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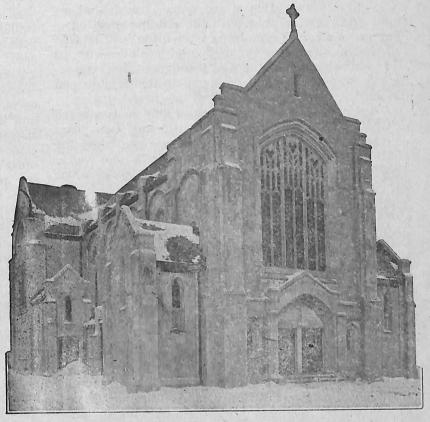
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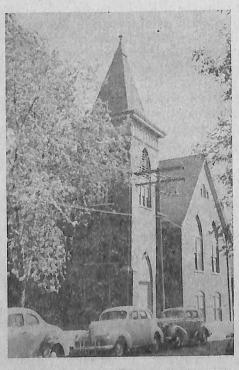
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June 17 - 22, 1947



HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH, RACINE, WIS.

Headquarters of the Convention



Bethania Lutheran Church, Racine, Wis.



Inside of Bethania Church

March On

Opening Sermon at the Annual Convention In Racine, Wis., June 17, 1947 By REV. A. E. FROST

2 Cor. 5:14-6:1

As we convene for our national convention, the 70th Annual Convention of our synod, I wish that we might greet one another with the Pauline greeting:—"The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit abide with us all." May this be experienced throughout our convention as we meet from day to day to deliberate upon the matters that are entrusted to us.

I think most of us come here tonight more sobered in thought than we were in the previous two years when following the end of the war we nourished the fond hope and expectation that, with a one world organization created, the machinery for world peace and understanding had been set up. It would then only be a matter of time and the new world would come.

But peace and understanding has not come in our world. We realize now that peace does not come so easily; that it cannot come until the attitudes of men are changed. We are becoming aware of the fact as stated by one man: "We can have war for the asking but peace we must fight for."—Peace will only be attained through a struggle, watchful vigilance. — "Months of fruitless haggling . . . has convinced the most optimistic that whatever else war produced, it did not produce peace."

Our world is strewn once more with broken promises, sacrificing of principles, compromising on issues, and we witness again in our day a jockeying for positions of power and advantage. All this gives promise of nothing good and constructive.

The national as well as the international outlook is not encouraging. Therefore we find many of our people frustrated if not cynical. The propaganda machine is again working overtime confusing the real issues and deceiving many good people. "Today we stand, cynical and resigned, without peace and without honor. We stand helpless in the face of ever mounting disaster to recover control of our destiny. In a world where we exercise predominant power, civilization is sliding toward the abyss because we refuse to stop it."—(Christian Century).

Confronted by this national and world situation the question arises:—What shall we in the Church of Christ do? Shall we despair, loose faith, give up all hope of ever changing the hearts of men and building the new world?

My first answer tonight is:—The march of faith must go on. We have become a living part of God's world embracing movement whose task is not finished. Without a vision of and a faith in the new world to come we shall perish.

Our commission is the same today as it was to the early Church. To us still resounds the command:— "Go ye," etc. (Math. 28:20). Our mission is world embracing. "We are the ambassadors of Jesus Christ to the

entire world," as Paul said and E. Stanley Jones reiterated when offered the ambassadorship to China.

Furthermore, we are members of one body. We cannot sever ourselves from it without we ourselves becoming the losers, just as the branch cannot exist apart from the tree. "We live no longer for ourselves but for him who died and rose again," as Paul wrote. We cannot let him down who gave his all for us. Only as we share the Kingdom of God will our joy be full and complete. "Our commitment to the world mission of Christianity must be for life. It is an age long campaign in which we are engaged . . . This campaign must be continued and pressed. The age into which we are moving demands as never before the world wide spread of the gospel and the daring endeavor of Christians to make that gospel effective in every realm of life," says K. Scott Latourette.

Such is the task of the Christian Church today. It is well begun, great strides have been made in welfare work, charities, and education but we are still far from completion. Take Christianity out of our world and where would we be tonight. We must march on, for even our country is still half pagan.

My second answer is this:—The Church of Christ with its gospel of love and the brotherhood of men, its healing message to a sin sick world, its ray of light in the darkness must march on and reach ever farther out challenging the power of evil, changing the attitudes of men, christianizing our "one world." The Arch Bishop of Canterbury is not the only church leader who realizes that Christianity is "our only way out."

The living Church of Christ is the only institution on earth with a world wide program big enough and roomy enough to tolerate differences of opinion and methods, and able to function under various forms of governments, and patient enough to wait for spiritual growth.

Dwight D. Eisenhower recognized the need of the Christian Church today when he warned us: "Unless there is a moral regeneration throughout the world, there is no hope for mankind. . . . We all shall disappear in the dust of an atomic explosion. Through the Church, the forces of tolerance, good will and sympathy may be used to save the world."

"For this long pull ahead . . . Christianity has something to contribute," says the editor of "Christianity and Crisis." We do not stand empty handed or alone. We have Christ's own promise that he will be with us unto the end of the world and his promise has never failed.

We have access to the powerhouse of God in prayer, an unlimited resource. It is true what we sing in Danish, that we need not be afraid to dip generously into the fountain of grace for as you dip it flows in.

Let me quote from another writer. "We shall not despair while the Church of Christ can still pray.

When leadership has exhausted its last resource, when political program have revealed their ultimate weakness, when the pall of imminent doom spreads over the whole world, the Church still has an unused resource. That moment has arrived. Today the highest service the Church can render is to call this nation in penitent prayer to the almighty God to send a leader or leaders who will turn its thoughts in a wholly new direction."

It has been a good sign and encouraging to note that leaders in the Church abroad as Peter on Pentecost first of all called to repentance for only in that soul condition can the urge for grace come forth. It has been said, that it is characteristic of our generation that it finds it difficult to get down on its knees. Yet it is in the spirit of humility that men rise to noble attainments. "If any man comes to be in Christ, he is a new creation, the old is gone, the new is come." —The Primary problem of the Church is that of changing the hearts and attitudes of men and women. Our world needs such new born men desperately. Men who rise above selfish interests, idealists with a vision of greater things. "The greatest danger to the individual member is pharisaic self-righteousness," says Hilja Bystrom. "It is here that most are lost."

Though "the Church is not identical with the Kingdom of God, but the tool of the Kingdom," as E. Stanley Jones says, nevertheless with all its failings it

has proved to be a very useful tool.'

My final answer is more personal:-I cannot do otherwise than march on. You cannot, for the Church of Christ has meant too much to us, done so much for us ever since infancy. The urge of life within my soul bids me carry on.

It is my second mother. I cannot let her down. Through her life precious values have flowed into my life. There I found a constant and secure anchoring place, buoyancy for my faith in God and man, and nourishment for my soul in a time when godlessness reaped quick and tragic returns.

Furthermore, the Church is the spiritual meeting place of past, present, and future; a link between the

generations,

"My church, my church, my dear old church,

My father's and my own."

Thrice blest is that tie which binds our hearts in Christian love and fellowship both here and hereafter. Take that wealth out of your life and what have you.

But this heritage received through the Church we cannot keep miserly for ourselves. Love demands that we must share it with others. For only as we share it do we possess it. Spiritual isolation leads to stagnation and decay. "He who has been found by Christ will find others for Christ."

The love of God . . . compels us still as it did Paul.

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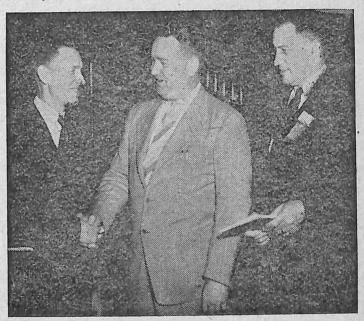
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Brother must find brother as John and Andrew did. That which we value highly we cannot hide under a bushel. It will shine for others in our daily lives.

Yes, the Church of Christ must march on. We have unlimited resources if we will but turn to them. One thing is needful. We must daily as Rouamie in Van Dyke's "The Source," go up into the hills to the source, keep that path open, and there find strength and courage to carry on. As David said, "I will lift mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." Only as we replenish and nourish inwardly can we ever hope to grow outwardly and render ever greater service to the honor of God and the blessing of mankind.

Therefore, in closing as Paul did, so I would appeal to you, too, as workers with God, that we do not receive the grace of God in vain.

God help us in our comfort and convenience seeking age to awaken to the realization of the fact that the day is far spent and the harvest is still great.



Rev. Edwin E. Hansen, Pastor of Bethania Church; Dr. Paul C. Empie, Director of Lutheran World Action, Rev. Alfred Jensen, Synod President.

Courtesy of Journal-Times, Racine, Wis.

District IV of D. A. Y. P. L. will have its summer camp at Bass Lake, near Gowen, Michigan-August 19th thru the 24th. Registration at camp will begin Tuesday afternoon, August 19. Closing meeting Sunday afternoon, August 24th. Cost of five full days of camping, \$14.

Campers should bring World of Song, Bible, notebooks, sports equipment, bedding, flashlights, etc.

Daily Program 7:30 a. m. 8:00 a. m. 9:15-9:30 10:00-10:45 10:45-11:45 12:00 noon 1:00-2:00 2:00-5:00 5:00-5:45

6:00 6:45-8:15

8:30

10:30

First call for breakfast Breakfast.

