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BLACKOUT

The world is in a blackout. People are fumbling, groping in the darkness, hoping for a glimpse of light to guide them, but apparently only the black enveloping night all around. In Europe and Asia the whir of propellers is heard overhead, bombs shriek through the air as they drop earthward seeking their mark; an explosion, wreckage, mutilated bodies, all a hideous, hellish nightmare.

In this country may be heard the preliminaries of war, the massing of troops for maneuvers, the hum and clatter of factories turning out instruments of death and destruction, the tramp of regimented men being trained in the business of killing. Billions are being expended for non-productive dehumanizing devices rather than for humanitarian advancement. College campuses are being transformed into army training camps. The philosophy of force as a means to an end is being instilled in the minds of people. The "Fifth Column" label is attached to anyone so rash as to voice opposition to the war hysteria being propagated by our national leaders. Surely no ray of light can penetrate this armor in which we are trying to shield ourselves.

And what of the church? Does its light shine out as a beacon to guide a bewildered people? Does it proclaim to a strife-ridden world the message of the Prince of Peace, or has it become subservient to the spirit of nationalism with its message of hate and destruction? Apparently the light burns low when, in the name of righteousness, we are admonished to obey the command of our civil authority to kill and destroy men, men of the same image as you or I, men who are obeying the command of their national authority. Does it not occur to us that killing these men will not destroy the ideology of nazism? That it will mean militarization and inevitably dictatorship with state control of industry, labor and agriculture, suppression of free speech and press, and the end of religious freedom? Is the church again, as in the last war, to lose sight of its objective and become the exponent of hate and bloodshed?

But another voice is heard—barely audible above the din of a saber-rattling world; "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." These words lead straight to the fountain head of truth, not to Luther, Grundtvig, or other great religious leaders, but to Christ, who gave us the supreme law of love, and the "Sermon on the Mount." Here is a blazing torch to lead us, but accosted as we are to the darkness of our world order, we are dazzled and blinded by its light, so we turn aside only to remain in an order founded on the premise that might makes right. We are governed, not by the command of Jesus to love the Lord our God and to love our fellowman, but by the law of the jungle, the survival of the strongest and the law of self preservation. Our whole competitive system is built on this order, is accepted by society in general, and condoned by people who, by the name they carry, profess to be followers of Christ. In the scramble for position and power and

wealth millions are trampled underfoot, and our conscience is stilled when a benevolent government hands out crumbs to the less fortunate from the larders of the enriched.

Cold logic alone should tell us that when the war is finally fought to a finish, we shall have lost all we sought to defend. Human misery and suffering will be beyond description. When the noise of strife has died down and all is still but the moans of the suffering—when we come to realize how futile was our belief that through force we can make right and justice prevail—when we have been forced to our knees in an acknowledgement of helplessness and humbleness of spirit, then may our ears become attuned to the voice of the Master, "Come to me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Herbert Lang.

District II Convention

Trufant, Mich., Aug. 30—Sept. 1, 1940

By Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen, Sec'y

To have an underlying theme for a meeting gives continuity. This year the chosen theme for our meeting was: The Challenge of My Church to Christian service. Each speaker had taken his assigned topic and made a fine contribution towards the whole.

Many visitors together with the local people were gathered in St. Thomas Church, Trufant, for the opening service Friday evening. After musical numbers by the choir, Rev. Edwin Hansen preached on: Personal Consecration to God for personal service, Rom. 12, 1-5.

Saturday morning to 9:15 there was a devotional and music by the jr. choir after which Rev. Otto Nielsen of the United Danish Church, Greenville, spoke on: Service to the Brethren of Faith, Rom. 12, 6-16.

This year there was an innovation at our meeting which consisted in a laymen's discussion led by laymen. Mr. Elmer Ness of Manistee spoke on: How can we get men interested in church; Mr. Ch. Fredericksen, Trufant: A layman's responsibility in the home; Mr. Smith, Detroit; Men in the Sunday School and Young People's work; and finally Wm. C. Nielsen, Muskegon on: Stewardship in the church. Each speaker made a valuable contribution which was followed by some discussion.

At 8 p.m., Rev. John Christensen, Ludington, spoke on: Service to the World outside the Church, Rom. 12, 17-21. Following this the young people of Greenville presented a program in the High school auditorium.

As usual, Sunday was a festive day. At the morning service, Rev. P. Chr. Stockholm preached and Rev. Svend Jorgensen served communion. The church was filled to capacity.

Plans had been made for a district massed chorus in the afternoon. Not many besides the local choir took part, however, but the two anthems rendered were well received. After the musical program, Rev. Holger P.

Jorgensen spoke on the Church's Call to Youth. Once again the church was filled.

At the closing meeting in the evening, Rev. Svend Jorgensen completed the topics by speaking on: Whence Cometh the Power.

The Trufant group served us well at meal time for which we extend many thanks. The choirs, sermon, junior and children's under the direction of Miss Reeta Petersen sang often at the various meetings. Our gracious thanks for the fine meeting at Trufant, and for generous hospitality.

Minutes of the Business Meeting

The business session was called to order at 2 p.m., Saturday by the president Rev. E. Hansen. A roll call showed the following were entitled to vote. Delegates: Detroit: Mrs. Svend Jorgensen, Mr. and Mrs. Christ Jensen; Juhl: Mrs. Hans Barslund; Greenville: Erik Eriksen, Andreas Petersen, N. J. Lamb, Alica Hansen, Freda Nielsen; Grayling: None; Manistee: Thomas Knudstrup, Elmer Ness; Ludington: J. M. Jepsen, Mrs. Shcemaker; Muskegon: Wm. O. Nielsen and Morten Mortensen; Ashland: Thos. Smith. Pastors: Svend Jorgensen, Edwin Hansen, C. A. Stub, Holger P. Jorgensen, John Christensen, P. Chr. Stockholm. Also the district treas. Chr. Lodding, a total of 23 votes.

