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## Religious Education Week

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Chairman, Council of Religious Education

What! Another week of some kind which we are to observe? There are so many proclamations about special days and weeks that I can't see how there can possibly be time for all of them. And now the Church comes along with some of their own!

There are no doubt a number of the readers of Lutheran Tidings who will react to the above title in just this way. And in a sense they will probably be right. Causes that we are intensely interested in can never be adequately served by setting aside certain days. If they are important they are important all of the time. This is certainly true of Religious Education. The National Council of Churches is fully aware of this in setting aside a week (Sept. 30 to Oct. 7) for this special emphasis. The same can be said also for the Lutheran Synods who, unlike our own, have set aside the month of Sept. as Parish Education Month. They realize however that we are all faced with the questions: "Are you as a parent, or as a congregation, fulfilling your Christ-given duty to 'teach'? Are you doing an adequate job? Are you constantly re-evaluating your efforts? Are you really concerned about seeing to it that the heritage of the Christian Church may become a vital factor in the life of the oncoming generation?" It is in order that we may think on these things and plan for greater effectiveness that the Danish Lutheran Church, through its

Council of Religious Education is again sponsoring Religious Education Week. Letters have been sent out to all Pastors and to some Sunday School Superintendents with samples of materials that may be had. The tracts available are illustrated at the heading of this article. A few have sent us their orders, but only a few.

The general theme for this year's Religious Education emphasis is "Teach My People." This is an obligation which the Church can not ignore without dire consequences. It is an obligation laid upon every parent who brings a child to be baptized into Christ. In one of the pamphlets available for this year's Rel. Educ. week the matter before us is well put thusly: "There is much work yet to be done by the Church and home in Christian teaching. Millions of little babies are being born each year. They take their places in the homes. They must also be brought into the church. Great hosts of growing boys and girls are crowding our public schools. They must be surrounded with Christian influence and teaching in the homes and in the church. Fathers and mothers, the most potent teaching force in the world, also must learn. They learn in the process of teaching in the home; but they must be faithful in worship, the study, and the service activities of the church, for their own



spiritual growth and for the growth and nurture of their children."

It is in order that you, working with each other, as parents, as well as with your Pastor and the Church's teaching staff, may improve your effectiveness, that we sponsor Rel. Education week. Not as an observance but as an opportunity. The day is past when

we can assume that these things will take care of themselves.

It is for this same purpose also that the Council of Religious Education is sponsoring the Midwest Conference on Religious Education at Grand View College during the days Oct. 16-19. Encourage, and if necessary assist your teachers to come, or be represented, at this meeting.

## Who Shall Be The Greatest?

By Rev. J. C. Aaberg

In that hour came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And he called to him a little child, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye turn, and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me; but whoso shall cause one of these little ones that believe on me to stumble, it is profitable for him that a great millstone should be hanged about his neck, and that he should be sunk in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of occasions of stumbling! for it must need be that the occasions come; but woe to that man through whom the occasion cometh. And if thy hand or thy foot causeth thee to stumble, cut it off, and cast it from thee: it is good for thee to enter into life maimed or halt, rather than having two hand and two feet to be cast into the eternal fire. And if thine eye causeth thee to stumble, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is good for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into the hell of fire. See that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven there angels do always behold the face of my father who is in heaven. How think ye? if any man have a hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and go unto the mountain and seek that which goeth astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth over it more than over the ninety and nine which have not gone astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish. Matthew 18:1-14.

It is an age old question which the disciples in this gospel present to the Lord. Ever since man committed his first sin because he hoped "to be as wise as God" man has quarreled and fought to decide the question of supremacy. The fields have varied according to the ideals and desires of the contestants but, whatever the field, the cause of the quarrels was essentially the same, the unquenchable desire of man to excel and forge ahead of others.

Nor is this desire in itself evil. When directed into its proper channels and expressed in the right spirit, it is, on the whole, one of the most necessary and constructive forces in the world. Without the ambition to excel and forge ahead, the world would stand still, and even Christianity would decay. Hence the Lord Himself does not condemn the ambition of his disciples. His answer to them is not a reprimand but a directive. He seeks to guide their aspiration rather than to discourage it.

The first condition for becoming great in the kingdom of God is, of course, that one must have entered the kingdom, one must belong to it. To illustrate this our Lord called a little child and set him in the midst of the disciples, saying, "Except ye turn and

become as little children ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven."

This saying is at once so clear that all may understand it, and yet so profound that pages might be devoted to its explanation. For what does it imply to become as a little child? It can not mean simply to become and remain small. At no time in life is the ambition to become big greater than in childhood, and a child that ceases to grow becomes a dwarf. Nor can the reference be merely to the innocence of childhood. For even the child is not innocent. It is like all men born in sin and lacks the grace of God.

But there are two traits which are common to all children: their helplessness and their willingness to accept help. No creature is so helpless as the human infant, and no one is more willing to accept help. The out-stretched hand and the appealing cry is everywhere symbolic of childhood. And these traits are, without doubt, at least among those to which our Savior refers. Unless a man has experienced his own helplessness and stretched pleading hands toward God, he has not, he can not enter His kingdom. The same thought is strikingly expressed in the opening lines of the sermon on the mount, "Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." The poor in spirit! One would expect that it would above all require the great intellect, the trained mind, the profound thinker to understand that mighty discourse. But no! only the poor spirit, the hungry heart, the soul thirsting for righteousness can perceive and receive the living, saving truth of the kingdom which the sermon teaches. One must become a child before one can be a grown-up, one must be small before one can become great, one must become humble before one can be exalted in the kingdom of God.

But again, although Jesus tells His disciples that they must become as children if they are to enter the kingdom, He does not tell them to remain as children. A child must grow or become a dwarf; and

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a Christian who fails to grow becomes a spiritual pigmy. "Be not children in understanding," says Paul, "in malice be ye children, but in understanding be ye men." And in another passage he tells the Ephesians that Christ gave His church apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers for the perfection and edification of the saints that they might all attain unity of faith and grow unto "a perfect man, unto the measure and stature of the fullness of Christ; that they henceforth should not be children tossed about by every wind of doctrine; but, speaking the truth in love, might in everything grow up to Him which is the Head, even Christ." And thus we see that Christians are not called to remain as children but to grow as children even until they attain the full stature of Jesus Christ.

But if we ask how this growth is to be attained, Jesus, no doubt would answer, you must grow as children grow. And children grow from the food they receive. Without proper nourishment, there can be no growth, a truth which, though so well known, is often so sadly forgotten by Christians.

We read just now in these war days so much of the pitifully undernourished children in the war-torn countries, children whose growth has been stunted and whose health has been undermined by the lack of proper food. And the pitiless cruelty of it should remind all of us of the solemn "woe" our Savior in this gospel pronounces upon all who offend His little ones. It is one of the many occasions for stumbling against the weak for which men shall be called to answer. But sad as this physical crippling of childhood is, is it not just as sad to think of the countless numbers of God's children whose life is crippled by their failure or refusal to receive the spiritual food without which spiritual growth is impossible? Are even the stunted children of a warring world more to be pitied than these neglected or self-willed spiritual starvelings in the midst of plenty. For there are no scarcities in the kingdom of God.

It would require too much time to enumerate the wealth of spiritual nourishments available for our Christian life. But, briefly stated the meat and drink of Christian living are now as ever God's Word and Sacraments. For although some may pine for more sophisticated foods, no Christian ever grew strong who neglected these God-given means of life. Jesus Himself said, "Whosoever heareth my word and believeth hath eternal life." And concerning the sacrament He said, "Whosoever eateth my body and drinketh my blood hath eternal life, for my body is verily meat and my blood is verily drink. But whosoever doth not eat my body and drink my blood hath not eternal life abiding in him." Of the unequaled first church the church of pentecost, we are told that those who believed continued steadfastly in the teachings of the apostles, the breaking of the bread, in fellowship and in prayer. It was nourished by these means of grace that they attained the faith which conquers the world. And there can be no greatness in the kingdom of God except where Christians "as new born babes hunger for the sincere milk of the word that they may grow thereby."

But another condition for growth in the kingdom is to live rightly, to walk steadfastly in the way

of life we as Christians confess. The world is thronged with people whose life has been weakened or wrecked by defying the laws of healthy physical and spiritual living. In our gospel our Lord speaks of some who live in such a manner that it would have been better if a millstone had been hanged around their neck and they had been cast into the sea. Their life is a curse to themselves and a stumbling-block to others. It is of little or no benefit to have even the right faith if it is not expressed in righteous living. "Out of the same mouth," says the apostle James, proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. For doth a fountain at the same time yield both salt and fresh water? Can a fig tree bear olive berries or a vine figs? So can no fountain both yield salt and fresh water."

Yet that is just what even many Christians attempt to do. They profess to be Christians but walk in the ways of the world. They aspire to the treasures of heaven but grope mostly for the satisfactions of this earth. They attempt to do, what even Jesus declares that men can not do, to serve both God and mammon. And in doing so, they not only harm themselves but become roadblocks to others. It is still true, as Peter says, "that for their sake the name of God is mocked among the heathens." Certainly no one can find much inspiration in seeing a "Christian" adorning a saloon-bar, enjoying himself in a gambling den, cheating in business, misusing his laborers, neglecting his church, taking the name of the Lord in vain, or a host of other things in which people indulge in this supposedly Christian land. Against all such things the apostle flings out his challenge "to walk worthy of the calling by which we were called, not in wantonness and drunkenness, not in strife and envy but to put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and to make no provision for the flesh to fulfill the lust thereof."

It may seem like a drastic measure, when Jesus in this Gospel tells his disciples to cut off their feet, hands and eyes if they offend them. Many would call such a demand pietistic and narrow minded. Yet if any of these members endangered the life of our body, we would not refuse to have them removed. We would prefer to lose a limb instead of our life. Why then should we hesitate to renounce the things which imperil our eternal welfare, even if these things be as dear to us as hand and eye. For in the words of our Savior is it not better to go into life maimed or halt, rather than having two hands and two feet to be cast into the eternal fire?

