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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: Douglas Julius Toepel
Born when: 1-16-20 where: Detroit, Michigan
Baptized when and where: 1920, Holy Redeemer Church, Detroit, Michigan
Confirmed when and where: Immanuel Ev. Church, Detroit by whom: Rev. Wm. J. Witt
Date of ordination: Jan. 23, 1955 where: San Francisco, Calif. by whom: Dr. Carl Tambert, ULCA
If not in above synods, when and where accepted as member pastor of our synod: June 1956

Marriage: (1) to whom Juanita Petersen date and place: Des Moines, Iowa, May 30, 1954

Wife's birthdate and place: May 19, 1924
Her parents: Anna & Elmer Petersen location: Des Moines, Iowa
(2) Second wife (if any; give same information about her)

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

Other specific training: Completed work in Secondary Education.
..... Taught in secondary schools, Detroit, Michigan and
..... Compton, California
..... for short period of time.

Additional comment on above:

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

..... Served in ministry of Methodist Church, 1947-1953.
..... as pastor of Detroit, Michigan suburbs.

..... Served as pastor of Temple Lutheran Church, San Francisco, 1953-1956.
..... (ULCA)

..... Accepted call as associate pastor in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Lynwood,
..... California (UELC) in January 1956. (UELC was synod of my wife who
..... served as Youth Secretary for synod for many years).

NOTE: Our previous biographical records were lost in the tragic fire that destroyed the office building of the Lutheran
..... Synod of the United States in 1954. Where the synodical historian also had his office. This accounts for
..... the lack of information in the records of the synod. We are now in the process of gathering this historically important data
..... from the families of our members. We request all cooperation in gathering this data. If you are a member of our synod
..... please fill in what you can. We will be highly appreciated. Please fill in what you can. We will be highly appreciated.
..... If you can refer us to any person, book or paper that we should contact, we shall be very much obliged to you.
..... and we may either have it or borrow it. Please send it along. All our collection of data was also turned in the fire.
..... Return this report as soon as possible to

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
CLARE, NEBRASKA

Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

Chairman, UELC Pastors, L.A. area, 1958

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

Teacher (Old Testament) California Lutheran Bible School (part time) 1959

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

Additional information of interest:

Date Signed

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Return this report as soon as possible to

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

PASTOR DOUGLAS J. TOEPEL

(Recommended by Pastors Harry D. Durkee and Allan D. Hansen)



Methodist school I continued my work as a pastor in the Methodist Church (Detroit) for five years. Because I desired a sounder theological foundation, I turned to the Lutheran Church. I studied for one year at the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, California, and for three years following was pastor at Temple Lutheran Church, San Francisco (ULCA).

In May, 1954, I was married by Pastor Bondo to Juanita Petersen of the Highland Park Lutheran Church, Des Moines, Iowa. Last November I received a call to become Associate Pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Lynwood through Pastor Allan D. Hansen. He had been our Evangelist at Temple Lutheran Church earlier in the year, and my wife had known him previously through Luther League associations.

After serious consideration and much prayer I felt it was the definite leading of the Lord that I should enter this new door of opportunity that He had opened unto me. I have been very happy working with Pastor Hansen and St. Paul's congregation, and I feel sure my decision was the right one.

I was born January 16, 1920 in Detroit, Michigan. I was raised and confirmed in the German Evangelical Synod of North America which is the American extension of the State Church of Prussia. I received my A.B. in Sociology from Wayne University, Detroit.

I received my first year of theological training at the University of Chicago Divinity School and completed my next two years of work for the B.D. degree at the Duke University Divinity School. From this

names of parents missing

In reply to your request; information on my parents:

*Father: Dr Julius Toepel; born in Detroit, Mich, 1897
deceased, 1938.*

*Mother: Emma Buesch Dundas; born in Detroit
Jan 11, 1898
+ still living there: 14380 CRUSE, DETROIT.
(Remarried, to Earl Dundas, 1946)*

(Rev.) Douglas Toepel