Rev. Edwin Hansen was then chosen chairman and Rev. H. P. Jorgensen sec'y.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The president then read his report covering the activities of the year. The following five points were stressed: (1) our share in the synodical budget; (2) Y. P. S. Summer camp; (3) The visit of Missionary Girtz; (4) The problem at Victory; (5) The new constitution.

The treasurer's report showed the following: Balance from 1939 plus the offering at Grayling to be \$144.63. Contributions for the year \$85.40; total receipts \$230.03. Disbursements: \$120.00. Balance \$110.03. Report accepted.

Each congregation through its delegate gives a short resume of the work during the past year.

JUHL—by Mr. Apple: A fall mission meeting with Rev. Viggo Hansen as speaker had been held and the offering of \$44. sent to the Synod Mission treasury. The Ladies Aid pays one half of the subscription price to Lutheran Tidings in order to get a church paper into every home. An adult class of 10, Sunday school of 80 children and 25 adults. They are planning either an addition to the church or a basement. Germania has held 63 anniversary.

MANISTEE—Elmer Ness. The several organizations are functioning as usual and everything progressing.

LUDINGTON—Mr. Jepsen. There is good attendance all around. The Pastor fits in well and is well liked. 1 Danish and 3 English service; splendid Y. P. S. which has secured robes for the choir, and sponsors the bulletins. The congregation painted the church. Also have a Junior Choir and Children's choir.

MUSKEGON—M. Mortensen. The work is going along fine. Y. P. S. especially active.

GREENVILLE—Andreas Peterse for the Big Settle group—Work going fine.

DETROIT—Mrs. Chr. Jensen—Work going as usual. Rev. Jorgensen had been sick for a long time, but they had had good help in an English Pastor. An active choir, Sunday school of 100. Active Ladies Aid which

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By the Rev. Paul Empie, Assistant Director
Lutheran World Action

Lutheran World Action will in a sense this fall act as a test. It will reveal just what response a challenge of this sort will bring from this group of eight national Lutheran bodies, totaling over 2,000,000 confirmed members. If all of the pastors and congregations concerned follow the unanimous endorsement of their leaders, shoulder to shoulder in this joint endeavor, the raising of the \$500,000 needed will be a simple matter.

This complete approval of the aims and goal of Lutheran World Action is indicated by the representation on the National Honorary Committee. Ninety men form this committee. They are the presidents and secretaries of the general bodies (which are the United Lutheran Church, the American Lutheran Church, the Augustana Synod, the Norwegian Lutheran Church, the United Danish Church, the Lutheran Free Church, the Icelandic Synod, and the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church), the presidents of the various synods, conferences, districts, or circuits, and representatives of the various foreign mission boards. The list is too long to be quoted here; it is mentioned to signify the official character of this appeal, which thus merits a sort of right of way, even in a session crowded with regular activities.

It has been mentioned previously that the country is to be divided into thirty-four areas, in each of which a pastor has been called to give practically full time to the promotion of the appeal in that region. The list of these field men is now complete, and will soon be announced. Their duties will include the formation of local committees, the dissemination of publicity, the lining up of all the regular local channels of the Church for support, the creation of enthusiasm and the enlisting of full cooperation, the arranging of meetings, rallies, and provision of speakers. They will be the contact points between the headquarters and the congregations. A conference of these men has been called to meet in Chicago on the 18th of September. There they will be given complete details of instruction, and will hear outstanding leaders of the Church who have been invited to relate the challenge and the necessity of the Church's response. Upon the return of these men to their sections, the projects of Lutheran World Action will have swung into full motion.

The literature to be used is now in the hands of the printer. It includes a folder for church use, and one for Sunday School use. The latter has on one side a world map in color, showing the location of these missions to be helped. An idea of the scope of the task can be seen from the fact that one million of the former and one half million of the latter are to be printed. These are to be sent together with special envelopes for each, to all of the approximately 7,500 congregations concerned, by the end of September. Also under preparation is a

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To the Congregations of the Danish Lutheran Church

In order that all contributors to the different activities belonging to our synod may know what their contributions are used for, the budget for 1940-41 as passed by the convention at Cedar Falls in herewith presented:

	Complete Operating expenses 1940-41	Expected income from funds, gifts of- ferings etc.	What is asked from the synodical budget
Grand View College-----	\$28,530.00	\$23,710.00	\$5,000.00
The Pension Fund-----	5,400.00	3,600.00	1,800.00
The Equalization Fund-----	4,000.00		4,000.00
Interest and Insurance-----	660.00		660.00
The Mission Fund-----	3,500.00	1,000.00	2,500.00
Children's Home, Chicago-----	7,425.00	6,185.00	1,240.00
Children's Home, Tyler-----	4,371.00	3,871.78	500.00
Administration-----	1,100.00		1,100.00
TOTALS	\$54,986.78	\$38,366.78	\$16,800.00

This budget totalling \$16,800.00 is distributed among the nine districts as follows:

First district-----	\$1,800.00 or 10.71%	(877 contributing members or 15.12% of synod total)
Second district-----	1,600.00 or 9.53%	(695 contributing members or 11.88% of synod total)
Third district-----	3,000.00 or 17.86%	(841 contributing members or 14.50% of synod total)
Fourth district-----	3,800.00 or 22.58%	(1113 contributing members or 19.09% of synod total)
Fifth district-----	2,000.00 or 11.92%	(552 contributing members or 9.51% of synod total)
Sixth district-----	1,600.00 or 9.53%	(543 contributing members or 9.26% of synod total)
Seventh district-----	1,600.00 or 9.53%	(544 contributing members or 9.27% of synod total)
Eighth district-----	900.00 or 5.36%	(434 contributing members or 7.37% of synod total)
Ninth district-----	500.00 or 3.98%	(240 contributing members or 4.00% of synod total)

It is my hope that these figures will help, at least some of the people in the synod to a better understanding of their share in the synodical work and their responsibility for the same in the coming year. Let me explain further about each item.