Morning Devotions-"If I Were You." Morning Bible Study

Morning swim period Dinner

Handicraft period, or rest hour Afternoon activity period including ball

games, hiking, swimming, etc. Singing and Story Hour

Supper

Fold games, etc.

Campfire program with evening devotions

Lights out.

Now We Are Seventy-Five

RACINE—CRADLE OF OUR SYNOD

It is very significant that we celebrate what I consider the 75th anniversary of our synod at Racine, Wisconsin. Racine has sometimes been called, or called itself, "The Capital of the Danes in America." The title has been challenged by others, but no one can, or will, dispute that Racine and vicinity has played a very important part in the early history of our synod.

It was here that Adam Dan, one of the earliest and perhaps the best known of the pioneer pastors, was ordained July 6, 1871. It was here that he first served our people as pastor. And it was here that the name "The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America" was first officially used.

If we consider 1872 the beginning of our synod, which I believe we should, this is the 7th convention held at Racine. The first convention held here was in 1874. The others were in 1879, in 1887, in 1893, in 1902, in 1929; and now we are here again, for the 7th time.

What I have just said may cause some confusion in the minds of those who remember that this is called the 70th convention. So, since this is called a "Jubilee Mceting," perhaps I may be permitted to remind you what it is we celebrate!

Synod Organized

When this is called the 70th convention, we have in mind that the 1st general, representative convention, or church meeting as it was called, was held May 22-25, 1878. This was at Neenah, Wisconsin.

The meeting was called by Pastor N. Thomsen at Neenah who felt "that our people are so self-willed that neither God nor the Devil can do anything with us."

He urged "better organization, merging of scattered forces, and closer unity between laymen and pastors." To achieve this, the congregation at Neenah advocated the election of a bishop, establishment of a synodical seminary, in this country, and a training school for lay preachers who were to visit scattered compatriots and lay the ground work for establishing congregations.

Bishop?

Prior to the meeting, and in harmony with our accustomed love for discussion, various ministers and laymen debated the matter in the pages of "Kirkelig Samler" which then was already 6 years old. It was especially the office of the bishop that created opposition. Many of our people were reared in "free churches" and had little love for bishops. Besides, this was free and democratic America. Many people didn't even want a synodical president; most of them wouldn't hear of a bishop!

Constitutional Convention

But the meeting was held. Of the 17 ministers then in our synod, 15 were present, and there were 15 duly elected delegates.

After two days discussion (and discussion was limited to ten minutes for each speaker!) they dropped the bishop and he was allowed to rest in peace 'til 20

years later when the matter was re-considered at the convention in Omaha.

But they did adopt a constitution. It was nothing like the one we have now! It had only one sentence paragraph in it, and it was nothing more than a simple declaration to the effect that the people here gathered considered themselves "The Danish Ev. Luth. Church of America," which would stand on the faith of the mother church in Denmark.

They also, most reluctantly, elected a synodical president. Pastor Heiberg had to use tact and diplomacy and convince the delegates that he had no ambitions to become a bishop. He merely wanted to be allowed to do the work: write letters, collect money for the work, be a sort of office boy, but he assumed no authority over churches or pastors. And so they elected a synodical president!

That is what happened in 1878, and of course while this is the 70th convention, it will not be 70 years 'til next year. The "bishop" convention, then, at Neenah in 1878 was the first general, organized gathering of Danish Lutherans in this country; but I think it should be made clear that there had been other conventions, or church meetings. There had even been a synodical president before!

"Kirkelig Missions Forening" 1872

This year it is 75 years since the first meeting of the pioneer pastors Adam Dan, R. Andersen, and N. Thomsen. It is 75 years since "Kirkelig Missionsforening" was organized. It was at this meeting, held also at Neenah, that "Kirkelig Samler" was founded. They also adopted some sort of a constitution in that they declared what they believed in, and they elected Adam Dan treasurer and editor of our first paper as well as the first president of the association (K. M.)

For these reasons I suggest that we consider 1872 rather than 1878 the starting point of our synod. The objection has been made that "K. M." was an organization of ministers only and that it was not a representative body, and it is true that there were no elected delegates as we have them at our conventions now; but there were few organized congregations then. And there were laymen at this first Neenah meeting. There were three ministers and three laymen (R. Radick of Neenah who was called district president, and M. Poulsen also of Neenah, and A. J. Poulsen of Racine). These laymen, with the ministers Dan, Andersen and Thomsen are the fathers of our synod; for it was "K. M." which only two years later changed its name to DELCA.

75 Years

In the history of the Christian church, and in the eyes of God, 75 years is a brief interval, but in the history of this new land and our people here it is long enough so that we dare pause in reflection and rededication. This is neither the place nor the time to examine or evaluate the accomplishments of the past 75 years, but I shall ask you to dwell with me by the springs of the past in order that we might more confidently and courageously face the future.

Whether we take as our starting point 1878, 1872,

or 1871 (as we did in 1921 when we celebrated the 50th anniversary of our synod) we shall have to go back still farther for the real beginnings of our church. Our church began in the hearts of the immigrants whose longing for the old country and whose loneliness in the new land made them conscious of the faith of our fathers.

It was far from all our people whose minds were bent toward God and the church. It has been said that the Danish people are not church-minded. Many of the immigrants were not. It is significant that our Norwegian brothers founded a church (1844) before they began a newspaper (1847) while we Danes began a newspaper as early as 1847, a hundred years ago, and waited 25 years before building a church!

But our people were more scattered, and there were fewer of them. Also, there were Danes in many Scandivanian congregations. But here and there were little clusters of men and women whose faith and religious devotion served as good soil for the seed that was soon to be sown. We would remember today not only the pioneer pastors and the laymen already mentioned, but the many men and women whose receptivity and spiritual hunger made it a joy for the first pastors to travel about with the glad gospel in the mother tongue, so that Adam Dan could sing **

"Vi rejser omkring med det dejligste Bud,

der hørtes ej bedre paa Jord-"

How ready and ripe the fields were for a spiritual harvest is indicated by the following figures: In 1871 there were about 30,000 Danes in the country. We had three ministers and three congregations. In 1878 there were 17 pastors and more than 60 congregations and preaching places. In January, 1894, our synod numbered 56 ministers serving 5,000 souls in 119 congregations. After the division in 1894 our synod was left with 36 ministers and about 2500 members in 40 congregations.

A hasty glance at the records (which are not always accurate) would indicate that our synod in 1919 numbered about 21,500 souls. Then, perhaps due to the aftermath of the war and the language question, there was a recession. In 1942 we had only 18,000 souls. The last few years there has been a slow but steady growth numerically. According to last year's report our synod now numbers almost 20,000 souls.

Statistics are not always accurate, nor do they always tell the whole story, but they may help us to see certain trends and characteristics.

A Small Synod

We have never been a large synod. There has been a personal intimacy about our work which is not found in larger groups. We have all known one another—and sometimes too well! For this intimacy has been our weakness as well as our strength. "Familiarity breeds contempt." How contemptuous we sometimes have been toward one another!

How we have loved to fight! And we have often confused personalities with issues. We have fought the Norwegians (not least right here in Racine!) other churches and sects; and we have fought among ourselves at conventions and in our papers.—I am not sure that we have had more contention than other church people. The early Christian churches were

not always at peace, but like the Corinthians we have had our share of party strife and quarrels and jealousies. And I do think that such evils thrive better in a small group such as ours. But if we have sometimes worn ourselves out over trifles, our polemics have often indicated a deep concern for Christian fundamentals, and we have valued the right of each individual to speak freely both in our papers and our conventions.

The Division In 1894

The most bitter battle was of course the dissension which in 1894 divided our church into two camps. There were important issues at stake—for both sides. But there was also much worldly greed and unChristian pettiness and jealousy involved. The wounds inflicted were so deep that our synod at least has never recovered from the shock.

Influence Of Grundtvig

The division was unfortunate, and I dare say unnecessary, because as I see it our synod contained the traditions, the teachings, and the characteristics of the Lutheran church as found in the Danish Folkekirke. Our synod has been called Grundtvigian-and sometimes abusively! I don't think that label is accurate. Most of our leaders have been deeply influenced by Grundtvig. But it is doubtful that a majority of either laymen or pastors would ever have called themselves disciples of Grundtvig.—As in the Danish Folkekirke there has been room not only for those of us who gratefully acknowledge our debt to the Prophet of the North, but also for those who took exception to some of his teachings, the people and pastors who leaned toward the Inner Mission and Vilhelm Beck, and those of the "High-Church" position. In the light of history it has become my position that there can never be true unity between us and other Lutherans in this land until we become as tolerant and freedom-loving as the Danish Folkekirke.

Our Synod Rooted In Danish Traditions

May I mention a few other characteristics?—Our schools, our papers, and our literary efforts have been rooted deeply in the Danish tradition, undergirded strongly by Grundtvig's ideas of folk-values and folk-living. As early as 1879 there were parochial (day) schools in connection with the congregations at Chicago (Trinity), Racine (Emaus) and Clinton. Our first seminary, founded at Elkhorn in 1879, was also a folk school. We published a songbook before we sent out a hymnal. "Nordisk Folkesangbog" was published in 1878. "Dannevirke" was begun in 1880. But our people as a whole have not been under the influence of Grundtvig. In our congregations as in our synod those who have understood and supported the folk schools and the folk movement have been, and are, a small minority.

