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Alfred R. Petersen

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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: Alfred Rawholdt Petersen

Born when: Oct. 13, 1891 where: Hemingford, Nebraska

Baptized when and where: May 29, 1892

Confirmed when and where: 1907, Kansas City, Kansas by whom: Carl Wilhelmsen

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

Date of ordination: June 20, 1926 where: Waupaca, Wisconsin by whom: N. C. Carlsen

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

Retired from active ministry when: March, 1962 why: LRI's retirement age is 80

Located where: Minneapolis, Minnesota occupation: none

If dead, what date: where: cause:

Buried where: date:

Marriage: (1) to whom Clara Christensen date and place: Oct. 1921, Kans. City, Kans.

Wife's birthdate and place: (about 1893) Hemingford, Nebraska

Her parents: J. P. & Meta Marie Christensen location: Hemingford, Nebraska

If wife is dead, give date: April, 1923

(2) Second wife (if any; give same information about her): Silpa Tabitha Petersen, born June 20, 1899

to Rev. and Mrs. P. M. Petersen (her maiden name was Hannah Madsen)

I was married to Silpa at Rolfe, Iowa by her father then serving the congregation at Rolfe. Wedding was at high noon of June 2nd, 1926.

Your parents' names & last address (also give mother's maiden name)
My parents were Mr. and Mrs. Marinus Pedersen (ne Mary Hansen). She died when I was about a year old at Hemingford, Nebr. My father died in 1939 at Bethel, Kansas.

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Children (give names and other information of interest, as occupation, spouse, and present address):

Marcia, wife of Rev. Glenn Vanderbilt, St. James, Minnesota

Richard, College pastor, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Carol, wife of Fritz Anderson, Coon Rapids, Minnesota

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: Rosedale High School, Rosedale, Kansas (now suburb of K.C.K.)
Graduated in 1909.

Colleges (Give also degrees attained):
..... Kansas City Law School (since affiliated with K.C. University)
..... Graduated in 1914 LLB degree. Admitted to the Kansas bar in 1914,
and to the Missouri bar in 1915

Theological Schools:
..... Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.
..... Graduated in 1926 CTH.

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

Other specific training: Trained in telegraphy, shorthand, Railway mail clerking.
Taught grammar school 4 1/2 years.

Additional comment on above:

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn. June 1926 - Dec. 1929

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fresno, Calif. (Easton) Dec. 1929 - Sept. 1940

The Lutheran Bible Institute, Minneapolis, Minn. Sept. 1940 - Mar. 1962

NOTE: Our previous biographical records were lost in the tragic fire that destroyed the office building of the Lutheran Publishing House, Minneapolis, June 15, 1955. While the synodical historian also had his office in this building, his records were saved. In the case of records of persons of interest in this history, we will be highly appreciative if you can help us by providing the names of persons who were members of their family for correct data. He assured all cooperation in gathering this historical data will be highly appreciated. Please fill in what you can help with the assistance of others acquainted with subjects. If you can refer us to any person, book or paper that might help in this work, we shall be very much obliged to you. Return this report as soon as possible.

My father was the Rev. Martin Pedersen (no Mary Hansen). She died when I was about a year old at Bethel, Kansas.

Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when: I see from the 1929 Christmas Chimes that I was chairman of Central Comm. of Y.P. Leagues, U.E.L.C. that year.

President Minnesota District Luther League 1927 - 1929

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Secretary " " " " " almost continually 1932 - 1940

Served on the Mt. Hermon Bible Camp Comm. a few years during above period.

Served on the Santal Mission Board (late twenties and early thirties).
Board

Served on the Zion Society for Israel/(early forties),

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 Aug 7, 1964 Signed A. B. Petersen

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Return this report as soon as possible to

Dear Brother Jensen:

Grace and Peace.

Sorry to have kept you waiting so long for the return of this questionnaire. It sent me to such limited archives as I have at hand. And Oh how hot this summer has been. Right? Yes thanks, Silpa and I are quite well, Thank you. We made a trip to California last spring. Yes, Bernhard is still at the home in Norwalk. He manages to get from bed to a chair and back again. His mind is very clear though. Write him a note.

I have a good sized lot and garden to care for. That's my work. My hobby is stamp collecting. Can you help me in this department? I'll be happy to pay the freight of sending them.

Fraternal greetings, Jas. 1:6.

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