1. **Grand View College:** We expect that this most important among our synodical institutions will cost \$28,530.00 to operate during the year. We hope to obtain \$6,000.00 from the endowment fund of the college, the rest from student payment for room, board and tuition. Besides this we need \$5,000.00 from the synodical budget. There will be 7 students in the theological class this year and a large attendance in the Junior College.

2. **The Pension Fund:** A total of \$1,300.00 is expected as gifts, offerings etc., from the congregations, \$1,700.00 from the Pension endowment fund, \$600.00 from the ministers of the synod or altogether \$3,800.00. We need \$1,800.00 from the synodical budget.

3. **The Equalization Fund:** This was voted by the annual convention this year, and has become necessary because the budget has not been reached 100%. Last year we gathered 82.7%, which included the collection for the retirement of the current debt to the regular collection of the budget. The equalization fund will be used to add to the items on the budget which will need this in order to function properly. Naturally, we should try to collect our 100% nevertheless.

4. **Interest and Insurance:** This item takes care of payment of interest on the synodical debt (now amounting to \$5,900.00 on notes and 4% interest), and insurance on Grand View College.

5. **The Mission Fund:** We will have rather large expenditures this year for the support of needy congregations. The Canada Mission also needs a large sum. It is to be hoped that all congregations will take up a collect or offering for our missions in the course of the year.

6. **The Children's Homes:** Both of our Children's Homes are asking for substantial help from the synodical budget this year. The Chicago Home does not receive the help formerly accorded it from the city collections for charities or from its own funds although the demands the city authorities make upon it make it more costly to operate the Home. There are about 30 children at the Home. The Children's Home at Tyler cares for seven children and as many old people. This year it will have a large expenditure mostly due to the replacement of the furnace.

7. **Administration:** This item covers salaries of synodical president, secretary and treasurer, the travelling expenses of the synodical board, its postage, wires & tolls and the like. When we recall that the board administers the funds belonging to the synod in which there are properties valued at nearly \$200,000.00 in stocks, bonds, mortgages and real estate it cannot be considered any great expense item.

May I ask that the congregations, when they receive these collection lists from the district delegates, give the people an opportunity to study these figures. This procedure will enable them to realize their responsibility toward the work of the synod. I ask that this be done whether the collection to the budget is by help of these lists, by envelopes, offerings and collections in the churches.

We made great strides last year toward collecting our budget 100%. If a like progress is made this year we shall be able to take care of our current debt. May I ask that the district meetings discuss this matter seriously.

The times we live in are filled with many kinds of fears and temptations. We are truly thankful that we are allowed to busy ourselves with peaceful pursuits. We hope that this is a contribution toward peace for the entire world now at war.

I shall ask you faithful friends of the work of our synod to give to its continuance what we after mature deliberations have decided we need. God has given us a field to cultivate and much depends on how well we do this. It is not the cultivation or any other thing done to the soil that makes the seed sprout and grow and bear fruit. This is done by God, our heavenly Father, who has created and who upholds everything by His Word of Might. But the cultivation of the soil and its care is of great value nevertheless. Likewise is the wise care of our synod's field of action.

May God give to all of us the mind and heart that will prompt us to serve willingly the cause of His Kingdom in our own midst as well as everywhere else.

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EDITORIAL

The conscription bill that has been pending in Congress for some time is now on the statute books of U. S. A. as a law. It is the first peace time conscription law in the history of our people.

What will be our attitude as a Church and as church members?—When we recall from the period of 1917-18 how services were held in many churches throughout our country, and our soldiers were blessed with the prayers for victory and if possible “annihilation of the Huns”, many of us bow our heads in shame.

We had hoped that voluntary enlistment would have taken care of the present need in our nation's defense plans. Many letters to this effect have been sent to Congressmen, and undoubtedly have helped to clear the issue in many of its details.—However, the conscription is now a fact. Not only our young men in the designated age group, but all of us must face the reality. In doing this we must as best we can endeavor to take this problem as all others in life before our God in prayer and meditation.

Many of us have prayed and hoped that we might be permitted to face a future in which the evil forces in this world did not succeed in developing into another war. The Church of God is, because of the world crisis we have permitted, challenged probably as never before in the history of man. As Christians we must renounce the spirit of war. We know from experience that war demands falsehood, hatred, destruction of property, homes and lives.—And we are confident that if the spirit of Love from God is permitted to transcend our individual lives, we shall be given strength as individuals and as a people to meet the “enemy” and be victorious. The “enemy” is not only in a certain group of people, its leader, etc. across the ocean. It is that evil spirit which endeavors at all times to lead man away from God, from truth and righteousness.

I should like personally to be a perfect Christian who had found strength at all times to walk with Christ.—But I realize that I am still seated close to St. Paul when he spoke of himself as “the greatest of all sinners”.—I pray that I may be spared of any moral pharisaism and that God will give me strength to whisper: ‘O God, have mercy on a sinner like me!’

Holger Strandskov

Vancouver Pastor on Lecture Tour

The well known Danish Pastor, Clemens Sørensen, Vancouver, B. C., has accepted an invitation to be the main speaker at the fall meeting of the Danevang, Texas, church in the last week in October. Since this gives congregations along the route, Rev. Sørensen will travel, an opportunity to hear him, I am happy to be able—with the consent of Rev. Sørensen—to offer him as a visiting speaker to the churches that care to invite him.

