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Viggo J. Petersen

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: *Viggo Johannes Petersen*

Born when: *Feb. 10, 1900* where: *Ruskin, Nebr.*

Baptized when and where: *April 29, 1900, Ruskin, Nebr.*

Confirmed when and where: *April 16, 1916, Ruskin, Nebr.* by whom: *Pastor L. Jensen*

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

Date of ordination: *June 12, 1932* where: *Spencer, Iowa* 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 *Nellie C. Knudsen* date and place: *Sept. 6, 1932, Ruskin, Nebr.*

Wife's birthdate and place: *Sept. 30, 1897, Verona, Nebr.*

Her parents: *Hans Knudsen* location: *Cordova, Nebr.*

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): .....

..... Mildred Marie Petersen ..... 135 Hamilton St., Penn Yan, N.Y.

Other information

Parents: Father (give name, birthplace, occupation, residence, etc.) Ever Petersen, Denmark  
farmer ..... Ruskin, Nebraska

Mother (give her maiden name, birthplace, home before marriage, etc.) Marie Hansen, Denmark  
Lincoln, Nebraska

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

High Schools: ... Dana College Academy

Colleges (Give also degrees attained):

Theological Schools: ... Trinity Seminary

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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.

Osakis, Nelson and Elmdale parish in Minnesota from July 1932 to September 1937.

Warrens, Shemington and Camp Douglas, Wisconsin parish from September 1937 to May 1943.

Trufant, Michigan congregation June 1943 to Dec. 1945.

Penn Yan, New York December 1945 etc.

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Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

Atlantic District Secretary September 1947 to  
September 1951  
Atlantic District President September 1951 to  
September 1954

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

U. E. L. C. representative to Niagara Regional Home Mission Committee  
Member of New York State N. L. C. Resettlement Service  
Member of N. Y. S. Lutheran Refugee Service Contact man to  
Lutheran Students at Keuka College

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

Additional information of interest:

Date June 29, 1954 Signed Rev. Viggo J. Petersen

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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