Danes Scattered

Another glance at the records indicates that our synod has been spread thinly over the whole country, and Canada. The Norwegians were more apt to settle closer together. We Danes seemed to settle as far from one another as possible! Danes like the spar-

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Our Women's Work

W. M. S. Business Meeting Racine, Wis., June 20, 1947

The Women's Mission Society business meeting Friday evening during the synodical convention at Racine was well attended. We met at 6:30 p. m. in one of the Sunday School worship centers of the Holy Community Lutheran Church.

The meeting opened by singing the hymn, "Lord, I wish to be thy servant." Words of welcome were extended by the presiding officer, Mrs. Aage Engelbreth. She reminded us that next year will be our fortieth anniversary. Mrs. Egede, our president, was unable to be present, as she was in the final stage of preparing for a trip to Denmark, but her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ezra Miller of Hampton, Iowa, brought us greetings from her. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Ottar Jorgensen and the treasurer, Mrs. C. B.

Jensen, gave her report. Both were approved.

The election of officers followed. Mrs. Hans Egede, president, and Mrs. Holger Strandskov, assistant secretary, were re-elected. Our secretary, Miss Yrsa Hansen, resigned, so Miss Reeta Petersen, Gowen, Michigan, was elected in her place. Mrs. V. S. Petersen, women's page editor, also wished to be relieved. Mrs. P. Lillehøj of Kimballton, Iowa was elected in her place. It is always with regret, that we retire officers, editors and representatives. Through the term in office, we welcome as one family and really learn to know and appreciate one another. On the other hand, we welcome new workers to carry on and so widen the circle and add a fresh glow.

Greetings and reports followed from all nine districts. Not all who reported were delegated to do so, but it was refreshing to feel that the voluntary substitutes were happy to tell us of the women's activities of their district. The following representatives reported: Dist. 2—Mrs. Wm. Nielsen, Dist. 3—Mrs. Ernest Nielsen, Dist. 4—Mrs. Karoline Jørgensen, Dist. 5— Mrs. Ottar Jørgensen, Dist. 7—Mrs. Lerager presented Mrs. Chr. Nielsen's report. The following extended informal greetings from their respective districts: Dist. 1-Mrs. A. Kildegaard, Sr., Dist. 6-Miss Dagmar Miller, Dist. 8-Mrs. Anna Rasmussen, Dist. 9-Mrs. A. Sorensen. All along the line we felt a strengthening of purpose, more zealous support, and a deepening enthusiasm.

As W. M. S. is organized at present, all the women who belong to one of the churches of our synod is elegible to vote, if she cares to avail herself of this privilege. There are no dues. Mrs. Nygaard of Fredsville, Iowa, expressed a desire for a membership, at least locally, based on dues. It was pointed out that there is nothing to prevent a local group from organizing on a dues paying basis. But the policy of the national organization has always been voluntary support. If the mission cause is close to our hearts, we need not fear lack of support, so our primary aim is to open the hearts.

It was decided to present the two candidates for ordination, Leif Kirkegaard and Harold Riber, \$50.00 each, and to use our evening offering for Lutheran World Action.

List of W. M. S. Officers July 5, 1947

President, Mrs. H. Egede, Hampton, Iowa

Vice-president, Mrs. Aage Engelbreth, 1235 W. Boulevard, Racine, Wis.

Treasurer, Mrs. C. B. Jensen, 1604 Washington St., Cedar Falls, Iowa

Secretary, Miss Reeta Petersen, Gowen, Mich.

Ass't Secretary, Mrs. H. Strandskov, 325 W. Chippewa St., Dwight, Ill.

Honorary President, Mrs. Thos. Knudstrup, 345 Third

St., Manistee, Mich. Editor of Woman's Page, Mrs. P. Lillehøj, Kimballton, Ia.

Mrs. V. S. Petersen, our retiring editor, gave us a heart to heart talk, with an appeal to us to read our page, use it and contribute to it.

We then dispersed to meet in the main church auditorium for our program.

-MARIETTA STRANDSKOV

W. M. S. Program Racine, Wis., June 20

Friday evening, many convention guests found their places in the nave of the beautiful Holy Communion Lutheran Church. The pipe organ was calling us to prayerful attention. The W. M. S. program had

Mrs. Knudstrup, our honorary president, led us in prayer. Mrs. Engelbreth, our vice-president, presided. Mrs. Jensen, our treasurer, gave us some interesting sidelights on our treasury. At present, the dormitory fund amounts to \$2876.50. The past year disbursements amounted to \$1429.50. We have helped congregations to build new parsonages and churches. We support the paper mission by contributing to Child's Friend, Lutheran Tidings, and this year published a handbook for W. M. S. Our big project, as also Mrs. H. Strandskov later stressed, is the new girl's dormitory at Grand View College.

Mary Riber, who is soon to embark upon a new venture in the strange land of India, graciously favored us with a few remarks.

The main address of the evening was delivered by the Rev. Erik Miller of Hay Springs, Nebraska. He is serving the mission church at Mirage Flats. This is a 12,000 acre government reclamation project. Irrigation is now possible there and the land has been thrown open to Veterans of World War II. Seventy two families so far have moved out on the Flats. There is room for approximately 120 families. Many religions are represented, but ours is the only church on the project. Rev. Miller's hope is to make it a real community church. They have recently acquired a chapel from the War Surplus Administration. It is 36 by 95 ft. The seating capacity is 450. About ten families of the original settlers of this community, mostly children of our churches in Marquette and Nysted, Nebr., have raised several thousand dollars of the building fund. The new settlers are helping, but are not in a position to help much. A parsonage has been procured, but a few thousand will still be needed. However, they are courageously going forward. Rev. Miller stressed that the essence of home mission is to share and serve. In order to save the world in which we live, world restoration must begin in the small community, so that Jesus Christ becomes a living reality in all phases of life. "They are my people, dedicated to the salvation of our own country. We are on the upward trail."

Rev. Miller's challenging address was followed by a most inspiring organ solo by Mrs. Jens Kjaer of Seattle, Washington. She had selected three movements from Reubke's 94th Psalm.

Introduction:

Grave: "O Lord God to whom vengeance belongeth,

Shew Thyself, judge of the earth, render a reward to the proud."

Adagio: "Unless the Lord had been my help my soul had almost dwelt in silence.

In the multitude of my cares within me Thy comforts delight my soul.

Allegro: "But the Lord is my defense and my God is the Rock of my refuge."

It was a moving experience for most of us. Thank

you, Mrs. Kjaer.

Rev. Alfred Sorensen concluded the evening for us. Four young girls took the offering, which amounted to \$200.03. Rev. Sorensen then led us in devotions. Another good evening drew to a close.

"Help us, Lord,
With one accord
To love and serve Thee solely,
That henceforth we
May dwell with Thee
In jubilee
And see Thy presence holy."

-MARIETTA STRANDSKOV

New Editor

At this time, we should like to welcome Johanne Lillehøj as editor of "Our Women's Work." To Iowa readers she needs no introduction, as she has long been an active worker in the church circles of her state. Before too long, we shall know her better in all our churches. Thank you Mrs. Lillehøj for not shirking when approached with this responsibility.

We also wish to use this occasion to express our grateful appreciation to Fylla Petersen for her splendid efforts in our behalf. It is certainly not her fault, if all the women

of our synod do not "turn first to our page."

Let us be aware of our page!

-M. S.

Women's Mission Society Financial Statement May 5th, 1946-May 1st, 1947

RECEIPTS	
Cash on hand, May 5th, 1946\$	811.79
Contributions from Missions, Societies, Indiv. to	
General Fund	1,085.13
W. M. S. Collection Nat'l Conv., Des Moines, Ia.	191.50
W. M. S. Collection 9th District Convention	25.77
W. M. S. Collection 4th District Convention	101.92
W. M. S. Collection 5th District Convention	30.60
*Contributions to G. V. C. Dorm. Furniture Fund	932.31
Contribution to Pamphlet Fund	92.05
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Total Receipts\$	3.271.07
DISBURSEMENTS Lutheran World Action\$	191.50
Santal Mission	195.40
Benagaria Hosp. Equipment (4th Dist. Women)	100.00
Seaman's Mission	100.00
Dr. E. Østergaard (Christmas Gift)	10.00
Dagmar Miller (Christmas Gift)	5.00
Holst Printing Co. (Pamphlets)	250.62
Clayton Nielsen (Seminary Graduating Gift)	50.00
Lutheran Tidings	50.00
Child's Friend	50.00
St. Ansgar's Cong. Pasadena (new parsonage)	100.00
St. Ansgar's Cong. Lindsay, Nebr. (new parson-	
age)	100.00
Bethlehem Cong. Davey Nebr. (new church)	200.00
Fylla Petersen (Women's Page)	15.00
Miscellaneous ex. (check exchange, postage, etc.)	11.98
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Total Disbursements\$	1 420 50
Total Disputsements	1,420.00

Cash on hand (including G. V. C. Dorm. Furn. Fund) ______ 1,841.57

\$3,271.07

*To the G. V. C. Dormitory Furniture Fund sent direct to Mr. Oluf Juhl and Dr. J. Knudsen, \$630.59 making a total of \$1,562.90 in this fund.