Rev. Sørensen will start his tour at Ferndale, Calif., Sunday, Oct. 13. After a very few visits in California churches he will be at Danevang, Oct. 20 to 27 incl. If Granly, Miss., is included in the schedule he will be of service to congregations of the Middle West beginning Sunday, Nov. 3. Rev. Sørensen is scheduled to be home again the first week in December and will therefore have four weeks including five Sundays in which he can accept speaking engagements.

May I then ask congregations wishing to hear him to send me invitations as soon as possible that I can arrange his schedule in the best way. I cannot guarantee before hand that Rev. Sørensen will be able to accept all such invitations. There are naturally limitations of time and distance with which to reckon. But no congregation wanting his visit should fail to ask for it. A collection is to be taken to cover his expenses.

It is the first time Rev. Sørensen has an opportunity to visit the churches of the Middle West. Last year he made a visit to the churches of the Pacific Coast. There are many who remember with pleasure his attendance at the convention here in 1936. An opportunity now presents itself to become better acquainted with him, to hear his firm and refreshing Danish, to deepen and establish friendship and fellowship. For these and other equally good reasons I am very happy to be able to assist Rev. Sørensen with his schedule and I hope that many congregations will want to hear him.

Alfred Jensen.

Kimballton, Iowa.

Sept. 11, 1940.

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Our Annual Report

It is now a while since the Annual Report of our synod was mailed to all our congregations. We hope efforts have been made dispose of them all so our members may have had the opportunity to acquaint themselves so much better with our work.

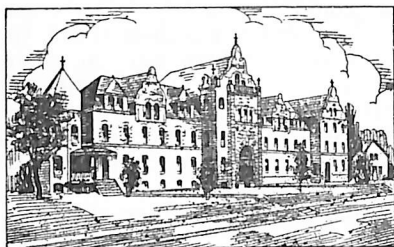
If any unsold copies are still left in some places I would ask to have them returned to me as we can use a few more and at present have no more on hand. But, please, do it at once.

I would also like to call attention to the new Manual containing our constitution and by-laws and the rules governing all our institutions. They have all been printed in both the English and the Danish language and bound in one booklet. They are sold at cost, 25c, and I would suggest that every congregation order a few copies. It should be easy to dispose of a few in each church.

Viggo H. Hansen,

8500 Maryland Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Grand View College



On Thursday evening, September 12, many friends had arrived to the Grand View College to welcome the student group for 1940-41. In fact the auditorium was filled. Some friends had sent bouquets of beautiful flowers.

As a part of the program, Mr. Verner Hansen played two violin selections and Miss Laura Ibsen two piano selections.

Reverend Alfred Jensen, the speaker of the evening, said that in these days of mobilization of man power, it was dangerous to overlook that there were many people who expressed the opinion that this army training would be a fine thing for the youth of America. "If the drill sergeant can do a better job of training young men than the home, then God pity us," he said. He also called attention to the fact that militarism is brutal and that we need not expect a crop of fine and beautiful things from a world in which militarism has gone on a rampage. He further expressed his doubts that a civilization could endure which is making the slaughter of non-combatants a regular practice in warfare.

In his concluding remarks Reverend Jensen said that he hoped and believed the students at Grand View would not become more intellectual beings who live apart from their own groups, but that each would join into the fellowship with others to share their work, joys and sorrows.

With the singing of the Grand View College song, the audience left the auditorium for the dining hall where coffee was served. Among the speakers there was Mr. J. Fr. Petersen who invited the students to the church services and the church supper on the following Sunday. Mr. Harry Jensen also expressed an appreciation for what Grand View has meant to him during his two years here.

There are at present 66 students enrolled and within the next day a few more have promised to come. In spite of dark clouds and fear, we hope to experience another year rich in many good things.

Alfred C. Nielsen.

District 1 Meeting

District 1 will meet for its Autumn and District meeting in Perth Amboy, N. J., September 27, 28 and 29. Members

and friends of our church are invited to attend.

Registrations should be made in advance to Rev. P. H. Pedersen, 99 Broad Str., Perth Amboy, N. J.

John Pedersen, Distr. Sec.
Portland, Maine

3rd Dist. Annual Meeting

Third District Annual Meeting at Trinity Church, Chicago, September 28th and 29th. Saturday 10 a.m., pastor's meeting at parsonage. Theme: Christianity, Church and Congregation.

2:30 p.m., business meeting at church. Delegates will kindly remember Chicago's daylight saving time, 1 hour ahead of central time. 8 p.m. Vesper service, sermon by Rev. Einar Romer, Marinette, Wis.

Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday school and Bible class. 10 a.m., English Service, sermon by Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, District President. 11 Danish Communion Service, Sermon by Rev. Jens Chr. Kjær, Communion by A. W. Andersen, Dinner served 12:30. 3:00 p.m., Sunday School work, by Rev. J. C. Kjær and Rev. F. O. Lund, discussion.

4:30 Laymen's meeting. Theme: "What I expect from my church." A Layman from each congregation presents his views in five minutes.

6:00 Supper. 7:30 Closing service by Rev. F. O. Lund and Rev. Viggo M. Hansen.

Delegates and friends will kindly notify Mr. J. K. Jensen, 4837 Bernard St. Chicago, Ill., or the pastor A. W. Andersen, 2846 Cortez St.

A. C. Kildegaard, District Pres.
A. W. Andersen, pastor
Trinity Church.

5th Dist. Annual Meeting

The Danish Lutheran church of Alden, Minn., cordially invites Pastors, members and friends of our church to attend the annual meeting of district 5 September 27-29.

A special meeting will be held for our Sunday school teachers on Saturday afternoon and evening. Delegates and other guests are requested to register in advance.

Jens A. Holst, Pastor,
Alden, Minn.

Johannes Pedersen, Pres. of Church Board, R. 2, Alden, Minn.

Program

Friday:

8:00 p.m. Opening Service, Rev. J. L. J. Diken.