And finally, our Lord on this occasion as on all others at which the question of greatness was raised, points to a life of selfless service as the ultimate test of greatness in his kingdom. "Whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me." And "how think ye? If any man have a hundred sheep, and one of them goeth astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and go into the mountain and seek that which goeth astray?" And how could anyone be great in the kingdom of God if he helps not, if he seeks not, if he cares not for the little ones and the lost ones whom Jesus loved? In the world greatness is measured by the service it can command; in



# Through The Canadian Rockies And Festive Days In Vancouver

## II

As I had experienced something rich and mighty the first day in the grandeur of the nature which God has created, the next day became much more significant because of the Christian fellowship.

At the station stood Pastor Kronborg and the little Anna and waited for me. They gave me a firm handshake and a hearty welcome.

We had never seen each other before but we felt as if we were friends at once and then we drove out to the parsonage and here I met a new heartfelt welcome from his wife and the wee Marie who had stayed home to look after the house.

And now I do not know how it is or why it is but that doesn't matter for after just one day we felt as if we had known each other for years. There was a deep understanding and spiritual Christian fellowship, that I feel I can say we are not only friends for life but friends for eternity.

Can one think of a richer dividend from a trip than to win people's thankfulness and love. To find Christian friends where the feeling of spiritual security and abundance is evident. The first morning we sang: "Lov synger Herren min Mund og mit Indre." I knew at once that this was a good place to be.

Saturday morning we drove out to the Danish Old People's Home and visited the old folks living there. As we sang in the parsonage day and night so sang we in the congregation and the homes we visited. There is a soundingboard in the souls of the Danish people in Vancouver and this binds them closer together.

The soft melodies of their native tongue meet the young immigrant as he comes over from Denmark and it is therefore the Danish minister and the Danish church have a big task to do and a large field of work. May God give them success in doing this job and it looks as if it may because now there is a young minister and his wife in the best years of their lives who have felt themselves called and will give themselves all out in the act of serving God. He stands there, tall and blond before the altar of the Lord and beckons with a strong voice to share the best in life. God's rich gifts of grace and she gives herself all out with a warm and humble soul as mother and wife. I cannot do anything else but wish them luck and God's blessings in the days to come.

Sunday was a wonderful day. It is a long time since I have experienced anything so festive. It was the congregation's birthday and I was here to help celebrate it. Try to picture for yourself the newly white-washed church built in the style of a Danish country church with two soft green beech trees at its entrance. In other words the church was attired in its best. There were not only flowers to decorate the altar and organ but on the outer side of the pews were vases in the shape of a cross for the purpose of holding flowers. This was all beautiful but the best of all were all the Danes sitting in their Sunday best

who had come from far and near. There was even a family from Wayne, Alberta.

I had chosen as my text the 122 Psalm of David, the Psalm of joy, gladness and thanksgiving in the House of the Lord, and it was such a day in Vancouver. I was happy to note the progress that had occurred since August 1923 when I called the Danes in Vancouver together for the first time in a rented Norwegian church.—Now they have their own parsonage and church.

God has been good to the Danish people in Vancouver but they have been faithful to their church. When they come into the Lord's House they gain courage to face the deepest sorrow, and strength to overcome the troubles of every day life.

After the church service we all gathered in the church basement to eat lunch and once again the air of joy and festivity met us. The tables were decorated with flowers and Danish flags and the table was set with the best food that Danish women can make. Once again I spoke and we sang from the Danish books. I spoke of the blessing it was for us as Danish immigrants to have had great men as Adam Dan, Grundtvig and Ostergaard who could not alone interpret our people's homesickness for Denmark but could also point to our responsibility to build homes and churches from coast to coast, on the prairies, in the forest as well as the big cities. The source of growth and building was the love for the rich spiritual order God has given us. At the close of the day in one of these cozy homes, the Poulsen home, the tones of song sounded again deep and sincerely.

On Monday evening we had another meeting, a lecture and the traditional Danish coffee table. I was happily surprised that evening to see so many there. It was a warm, mild evening and many had come long distances.

After the evening worship we joined hands and sang: "Tider skal komme, Tider skal henrulle."—This was a blessed moment.

Tuesday was also a busy day but in another way. We went for a long drive to an inlet, driving through the rugged but beautiful coastal mountain region which has the most beautiful natural surroundings.

As I had many acquaintances here I visited many Danish homes and naturally we sang. Yes, it is wonderful and uplifting to sing.

Now I have said my last "goodbye" for this time, shaken many a loyal hand, seen more than one tearful glance because there is always a certain sadness in saying goodbye. People have followed me to the station and have thanked me—more than I deserve.

I am sitting in the train thinking about all that has happened. Oh! It has really been a rich experience. Yes, immigrants are my people. Tomorrow I can no longer see the mountains but still I am connected with a strong firm bond to the Danish people at the seaside in the west. May God bless the members of the parsonage and all the other homes, churches and congregations.

P. Rasmussen.



## Lutheran Student Ashram 1951

After a short visit with friends in Winnipeg, Canada; and a bus trip to Camp Biloxi, Mississippi, to visit 17 Danish soldiers learning radar at this camp of 40,000—it was a good rest to attend the Lutheran Student Ashram at Interlochen, Michigan, only 65 miles from Grayling.

I had read about this meeting in the National Lutheran Quarterly, and wrote the headquarters, if I as an older student could attend. The Ashram was held near Interlochen Music Camp that covers 500 acres of woodland near a clear little lake. The students lived in cabins with 10-16 beds. The cost was \$31 for room and board for 5 days. The total enrollment was 715 students, 20 being from Canada, and 31 from many foreign countries.

We started with regular morning service, matins and song, followed by one hour of quiet. The service always closed with singing: "Open My Eyes, O Lord." As we arose to go to our preparation for the Bible hour the whole group kept on humming the melody. The Bible study dealt with the Acts of the Apostles, and was held in each cabin.

The theme of the Ashram was "God's World—Our Mission." And just before dinner we listened to a lecture on God's World.

The afternoon was given to recreation; swimming, canoeing, tennis, basketball, volley ball and football. But student leaders from the different universities had regional meetings every afternoon to help them serve their student group through the coming year.

During the afternoon there was choir rehearsal. The choir of about 200 voices was conducted by Dr. Oscar Overby from St. Olaf's College. One evening we heard the choir sing Grundtvig's "Built on the Rock the Church doth stand."

For three evenings at 7:30 we listened to Dr. Karl Mattson speak on "Giving Ourselves." During the whole Ashram an appeal was made for whole time service in the Christian church as ministers, missionaries, nurses and social workers. At 8:45 we met in different buildings to discuss questions related to Christian living. There were about 20 groups discussing some burning question as; How do I know that I am a Christian? How can I best study the Bible? Where can I best serve God? How much moral freedom does a Christian have?

At 9:45 we gathered around the camp fire by the lake, where some students read scripture passages, led the singing and the choir closed the evening by singing the benediction. What impressed the students were the Bible studies, the discussion and the camp fire.

The Ashram closed Thursday, August 30th, with an evening communion service in which 540 students took part. At the close of the service the new president of the Lutheran Student Association of America was introduced—and it was Herluf Jensen, the son of the president of our synod.

Friday morning I drove back to Grayling with Miss Carolyn Nielsen, student nurse from Grayling.

It was a fine Ashram, and I was greatly impressed by it, and felt that these great Lutheran bodies, both

ULC and ALC, were very much awake to the problems and possibilities for service in the world of today.

I want to urge all students from our synod to get in touch with the Lutheran student group at any university they may attend; and to plan to attend the next student Ashram near Denver, Colorado.

John Enslemann.

## Annual Convention

### III

In considering the President's Report the Findings committee made a number of recommendations, or in many cases approved the recommendations made by the President. The minutes from the convention, which will soon be published will contain a full coverage of all action taken at the convention. We shall only attempt here to give a brief summary of some of the most important actions taken.

Several delegates to the Cleveland meeting where the National Council of Churches of Christ came into being, told something about their experiences and expressed their belief that we would in time benefit from our participation in this church fellowship. The convention approved the appointment of the delegates chosen at the time by the synodical board, and these representatives were asked to continue for the coming year. They are Rev. Alfred Jensen, Rev. Holger O. Nielsen, Dr. Johannes Knudsen, Rev. A. E. Farstrup, Mrs. Agnes Holst and Rev. Clayton Nielsen.

The convention further went on record as favoring the movement to establish NCCCUSA headquarters in the midwest.

Further the convention voted to express its best wishes to Arild Olsen in his capacity as Associate Executive Secretary of the Division of Life and Work of the NCCCUSA.

### The Hannover Lutheran World Federation Assembly

Upon recommendation from the synodical president, the convention voted to appoint Dr. Johannes Knudsen as our delegate to the Lutheran World Federation Assembly to be held in Hannover, Germany, July 25 to August 3, 1952. And also that Dr. Knudsen shall represent our synod at the third World Conference on Faith and Order, August 15-29, 1952 in Lund, Sweden.

The first Conference on Faith and Order was held in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1908. Primarily these meetings are a study of theological questions.

Dr. Erling N. Jensen was appointed by the convention to the Stewardship Study Committee in preparation for the Hannover Assembly.

### Church Improvements

The synodical president reported on a number of new or remodeled churches, parsonages, parish halls, etc., throughout the synod. Considerable discussion was given at this point toward the possibility of having "some person or channel through which congregations may receive help in planning church improvements that are in keeping with synod practices and



belief." The convention went on record to have such an office established.

### **Congregation Accepted Into Synod**

The Messiah Lutheran Church of Roscomman, Mich. (of the Augustana Synod), having asked for admission into our synod, was accepted by a rising vote. The congregation was organized in 1936, but has never been able to have a resident pastor. Being located only twelve miles from Grayling, Mich., Rev. Svend Holm first served the congregation, and later Pastor John Enselmann has served same. The congregation has 50 confirmed members, a Sunday School of about 25, and a Ladies' Aid of 21 members.