CONTRIBUTIONS AFTER BOOKS WERE CLOSED

Cong. Bridgeport, Conn., \$32.90; L. Aid, Easton, Calif., \$8.00; Dan L. Aid (Birthday Bank), Dwight, Ill., \$10.18; Mission Group, Trinity, Chicago, Ill., \$10.00; Mrs. Volmar Jensen, \$1.00; Mrs. Peter Petersen, \$1.00; Maren Anderson, \$1.00, all of Ruthton, Minn.; St. John's L. Aid, Hampton, Ia., \$11.75; In Memory Mrs. Jorgen Poulsen, Tyler, friends, \$7.00; Mrs. Frode Utoft, Tyler, Minn., \$1.00; Mrs. Jens Bollesen, Tyler, \$.50; St. John's Ladies' Aid, Cozad, Nebr., \$28.50; Mrs. Rebekka Nielsen, \$1.00; Mrs. Paul Christensen, \$1.00, both of Solvang, Calif.; Mrs. T. Petersen, Pasadena, Calif., \$1.00; Miss Alice Jensen, Minneapolis, Minn., \$4.00. Total \$120.83.

GRAND VIEW COLLEGE DORMITORY FURNITURE FUND Sr. Luth. Aid, Grayling, Mich., \$25.00; Trin. L. Aid, Chicago, Ill., \$100.00; Trinity Mission Group, Chicago, Ill., \$75.00; Lad. Aid, Omaha, Nebr., \$200.00; Ladies' Aid and Mission Groups, Greenville, Mich., \$200.00; Danish Ladies' Aid, Tyler, Minn., \$150.00; Mission Circle and Ladies' Aid, Muskegon, Mich., \$200.00; Ladies' Aid, Wilbur, Wash., \$16.00; Ladies' Aid, Ludington, Mich., \$10.00. Total \$976.00.

RECEIVED FROM SALE OF PAMPHLETS

District 4, \$6.00; District 6, \$10.80; District 7, \$9.75; District 8, \$5.85; District 2, \$20.35. Total \$52.75.

Now We Are Seventy-five

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rows are found everywhere. We have made some attempts to colonize—without too much success. For a small synod, our people have been scattered so widely that it has been difficult to preserve a feeling of unity.

Perhaps this is understood better in view of the fact that we seem to have been very individualistic. This has been true not least of our ministers. There may be such a thing as a typical Lutheran pastor, but hardly in our church. We have been so different and individualistic—in our appearance as well as in our attitudes and our methods.

The Language Question

Lastly, a word about the language question. Have we clung too long to the Danish language? Some of you will say yes; others will deny it.

Most Norwegian and Swedish churches have long since ceased to use anything but the English language at their services, while most of our congregations still conduct services in both languages. Our seminary still demands "a reading and speaking knowledge of the Danish language."

But such a comparison is unfair because Danish emigration was somewhat later than the Norwegian and much later than the Swedish. I shall not burden you with more statistics but my-statement is based on facts which may easily be verified. Our language question arose later because our emigration took place relatively later than that of the other Scandinavian groups.

Undoubtedly there have been places where a small reactionary group made a religion out of the Danish language and traditions, thus blocking normal growth and integration with the larger American community.

But we have been deeply rooted in Denmark's spiritual and cultural traditions, and we have recognized the debt we owe the mother church and our homeland, as well as the pioneers who built our churches, so much that we may have sacrificed making our influence felt in the new land.

If we have sinned, it was not so much in guarding our Danish heritage as in failing to orientate ourselves sufficiently in the American scene, and make our contribution count.

Conclusion

We are beginning to find ourselves at home in America.

> "Her fandt vi vort Virke, her er vore Hjem!"

With 75 years behind us we thank God for the vision and the faith and the deep devotion out of which our church was built. And on that same faith we ask God to lead us into a rich and blessed future.

The Church School

Sunday School Convention Program Des Moines, Iowa, July 23-27, 1947 LIVE CHRIST — TEACH CHRIST

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

The Sunday School and the North American Scene EVENING

Introductory Statement Hon. Harold E. Stassen President, International Council of Religious Education Dr. Roy L. Smith

Editor, Christian Advocate Film Review following the session, in KRNT Radio Theater

THURSDAY, JULY 24

The Sunday School and Our Homes

MORNING

Mr. Fred C. Cook Worship Service President, Ontario Religious Education Council

Bible Period-"The Bible, The Foundation For

Christian Teaching" Dr. Paul J. Hoh President, Lutheran Theological

Seminary, Philadelphia Forum Hour-"The Home and Sunday School

Cooperate in Christian Teaching"

Presentations by two Sunday School Superintendents Mrs. Grace Sloan Overton Address

Author, lecturer, counselor on marriage and the home Discussion

AFTERNOON

Denominational Meetings

Thirty-one simultaneous sessions in the various churches, meeting places and hotels

Dinner Meetings

Sunday School Superintendents
 Young People and Adult Youth Leaders

EVENING

Song Service

Presentation of Parshad Youth Scholarships

Mr. Alfred H. Avery

"Our Moral Dilemma" Mr. Thomas C. Clark Attorney General of the United States "It's Up To the Church" Mrs. Harper Siblev President, United Council of Church Women Film Review following the session, in KRNT Radio Theater

FRIDAY, JULY 25

The Sunday School and Its Leaders

MORNING

Worship Service—A visual service

Committee on Visual Education

Bible Period-"The Bible In Christian Teaching"

Dr. Ernest Trice Thompson Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia

Forum Hour-"Education For Christian Leadership"

Presentations by two Sunday School Superintendents

Dr. Charles J. Turck President, Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota

Discussion AFTERNOON

Denominational Meetings

Dinner Meeting For Lay Leaders

EVENING

Hymn Festival

Address: "Matched With the Impossible"

Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson President, Howard University, Washington, D. C. Film Review following the session in KRNT Radio Theater SATURDAY, JULY 26

The Sunday School and Our Communities

MORNING

Worship Service

United Christian Youth Movement Committee Bible Period—"The Bible and I" Dr. A. G. Wehrli

Dean, Eden Theological Seminary,

Webster Groves, Missouri Forum Hour-"Evangelism Through Community Cooperation."

Presentation by two Sunday School Superintendents Address Dr. Reuben H. Mueller

Executive Secretary of Christian Education, Evangelical United Brethren Church, Dayton, O.

Discussion

AFTERNOON

Denominational Meetings

Dinner Meeting

For lay, volunteer officers of interdenominational councils **EVENING**

Song Service

Address:

"The Churches Working Together in the Community"

Dr. E. C. Farnham

Executive Secretary, Los Angeles and Southern California Councils of Churches

"The Community-Problem and Opportunity"

Hon. Harold E. Stassen

President, International Council of Religious Education Film Review following the session, in KRNT Radio Theater SUNDAY, JULY 27

Teach Christ As World Redeemer

MORNING

Sunday School and Church Services in the churches of Des Moines and vicinity. Visiting leaders will occupy local pulpits, all speaking on one theme.

AFTERNOON

Service in cooperation with the World Sunday School Association

Speakers:

Bishop John A. Subhan Methodist Bishop of Bombay Area, India

Bishop Chen, of China

Bela Vasaday

Secretary, Ecumenical Council of Hungary

EVENING

Closing worship-pageant of commitment in Drake University Stadium

Pageant Written and directed by Harold A. Pflug EdenTheological Seminary, Webster Groves, Missouri Address: "Live Christ in Personal Commitment"

Dr. Paul W. Quillian Pastor, 1st Methodist Church, Houston, Texas

THE AFTERNOON SESSIONS Workers for all Lutheran groups are cordially invited to attend

the All-Lutheran Conferences on Thursday and Friday afternoons, July 24 and 25. Saturday at the same hour workers from our own synod will meet at Grand View College.

THURSDAY, JULY 24, 1947

Kuhlmann 2:00-2:15 P. M.—Devotions—The Rev. G. (A. L. C.)

2:15-2:35-Introductions-Pastors Nordgren, Vogeley, and Rhyne

2:35-3:15 P. M.-Leaders: How to Improve Them-The Rev. J. Vincent Nordgren (A. S.). Address-30 minutes, discussion-10 minutes

3:15-3:45 P. M.—The Christian Growth Series: What It Is— The Rev. Theodore K. Finck (U. L. C. A.)

3:45-5:00 P. M.—Departmental Conferences

Department-Miss Eleanor Stelzner The Nursery (U. L. C. A.)

The Beginners Department-Mrs. J. Vincent Nordgren (A. S.)

The Primary Department-Miss Mabel Elsie Locker (U. L. C. A.)

The Junior Department-Mrs. Ruth Bonander Benson

(A. S.) The Intermediate Department—The Rev. Wilson C.

Egbert (A. L. C.) The Senior Department-The Rev. Theodore K. Finck

(U. L. C. A.) The Young People's Department—The Rev. John

Hiltner (A. L. C.)

The Adult Department—The Rev. Eart S. Rudisill, (U. L. C. A.)

Administration-The Rev. Raymond A. Vogeley (A. L. C.)

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 1947

2:00-2:15 P. M.—Devotions—The Rev. E. A. Piper (II. L. C. A.)

2:15-3:00 P. M.—Buildings and Equipment for Parish Education—The Rev. S. White Rhyne (U. L. C. A.), Address-25 minutes, discussion-15 minutes

3:00-3:15 P. M.—Recess 3:15-4:15 P. M.—Enlisting for the Sunday School—The Rev. J. Vincent Nordgren (A. S.), 15 minutes; the Rev. Raymond A. Vogeley (A./L. C.), 15 minutes; The Rev. William S. Avery (U. L. C. A.), 30 minutes. 4:15-4:45 P. M.—The Lutheran Church's Contribution—

The Rev. Oscar V. Anderson (A. S.)