Saturday morning:

Bible Hour, Rev. M. Mikkelsen

Saturday afternoon and evening:

Sunday school teachers institute conducted by Rev. Ernest D. Nielsen, Des Moines. (English). Sunday school teachers of our district are urged to attend this institute.

Sunday:

10:00 a.m. Danish service, Rev. J. Andresen.

11:00 a.m. English service, Rev. J. C. Aaberg.

Sunday afternoon:

Lecture by Rev. Mikkelsen or Rev. P. Rasmussen.

Sunday evening:

Closing meeting.

M. Mikkelsen, District Pres.
Askov, Minn.

Dist. 4 Annual Meeting

The Iowa District 4 of our church will hold its annual meeting at St. John's Church near Hampton, Iowa, September 27 to September 29. The opening meeting will be Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, and the closing meeting will be Sunday evening.

Pastors and delegates from all congregations should be present, bringing reports from the churches. All members and friends of our churches in District 4 are cordially invited.

Registrations should be sent a week in advance to Rev. H. Juhl, Route 2, Hampton, Iowa. The church is located about one mile east of Coulter, Iowa.

Svend Kjaer, District President

Lutheran World Action

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speakers manual containing suggestions and material for pastors and field men.

One feature differing from the procedure of the Emergency Appeal will be the opportunity of making the gifts over a longer period of time. The present plan is to bring the appeal to a climax during the Reformation season, with November 3rd as the final Sunday. Local plans or usages may make it necessary in specific instances for the matter to extend farther into November. However, for the sake of people who can and would like to give more, if more time were afforded, it will be possible for pledges to extend over a period of not more than six months. Since the funds received in the Emergency Appeal will last until November or early December, the need for immediate cash is not so urgent. Incidentally, a statement as to the use of the Emergency Appeal funds will soon be available. When one considers that about forty-six missions are involved, with a staff of over two thousand, and a membership of over 800,000 it can easily be seen that the \$240,000 raised last winter will not more than keep the work in existence, when spread over a period of nine months.

This need for Lutheran World Action is a new factor in the lives of our people, and to meet it effectively we must constantly bring it before their eyes and minds. To this end, it is suggested that from now until the end of October,

all congregational organizations—men's women's, young people's, and children's—be requested to open every meeting with a brief devotional period in the interests of this cause. A hymn should be sung, usually the same one (and isn't it about time we lift our voices fervently and mightily as congregations, singing "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"?), special prayers offered for the success of the aims of Lutheran World Action and the salvation of the missions concerned, and someone who is well qualified should say a few words concerning the situation, the plan of the church, the local arrangements for participation, and the general progress toward the goal. Posters should be displayed in the proper places to keep reminding one of the grave responsibility and serious challenge which confronts the Church. The literature should be carefully distributed, not wasted. Well-ordered procedure and not haphazard methods should be used to make this response of the Church powerful and direct. For this is not to be the work of an isolated committee, working by means of funds given by generous individuals: it is to be rather the **Church in Action**, mobilized and organized, to throw the weight of its love and the power of its spirit into the accomplishment of this task. Let us not doubt that we shall be watched, by those who would not mourn to see us fail. We must stand before the world as possessors through faith of genuine power, able to be effective and adequate when crisis reaches the lives of men.

District II Convention

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earned \$900. Congregation has contributed \$615 to synod last year.

GRANT—Thomas Smith—Services every other Sunday afternoon by Rev. H. P. Jorgensen of Muskegon. They are getting along.

GRAYLING—Rev. Stockholm—Everything is continuing in its regular routine.

District Mission

The question of the district mission was then taken up for discussion in regard to Big Rapids it was moved, seconded and carried that the District board investigate the possibilities there.

The Juhl-Germania mission—Moved seconded and carried that Dist. II. do as it did last year, namely be responsible for the \$120.00.

Letter from the Synod President

A letter from the synodical president was read appealing to the district for its continued support and co-operation. The various points were discussed and decided upon in order.

(1) The Special Ingathering for the debt. Such congregations as did not make a special effort last year were urged to do so this year.

(2) Santal Mission. Work for it. We will make a real effort and support the World Lutheran Convention in its ap-

peal for \$500,000.

(3) Pension fund. The convention pledged the support of the district.

(4) Lutheran Tidings. The business manager pleaded for real work to realize the goal: A church paper in every home. Appoint a representative. Dist. II has 104 of the 600 subscribers.

(5) Canada Mission. Mrs. C. A. Stub told us about the present status of the car purchase for Rev. W. Larsen. The duty will be \$314. It is now stored at Dagmar, Mont., but the synodical board thinks the duty should be paid so that Rev. Larsen can get the use of the car.

(6) Student Loan Fund. Urged to give.

(7) Meeting of the District presidents at Des Moines. After some discussion on proper motion it was decided to send our president and pay his travelling expenses to Des Moines.

(To be concluded)

Convention Report

(Continued from previous issue)

This new arrangement was accepted by the convention. Groups can now have "Lutheran Tidings" for 75 cents per year. If they secure 50 or more subscriptions, make Lutheran Tidings a membership paper. This should encourage congregations to make "Lutheran Tidings" a membership paper for members who do not read Danish. Ladies' Aids might also do others and themselves a favor by acting as agents for the paper. 10% will be paid for renewals.

The business manager of "Lutheran Tidings" appealed for more co-operation from subscribers. Please respond to his notices.

Point Three. Adopted. Rising vote of thanks given the retiring editor, Rev. C. A. Stub, Greenville, Mich.

"CHILD'S FRIEND"—Concerning "Child's Friend" the committee appointed at Withee wrote:

Regarding the other papers published by our synod; "Kirkelig Samler," and "Child's Friend," the committee wishes to express its appreciation for the good work done by their respective editors.