### **Home Mission Congregations**

It could undoubtedly be said that the convention this year was strongly Home Mission minded. Reports were given on the convention floor from various Home Mission fields, Newark, N. J., Hay Springs, Nebr., Nysted, Nebr., Wilbur, Wash., Tacoma, Wash., Canwood, Sask., etc., and the possibilities of other places were mentioned.

Rev. Alfred Jensen challenged all our congregations to be alert to the Home Mission program that is before us in every congregation. The absence of this Home Mission spirit has stalled us in all too many of our congregations. He emphasized that this is one of the most important phases of our work. And, he added that it should be of personal concern to every member of a congregation to help in every way to reach out to others. Some of our congregations have sensed this responsibility to the extent that every member of the congregation is on some committee, or has some direct responsibility for outward growth.

Rev. Holger Nielsen told about the plans of the Home Mission Council for a meeting this fall to be held to implement the program on evangelization.

In considering the various Home Mission fields, the convention voted to sustain the Home Mission Council in the following resolution: "In view of past experiences the Home Mission Council deems it expedient to advise the congregation at Wilbur, Washington, that we consider it inadvisable to expand their church plant at the present location for the following reasons: 1) It will impair the possibility of any expansion in the future. 2) The council recognizes the importance of considering the future rather than the past."

In view of the vast land reclamation project in the Columbia River basin of the state of Washington, the convention voted to charge the president of District IX with responsibility of keeping the synod informed of opportunities for landseekers to settle in this Columbia Basin area near Wilbur, Washington.

### **Help to Seminary Students**

It was an encouragement to hear about a decided increase in the enrollment of students in our seminary. Considerable discussion was given to the various possibilities of encouraging young men from our congregations to enter into the ministry, and also for the possibility of added financial aid to those who are enrolled in the seminary. Several of our districts have voted seminary scholarships to young men from their respective district areas who enter the seminary. The

convention voted in favor of encouraging all districts to give this matter added consideration.

### **Ordainer**

Upon the sudden death of the late Rev. S. D. Rodholm, the office of synodical ordainer was vacant. The Nomination Committee was charged with the task of presenting names for nomination for this office. The names of Rev. Hakon Jorgensen and Rev. V. S. Jensen were presented. On the first ballot the votes were nearly divided between the two candidates with a few scattered votes on other candidates. Rev. V. S. Jensen was elected on the fifth ballot as Ordainer of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

The President's and the District President's Reports were accepted by the convention with a vote of thanks to Rev. Alfred Jensen for his devoted service to this office again this past year, to the District Presidents for work well done and fine reports submitted, and that thanks also be expressed to all faithful workers in each local congregation and in each activity and institution of the synod.

### **The Synod Treasurer's Report**

The convention voted the following resolutions:

1) The convention urges all congregations in the Synod to make a real effort to transmit all of their synodical contributions to our synodical treasurer so that said remittances reach the treasurer not later than Dec. 1 of each year.

2) The convention hereby expresses its sincere thanks to all who have made it possible for us to over-subscribe the budget by 6.18% and urges that a real effort be made by all congregations to meet our synodical quotas in the current fiscal year.

3) The convention expresses by a rising vote its sincere thanks to all donors large and small for their generosity during the last year and that we wish God's blessing on the memory of those who have bequeathed us larger amounts for the benefit of generations of the future.

The synodical treasurer was commended for his fine procedure of financial report. All congregations were urged to make at least quarterly contributions of their synodical quota to the synodical treasurer.

### **Stewardship Committee Report**

The Stewardship Committee reported that to date 33 congregations have appointed a local Stewardship Committee. A Stewardship Manual is in the making and will soon be mailed to all congregations. The committee again made an appeal for 2 x 2 Kodachrome slides with pictures of churches, parsonages, parish halls, institutions of our synod, etc. These are to be sent to Mrs. Marietta Strandkov, Kimballton, Iowa.

### **The Pension Fund Report**

Considerable discussion was given to the inadequate pension given our retired pastors and widows of former pastors. During the past year we have had 17 single pensioners and 7 couples. These have been paid respectively \$400 to single pensioners and \$700 to a couple. After some discussion and several suggestions that some attempt should be made to pay at least some increase in the pensions for the coming year, the convention voted to increase the amount

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# Our Women's Work

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Editor

## Missionary Helland Speaks At Annual Meeting of the Women's Mission Society

Tyler, Minnesota, August 17, 1951

The Women's Mission Society held its annual meeting at the church convention on Friday evening, August 17th, under the able leadership of Mrs. Frances Nielsen of Chicago.

A lovely organ solo by Mrs. Roland Johansen served to quiet and place us in a meditative and receptive mood for the good to follow.

The speaker for the evening was Rev. B. A. Helland, former missionary to India. To those of us who heard and met Rev. Helland at the annual Santal meeting in Elk Horn, Iowa some time ago, it was like meeting an old friend. He began with the Scripture passage—Romans 16, from 25th verse. "The mystery which has been kept in silence down through the ages has now been made manifest to man" . . . Paul. God has become manifest in the lives of those who have come to know Him, and to know He can dispel their fears. How pitiful to see how unknowing man, immersed in generations of skepticism and fear can create his own God.

India . . . with 450 million people concentrated in an area half the size of the United States; India, after generations of inner distress and turmoil longed for freedom. Finally, with concentrated determination and an organized plan by a number of people, two nations emerged—Pakistan and India.

Lord Mountbatten had governed and held together these people until one day four years ago. In Calcutta, 1946, 108 missionaries were in annual conference . . . tension ran high in the country. Then came word that Ghandi, the white-robed spiritual leader of India, had been killed and there was much concern as to how the forces of good and evil would go. The good was victorious and out of that crisis came the India constitution, wherein is written "That there shall be and remain freedom to worship, and freedom of conscience, and freedom to propagate the religion of your heart." This meant that our missionaries could continue . . . as could all other types of religion too. Out of this chaos and division of the two nations has arisen a government that will allow free movement of our people to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ . . . and enlightenment.

Then we learned something about the leper colony . . . lepers . . . detested, outcast and isolated . . . of which India has two million. "If Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean" . . . and He did. Only those who believe that power given by God to work through the power of Jesus Christ can succeed . . . and endure. It takes working with and among the lepers with Christian love and understanding . . . building body, mind and spirit. It is not only the medicine that cures . . . but the leper's becoming aware of the

love in the hearts of those trying to help him; becoming aware that he is an entity, and that he also is a child of God. There is no greater power than Love. Love is the biggest reward between worker and leper. We also come to know prayer as a real power.

Rev. Helland told us of the need for expansion . . . thus the moving of the hospital from Benegaria to Mohulpahari . . . where they could have a nurses training school and other essential expansion projects. We also learned of the young Santal . . . who is now a full-fledged MD . . . the fruits of our labors. Another Santal seminary student is coming to the United States to study and will have an opportunity to be among us. Does it pay? Are we getting anywhere? These things are proof that it does. Our Muriel Nielsen will first learn the language and then be able to talk to the people . . . first in book form expressions and finally in the manner of the villager in the street. Forty-three young missionaries have learned the language . . . in order to bring the message of the salvation of God to these people . . . though not easy, yet a soul-satisfying experience.

Pastor Helland feels that the most important task we have at the moment is to train new pastors; therefore we are happy that facilities are being made in Benegaria. Ebenezer Evangelical Lutheran Church . . . that is our church in India. In the years he has been in the service in India, Pastor Helland relates, no one has let him think he was not welcome to remain.

Imperialism of the white skin . . . makes it difficult to walk and work with the brown man. Understanding, forgiveness of his falls and shortcomings again and again is the secret; spiritual equality and freedom. Pastor Helland is a member of the Ebenezer Evangelical Lutheran Church and pastorate; the president is a Santal. Our speaker wants us to sit together with the Santals, and with Mary and Harold Riber on their veranda and with Muriel, and when the head mistress comes to us . . . talk matters over, that we may join with them, going out not primarily as leaders . . . but as equals. He thinks the day will come, though perhaps distant, when the school hospital and church will, with its program of evangelization, reach out to its own people . . . when they have taken up the burden completely. Then, whenever it may be, the Kingdom will have come, and the Ebenezer church will be able to stand on its own feet. That is our goal.

Pastor Helland asks our prayers and support, and more and more young men and women, that we may continue to bring God's gospel to the Santals and Boros . . . in this new day in India.

A generous offering was laid on the altar for the Santal Mission work, and an evening well spent,

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# Paging Youth

ESPECIALLY OF OUR D. A. Y. P. L.

Editor: Ronald Jespersen, Newell, Iowa

## Atlantic District Meets On Roseville Avenue

Newark, "out west" from New York City (ten miles), was the site of the Atlantic DAYPL District meeting this summer. Representatives and delegates were present from Portland (Maine, that is), Bridgeport, Perth Amboy, Brooklyn (where a tree is reported growing), and of course from Newark.

The business meeting was opened on Saturday morning and the reports were given. The usual routine of business followed and some of the more important decisions were: 1) A camp site was considered inadvisable because of the high cost of either purchasing or renting; 2) Less extensive camping tours with nearby societies were suggested; 3) The district newsletter for the coming year was discussed and Rev. Einar Anderson volunteered to print it for six months, beginning in September; 4) A delegate, the district president or another, was to be sent to the national convention in Chicago with all expenses paid by the district; 5) Hartford was to be asked to have the district convention in 1952. The officers for the coming year are as follows: President, Donald Klein, Bridgeport; Vice-president, William Steevis, Bridgeport; Secretary, Ulf Kirkegaard-Jensen, Perth Amboy; Treasurer, Lillian Hoey, Newark; District Advisor, Rev. Einar Anderson, Brooklyn (where a "tree" grows out in front of 193-9th Street).

