, 1943 where: Pacine, Wis. by whom: Dr. M. 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 Ruth Norgaard date and place: Emmaus Lutheran Church, Coalridge, Mont

Wife's birthdate and place: March 5, 1917, Coalridge, Montana

Her parents: Peder and Anna Norgaard location: Coalridge, Montana

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): .....

3 daughters, Charlene Mae, Judith Ann, and Lois Irene .....

1 son, Eugene Donald .....

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: ..Culbertson, Montana .....

Colleges (Give also degrees attained): ..Dana College 2 yrs. ....

University of Montana, 1 yr. Montana State College, 1 yr. ....

Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota, 1 yr. Bachelor of Arts .....

Theological Schools: ..Trinity, Blair, Neb. ....

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.

Beresford, S. Dak. and Rockfield: Nazareth and St. Paul's - 1943-1945.  
Dickson, Alberta, Canada, Bethay: 1945 - 1951.  
Neola, Iowa: St. Paul's: 1951-

NOTE: Our previous biographical records were lost in the train fire that destroyed the office building of the Lutheran Publishing House, New York City, in 1951. We are now in the process of re-creating these records and your help is most appreciated. Please fill in what you can, perhaps with the assistance of others acquainted with subject. 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:

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

Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when: .....

Vice-President of West Canada District, 1948 - 1950.....

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

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

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Additional information of interest: .....

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Date July 9, 1954 ..... Signed E. W. Olsen .....

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