By looking over the subscription list of "Child's Friend," we find, however, that it does not reach as many of our Sunday Schools as we might wish. We feel that some of these are making a mistake in patronizing other publications than their own. Therefore we recommend more loyalty to our little Sunday School convention from such congregations, where "Child's Friend" has not yet found an open door, if at all possible, to let it gain preference there. Let us in our Churches and Sunday Schools be loyal to that which is our own and use it in our local Churches.

With kind greetings,

Olaf R. Juhl, Holger P. Jorgensen,
A. C. Kildegard.

Points One and Two adopted. Rising vote of thanks given to the retiring editor, Rev. Marius Krog, Marquette, Nebr.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF "LUTHERAN TIDINGS."—Point One and Two.—Adopted.

The committee on the reports from the Santal Mission recommended that an offering be taking soon in all our congregations. Even though the Santal Mission will receive some aid (about \$20,000.00) from the Lutheran World Convention, it will need more than additional \$100,000.00. Help from Denmark and Norway has been stopped.

Adopted.

Rev. Leo B. C. Broe of Manistee, Mich., reported the following findings by the committee on the Report of the Council of Elementary Religious Education:

1. Note with pleasure a meeting of the entire Council during the past year, and hope further meetings of this type will be possible, to discuss ways and means of furthering the work.

2. There is some difference of opinion in the Committee as to the advisability of using Lutheran material if it is felt that, under certain given conditions, other material is more suitable.

3. We are glad for the success of the Sunday School Institutes mentioned and encourage the Council to continue its efforts along that line. We recommend that each District attempt to have such institutes annually for continued collaboration. We think that such Institutes might well raise problems which could be profitably presented at the Synodical Convention each year.

4. Attention is called to the problem of the Vacation Bible School, its place and need, and the help which the Council offers in getting such schools organized.

5. Particular attention is called to the fact that the Council now considers that "the New Sunday School Course by Augsburg, must now be recognized as the best Lutheran course."

7. We were glad for the meeting arranged by the Council on Wednesday afternoon and for the contributions made. We suggest that this program be continued in the future. It is felt that this might become one of the most important parts of the convention each year.

8. We thank the Council for past achievement and urge it to continue its efforts to help to bring children and young people into the work of the Church.

9. We move that the report be accepted with thanks.

Mrs. Goodhope, Marie Nissen, Diken Sorensen, P. Chr. Stockholm, Leo B. C. Broe.

All nine points were adopted.

The Budget for 1940-41.

A peculiar arrangement has existed for many years. The president and the treasurer were both paid a small salary, but the secretary an annual salary—or fee—of \$100.00.

The following budget was adopted:

1. Grand View College	\$5,000.00
2. Pension Fund	1,800.00
3. Interest, Improvements, etc.	660.00
4. Equalization Fund	4,000.00
5. Missions	2,500.00
6. Children's Home in Chicago	1,240.00
7. Children's Home at Tyler	500.00
8. Administration	1,100.00
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	\$16,800.00

What constitutes a "paying member"? Two men in Racine had submitted the following motion:

"A contributing member shall be defined as a member or a husband and his wife whose total annual contribution to the local congregation and to the synod shall be not less than five dollars.

Rev. J. C. Kjaer and Mr. Viggo Sorensen had made this motion in order to have the convention discuss the matter and eventually define what we mean by a "contributing member."

After some discussion Mr. E. Jensen of Des Moines made the following motion:

"The chairman appoint a committee of three to make motions regarding definition of members."

This was amended by a motion made by our statistician, Mr. Th. J. Jensen:

"The synodical secretary as editor of the constitution and by-laws, is instructed to prepare a definition also of "baptized members," "confirmed members," and "voting members."

Adopted.

Greetings were received from St. Paul's Congregation at Tacoma, the congregation at Ashland, and from Mrs. Pastor Nielsen, Hartford.

Results of the Election

President of the Synod: Rev. Alfred Jensen, Kimballton, Iowa. (Re-elected)

Member of the Synodical Board: Mr. Herluf Hansen, Clinton, Iowa.

Member of the G. V. C. Board: Rev. Otter Jorgensen, Cedar Falls, Iowa (Re-elected)

President of the Old People's Home at Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. J. Fr. Petersen, Des Moines, Iowa. (Re-elected)

Treasurer of the Ministers' Pension Fund: Mr. T. G. Jensen, Kimballton, Iowa. (Re-elected)

Member of the Council of Elementary Religious Education: Rev. L. C. Bundgaard, Troy, N. Y. (Re-elected)

The Church Extension Committee: Rev. J. A. Holst, Alden, Minn. (3 years) Mr. Poul Steenberg, St. Paul, Minn., (2 years) Mr. Chr. Korsgaard, Chicago, Ill. (One year)

The Santal Committee: Rev. Ejnar Farstrup, Los Angeles, Calif. Re-elected for five years.

Editor of "Lutheran Tidings: Rev. Holger Strandkov, Tyler, Minn.

Business Manager of "Lutheran Tidings: Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen Muskegon, Mich. (Re-elected)

Editor of Kirkelig Samler: Rev. J. L. J. Diken, Withee, Wis. (Re-elected)
Editor of "Child's Friend:" Rev. F. O. Lund, Dwight, Ill.

Miss Sigrid Ostergaard resigned as treasurer of our Santal Mission, and the Santal Committee will elect a new treasurer.

Next year the convention will be held at Troy, N. Y.

Our Church

Charles Lautrup, noted Danish Artist was scheduled to give a Program of Readings in the Danish literary society, "Maagen," in Seattle on Sept. 12. Mr. Lautrup was in charge of the presentation of "Elverhøj" at the World's Fair in San Francisco last year. He also conducted the Symphony orchestra program given at the World's Fair in honor of the Danish Crown Prince and Princess. Previously he has conducted "The Imperial Japanese Orchestra" in Japan through a period of six years.