After a morning rain that made it very humid and uncomfortably hot during the afternoon on Roseville Avenue and surrounding area, the conventioners were very happy to go out into the wilds of New Jersey. An area way out west, near Boonton, brought relaxation through swimming, horseshoe and ball playing, and a picnic supper.

In the evening the Newark society presented a program at the Newark YWCA. There were many good numbers. Perhaps best remembered was the folk dancing exhibition which is the best this writer has ever seen. The costumes were for the most part authentic and the steps were exceedingly precise and well done. Runners up on the program were the duet by past-president-and-crooner-Arnie Hansen and Joy Blidso, and the mouth organ numbers by Herman. The duet, incidentally, would have been perfect—but someone started the record on the wrong side.

Newark had shortly before the convention lost their pastor, Rev. Verner Hansen, to the chaplaincy. On the Sunday morning of the convention his father, Rev. Viggo Hansen, preached the sermon to the congregation and the assembled young people. His text was the draught of fishes and he used it to point out the importance of the "victory mind." He stressed the need of a confident faith especially in young people. Rev. Viggo Hansen was aided at the communion table by Rev. Ronald Jespersen of Newell, Iowa. The communion service was attended by nearly everyone there that morning.

In the afternoon the guest speaker, Rev. Ronald Jespersen, spoke on the topic: The Right To Be Different. He discussed how democracy can be defeated simply by not allowing differences to exist, and then proceeded to consider how different we may be. Following the lecture, he answered questions or spoke briefly about various activities within DAYPL, such as Paging Youth, the use of the money collected for projects and for dues, the program materials, the national convention and workshop, and so forth.

The afternoon coffee on Sunday marked the end of the meetings. Farewells were given and Rev. Einar Anderson entertained at the piano. He delighted us with his explana-

tions of the music and the fine playing. Most of the guests were anxious to get back that evening. Many had jobs waiting, and those from "Pohtland" had 300 miles to go. All left with gratitude to Newark for their fine hospitality, the good meals, the well planned program and the good spirit among them.

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## Atlantic District Society News

### From Saint Ansgar's Lutheran Church, Portland, Maine

The Young People of Saint Ansgar's Church belong to a group, consisting of five Lutheran Young People's groups in Greater Portland, called The Associated Luther Leagues of Portland. We enjoy our fellowship with the Lutheran Young People around us and find guidance and help in our church services. Recently we enjoyed a Sunday picnic.

It was held on August 12 at Chebeque Island in Casco Bay. The afternoon was spent swimming, playing ball, games, and eating. After supper we had a service conducted mainly by the young people. Arthur Sorensen, a seminarian at Dana College in Blair, Nebraska, spoke to us while we sat around a camp-fire on the beach.

Although it was a little foggy, we enjoyed ourselves and no one was sea-sick.

Nancy Sorsen, a very active member of Saint Ansgar's Young People's group, as well as The Associated Luther Leagues of Portland and the DAYPL, will enter Grand View College this fall. She has been as officer in each of the three organizations mentioned above.

On Sunday, August 26, our league had a hot dog roast at Stockholm's farm, Cumberland Center. The ride in a hay-wagon to and from the picnic spot in the meadows was a lot of fun, even though we were caught in the rain on the return trip. In the evening a Danish guest showed slides from Denmark and parts of the United States. We also played parlor games. We don't think Peter will ever forget "Twenty Questions." Right Pete?

Audrey Haugaard  
Portland, Maine.

### —From Brooklyn and Adjacent Areas:

In the New York City area there has been formed a Metropolitan Lutheran Youth Council which "aims to promote cooperation, fellowship, and better understanding among Lutheran youth by serving as a joint inter-synodical committee of the district and local Luther Leagues of the American, Augustana, Danish, United Evangelical and United Lutheran Churches." The Atlantic district of DAYPL has not joined the council but the Brooklyn group is participating in the MLYC. A Lutheran Unity Rally, sponsored by the MLYC is to be held in the Brooklyn Bethlehem Lutheran Church at Third Avenue and Pacific Street October 21 at 7:45 p. m.

## On Northern DAYPLand Highways

At noon, June 29th, as our mothers and fathers stood by the station and waved goodbye, thirty-three young people from Diamond Lake, Alden, Ruthton and Tyler left for convention and a week's tour. We drove in Sophus Jensen's school bus. It was well loaded down as we had supplies along so we could sleep and eat without hotels or restaurants.

The first half-day of our trip took us as far as Aberdeen, South Dakota, where we spent the night in the big Presbyterian church there. The minister of this church made us feel very welcome. We had access to the basement which included a big kitchen well suited to all thirty-three young people, who were really hungry. After a brief evening's devotion everyone slept quite soundly on cots and on the floor. Well, anyway, we slept.

The following morning we were up bright and early for breakfast and soon got the bus packed once more. Right



before we left, a short devotion was held in the interior of this beautiful church by the Presbyterian pastor.

We drove that whole day and got to Dagmar, Montana, about nine p. m. We really made a lot of noise, aided by horn, when we arrived, a distance of about 700 miles from home.

Throughout convention everyone was convinced that the trip so far was worth while and the tour through the Black Hills in the next few days would be as much fun.

Our Fourth of July was begun very early. We left Dagmar at 6 a. m. and drove all day. We went through part of Wyoming and saw a lot of Montana and the Dakotas. Our destination was Lead, South Dakota, which was reached about 9 p. m. We were lodged in the parish hall of a church there. Fire crackers were going off in all directions and really echoed in the hilly city but we slept very well in spite of it.

Our councilors had breakfast ready about 8:30 that morning. Rev. and Mrs. Vagn Duus joined us. Also four Lake Norden boys were there. After breakfast we walked to the Homestake Gold Mines and were taken through the mines by a guide. When we left the mine everyone was on their own to look around till noon. After dinner we drove to Deadwood, and saw the museum there. From Deadwood the little yellow bus took us through the Spearfish Canyon. This was a wonderful sight. We stopped and ate water-mellon, a treat from Rev. Brown of Ruthton, beside the stream that we followed through the canyon. We left the canyon and entered Spearfish for supper. After supper we all went to the famed Passion Play in the natural amphitheater in Spearfish. This play was the high-light of the whole trip. I doubt a single person present will ever forget the beautiful scenes from the Life of Christ.

The last day of our trip was spent mostly in looking around the Black Hills. We saw Rushmore Memorial and many of the natural, impressing things of the Hills.

Saturday morning the bus left Lead at 5:30 a. m., and headed straight for home. We arrived in Tyler about 9 p. m.

Out of this trip many sayings, songs, and etc., were derived. Each person left as though he was a big part in this family of young people. Our councilors deserve much credit for their guidance, advice, meals and in general, the responsibility they held. The young people included in this trip want to thank everyone who helped us have so much fun and especially our God for creating such wonderful sights and guiding us safely to them.

Greta Martensen  
Tyler, Minnesota.

## Annual Convention

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from the synod Budget to the Pension Fund from \$6000 to \$8000.

It was also stated by some who are posted on those matters, that any pensioner can get old age assistance from the state in which said pensioner lives to the amount of the difference between the pension received from a Pension Fund and the amount said state allows in its Old Age Assistance program.

### Santal Mission Report

Former missionary, Rev. B. A. Helland, had now arrived at the convention. He was given a greeting of welcome and was invited to bring a greeting. He brought greetings from the newly established Eben-Ezer Lutheran Church of India, and special greetings from Rev. and Mrs. Harold Riber and Miss Muriel Nielsen. Rev. Helland thanked the synod for its help in the large mission field in Santalistan, India.

### Report of the Welfare Board

The Tyler Old People's Home reported full house. A total of 14 people are living at the Home at present.

Some discussion was given to the advisability of continuing the farming in connection with the Home. The Home owns about 30 acres of land which through many years proved to be a good source of income, as well as providing the stable items of milk, eggs, meat, etc., for the kitchen. No action was taken in this matter, and the local board will make its decisions in the matter as time goes on. Apparently some managers are happy to manage also the small farm, others find it difficult to take this added responsibility.

The Old People's Home in Des Moines reported that 13 new residents have been welcomed to the Home during the past year. At present there are 32 residents in the Home. Rev. and Mrs. M. Mikkelsen resigned and left the Home on March 1 after managing the Home for a period of two and one-half years. On June 1 Rev. and Mrs. Svend Kjaer moved from Salinas, California and assumed the duties of management.

In view of the fact that the need of an elevator in the Home has been felt for a long time, the convention voted to "instruct the local board to exert itself towards the completion of the elevator project at the earliest possible date." It is estimated that an elevator will cost approximately \$12,000. The Home now has an Elevator Fund amounting to \$1,493.05. Many more gifts will be needed for this project.

Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute reports 78 old people at the Home, 53 of these are confined to their rooms. Mr. B. P. Christensen was the only representative of the Institute at the convention. He brought greetings from the Eben-Ezer Institute, and he spoke of the need of nurses, deaconesses and other helpers at the Institute. He closed his remarks by saying: "Will some of you come and help us?"

The Solvang Lutheran Home is the name of the new proposed home for aged people to be built in Solvang, California. Rev. H. V. Knudsen of Los Angeles gave a report on the progress of the plans for the building of the Home. The finance committee is in full swing in soliciting funds in the California area, and later will make further appeals in all our congregations. Plans for the Home that had been drawn were posted in order to give people something of a conception of the proposed building plant. The present plan will accommodate about 30 people.

### Friday a. m. Bible Hour and Devotion

Rev. Vagn Duus was in charge of the Devotion and Bible Hour on Friday morning. He chose as his text, Luke 6:36-38, "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful — — ." He pointed out that Jesus did not only reveal to man a picture of God as the merciful father, but that through Jesus and his life of love and mercy, man was given the opportunity of finding the source through which he also can be strengthened to become merciful in his relations with his fellowmen.

### Grand View College

According to the Agenda and the Incorporation papers of Grand View College, the Annual Meeting of the Corporation of Grand View College and Grand View Seminary was to be held on Friday.