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 1947

This session is left to each individual group to use as it decides. It offers splendid opportunity for summarizing and evaluating, in the light of denominational needs.



A Word From Kirkegaard

Who is he? We should perhaps take for granted that most people know, as they most surely should. There is no age that can afford to be ignorant by indifferent choice about the men in history that have shaped the thinking by which large realms of supreme importance are moulded. But I don't take anything for granted any more when we speak of the realm of the real world where we ought to be at home and where we are not. Here are just a few words about Kirkegaard: From "Time" magazine-"Had this philosopher and mystic not written in a minor language his fame would have resounded with that of Carlyle, Nietzche and Dostoevsky." And Reinhold Niebuhr says, "The profoundest interpreter of the psychology of the religious life in my opinion since St. Augustine." And another said, "I learned the language in order to read Ibsen but was rewarded by reading Kirkegaard."

People, of course, assume in our time that they do not have to be interested in the greatest concern of Kirkegaard; if they were, they would worship God instead of themselves, their meals and their own families.

The latter years the University of Minnesota and Princeton have given Kirkegaard to the English speaking world, and his words have set thinking people on fire. Of course most people will say he is too difficult to understand, and they will use that assertion as a defense for a natural apathy for mastering reality, and Kirkegaard is terribly realistic about the realism of God. Take his discourse on the "The Unchangeableness of God" in which he speaks of God as the rock mountain which humanity cannot climb over, at the feet of which man changes with the years. Over there on the other side were perhaps man's longings but the mountain stands irregardless of man's concepts. "He gives man time, and He can afford to give them time since He has eternity and is eternally unchangeable. He gives time and that with premeditation. And then there comes an accounting in eternity where nothing is forgotten, not even a single word of the improper words that were spoken and He is eternally unchanged. And yet it may be also an expression for His mercy that men are thus afforded time; time for conversion and betterment. But how fearful if the time is not used for this purpose. For in that case the folly and the frivolity in us would rather have Him straightway ready with His punishment, instead of thus giving men time seeming to take no cognizance of the wrong, and yet remaining eternally unchanged."

The worst kind of forgetfulness that can possess men is to forget that God forgets nothing. God forgives but He does not forget.

How astonishing it really is that people will learn a new language in order to be able to read certain writers in the world in the original. Can you imagine what mental efforts have been made by some men in order that we might be able to read the Old and New Testaments, and can we imagine how important the thoughts of Kirkegaard must be since men will learn his language to be able to read him? And many of we people who give a few dollars for the upkeep of Christian churches make so little effort to understand the language of God as it was left us and as it keeps on coming to us in the writing of men who understand the original better than we.

It is not literary curiosity that has driven some Americans to a study of Soren Kirkegaard. It is an eternal compulsion which, judged by the attitude of thousands, is sheer prattle, but which to the few has been a blessing and guide in thinking the thoughts of God after Him. If we could only get the faces of humanity to beam again, their eyes to sparkle and their ears attuned, then the institutions called homes, schools and churches would again become the hearthstones of hu-

We would have more spinal thrills in our communities if we could get groups together to discuss the depth of the records of thinking, and that makes me think of Kirkegaard's introduction to "The Unscientific Postscript"-"It is not impossible that one who is infinitely interested in his eternal happiness may sometimes come into possession of it. But it is surely quite impossible for one who has lost a sensibility for it (and this can scarcely be anything else but the infinite interest) ever to enjoy an eternal happiness. If the sense for it is once lost it may be impossible to recover it."

May I recommend to you the Kirkegaard anthology published by the Princeton University Press, New Jersey-\$5.00.

-L. C. BUNDGAARD

Fourteen Fellowships valued in all at \$18,000, have been awarded to Americans recently to study in Scandinavian countries by the American-Scandinavian Foundation. The students selected will study at various schools and universities in Finland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

The 70th Annual Convention

The Danish Evan. Lutheran Church Of America

The Bethania Lutheran Church of Racine was host to the annual convention of our synod during the week June 17-22. The convention assembled for its business sessions and for most of the devotional meetings in the beautiful and spacious Holy Communion Church located at 2000 Carmel Avenue. The convention registration office was located in the parish house located next to the church building. In this building all meals were served, and various rooms were used for committee meetings.

The opening service was held Tuesday evening in the Holy Communion Church. Rev. A. E. Frost, Pastor of St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church, Waterloo, Iowa, preached the sermon. We are able to bring this sermon in this issue of L. T.

The Bethania choir assisted in this service, as well as in several other services throughout the week. These contributions by the choir gave added worship atmosphere, and were in every respect inspiring and soullifting.

Wednesday morning the devotional period was conducted by Rev. Ernest D. Nielsen who spoke to us on the topic, "The Divine Factor," using as his text Ephesians Chapter 3, 20-21.

After words of welcome to all convention members and guests by Rev. Edwin Hansen and Mr. Aage Engelbreth, chairman of committees, Rev. Alfred Jensen, president of the synod, spoke briefly centering his greetings on the words of Jesus: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you." Reminding us that we are here as those who are sent, we are chosen to do His work, he declared the 70th Annual Convention of the Danish Evan. Lutheran Church opened in the name of the triune God.

The Convention officers elected a year ago were now asked to take charge of the meeting. These officers were: Erling Jensen, chairman; Rev. Arthur E. Frost, ass't chairman; Rev. Ernest D. Nielsen, secretary, and Miss Ellen Andersen, ass't secretary.

After the singing of a hymn, the convention chairman called the meeting to order. A list of names of pastors and delegates present was presented by the Committee on Credentials, and in the course of a few minutes the convention was functioning without any delay. Although all pastors and delegates had not arrived the first day, the total number of votes at a later hour of the convention was 40 pastors, 126 delegates (representing 146 votes) Board members, candidates for ordination, etc. 10 votes, a total of 198 votes, and one of our largest conventions.

The agenda prepared by the synodical board was adopted by the convention.

The Reports to the convention had all been printed in a large booklet and copies of these had been sent out to all pastors and delegates in ample time to have reached everyone, and giving ample time to read and study the various reports. Some of the committees had also been appointed in advance, and some work had been done by these individuals, and soon several committees were in session getting ready to present their findings to the convention.

Each of the individuals having submitted a report to the convention were given the opportunity of giving added comments to same. The president of the synod informed us, that the proposed joint trip to Denmark cannot be realized in 1948 due to lack of transportation facilities across the ocean. He also informed the convention that Dr. Arild Olsen was unable to attend the Lutheran Convention at Lund, Sweden, and that the Rev. E. A. Farstrup who now is in Denmark, had been appointed by the synodical board to represent our synod at this meeting.

A few other remarks were offered with the various reports. But after a comparatively short time all reports had been presented to the convention and were ready to go into the hands of committees. These were appointed by the chair and duly announced.

A telegram was received at this time from Olaf R. Juhl, synod treasurer, and his wife, and was read by Rev. Alfred Jensen: "Fra det skønne Norge gaar vor Hilsen til Aarsmødet."

In connection with the Inter Church Relations Report Rev. Alfred Jensen informed the convention that we as a synod paid out more to Lutheran World Action than we had to our own synodical budget. He urged all congregations to meet the 1946-47 quota, and asked the convention to approve the proposed budget for 1948. This approval was voted at a later session of the convention.

The Proposal from Perth Amboy, N. J. relative to scholarships to a year's study in Denmark was taken up as the first order of business. Rev. Ove R. Nielsen spoke on the proposal pointing out that many congregations were still in need of service by their pastor in the Danish language, and it was the contention of the Perth Amboy congregation that if our candidates and younger pastors could have the privilege of spending a year of study in Denmark that this would be a great benefit to all concerned. The proposal was considered pro and con, and after some deliberation it was moved and voted to table the proposal.

The Proposal from District IV relative to a possible Junior Membership was taken up. Quite a lively discussion followed. Many felt that such a Junior Membership status would encourage the young newly-confirmed to join the congregational work with more interest and still such membership would not make the congregation liable for synodical assessment on such Junior members.—Several speakers revealed that such an arrangement is already practiced in some of our congregations, and in as much as most congregational constitutions will not permit any person under 18 to vote, it does not seem feasible that such youth members could be considered full-paying-members of the

synod. It was evident that congregations that are urging their newly-confirmed to join in more active membership, were much in favor of the proposed Junior membership plan. But others saw a danger in establishing a double standard membership. After considerable discussion the proposal was voted down.