A Sunday School Institute is scheduled in the Kimballton, Iowa, church September 21 and 22. Teachers from the Oak Hill and St. Johns congregations have been invited to attend. Rev. Ernest Nielsen from Grand View College will be in charge.

Rev. J. C. Kjaer will tour the Eastern District of the DAYPL during the period Oct. 23-31 to lecture in the seven young peoples societies. A complete itinerary will appear in the next issue of L. T.

Hartford, Conn., congregation will be host to a Sunday School Teachers Institute for the Eastern District Oct. 26-27. The speakers will be the pastors: L. C. Bundgaard, J. C. Kjaer and Johannes Knudsen.

Rev. Ernest Nielsen from Grand View College was in charge of church services in the Danish church in Omaha on Sunday, Sept. 8th. Rev. Erik Møller being in Denmark, Kansas, to install Rev. Eilert Nielsen.

P. S. Munk-Pedersen's daughter, Elsa, was married on Sept. 3 in the Lutheran Church of Reformation in Washington, D. C., to Hans Jørgensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hans P. Jørgensen, American Legation in Copenhagen.

Harvest Festival was observed in the Danebod Church on Sunday, Sept. 15. Both English and Danish services were held in the morning. The Church was beautifully decorated. Rev. Harald Ibsen spoke in the afternoon. In the evening the South Side Sewing Club had arranged a program centering on the Santal Mission work. This year marks the 25th anniversary of this Mission society. It was organized in 1915 after

Dagmar Miller had revealed to friends that she planned to go out to Santalistan as a missionary. During the 25 years this small group of women have supported the work in Santalistan with a total sum of \$1645.00. The sum paid out to all activities supported amounts to \$3,971.10. Indeed a group of faithful workers!

A Special Service in New York will be held by the Danish people on Sept. 26, in the First Presbyterian Church, 5th Ave. and 12 Str. commemorating the 70th birthday of the King of Denmark.

Prof. Waldo B. Nielsen, former leader of the Dana College Choir, returned recently to America from Denmark. He has spoken in our churches in Kimballton, and Trinitatis in Chicago, giving an account of conditions in Denmark.—He has accepted a position in a Quaker College in Wichita, Kansas.

Harald Østergaard, son of the late Rev. Kr. Østergaard, and Miss Olga Jensen of Tyler were married on Sept. 7th, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jensen. The bride was elected vice-president of the Women's Mission Fund of our synod at their meeting during the Church convention in Cedar Falls last June. (Consequently name on record must be changed!)

Fund Received Since June 12, 1940

Received since June 12th, 1940	
St. Peters Danish Aid, Minneapolis, Minn.	\$ 20.00
East Church Ladies Aid, Davey, Neb.	5.00
Ladies Aid, Waterloo, Iowa	10.00
Trufant Ladies Aid, Trufant, Mich.	5.00
South Sidney Ladies Aid, Greenville, Mich.	2.00
Mission Study Group, Greenville, Mich.	7.25
Ladies Aid, Dagmar, Mont.	5.00
Ladies Aid, Ludington, Mich.	3.00
Junior Aid, Grayling, Mich.	5.00
Gardner Danish Ladies Aid, Gardner, Ill.	10.00
Mrs. Maren Madsen, Greenville, Mich.	1.00
Ladies Aid, Newell, Iowa	15.00
A friend, Manistee, Mich.	2.00
Ladies Aid, Seattle, Wash.	5.00
Oluf Jensen, Clinton, Iowa	2.00
Mrs. Johannes Johansen, Tyler, Minn.	1.00
Miss Sotie Jensen, Los Angeles, Calif.	1.00
Miss Bessie Nielsen, Los Angeles, Calif.	1.00
St. Peter's Danish Ladies Aid, Detroit, Mich.	20.00
Miss Thora Strandkov, Chicago, Ill.	1.00
J. Johnsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa	1.00
Danish Ladies Aid, Junction City, Ore.	5.00
Ladies Aid, Omaha, Neb.	5.00
Danish Ladies Aid, Viborg, S. D.	6.50

Acknowledged earlier \$138.75
158.75

Sincere thanks! Cedar Falls, 8-28-1940.
Mrs. Ottar Jorgensen, Treas.

Contributions to the Danish Women's Mission Fund

Received since June 12th, 1940	
Trinity Ladies Aid, Chicago, Ill.	\$10.00
Marie Wessing, Chicago, Ill.	1.00
Junior Aid, Grayling, Mich.	5.00
Individual contributions, Grayling, Mich.	18.00
Individual contributions, Hartford, Conn.	6.00
Ladies Aid, Ballard, Wash.	5.00
Mrs. F. O. Lund, Miss Lilly Berntsen, Dwight, Ill.	2.00
F. G. Jensen, Kimballton, Iowa	25.00
St. Peter's Danish Aid Society, Detroit, Mich.	50.00

Immanuel Ladies Aid, Kimballton, Ia. 10.00
 Women's Mission Group, Ringsted, Ia. 5.00
 Mrs. Simon Hansen, Kimballton, Iowa 1.00

TOTAL 138.00

Sincere thanks for all these contributions.
 Cedar Falls, Aug. 28th, 1940
 Mrs. Ottar Jorgensen, Treas. D.W.M.F.

Contributions to the Santal Mission

Sunday School, St. John's Church, Hampton, Iowa, \$4.61; Danish Ladies Aid, Withee, Wis., \$25; H. C. Hansen, Withee, Wis., \$5; Ladies Aid, East Badger, S. D., \$5; Ladies Aid, West Lutheran Church, Cordova, Neb., \$5; Ladies Aid, Alden, Minn., \$10; St. John's Ladies Aid, Trufant, Mich., \$10.