The Findings Committee presented its Report, and introduced this with the following paragraph: "The committee notes with appreciation the fine spirit of



the work of the faculty and student body at Grand View College during the past year."

Dr. Johannes Knudsen commented briefly and stated that the past year had been a very good year, but in view of the world situation he feels quite concerned about the future student enrollment. He expressed his appreciation of the help he is receiving from the pastors and congregations.

A number of comments were made in regard to the possibility of more publicity for the College. Some congregations have a G.V.C. committee, which endeavors to interest the young people in going to Grand View College. Several expressed their appreciation of the importance of the G.V.C. choir tours.

The convention was told about the Teacher's Placement Bureau at G.V.C. and Dr. Knudsen informed us that all the teachers had been placed for the coming school year, two of them in the Kimballton, Iowa school.

The Teacher's Training School for vacation church school was stressed, as was also the importance of the Junior Camp. Several speakers considered the Junior Camp one of the best avenues toward getting more students to G. V.

The following were elected as members of the Board of Directors: Erling N. Jensen (1 year term); Jens Thuesen (2 year term); C. A. Stub (3 year term); Harold Petersen (4 year term); Howard Christensen (5 year term); C. Arild Olsen (6 year term).

#### **Report on Publications Committee**

The committee commended the editor of Lutheran Tidings in his efforts to find correspondents in the various congregations, and urged the delegates to help that correspondents be appointed in all congregations. The committee also recommended that the Publications Committee take under advisement adding four pages to L. T.

The convention voted to continue for another year the agreement with August Bang for the payment of \$50 per month for the "Kirkelig Samler" page in "Dannevirke."

The committee commended the fine report on Child's Friend, and urged continued support in gifts and subscriptions.

The convention voted in favor of having the Archives Committee arrange for a central bureau of cuts and pictures in such a way that they are easily accessible.

#### **National Lutheran Council, Etc.**

The convention adopted the National Lutheran Council 1952 Budget, and encouraged all congregations to make a concerted effort to meet their respective quotas for Lutheran World Action in 1951.

The convention voted to urge all congregations to appoint a committee: a) to submit to the Bureau of Service to Military Personnel, a complete list of the names of all persons with the Armed Forces. b) to mail to members of the service all literature available, especially the monthly bulletin "A Mighty Fortress."

The convention voted further to encourage all congregations who have not as yet sponsored a D. P. family to give this serious consideration before the dead line, December 31, 1951.

To stimulate the interest in supporting Lutheran World Action congregations were urged to make use of the various excellent audio-visual material, most of which is available without cost.

#### **Division of American Mission**

It was reported that three new fields have been assigned our synod by the Regional Home Mission Committees.

The convention endorsed the plan to have the Rural Life Program presented at District meetings; and that the two pastors, C. P. Rasmussen and E. W. Mueller be invited to address the fall meeting of the Home Mission Council, in order to present the new developments in the fields of rural church life, city church planning, and evangelism.

#### **Report on Religious Education**

The convention voted the following recommendations presented by the chairman of the Council of Religious Education:

1) That our Synod join with other Protestant Churches in the U. S. in the observance of Religious Education Week, Sept. 30-Oct. 7.

2) That the congregations of Districts 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 plan their Institutes in such a manner that the Midwest Regional Conference proposed by the Council of Religious Education take the place of District Institutes every third year.

3) That our congregations avail themselves as much as possible of the regional Conferences and Teaching Missions sponsored by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches.

4) That the Synod adopt as its statement of basic aims and purposes in the Camping program the statement set forth by the Conference of Camping referred to in this report.

5) That the Office of Camp Coordinator be joined with that of the synodical advisor for D.A.Y.P.L. with such duties as outlined by the Camp Conference of last fall and such added duties as may be assigned to it from time to time.

#### **Report of Committee on Liturgy**

Rev. Axel Kildegaard, one of the members of the Committee on Liturgy, gave the following comment on the convention floor:

The question has been raised here: "How far has the Liturgy Committee advanced in its work and when may the church expect to see tangible results?" That is a very difficult question for me to answer. In one sense, we have not accomplished anything. We have tried to direct our thinking and the thinking of our entire church to our worship expressions and their meanings through a series of articles in LUTHERAN TIDINGS. We are somewhat disappointed that there has been very little response to those articles. Some of the opinions and viewpoints that we expressed were purposely pointed in the hope that interest and discussion would be provoked. However, either the articles were not well presented or our people are not interested in this work (or perhaps our arguments were too persuasive to allow discussion!) In any case we were dismayed to observe the lack of interest.

I am personally convinced that the word "liturgy"



is not understood and frightens many of our people. They naturally associate the liturgical with that which is pompous and ornate in worship—processionals and other elaborate forms of speech, dress, and procedure. However, this is not true. We may have an extremely simple service of worship which still is liturgical and on the other hand, there may be a very elaborate program of worship which is non-liturgical. There is no actual correlation between elaborate formality and the liturgical! In one sense it is perverse of us to be frightened and adverse to a word which we do not understand.

It has been the basic assumption of our committee as we sought to define our own task, that our worship service should grow from the congregation and not be imposed upon it by a committee. Insofar as our work has helped our people to become more aware of that which is theirs in our church, our work has progressed. For that reason we welcome the suggestion that there should be more consideration and discussion of these matters on the local and district levels. Discussion evenings in the local congregations will bring this task to the real seat of authority.

The question still remains: "When will tangible results be forthcoming?" I can only answer at this time that I hope our discussion has after all accomplished something. Then when the task of actually preparing a new Altar Book and making suggestions for our worship service is ripe (which I feel we are soon approaching), the most important ground work will have been done. It will then be more specifically a work of putting into words, according to a pattern that we are agreed upon, that worship which we understand to be ours. I am very hopeful myself that a sizable portion of that Altar Book will be ready for your examination a year from now. That may be an over-optimistic statement as it depends to a large extent upon the unanimity and consecration which becomes evident in this respect in our church during the next months.

#### Lutheran Church Relations

The convention expressed its appreciation of the booklet of analysis on the proposal of possible affiliation with the United Lutheran Church of America. The convention further voted to instruct the Committee on Lutheran Church Relationships to make further exploration of our relationship with the ULCA, "in order that we may obtain a more concrete picture of what our actual standing would be as a constituent synod of the United Lutheran Church of America."

The convention voted in favor of: "That the Committee on Lutheran Church Relations be empowered to prepare a proposed plan for affiliation, on the basis of which negotiations may proceed, in case the 1952 convention should decide to make formal application."

"The proposed plan to be presented in published form, including a blank for taking a congregational opinion poll. This blank to be returned to the committee." The proposed plan is to be distributed to the congregations in sufficient quantities to reach all members before April 1, 1952.

Dr. Ernest D. Nielsen of Chicago gave the follow-

ing comment on the convention floor in connection with the above discussion:

"Our synod has moved forward in its relation to other church bodies. We are in the midst of the ecumenical movement by our voluntary decision to participate in the World Council of the Churches of Christ, by our participation in the National Council of the Churches of Christ (U.S.A.), and by our membership in the National Lutheran Council (U.S.A.) and in the Lutheran World Federation. It is true that we are in these movements as an independent synod, but, nevertheless, we are by our own choice in the very stream of ecumenicalism.

"We need to understand that underlying these movements, and girding their very structure, there lies the strong conviction that there is an inherent unitive principle in Protestantism which we often overlook. Therefore, it is not correct to assert that these movements and our discussions of a possible merger with the U.L.C.A. are only the plans and works of man. If we believe in the Third Article of the Creed, we must also believe that the Holy Spirit is at work in the Church.

"We must watch that we do not willfully retard or force the tempo of the Christian faith. Christian fellowship, as it has been well said, is 'a community of life which persists.' Moreover, let us not forget that Christian fellowship is always characterized by the desire for togetherness. That which characterizes present-day Christianity is the deep desire to give articulation to this inherent unitive principle of Protestantism."

### More Lutheran DP's Coming

A total of 28,000 displaced persons have been resettled in the United States under the auspices of the National Lutheran Council and 3,200 more may still come to this country, according to latest estimates of the LWF Service to Refugees.

In a report covering these statistics, Miss Cordelia Cox, head of the Lutheran Resettlement Service, told the NLC Supervisory Committee for Resettlement, that Greater New York still leads in placement of displaced persons. LRS has placed 1825 family units in Greater New York, 1745 families in California, 738 in Illinois, 735 in New Jersey, 727 in Minnesota.

These figures, said Miss Cox, represent the original placement of people. Surveys have shown that up to 30 per cent of the new neighbors move to other places. Some states like Minnesota and Kentucky attract former displaced persons from elsewhere. Other states, like South Dakota, lose them because of moving away.

Repayment of loans for inland transportation is still excellent, Miss Cox reported. She said this year repayments have averaged \$30,000 per month.



## Service Lounge Opens

Washington, D. C.—(NLC)—More than 100 service men and guests from 24 states and the District of Columbia attended the opening here of the Lutheran Service Lounge in the Lutheran Church Center, 736 Jackson Place, N. W., on August 5.

The lounge is a community service project of the Lutheran Inner Mission Society of Washington and supported by the Lutheran Service Commission of the Bureau of Service to Military Personnel of the National Lutheran Council and the Armed Service Commission of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Principal purpose of the lounge will be to serve as an informational and referral center for services and activities going on in all the 35 Lutheran Churches in the area.

Recreation will be provided by a combination television, AM and FM radio and record player, given by the people of the Lutheran Churches. Refreshments, reading and writing facilities, and opportunity for portrait sketching will be provided.

From Monday to Thursday the lounge will be open from 9 a. m., to 5 p. m., Friday it will close at 10 p. m., Saturday at 11 p. m., and Sunday at 9 p. m. The Lutheran Student Association at George Washington University will hold its weekly meetings at the lounge on Sunday evenings.