The President's Report

The President's Report appeared in the June 20th issue of L. T. The committee considering this report submitted the following report:

- 1. The committee moves that the following resolutions be adopted by this convention:
 - a. In gratitude for the fact that our synod can hold its 70th annual convention this year, we give thanks unto God for His merciful blessings bestowed upon our church and all the people, we give thanks for the faithful pioneers who planted our church in America, and worked to carry it through these 70 years, and we give thanks to the mother church in Denmark for its care and love during these years. We face the future with confidence, trusting in the gracious care of our Almighty Father and Lord and calling upon all our people to share in the great work of the Christian Church that is ours.
 - b. We extend our appreciation to Rev. M. F. Blichfeld, Rev. Evald Kristensen, and Mr. and Mrs. Frode Hasseriis for their visits to our congregations and greetings and messages they brought from Denmark. We anticipate with great joy the forthcoming visit of Bishop Fuglsang Damgaard.
 - c. We extend to the people of Denmark our sincere sympathy in the loss of their beloved King, Christian X. We pray that the reign of King Frederik IX and Queen Ingrid may be richly blessed by Almighty God.
 - d. We approve the action of our synodical president and other leaders for their part in presenting to the state department the address and signatures on the South Slesvig Question.
 - e. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the loved ones of those faithful servants in our church who were taken in death during the past year— Rev. A. V. Andersen, faithful pastor and synod ordinator; Herluf Hansen, former member of the synodical board; and a host of others, including all those mentioned by the synodical president in his report. Let God be praised for setting such faithful workers in our midst.
 - f. We express our thanks to the district presidents for their very fine help in furthering the growth of synodical understanding and fellowship as well as encouraging the ingathering of the funds for the synod budget.
 - g. We express our thanks to Rev. Henrik Plambeck for his faithful work as necrologist of the synod and regret that ill health prevents his continuing his work.
- 2. We move that the committee for arranging a trip to Denmark with the synod as sponsor be given the right to supplement itself with as many additional members as it may deem advisable in order to give it adequate representation. Furthermore, that

- DAYPL be given opportunity to be represented on the committee. Also that the committee be given authority to postpone the trip 'til 1949 or later if it finds this step advisable.
- 3. In view of the need for an improved program of religious education and an adequate means of assuring ourselves of a future harvest, we recommend that we, as a synod, consider the very character of and attitude towards our synodical work as "the Danish Church," particularly in our home mission approach, and we move that the Council for Elementary Christian Education and the Publication Committee of the Synod cooperate in order to produce and make available the best possible material for use in Summer Vacation, Sunday School, and Confirmation classes.
- 4. We move that the convention chairman appoint a committee of three to give much further consideration to the very important problem involved in recommendation number eight of the president's report. This committee shall be prepared to report to the 1948 annual convention.
- 5. We move that the convention pledges full support from our homes, our congregations, and our college to a home mission program which will aim at making the smaller and inadequately served churches, as well as any possible new fields, self-sustaining and active churches as rapidly as possible.
- 6. We move that the possibility of joining forces with other small Lutheran groups in the Canwood area be explored and if any such possibility is discovered it should be realized.
- 7. In order that the necessary funds to loan to home mission congregations for the purposes of erecting churches or parsonages be available, we move that the Church Extension Fund be increased to \$500,000 by collecting 20 per cent of this sum every year for five years, under the supervision of the synod board.
- 8. We move that our congregations again consider the cause of the American Bible Society and contribute to its support.
- 9. We move that the report of president and the report of the district presidents be gratefully accepted.

ERIK K. MOLLER SOPHUS HERMANSEN S. DIXEN SORENSEN SVEND HANSEN RICHARD H. SORENSEN

The report was discussed point by point. The convention voted to send copies of the above resolutions to the individuals listed, accompanied by a letter from the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Holger Strandskov. A rising vote of thanks was given to Rev. H. Plambeck for his many years of devoted service in the synod.

Point 2—Following a brief comment by the synodical president was accepted without any change.

Point 3—This point created considerable discussion. The chairman of the committee, Rev. Erik K. Moller,

stated that we must in some way present our particular heritage in such a way that it does not become a stumbling block in reaching those who do not have a Danish background. He stressed further, that many of us are working under conditions where we have people of varied backgrounds who are not particularly interested in the stress of Danish, but nevertheless are interested in our program as a whole.—

Rev. Alfred Jensen: We must realize that we have a field here and great possibilities. It is a long range program, but it can be done. I hope that we gradually prepare toward publishing our own Sunday School literature. It is a long range program, and will probably take several years for us to carry it out.

Richard Sorensen: Many of us are in congregations where we have many people who are not of Danish background. And as we work in these home mission fields we feel that our contribution to American Christianity lies in a certain approach.—Rev. L. C. Bundgaard said, that he agreed with Rev. Richard Sorensen. We are, he said, in the stream of ecumenical Christianity.

Rev. Ove R. Nielsen desired to see this recommendation carried out in a practical manner. He suggested as an example Every-Sunday-Folders to be used in our churches with pictures of our various institutions, some of our churches, and with something practical written about our work in general. Many of us use such Folders from other synods, and our people there read about their work, and not about our own work.

Rev. Harris Jespersen explained some of the difficulties which the publications committee faced in making the type of literature recommended available to our people. The recommendation was accepted without change.

Point 4 was accepted.

Point 5—The president of the synod expressed his view on home mission. He contended that our main objective in this work is spiritual. We must aim at reaching the children and adults for the Kingdom of God. He closed his remarks by saying: "This work is of deep concern to me as a member of the church."—The recommendation was accepted without change.

Point 6.—Accepted. We were informed by the synod president that he would be visiting our church at Canwood this summer.

Point 7.—Rev. Alfred Jensen reminded us that we have let too many lost opportunities go by. There have been many small beginnings of a church work, and some of these places have now joined other synods. We can even point out places where Danish people are being served by a young man of Danish descent, but the congregation belongs to a large American Lutheran Church.—It was further pointed out that the amount asked for in this recommendation was to be raised outside of the annual synodical budget.—The recommendation was accepted without change.

Points 8 and 9 were accepted, and the committee's findings and the Report from the synodical president was accepted.

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Dr. Paul C. Empie of New York City who recently had returned from a tour of the European countries spoke to the convention Thursday afternoon. As Director of Lutheran Action he came to us to express the sincere appreciation of his co-workers for the support that had been given from our synod toward the work of relief and rehabilitation of the Lutheran Church in Europe and on the various Mission fields. He reported that Lutheran World Relief Inc. shipped nearly five million pounds of relief goods to 14 countries in Europe and Asia during the past 18 months, and that less than one-half of one per cent had been lost in transit. Dr. Empie contributed this record to the fact that all supplies shipped abroad by Lutheran World Relief are distributed through church officials, who make certain that the food, clothing, medicines and other materials are given to those in greatest need.

He reported further that \$8,188,000 has been raised to date in the two year Lutheran World Action campaign for 10 million dollars for church relief and reconstruction. As national director he called for continued efforts from our congregations to meet the 1946-47 quota. He noted that our synod has contributed 61.64

per cent of its goal.

Replying to those who feel that the people of Europe should be left "to shift for themselves" Dr. Empie pointed out that he had seen the conditions in Europe with his own eyes, and that the people of Europe are bewildered, but are looking to America for a ray of hope. He stated further, that peace in Europe is impossible if the spiritual and physical needs of the thousands of children are neglected. He related the experience of hearing about and seeing how 70,000 needy children were given an extra meal a day for a period of three months from funds from the Lutheran World Action. He said: "Not only were many lives saved, but a lifetime of ill health was averted by this margin of nutrition among these youngsters."

One of the current projects is the assembling of layettes by women's groups of the church bodies which participate in the National Lutheran Council. He said that thousands of layettes have already been shipped

abroad.

Dr. Empie's address was one of the highlights of the convention. He is a forceful speaker, and a man who gives himself with body and soul to the task which is his. His greeting was in every way a challenge to all of us to support the work of the Lutheran World Action with renewed efforts

Resolutions Adopted By The Convention:

A committee on resolutions was appointed by the chair. The following committee was appointed: Rev. Enok Mortensen, Dr. Johannes Knudsen, and Mr. Hjalmar Petersen of Askov, Minnesota. Later the committee presented the following resolutions which were adopted by the convention:

Report From the Resolutions Committee

 Be it resolved, that the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America in convention expresses to Bethania Lutheran Church in Racine, Wisconsin, its pastor, and officers, its sincere gratitude for hospitality and friendliness during the convention.

- 2. Be it resolved, that the convention expresses its grateful appreciation to the officers of the synod who have served devotedly and capably during the past year; and to the officers of the convention for their efficient service.
- 3. Be it resolved, that the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church assembled in convention at Racine, Wisconsin, June 21st, 1947, recommends the admission to the United States of America of displaced persons from war ravaged Europe in a minimum number of 400,000, as provided in H. R. 2910, and be it further resolved that copies of the resolution be sent to the appropriate congressional committees.
- 4. Be it resolved, that our synod appreciates the current aid of our Federal Government to G. I. Students at Grand View College, as at other colleges, as well as the grants of buildings and equipment given now to further this educational program, and be it further resolved that we reiterate and confirm our faith in the traditional American policy of separation of church and state, and that we vigorously oppose any legislation which in any way encroaches upon this policy.
- 5. Whereas, this is the 70th Annual Convention of D. E. L. C. A. be it resolved that the convention expresses its gratitude and acknowledges its debt to the pioneers of our church for the faith and devotion on which our church has been built,

And whereas, the serious shortage of ministers imperils the work so well begun by the pioneers,

Be it resolved, that we to a greater degree seek out and encourage our young men to enter training for the ministry and be it finally resolved, that the convention urges our congregations, our pastors and laymen—young and old—to accept the responsibility and challenge of deeper devotion to, and firmer faith in the future of, our church and the Kingdom of God.—

Next in importance to the Report from the synodical president is the report from Grand View College. We believe that we should bring this report at least in part for the benefit of all of those who were not able to be present at the convention.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR GRAND VIEW COLLEGE

On September 27, 1946, Grand View College celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. We paused to look back over the years gone by and to recall to our memories the names of men whose vision and labor and courage had brought forth the college and seminary, which have since lived themselves into the hearts and memories of so many of our people.