From the following in Hampton, Iowa: P. L. Lund, \$10; Mrs. Andrew Jorgensen, \$10; Hans Egede, 10; A. B. P. Miller, \$10; Fredrik Lund, \$10; Marius Hansen, 10; Dagmar Miller, \$10; Rev. H. Juhl, \$15; P. Jacobsen, \$10; Hans Christian Hansen, \$10; Niels C. Rasmussen, \$10; Ove Johnson, \$5; Anna T. Miller, \$5; Peter M. Davidsen, \$5; Peter Ostergaard, \$5; Alfred Kibsgaard, \$5; Edward Hansen, \$5; John Christensen, \$5; Sofus Christensen, \$5; Chr. Westergaard, \$5; Ezra Miller, \$5; J. G. Jensen, \$5; Peter F. Nielsen, \$5; P. Hansen, \$5; N. E. Lund, \$5; Soren Iellskov, \$5; Chr. Nielsen, \$2; Jens Sondergaard, \$5; Mads K. Madsen, \$5; Martin Larsen, \$5; A. J. Johnson, \$5; Peter Jorgensen, \$5; Alfred Lind, \$5; V. E. Petersen, \$2; O. N. Schultz, \$2; Mrs. George Poulsen, \$3; Arlo Jensen, \$2; Ernest Hansen, \$2; Holger Rasmussen, \$2; Mrs. P. H. Lind, \$1; Niels Hansen, \$1; Folmer Jorgensen, \$1; Alfred Miller, \$1; Elmer Poulsen, \$1; Herluf Hansen, \$1. Total from Hampton, Iowa: \$246.00.

L. P. and Bertha Hansen legacy, Withee Wis., \$25; Danish Ladies Aid, Manistee, Mich., \$10; Danish Ladies Aid, Viborg, S. D., in memory of H. P. Danielsen, \$2; Friends Viborg, S. D., in memory of H. P. Danielsen, \$8; Mr. and Mrs. E. Moustgaard, Junction

City, Ore., \$5; Danish Ladies Aid, Solvang, Calif., \$10; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Mitchell, Lake Benton, Minn., \$1; Ladies Aid, Denmark, Kansas, \$5.

From the following in Solvang, Cal.: Mrs. Margaret Wulff, \$1; H. C. Hansen, \$1; Axel Nielsen, \$1; Geo. Petersen, \$1; Viggo Wulff, \$1; Hans Wulff, \$1; Leon Roeser, \$1; Paul Christiansen, \$1; Jens H. Jensen, \$1; Herman Strandskov, \$1; Alfred W. Petersen, \$1; Hans Madsen, \$1; Andrea Nielsen, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thygesen, \$1; Thorvald T. L. Rasmussen, \$1; A. Elbeck, \$1; Mrs. Johannes Jensen, \$1; Elkjer Johnson, \$1; Margretter Madsen, \$1; Emil Jensen, \$1; Contents of mission box, 46c. Total from Solvang, \$20.46.

Ladies Aid, West Denmark, Wis., \$24.50; Ladies Aid, Marinette, Wis., \$25; Given by friends at funeral of Niels Erik Back, Cozad, Neb., \$18; Niels-Erik's last pay check, \$2; given at mission meeting, Hampton, Iowa, \$5; Ladies Aid, Kronborg, Neb., \$10, Mrs. Minnie Mathiasen, Minneapolis, \$5; Johanne Moller, Chicago, \$5; Immanuel Ladies Aid, Kimballton, Iowa, \$25; Young People's Society, Brush, Colo., \$5; Mrs. Anna M. Stefensen, Cordova, Neb., \$3; English Ladies Aid, Danevang, Tex., \$10; Luther Memorial Church, Des Moines, Iowa, \$25.58.

From the following in Fresno, Calif.: Mrs. S. R. Olesen, \$4; Mrs. W. Christensen, \$1; Chris Poulsen, \$1; Mrs. N. T. Nielsen, \$1; Gottfred Jacobsen, \$1; Mrs. Hans Kock, \$1; Total, \$6.

Friends of the mission in Des Moines: Mrs. J. K. Ammentorp, \$1; J. R. Pedersen, \$1; H. Ries, \$1; P. Gray, 25c; Magdalene Dixon, 50; Mrs. P. Hansen, \$1; Total \$4.75.

Young People's Society, Greenville, Mich., \$36.20; Helga M. Petersen, Chicago, \$2; Wilting Workers, Dwight, Ill., \$25; Mrs. Clarence Petersen, Dwight, Ill., \$1; Sunday School col-

lection at church convention, Cedar Falls, \$1.30; Rev. and Mrs. N. P. Hald, Solvang, Cal., \$3; Jes Jessen, Hampton, Iowa, \$1; Ladies Aid, Pasadena, Calif., \$5. To Dr. E. Ostergaard's Work: Mrs. Carl Tambo, Lake Benton, Minn., \$2.

Total \$647.50

Previously acknowledged 1646.59

Since Jan. 1, 1940

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Dear Friends:

I want to thank you sincerely for all that has come in for the Santal Mission. We have received about \$550—more than last year at the same time. But yet it is only a little more than one third of our quota for a year and two thirds of the year is gone.

I know from many, many letters that there are friends of the missions all over who hope that we will be able to pay our own part and more—some are hoping we may get \$10,000 so that we could contribute a small part of what Denmark used to send.

What can we do about it? In Hampton, Iowa, they resolutely went out to all and presented the cause. The result was \$246.00. Would that seem a right and fine thing to do in other churches? I am not here to advise or dictate but only keep account of what is sent to me and then to send the money on. But, as a friend to friends: Let us each and all feel responsible. We may be sure that the only hope for our poor world is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It must be preached to all. We can not all go out to preach, but we can all be witnesses where we are, and we can finance missions gladly and generously both at home and in India if we all try to be good stewards.

Sincerely,

Sigrid Ostergaard,
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