## Who Shall Be The Greatest?

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the kingdom of God it shall be recognized by the service it offers. For "he who would be great among you," Jesus said, "shall be the servant of all, and he who would be greatest among you shall be the slave of all."

The disciples were no doubt wrong in asking "who should be the greatest?" For in that form the question bears the mark of the selfish rivalry and false ambitions of the world. But Christians are not wrong in striving for greatness in the kingdom of God, or in watching, working and praying that they attain in proportion to the abundance they have received. No one's life should be richer, fuller or greater than the Christian's. But too many Christians are too satisfied with too little. And no Christian has a right to be satisfied with himself before he has grown "unto a perfect man," that is "unto the stature of fullness of Jesus Christ."

## Missionary Helland

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closed by singing the hymn "O Zion, Haste, Thy Missions High Fulfilling."

It was a real pleasure to hear Rev. Helland, and one can so easily understand that through his patient, sincere and understanding heart and manner, he would be able to invoke trust and assurance in the hearts and lives of the masses that had lived in utter fear and darkness. Love worketh miracles.

Sylvia Eskeck.

## Program For The Midwest Religious Education Conference at Grand View College

OCTOBER 16-19, 1951

Tuesday, October 16th

8:00 p. m.—Opening meeting. "The Church School Teacher In Today's World." A. E. Farstrup, Chairman Council of Religious Education.

Wednesday, October 17th

9:00 a. m.—Devotions and Bible Study. Rev. Alfred Jensen, Pres. Danish Lutheran Church.

9:45 a. m.—"The Bible In The Classroom." A. E. Farstrup.

10:45 a. m.—"Teaching The Lesson." Mrs. Lillian Darnell, Head of Education Dept. G.V.C.

12:00—Dinner.

2:00 p. m.—"Christian Fundamentals and The Church School Teacher." A. C. Kildegard, Professor in Grand View Seminary.

3:00 p. m.—"Utilizing The History Of The Church In Our Teaching." Johs. V. Knudsen, Pres. of Grand View College.

4:15 p. m.—Group Sessions—Exchange of ideas.

6:00 p. m.—Supper.

7:00 p. m.—"Young People In The Church School." Herbert Hurley, Prof. of Mathematics at Grand View College, Supt. of S. S. at First Baptist Church, Des Moines.

8:00 p. m.—"Audio-Visual Aids in The Church School." Rev. C. O. Strohl, Exec. Secretary of Rel. Educ. for The Iowa area—Methodist Church.

Thursday, October 18th

9:00 a. m.—Devotions and Bible Study, Rev. V. S. Jensen, Ordainer for The Dan. Luth. Church.

9:45 a. m.—"The Bible In The Classroom," II, A. E. Farstrup.

10:45 a. m.—"Teaching The Lesson," II, Mrs. Lillian Darnell.

12:00—Dinner.

2:00 p. m.—"Christian Fundamentals And The Church School Teacher," II, A. C. Kildegard.

3:00 p. m.—"Utilizing The History Of The Church," II, Johs. V. Knudsen.

4:15 p. m.—Group Sessions. Exchange Of Ideas.

6:00 p. m.—Supper.

7:00 p. m.—"Young People In The Church School." Herbert Hurley.

8:00 p. m.—"Listening To History." A. C. Nielsen, Dean of Grand View College.

Friday, October 19th

9:00 a. m.—Devotions and Bible Study. Rev. Holger Jorgensen, Pastor Luther Memorial Church.

9:45 a. m.—"The Bible In The Classroom," III, A. E. Farstrup.

10:45 a. m.—"Effective Use Of The Story In Religious Education." Mrs. Frank Noyes, Prof. Of Speech, G.V.C.

12:00—Dinner.

1:30 p. m.—Communion Service—Luther Memorial Church.

COST OF MEETING. \$6.00 plus \$1.00 registration fee will cover all expenses for the entire meeting. You will be housed in the College dormitories so bring along your own sheet, pillow case, blanket and towel. PLEASE SEND IN YOUR ENROLLMENT EARLY. October 12th is the deadline.

We invite all Sunday School workers in our Synod to come and participate in this program for the improvement of our Religious Education program. Pastors also are welcome but the classes will be geared to the interests and needs of the Church School teacher. There will be ample opportunity for exchange of opinions and experiences by which we should all profit. It will also be a worthwhile experience to become acquainted with the students and faculty of your College. We welcome you and hope you will fill the place during the mentioned days. While the title of the meeting might indicate that the meeting is designed for teachers from the midwest only we assure you that such is not the case. We hope to see you!

A. E. Farstrup, Chairman,  
Council Of Religious Education.



## Grand View College And Our Youth

### Under Way

One week ago the Old Main was resting peacefully in the tender rays of a fall moon. It was scrubbed and cleaned till it shone even in the moonlight, but it was quiet and restful and immovable as a butte on the plains of Arizona. A few days later it was alive, alit, and beaming with excitement. The summer quietude was gone, and it was again the stirring hive, filled with young people from our homes and communities. Lights were shining, bells were ringing, halls were filled with laughter, and even staid old professors went around with a grin of happy anticipation.

Activity started early in the weekend. The first to arrive were two girls from California. Their home and routes were leagues apart, yet they arrived within minutes of one another. And then others started to pile in. Sunday greeted them with a dreary and rainy countenance and Sunday dinner also reflected a bit of moisture in eyes that were soon to take leave of parents who had motored down. One such set of parents had wrecked their car enroute, but fortunately all occupants escaped serious injury, and a "good Samaritan" from Iowa had done much to help them in their predicament by driving the party seventy miles to Des Moines.

Monday was freshmen testing day and many a pencil was chewed to shreds in the quest for dormant knowledge and honest attitudes. New friends were being made and an easy familiarity soon settled upon even the most timid. The noisy and self-confident sophomores proved to be friendly and helpful, and by registration day on Tuesday most of the new ones felt at home. Much concentrated thought went into the registration procedure and by mid-afternoon all were bedded down in their new academic berths. That evening the two Harrys helped out the shaking-down process with a brisk round of games in the gym.

Wednesday morning the freshman dorm girls enjoyed hot breakfast muffins with Mrs. Knudsen while sophomores toiled with graduation requirements and schedule difficulties and while austere and dignified seminarians launched a full schedule of classes. In the afternoon the faculty ironed out the problems that had arisen and in the evening the girls had their first dorm session under the leadership of Mrs. Harold Petersen who has taken over the housemotherhood until Mrs. Rasmussen returns from her pilgrimage to Denmark.

Thursday morning classes started and a large and bright bunch of nurses

entered the picture. They stayed for assembly where a new choir under the direction of Thorvald Lund demonstrated that three practices were enough to conjure up dreams of another fine ensemble. Pres. Knudsen harkened back to the Greek legend of Theseus to find inspiration for his first assembly talk and school was under way. That evening a student-faculty mixer completed the introductions.

There seems to be a fine group of young people again at Grand View. Who they are and how many they are will be revealed when records are complete. That the number is considerably smaller than last year's has its financial handicaps but will not bother the character of student life, may even enhance it in some respects. The faculty is the same with the exception that some faces are missing and that three new part-time teachers have been added.

So, greetings from Grand View. We'll soon tell you more about everything.

Reporter.

### OUR CHURCH

**Rev. Ottar S. Jorgensen**, Minneapolis, submitted to a major surgical operation shortly after the synodical convention. He is home again and well on the way to restored health.

**Alden, Minn.** Harvest Festival will be observed Sunday, Sept. 23rd. Rev. A. E. Farstrup of Des Moines has been invited as guest speaker.

**White, So. Dak.**—The Ladies' Aid of the Pioneer Lutheran Church voted recently to donate \$100 to the building fund of the church. A plan is under consideration for the erection of a parish hall.

**Rev. Walter Brown**, who was ordained at the Tyler convention, was united in marriage to Miss Thelma Nelson of Chicago on Saturday, August 25th. The wedding was held in Trinity Lutheran Church (Augustana), the local pastor, Rev. Vernon E. Ryding officiating, assisted by Rev. Alfred E. Sorensen of the St. Stephen's Church. Rev. Walter Brown was installed in the three churches, Ruthton and Diamond Lake, Minnesota and White, South Dakota on Sunday, September 9th, Rev. Harald Ibsen, District president, officiating.

**Mr. O. C. Olsen**, Omaha, Nebr., well known to many in our synod, former editor of "Ungdom", member of the synodical board through many years, fell recently and fractured a hip-bone. He is convalescing at the St. Joseph hospital, 10th and Cartlar, in Omaha.

**Marinette, Wis.-Menominee, Mich.**—A Twin-City Sunday School Institute will be held in the Marinette-Menominee churches on three subsequent Sundays for all Lutheran Sunday school teachers in this area. Rev. A. E. Farstrup of Des Moines will be the guest speaker on Sunday, Sept. 23.

**Hartford, Conn.**—The church and parsonage has recently been given a coat of new paint. This was a work project of donated labor by the members, done while the pastor and his family were on vacation.

**Germania, Mich.**—The Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Germania will observe its 75th anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 30th. Services will be held throughout the day.

**Tyler, Minn.**—A Lutheran Welfare Workshop was held in the Danebod Lutheran Church on Wednesday, Sept. 19. Several national and state leaders in welfare work were guest speakers.

**Racine, Wis.**—Under the sponsorship of Bethania Lutheran Church and for the benefit of its building fund, Mr. Russell Wright, noted film producer, narrator and photographer will honor the city of Racine on October 30th in presenting at Memorial Hall the world premiere performance of his all color and documentary motion picture, "Denmark—The Good Life."

**C. P. O. Christiansen**, Folk School leader in Denmark, died quite suddenly on August 27th. He was through many years one of the faculty at the Askov Folk School. Later he became principal of the Grundtvig Folk School at Frederiksborg. He was on a visit to Gothenburg, Sweden, at the time of his sudden death. He was born March 16, 1887, and was the author of many works on history. He was an inspiring teacher and lecturer. He had planned retirement to devote himself to the writing of Bordic history.