This first year after the Jubilee has been one of looking ahead. It has been a momentous year in the history of Grand View College. The Jubilee expansion program is taking shape, with the

new dormitory nearing completion, new heating plant installed, and extensive remodeling taking place in the main building. A building to be used as a laboratory has been obtained from the government, with laboratory equipment, and will be moved onto the grounds behind the gynasium.

A record enrollment this year has taxed the capacity of dormitory, classrooms and dining room, as well as the laboratory. All teachers have carried extra heavy schedules. The president of the college has been alert to the change from a low war-time attendance to a sudden deluge of postwar enrollments. With the able assistance of Vermund Ostergaard and the full cooperation of Dean A. C. Nielsen and the faculty, he has met the emergency with a well planned and well ordered program.

Throughout all this it became imperative that the board orientate its thinking and action from an expansion program which was to gradually take shape to an immediate program which had to provide for an expansion suddenly dropped in its lap. This meant the provision of additional teachers, classrooms, dormitory space, laboratory and laboratory equipment, increased dining room facilities, and much more.

To meet the situation the board has authorized the engagement of additional teachers in the following courses: foreign language, social science, physical science, English, music and physical education. Rev. Einer Farstrup has been engaged as director of a department of Christian Education to begin next September.

The board has also authorized the engagement of a business secretary, responsible to the president, for the administration of business affairs.

Additional laboratory facilities will be provided by a building and equipment obtained through application of the president of the college to the War Assets Administration. Remodeling of the main building will provide better arrangement of classroom and office space and improved dormitory space and bathroom facilities for boys. The new girls' dormitory will be ready for occupancy by the beginning of next term. We are grateful that the W. M. S. is collecting funds for furniture.

Future plans provide for a new wing on the west end of the main building. The immediate need for this wing, planned for science laboratories and classrooms, has been alleviated by the procurement of the building from the War Assets Administration for this purpose, but temporary alleviation must not replace permanent provision.

With the large enrollment of boys, the need for a new and larger gymnasium has become acute. The old gymnasium no longer meets the requirements, and it has been necessary to rent and use a gymnasium of a Des Moines high school for all home basketball games. It is not the purpose of the board to over-emphasize the college sports program, but they do believe it is an important phase of college activity, providing a healthful and recreational background for work and study. A well balanced sports program and adequate gym facilities are an asset to any college and often are a determining factor to a student in selecting his school.

Building contracts for work now in progress or nearing completion are as follows:

General Contract for dormitory	\$ 91,039.00
Extra	2,341.06
Plumbing and heating	24,899.00
Electric	1 005 00
Architect	P 200 11
m-4-1	\$130,670,50

Expenditures, at the date this is written, from the Jubilee Fund for construction purposes are as follows:

General Contract for dormitroy	\$61,024.15
Plumbing and heating	10,754.84
Electric	1,484.69
New boiler	
Remodeling boiler room	3,034.78
Architect	
Beds	10-00
Chemistry tables	
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Grand View College has been fortunate in securing much valuable equipment of government surplus, a list of which follows, giving estimated value and cost to Grand View College:

	Estimated Value		Cost
Laboratory Building	\$10,000	*\$	500.00
100 Beds and Mattresses	2,500		467.30
Radio Equipment			45.00
Office Equipment	1,000		159.82
Plumbing fixtures			20.00
Refrigerator	200		
Miscellaneous Supplies			25.00
Travel, Telephone, Telegraph			80.00
Cabin Denvis A Name and American	<u> </u>	_	
	\$17,150	\$	1,297.12

* Estimate.

The board made a ruling at its February meeting fixing the retirement age at seventy years for teachers in the college and seminary. An effort was made some years ago to work out a pension plan for teachers of Grand View College upon retirement, but no solution was arrived at. The matter has been given serious consideration, and investigations have been made of various plans. A committee appointed by the board consisting of Jens Thuesen, President Johannes Knudsen, and Professor Peter Jorgensen, is making further investigation, and it is hoped that some practical plan may be found.

Seminary. The board of education, in recognition of the years of service contributed by Rev. S. D. Rodholm and Rev. V. S. Jensen toward the training of young men in our seminary and college, has unanimously adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS the close of this school year marks the retirement from active service at Grand View College

and Seminary of the Rev. S. D. Rodholm and Rev. V. S. Jensen, and

WHEREAS these two esteemed men throughout many years have made distinguished contributions through teaching and preaching to the spiritual life and work of these institutions, and

WHEREAS, such services and contributions have added greatly to the Christian life of the homes and congregations of our synod and the growth of the Kingdom of God among the Danish-American people of this country.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the board of education herewith expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to them for their devotion to the high calling and their contribution toward a deeper understanding and clearer conception of the task of the church and the character and purpose of human life in its relationship to the Kingdom of God, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread on the minutes of this board meeting and reported to the annual convention for approval.

A report to the board of education by the president of the college relative to the seminary follows:

"The Theological Seminary has reached a low tide as far as enrollment is concerned. Three students started the year, one was graduated in January, and only one returned for the second semester. The cruse of the small enrollment is mainly the war. Very few young men sought exemptions for preSeminary studies. Returned veterans nearly all intend to seek four years of college before entering the Seminary. For this double set of circumstances I am not sorry.

"The test of the Seminary comes in the next few years. Will our young men take up studies for entering the ministry? Will they be attracted by the quality of the work in the Seminary and will they feel the challenge, the need, and the encouragement of the churches? The answer is to be given by us in the Seminary and by the people in the congregations. I am confident that we have the possibility of a good enrollment of fine young men very shortly. Two have applied for admission next fall. A number of others are listed as pre-Seminary students, and several are seriously considering it. A call to the ministry cannot be forced and we must bide our time. But we can sow the seed and nourish the growth. I am hopeful of a good harvest.

"The instruction this year has mainly been carried on by Rev. S. D. Rodholm and Rev. V. S. Jensen. They will probably continue next year on a parttime basis. I shall again take up my teaching in the Seminary."

Guest speakers at Grand View College during the year have been Rev. A. E. Farstrup, Rev. O. S. Jorgensen, Rev. Erik Moller, Rev. Alfred Jensen, Rev. Enok Mortensen, Rev. Carl Wilhelmsen, Rev. C. Lack, Dr. Marcus Bach, Forrest Spaulding, Rev. Emerson Schwenk, Herb Plambeck, Paul McCombs, Stanley Dixon, Hiram Hunn, Miss Doris Adams and Miss Banuski. Rev. Evald Kristensen and Rev. H. F. Blichfeld were heard in the Luther Memorial Church.

During the year, Grand View College has been host to the following groups: Danish gymnasts with

Mr. Flensted Jensen and Miss Anne Marie Borup, and the Lutheran Student Association Convention.

Attendance Record: 1946-1947

Seminary	3
Junior College	
Nurses	77
First year students	149
Second year students	43
Students completing seminary	1
Students completing college work with at least	
60 sem. hours credit	14
Students from Des Moines	59

(10 from our church)	
Total student months (Jr. Col.)	.445
Total student months 1945-46	
Total student months 1944-45	451
Congregations represented	
States represented	
Panama	
Student nurses from Iowa Lutheran	
Student nurses from Broadlawns	
Tuition for the year 1947-48 will be \$200, board \$	
and room \$40 for one semester or \$75 for the yea	r in
the new dormitory, \$37 for one semester or \$70 for	the
year in the old dormitory.	UIIC

Grand View College And Our Youth

FROM A SUMMER SCHOOL TEACHER

Yes, I wanted to teach summer school in one of our congregations, and when Dr. Knudsen suggested Dagmer, Montana, I was filled with anticipation.

During the last few weeks of the school year at G. V. C. when a group of us were preparing ourselves to go out to teach in the vacation summer school, I constantly mentioned the fact that I was eagerly looking forward to teaching summer school. However, some of my friends warned me not to build up too many glorious hopes, lest I should later become too disappointed.—But in all sincerity I can say that I have not been disappointed. I have truly found teaching summer school a very enriching experience.

Of course, the fact thet teaching is not all joy I fully realized at the end of the first day when I heaved a sigh of relief, took an aspirin, and sat down to figure the whole thing out; but after a few days I realized what a wonderful experience it really is.

The Dagmar summer school, with an enrollment of sixteen children, is similar to most of our summer schools. Included in the curriculum are devotions, Bible stories, memory work, mission stories, other stories, synodical and some Danish history, and our recreation with gymnastics and games. Classes are in session from 9:00 a. m. until 3:00 p. m. for a period of three weeks.

Every summer a large number of students or former students of Grand View College teach the many summer schools in our congregations in our synod.

Going out to teach summer school also affords some opportunity of traveling to communities where one has never been before, and seeing a new part of our great nation.

Now, to give this article some color, I should really tell you all about the great state of Montana, and the "wild and

wooly West." And to make it even more exciting I should tell you about the coyotes and wild Indians. But I will have to admit that I have neither seen nor heard a coyote, and although I have seen a number of Indians, they appear very tame and like other people.

Although I have been enjoying every minute of my stay in Dagmar, hardly a old G. V. C. on East 13th and Grand day passes without my thoughts wandering many miles away to the dear View avenue in Des Moines. I still cannot come to the realization of the fact that I will not be returning to that wonderful little place next September. I keep wondering why all the good things that make life so rich must come to an end and so soon. The two years I have spent at G. V. C. have come and gone just as a small branch hurriedly passes by in a flowing stream, soon to be out of sight. But even though two years are a very short span of time in the expected life of a human being, my two years at G. V. C. have made such an impression upon me that they will stand out against all of the rest and will never be forgotten.