### District VII Convention

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Cozad, Nebr., extends an invitation to members and friends of District VII to attend the annual District convention to be held September 28-30th.

In as far as possible please register in advance by writing to Mr. T. C. Jensen, Cozad, Nebr.

We are hopeful that these days may be festive and helpful to the work of the Church.

**Herman Hansen**,  
President of the Congregation.

**Charles Terrell**,  
Pastor.

The Cozad Congregation has been working for some time making preparations for our District convention. I hope a goodly number can gather together for these days and may they be an inspiration to our work in the year to come.

Each member congregation shall be entitled to one delegate for every 10 voting members, or major fraction thereof, as recorded in the latest issue of the Synodical Report.

**Howard Christensen**,  
District President.



## Card of Thanks

In behalf of the old people at the Tyler Old People's Home we wish to extend our hearty thanks to all friends who visited the home during the week of the church convention.

Especially do we thank Mrs. Ibsen Jensen from New York for the lovely cake sent out for one of the elderly men's birthday, the same date being her own birthday. And a Thank You to Mr. Anton Nielsen from Los Angeles for showing his Denmark film at the home. Also a sincere Thanks for a box of groceries donated by Mrs. Rasmus Jensen, Brookings, S. Dak.

We remember with gratitude all the visits and the many words of cheer spoken by all who came out to see our Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Petersen.

## District V Convention

The annual convention of District V of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America will be held at the West Denmark Church, Luck, Wisconsin, October 5-7.

All congregations are requested to send delegates. Each congregation is entitled to send one delegate for every fifty voting members or fraction thereof. Each congregation is entitled to send at least one delegate. May we have a well attended convention and stand ready to rededicate ourselves to serve in the Church of our Lord.

### PROGRAM

Friday, October 5, 8:00 p. m.

Opening service.

Welcome: Rev. J. P. Andreasen.

Speaker: Rev. Clayton Nielsen.

Saturday, October 6,

9:00 a. m.—Morning devotions: Rev. J. C. Aaberg.

9:45-12:00—Business session.

12:00—Dinner.

1:30-5:00—Business session continued.

5:30—Supper.

Women's Mission Society Meeting.  
(Time to be announced.)

Sunday, October 7

9:30 a. m.—Danish Services and Communion. Sermon by Rev. P. Rasmussen.

11:00 a. m.—English Services and Communion: Sermon by Rev. Vagn Duus.

12:15 p. m.—Dinner.

2:30 p. m.—Address: Rev. Ove Nielsen.  
Address: Rev. Alfred Jensen, Synodical president.

5:30—Supper.

8:00 p. m.—Closing Meeting: Rev. Harold Petersen.

Rev. Ottar Jorgensen.

Ottar S. Jorgensen, Dist. Pres.

In accord with the announcements for the convention of District V, the West Denmark congregation extends a most cordial invitation to members of the

churches of District V and friends to attend the convention. Pastors, delegates, and other guests are asked to register as soon as possible. Send all registrations to Mr. Nels Mortensen, Rt. 3, Luck Wisconsin.

Nels Mortensen President,  
West Denmark Church.

## District III Convention

Alfred E. Sorensen, President

District meeting, September 28th, 29th, 30th, 1951, St. Stephen Lutheran Church, (South Side) 85th and Maryland Ave. (near 85th and Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago 19, Illinois).

All Congregations and Pastors of this district are requested to send their delegates and with proper credentials to this meeting of the district.

Reservations should be made in advance. Cards for this use will be provided by the district office.

Visitors, delegates and Pastors who will travel to the meeting via automobile, should, upon approaching the city inquire for the above address (85th and Cottage Grove Avenue). The Church and parsonage are located one half block east, and can be seen from this corner.

May we have the pleasure of a well attended meeting with full representation from each congregation.

Alfred E. Sorensen,  
District President.

8500 Maryland Ave., Chicago 19, Ill.  
(Phone Radcliffe 3-5792).

With reference to the above announcement, the St. Stephen Ev. Lutheran Congregation extends a hearty invitation to Pastors, Delegates and Visitors to meet with us in Chicago during the above session.

We extend our hospitality to all who may attend, but we suggest all who attend to advise us in due time, so accommodations may be provided.

With greetings,

Valdemar Dehn,  
President of Congregation.

8028 So. LaSalle St., Chicago 20, Ill.

## District I Convention

The annual convention of District I of The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be held at Our Savior's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 512 E. Washington Ave., Bridgeport, Conn., October 5-7, 1951. The convention opens with a service in the church Friday, October 5th at 8 p. m.

All congregations are requested to send delegates, and each is entitled to 1 representative for each 35 voting members or major fraction thereof as stated in Article V, No. 1 in the constitution.

Each congregation is also asked to present a written report on the work and activities during the past year.

Viggo M. Hansen, District Pres.

In accordance with the announcement of our District President of the Annual

Convention of District I, Our Savior's Ev. Lutheran Church extends a sincere invitation to members and friends to be our guests and attend the Convention.

Registrations are to be sent to Our Savior's Ev. Luth. Church, 512 East Washington Ave., Bridgeport 8, Conn., on or before Friday September 28th.

James Jorgensen, President.

Viggo M. Hansen, Pastor.

## District II Convention

Muskegon, Michigan, October 5-7, 1951

Convention Theme: "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forwards." (Exodus 14:15)

Friday, October 5

During the afternoon the pastors of the district and their wives will be guests of the local pastor and his wife for informal visiting and discussion.

6:00 p. m.—Supper.

8:00 p. m.—Evening Worship, Rev. Svend Jorgensen preaching.

9:30 p. m.—Coffee.

Saturday, October 6

9:00 p. m.—Morning Devotions conducted by Rev. John Enselmann.

9:45 p. m.—Convention Business Session.

12:00 noon—Dinner.

2:30 p. m.—Convention Business Session continues.

3:00 p. m.—Coffee.

3:45 p. m.—Laymen's Discussion following presentation by Rev. James Lund.

5:00 p. m.—Auto Tour of Scenic Muskegon.

6:00 p. m.—Supper.

7:15 p. m.—Women's Mission Society meeting.

8:15 p. m.—Evening meeting to include variety musicale and guest speaker from Muskegon.

Sunday, October 7

9:30 a. m.—Communion Service, Rev. Edwin Hansen, Rev. R. Sorensen.

10:30 a. m.—Morning Worship, Rev. Peter Thomsen preaching.

12:00 noon—Dinner.

2:00 p. m.—Closing meeting with Rev. John Christensen as speaker.

3:30 p. m.—Final Coffee.

Richard H. Sorensen, District Pres.

The Central Lutheran Congregation at Muskegon extends a cordial invitation to pastors, delegates and members of the District II Congregations to participate in the annual district convention to be held in Muskegon the first week-end in October.

Kindly send your registration at least one week in advance to either of the undersigned that adequate preparation may be made for the accommodations



of all visiting guests.—Welcome to our Lake Michigan "Port City!"

**Christ Jensen**, President, 882 Sternberg Road, Muskegon, Michigan.

**Rev. Edwin E. Hansen**, Pastor, 25 Merrill Ave., Muskegon, Michigan.

## Danish Folk Meeting At Danebod

SEPTEMBER 25—30

The annual Danish Folk Meeting at Danebod Folk School will be held September 25—30. The meeting begins Tuesday night and closes Sunday afternoon. We invite everyone who cares to come to join us in five days of Christian fellowship.

Rev. P. Rasmussen of Dalum, Canada will have a daily Bible hour and will speak at other times. Dr. Johannes Knudsen of Grand View College will lecture 3-4 times. Rev. Holger Strandkov, editor of Lutheran Tidings, will speak 3 times. The undersigned will give four lectures on early Danish-American church history. Thyra Nussle will again lead us in singing.

The total cost for the meeting is \$15.00. (married couples \$25.00 for two)

Please register early with

**Enok Mortensen**,  
Tyler, Minnesota.

## Gifts For "Valborgsminde" Old People's Home, Des Moines, Iowa

Mr. Pors and Mr. Schultz, Salinas, Calif. ----- \$ 50.00  
S. A. L. Chicago, Ill. ----- 100.00  
St. John's Ladies' Aid, Seattle, Wash. ----- 25.00

### MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of Ansgar and Rev. S. D. Rodholm, from Mr. Hans Kjølhed and Mr. and Mrs. J. Pedersen, Alden, Minn. ----- 5.00  
In memory of Rev. S. D. Rodholm from Mrs. Margrethe Larsen, Brayton, Iowa ----- 5.00  
In memory of Mr. Alvin Bertelsen, Gayville, from Trinity Luth. Church, Gayville, S. D. ----- 55.00  
In memory of Mrs. Anna Michaelesen, Cedar Falls, from Ladies' Aid, Nahua, Iowa ----- 5.00

Total ----- \$250.00  
To all givers our sincere thanks.

**Theo J. Ellgaard**, Pres.

### COOK WANTED

Woman wanted to cook in Danish Old Peoples home in Des Moines, Iowa. Excellent pay and working conditions. For further particulars write to:

Rev. Svend Kjaer,  
1101 Grand View Ave.  
Des Moines, Iowa.

## Acknowledgment Of Receipts From the Synod Treasurer

For the month of August, 1951

### Toward the Budget:

Congregations:  
St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill. -- \$ 86.19  
Tyler, Minn. ----- 1,600.00  
Marinette, Wis. ----- 82.88  
Askov, Minn. ----- 45.80  
Racine, Wis. ----- 221.20  
Omaha, Nebr. ----- 79.50  
St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill. -- 52.34  
Askov, Minn. ----- 47.80

### Pastor's Dues:

Rev. Robert C. Schmidt ---- 36.00  
Rev. C. A. Stub ----- 34.64

### General Fund:

Convention Offering ----- 441.34  
Convention Registration --- 278.50

### Home Mission:

Katrina Jensen, Brookings, S. D. ----- 15.00  
In memory of Orville Steffensen, East Badger, Lake Norden, S. D., from Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Kent, Arlington, S. D., Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elmstrand, Hetland, S. D., Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harris, and Kay, Badger, S. D. ---- 3.00

### Annual Reports:

Congregations:  
Hay Springs, Nebr. ----- 5.00  
Tyler, Minn. ----- 25.00  
Detroit, Mich. ----- 4.00  
Exira, Iowa ----- 4.00  
Dalum, Canada ----- 2.50  
Mrs. Ed Mapes, Davey, Nebr. .50  
Convention Sales ----- 9.00  
Karsten Clausen, Genoa, Nebr. 5.00

### Chicago Children's Home:

In memory of Walter Paulsen, Dwight, Ill., Friends in Dwight, Ill. ----- 10.00

### Old People's Home, Tyler, Minn.

In memory of L. S. Nielsen, Ringsted, Iowa, Friends in Ringsted, Iowa ----- 10.00

### President's Travel:

Congregation: Racine, Wis. -- 25.00  
Previously acknowledged --- 17,467.80

Total to date ----- \$20,591.99

### Received for Items Outside of Budget:

### For Old People's Home, Des Moines, Iowa

In memory of L. S. Nielsen, Ringsted, Iowa, from friends in Ringsted, Iowa ----- 10.00

### For Martin Luther Film:

T. G. Jensen, Kimballton, Iowa 500.00  
Evald, Bernhard & Erling Jensen, Des Moines, Iowa ---- 500.00

### For Lutheran World Action and Relief:

Danish Mission, Oak Hill and Brayton, Iowa ----- 5.00

### Congregations:

Marinette, Wis. ----- 64.80  
Ludington, Mich. ----- 16.60  
Racine, Wis. ----- 196.35  
Enumclaw, Wash. ----- 47.50  
Roscommon, Mich. ----- 31.50

Askov, Minn. ----- 200.00  
Previously acknowledged -- 6,647.78

Total to date ----- \$ 7,209.53

### For Eben Ezer:

### Congregations:

Exira, Iowa ----- 5.50  
Oak Hill, Iowa ----- 15.50

### Church Extension:

Estate of Albert M. Petersen, Greenville, Mich. ----- 1,000.00  
Most people are smart enough to catch on . . . . but too few are wise enough to do it.  
The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

**Charles Lauritzen**, Treas.

## For Santal Mission

(August, 1951)

### General Budget:

Svend U. Hansens, Des Moines, Iowa ----- \$ 5.00  
D. V. B. S. Central Lutheran Church, Muskegon, Mich. -- 24.75  
Birthday Bank, Central Lutheran S. S., Muskegon, Mich. 5.25  
Danevang Danish Ladies' Aid, Danevang, Texas ----- 25.00  
Birthday Bank, St. Stephen's S. S., Chicago, Ill. ----- 25.00  
Mrs. S. Chr. Dixen, Askov, Minn. ----- 3.00  
Mrs. Anna White, Ludington, Mich. ----- 15.00  
Rev. John Christensen, Ludington, Mich. ----- 15.00  
Ralph Hansens, Menominee, Mich. ----- 2.00  
St. John's S. S., Easton, Calif. 24.90  
St. John's Danish Ladies' Aid, Seattle, Wash. ----- 25.00  
Women of our Savior's Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. ----- 64.75  
St. John's Ladies' Aid Mission meeting, Hampton, Iowa ----- 8.37  
Rural Luth. L. Aid, Flaxton, N. D. ----- 5.00  
Dan. Ev. Luth. Church Convention, Tyler, Minn. ----- 480.88  
Bethlehem S. S., Cedar Falls, Iowa ----- 25.00  
Mrs. H. J. Jessen, Chicago, Ill. 10.00  
Andrew Bornhofts, Tyler, Minn. 2.00  
Rev. L. C. Bundgaards, Tacoma, Wash. ----- 3.00  
In memory of Chr. Jensen, Dwight, Ill., by Carl Jensens, 3.00  
In memory of Mrs. Alfred Jensen, by Sister Ingeborg, Brush, Colo. and Mrs. Johanne Jacobsen, Rosenborg, Lindsay, Nebr. ----- 4.00  
In memory of Mrs. Ole Jorgensen, Clinton, Iowa, Friends, 11.47  
In memory of C. P. Larsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa, by Rena and Carl ----- 5.00  
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. J. Christensen, Howard, S. D., Andrew Christoffersens, Centerville, S. D. ----- 4.00  
Mrs. Johanne Jensen, Evanston, Ill. ----- 5.00  
In memory of L. S. Nielsen, Ringsted, Iowa, Friends, ---- 31.00



In memory of Orville Steffensen, Badger, S. D., by Andrew Jensens, Badger S. D. ....	2.00
In memory of Julius Nelson, Dwight, Ill., by Hans M. Andersens, Gardner, Ill. ....	3.00
Jessena Larsen and Carl Andersens, Dwight, Ill. ....	3.00
In memory of Mrs. Theodore Albert, Withee, Wis., by Clara and Sina Petersen, Owen, Wis. ....	5.00

**For the Ribers' Work:**

In memory of Mrs. Gerhardt Rohlf, Dwight, Ill., by Wm. Skonetakis, Walter Skonetakis, Robert Skonetakis and Clarence Drechsels, of Dwight and Wm. Funks of Pontiac ..	11.10
In memory of Mrs. Chris Fredensborg, Dwight, Ill., by Crona Jensen and family, and Victor Jensen and family all of Dwight, Ill., also Dietetic Dept., V. A. hospital .....	9.00
In memory of Walter Paulsen, Chicago, Dwight Friends ....	10.00
In memory of Mrs. Axel Thomsen, Marinette, Wis., by Margrethe Thomsen, Chicago, Ill. ....	10.00

**For Mohulpahari Hospital:**

In memory of Thomas Knudstrup, Manistee, Mich., W. M. S. ....	10.00
In memory of Charles Potholm, Hartford, Conn., by Mrs. Dagmar Potholm Petersen, Portland, Me. ....	5.00
St. John's English and Danish Ladies' Aids, Hampton, Iowa, (W. M. S.) .....	23.00

**For Leper Work:**

In memory of Mrs. Hans Christoffersen, Viborg, S. D., Marius Larsens, Peter Duus, and	
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Vic Tarvins all of Solvang, Calif. .... 10.00

Total for August .....\$ 932.37  
Total since January 1st. ....\$6,226.57  
Each gift is herewith acknowledged with sincere thanks.

**Dagmar Miller.**

1517 Guthrie Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### LWA TO SPONSOR ONE HUNDRED "TURN IN THE ROAD" SESSIONS

New York—(NLC)—Pastors and Lutheran World Action directors in all parts of the United States are completing plans for more than 100 "Turn in the Road" conferences to be held between September 20 and November 30 for an estimated 25,000 pastors and lay representatives of all churches affiliated with the National Lutheran Council.

Each conference is to include an afternoon session for pastors and LWA directors and a supper session for pastors and lay people from the conference area. Speakers at the afternoon sessions will be men especially qualified to discuss LWA promotion. In the evening there will be inspirational addresses by church leaders, some of whom will be brought from overseas for the conferences. There will also be a question period.

Immediate purpose of the conferences is to assist those congregations that have not yet reached or exceeded LWA goals for 1951. All congregations, however, are invited to send representatives since plans for 1952 will be outlined and reports will be given on both current developments and long range plans of Lutheran World Action. Success stories from those who have exceeded LWA goals will be an important part of discussion.

By mid-August receipts at the NLC office here had totaled about 50 per cent of the 1951 goal of \$3,300,000. This is four per cent ahead of the percentage at the same period in the 1950 appeal which closed at 97.2 per cent of the \$3,200,000 goal. Pastors are convinced of the importance of educated, enthusiastic lay leadership, which it is the purpose of "Turn in the Road" conferences to develop.

The local chairman of each conference, together with a committee representing the NLC bodies in the area, has in most cases completed plans for a dinner meeting, usually to be held in a church. The meal will be kept simple and will be paid for through a free will offering, with LWA making up any deficit. Reservations are generally being made through LWA directors, who report the number to the conference chairmen.

The plan for the 100 conferences originated with a "test meeting" in Minneapolis last fall. At the afternoon ses-

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**TRUSTEE:** August Sorensen, Ringsted, Iowa.  
**TRUSTEE:** Viggo Nielsen, 190 Jewett Ave., Bridgeport 6, Conn.

sion LWA officials met with LWA directors and pastors. More than 400 men and women attended the dinner meeting in the evening, to which each congregation in the area had been asked to send six lay representatives. The offering covered expenses. Lively discussion followed the addresses, and laymen went back to their congregations with a heightened sense of the urgency and importance of Lutheran World Action.

Most of the places selected for conferences this fall are smaller cities and towns not often visited by LWA speakers. The Chicago conferences, scheduled for September 20 and 21 will serve the extra purpose of demonstrating meetings for the LWA speakers who will attend briefing sessions in Chicago during the same period.

Dr. H. Conrad Hoyer, executive secretary of the NLC's Division of American Missions, is organizing chairman for the entire series of meetings.

## GVC A Capalla Choir Records

Records by the Grand View A Capella Choir are still available, and we will be happy to send them out to anyone wishing them. They are sold at cost for \$2.50 per record, or \$5.00 for the set of two. Order from Grand View College, Des Moines 16, Iowa. They are very fine recordings of numbers we all know and love.

### ORDER FORM

—Record No. 1. Der Er Et Yndigt Land.  
O Land of Our King.  
—Record No. 2. Adoramus Te Christe.  
Beautiful Saviour.  
\$2.50 each.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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I am a member of the congregation at \_\_\_\_\_  
September 20, 1951

NEW ADDRESS—If you move, then write your name and new address in the space provided. Be sure to state what congregation you belong to. Clip this out so that the old address is included and mail to LUTHERAN TIDINGS, Askov, Minn.

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