Next year Grand View College will be different with its new modern dormitory and a number of improvements on the old building. Of course, it will still be good old G. V. C. But although we have not previously had the new more modern buildings, we have gained that something from G. V. C., so important to all of us. And we are confident that the new and added improvements will not take that spirit away from G. V. C.

The other day I opened by "1947 Viking" and began to page through it, but I quickly put it away. When I saw the pictures of the many friends that I had at Grand View, I became very lonely and melancholy. This type of friendship develops when young people have the opportunity of sharing in such a rich life and fellowship as we find at G. V. C. I have often wondered how two years could be so full of rich experiences. Yes, I am still pondering the question: Why do all good things have to come to an end so soon?

I would like to use this opportunity to make a plea to the members of our synod, especially to the translators and

writers. You who received "Echo," our G. V. C. paper during the past year know that a series of articles were written on the history of our church. In writing one article in this series I discovered that practically the only source material available in the English language was a small booklet, entitled "Early Days In Our Church" written by Mr. O. C. Olsen. And I know that the other students encountered the same difficulty. We definitely need more source material in the English language giving an adequate presentation of the history, the development, and the special characteristics of our synod. If possible such material should be gathered and published in book form. We firmly believe that we have in our branch of the Lutheran Church something which has made our fellowship rich. Let us tell the world about

The writings of N. F. S. Grundtvig are too profound and wonderful to remain practically unknown. I realize that Grundtvig's writings are extremely difficult to translate. But at least books could be written explaining the life, writings and views of Grundtvig and others of our church leaders. Our synod has a great many things to be proud of. We must not let them die. In future years there are going to be more and more young people, like myself, who will be able to read very little Danish, if any at all. Our church will lose its distinctive characteristics if some of the source material is not translated into the English language.

In closing this little article I would like to bring this greeting to the young people of our synod: When you are ready to choose the college where you will take one or more years of college work, do not overlook the best little school in the world, our school, Grand View College. And then in addition, do not pass up the opportunity of teaching summer school. It's great!

THEO. THUESEN, JR. (Fredsville), Cedar Falls, Iowa.

No Junior Camp At GVC

Due to building and remodeling programs there will be no Junior Camps at Grand View College this summer.

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For Carla Petersen	and Gudrun
Sorensen Concert.	
Des Moines, Iowa	July 6th.
Cedar Falls, Iowa	July 7th.
Dwight, Ill	July 9th.
Chicago, Ill.	July 11th.
Akron, Ohio	July 13th.
Perth Amboy, N. J.	July 16th.
Troy, N. Y	July 17th.
Hartford, Conn	Indecided date.

We gladly recommend Miss Carla Petersen, soprano soloist, and Mrs. Gudrun Sorensen, accomplished pianist to all of our readers. We know that their program will be of the very best.

We are sorry that the itinerary reached our desk too late for the June 20th issue in order to announce the first half of their appearances.

Editor.

OUR CHURCH

Election at Church Convention

Synodical Secretary (2 years) Rev. Holger O. Nielsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa, reelected.

Synodical Treasurer (2 years) Mr. Olaf R. Juhl, Minneapolis, Minn. (re-

Synodical Trustee (2 years) Mr. Charles Lauritzen, Dwight, Ill.

Ordainer (Indefinite term) Rev. S. D. Rodholm, Des Moines, Iowa.

Council of Elementary Religious Education (4 years) Rev. Peter Thomsen, Omaha, Nebraska.

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Committee on Publications (4 years) Prof. Erling Jensen, Ames, Iowa (reelected).

Board of Education for Grand View College (4 years) Prof. Harald Petersen, Tyler, Minn.

Pension Board (3 years) Mr. Paul Steenberg, St. Paul, Minn., (re-elected).

Committee on Church Relations (2 years) Rev. Erik K. Moller, Hay Springs, Nebr. (re-elected); William Nielsen, Muskegon, Mich.; Einer Fisher, Racine, Wis., (re-elected).

Santal Committee (5 years) Rev. Marvin Nygaard, Fredsville, Iowa; (for unexpired term of 3 years) Rev. Clayton Nielsen, Denmark, Kans.

Necrologist (indefinite term) Rev. V. S. Jensen, Des Moines, Iowa.

American Santal Committee Mrs. Ernest D. Nielsen, Chicago, Ill.

D.A.Y.P.L. Board Member Rev. Holger Strandskov, Dwight, Ill.

1948 Convention Chairman Prof. Erling Jensen, Ames, Iowa.

1948 Convention Assistant Chairman Rev. Arthur E. Frost, Waterloo, Iowa.

1948 Convention Secretary Rev. Verner Hansen, Chicago, Ill.

1948 Convention Assistant Secretary Miss Margaret Michaelsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Superintendent of Tyler Old People's Home (1 year) Rev. Enok Mortensen, Tyler, Minn. (re-elected).

The Synodical Budget for the coming year voted by the convention amounted to \$37,500.00.

The Synodical President's Salary was raised to \$3600.00

Invitations for the next Annual Convention were lacking. The convention voted to instruct the synodical board to find a place for the next convention.—Before we left the convention grounds rumors were afloat, of several possibilities.

The Ordination Service Sunday morning at 9:00 o'clock was held in the Bethania Church, and the church was filled to overflowing. Rev. F. O. Lund was in charge of the Liturgy and gave the Introductory sermon. The two candidates for ordination were Leif Kirkegaard who is called to serve St. John's Lutheran Church in Ringsted, Iowa, and Harald Riber, called to serve in the Santal Mission in Santalistan, India. Rev. S. D. Rodholm served as the ordainer, assisted at the altar by Rev. Alfred Jensen, Rev. F. O. Lund, Miss Dagmar Miller and Rev. Enok Mortensen. After the ordination service, Rev. S. D. Rodholm invited Mrs. Harald Riber, who will also enter the Santal Mission work with her husband, to the altar and we all joined in prayer and asked God for his blessings on Mary Riber as she goes out with her husband. The entire service was most impressive and inspiring.

The Nominating Committee appointed by the chair consisted of the following: District 1—Rev. Johannes Pedersen,

Mr. Vendelboe Nielsen.
District 2—Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen,
Mrs. Elmer Ness.

District 3—Rev. Alfred E. Sorensen,

Mr. Chas. Lauritzen.
District 4—Rev. M. Nygaard, Mrs.

J. Boysen.
District 5—Rev. Th. Hansen, Svend
Petersen.

District 6—Rev. Enok Mortensen, Mrs. E. C. Lund.

District 7—Rev. Clayton Nielsen, Mr. Martin Grobeck.

District 8—Rev. Svend Kjaer, Mrs. Anna Rasmussen.

District 9—Rev. C. S. Hasle, Mr. Niels C. Sunsted.

The Following Committees were appointed by the chair:

Committee No 1: Synod and District President's Reports—Rev. Erik Miller, chairman, Rev. Richard Sorensen, Mr. Sofus Hermansen, Mr. Svend Hansen, Mr. S. Dixen Sorensen.

Committee No. 2: Board of Education. Board of Examiners and Jubilee Fund Report—Rev. Harris Jespersen, chairman, Rev. Holger Jorgensen, Mr. Chas. Lauritzen, Mr. C. C. Bonnicksen.

Committee No. 3: Synod Treasurer-Finance Advisory Committee and Statistican Reports—Mr. Axel Olsen, chairman, Rev. Howard Christensen, Mr. Walter J. Nielsen, Mr. Alfred Jensen, Mr. Elmer Ness.

Committee No. 4: Reports of Old People's Home-Children's Homes and Eben-Ezer Institute—Rev. F. O. Lund, chairman, Rev. A. C. Ammentorp, Mrs. Ellen Olesen, Mr. Carl Sorensen, Miss Helga Petersen.

Committee No. 5: Pension Fund - Seamen's Mission - Santal Mission—Rev. C. A. Stub, chairman, Rev. Hans Juhl, Mrs. Helen Sorensen, Mrs. Ezra Miller, Mr. J. S. Hermansen.

Committee No. 6: Publication Committee Report and Archivist Report—Rev. James Lund, chairman, Rev. W. R. Garred, Mrs. Johanna Lillehøj, Mr. Aage Sorensen, Mrs. Peder Kirkegaard.

Committee No. 7: Committee on Inter Church Relationship—Rev. O. S. Jorgensen, chairman, Rev. Marius Krog, Mr. J. C. Grau, Mrs. Carl Olesen, Mrs. Catherine Clausen.

Committee No. 8: Elementary Religious Education—Rev. Ove Nielsen, chairman, Rev. Peter Thomsen, Miss Rieta Petersen, Mrs. Julia Lange, Mr. Nels Martensen.

Committee No. 9: Report of D.A.Y.-P.L.—Rev. Verner Hansen, chairman, Rev. L. C. Bundgaard, Mr. Thorvald Lauritzen, Mrs. E. A. Kramme, Mrs. Fanny Iversen.

Committee No. 10: Committee on Revision of Rules of Institutions, By-Laws etc.—Rev. Viggo M. Hansen, chairman, Mr. James Thuesen, Mr. Carl Gylling.

Balloting Committee No. 1: Mr. Godfrey Guldager, Mr. George Lindegaard, Mr. Edward Esbeck, Mr. William C. Nielsen.

Balloting Committee No. 2: Rev. Gudmund Petersen, Mr. Svend Christensen, Mr. Fred Svensen, Mr. Harald C. Thuesen.