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## Welcome To The Convention Omaha, Nebraska, August 12-17



CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS  
DUNDEE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Happy Hollow Blvd. and Underwood Ave.

### Program For The Convention

Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America  
75th Annual Convention, Omaha, Nebraska

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 12 At The Dundee Church

Happy Hollow Blvd. and Underwood Ave.

8:00 p. m.—Worship Service, Sermon, Rev. Erik Moller, Hay Springs, Nebr.  
Welcome, Rev. Marius Krog, Omaha, Nebraska

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

7:00-8:30 a. m.—Breakfast.  
9:00-9:45 a. m.—Devotion and Bible Meditation, Rev. Thorvald Hansen, Atlantic, Iowa.  
10:00 a. m.—Opening of Convention Business Session.  
12:00 p. m.—Noon Recess.  
1:30 p. m.—Business Session continued.  
3:30 p. m.—Refreshment Pause.  
4:00 p. m.—Business Session continued.  
5:30 p. m.—Supper.  
8:00 p. m.—Special Liturgy Service. Liturgy Committee in charge. Rev. Axel Kildegaard, Grand View College, Chairman of the Committee in charge. Sermon, Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen, Des Moines, Iowa; Liturgist, Rev. Marius Krog, Omaha, Nebr.

At Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 819 So. 22nd Street

8:00 p. m.—Worship Service in Danish; Sermon, Rev. K. Kirkegaard Jensen, Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

At the Dundee Church

7:00-8:30 a. m.—Breakfast.  
9:00-9:45 a. m.—Devotion and Bible Meditation, Rev. John Pedersen, Danevang, Texas.  
10:00 a. m.—Business Session resumed.  
12:00 p. m.—Noon recess.  
1:30 p. m.—Business Session continued.  
3:30 p. m.—Refreshment Pause.  
4:00 p. m.—Business Session continued.  
5:30 p. m.—Supper.  
8:00 p. m.—Topic: "The Larger Fellowship" Dr. Arild C. Olsen, Associate Executive Secretary Division of Life and Work, National Council of Churches, New York City, in charge. Speakers: Rev. Peter Thomsen, Greenville, Michigan, and Mr. Kristian Jensen, Hartford, Connecticut.

#### At Our Savior's Lutheran Church

8:00 p. m.—Santal Mission Meeting, Mrs. A. Frances Nielsen, Chicago, Illinois, in charge. Speaker: Dr. Christopher Hagan, Santalistan, India.

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

At the Dundee Church

7:00-8:30 a. m.—Breakfast.  
9:00-9:45 a. m.—Devotion and Bible Meditation, Rev. Charles Terrell, Cozad, Nebraska.

10:00 a. m.—Business Session resumed.  
 12:00 p. m.—Noon Recess.  
 1:30 p. m.—Business Session continued.  
 3:30 p. m.—Refreshment Pause.  
 4:00 p. m.—Business Session continued.  
 5:30 p. m.—Anniversary Dinner.  
 8:00 p. m.—75th Convention Anniversary Address: "The First Convention of The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church", Rev. Enok Mortensen. Address by Dr. Ernest D. Nielsen, President-elect, Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 16**

7:00-8:30 a. m.—Breakfast.  
 9:00-9:45 a. m.—Devotion and Bible Meditation, Rev. Harold Petersen, Askov, Minnesota.  
 10:00 a. m.—Business Session resumed.  
 12:00 p. m.—Noon Recess.  
 1:30 p. m.—Business Session continued.  
 3:30 p. m.—Refreshment Pause.  
 4:00 p. m.—Business Session resumed.  
 5:30 p. m.—Supper.  
 6:30 p. m.—Women's Mission Society Business meeting.  
 8:00 p. m.—Women's Mission Society Meeting open to all. Speaker: Rev. C. A. Stub, Fredsville, Iowa.

**At Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

8:00 p. m.—Danish American Young People's League meeting. Rev. Clayton Nielsen, Withee, Wisconsin, and Rev. Harris Jespersen, Marquette, Nebraska, in charge. Speaker: Dr. Otto Hoiberg, University of Nebraska.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 17****At the Dundee Church**

7:00-8:30 a. m.—Breakfast.  
 9:30 a. m.—Worship Service with Communion, Sermon, Rev. Holger O. Nielsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Rev. Alfred Jensen, President of The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, Des Moines, Iowa, conducting the Communion Service.

**At Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

10.00 a. m.—Worship Service in Danish with Communion,

Sermon, Rev. Ottar Jorgensen, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Rev. Svend Jorgensen, Detroit, Michigan, conducting the Communion Service.

**At the Dundee Church**

11:00 a. m.—Worship Service, Sermon, Dr. J. C. Kjaer, Seattle, Washington.  
 12:00 p. m.—Dinner.  
 2:30 p. m.—Ordination Service, Ordainer, Rev. V. S. Jensen, Des Moines, Iowa. Candidates for ordination: Harald Petersen, Carlo Petersen, Vincent Ligouri and Harry Andersen.  
 4:00 p. m.—Opportunity to visit points of interest.  
 7:30 p. m.—Closing Meeting, brief talks by Rev. George Mellby, Troy, New York; Rev. Harry Andersen, Marlette, Michigan; Rev. Vincent Ligouri, Portland, Maine; Rev. Carlo Petersen, Newark, New Jersey. Closing remarks by volunteer speakers, the President of the Synod, Rev. Alfred Jensen in charge of the meeting. Final adjournment of the Convention.



Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
 819 South 22nd Street

## Greeting To The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church Convention Omaha, Nebraska, August 12-17, 1952

Dear Friends in Christ:

As you in assembly gathered are sharing the hospitality of the Omaha congregation and moreover the Christian fellowship with visitors, delegates and ministers from far off and near by—and I had planned to be present but circumstances will not permit—we would like to greet you with a few words from the 100th Psalm. The words of the Psalm are:

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: Come before His presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

"For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."

The keynote of the psalm is praise and thanksgiving. It has been said that this is the only psalm

bearing this precise inscription. It is all ablaze with grateful adoration, and has for this reason been a great favorite with the people of God ever since it was written.

Nothing can be more sublime this side of heaven than the singing of this noble psalm by a vast congregation.

The words that I especially am referring to are these: "We are his (God's) people." Just think of this distinction and honor: God's people. God is not only our creator but as stated in the fifth verse: "For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth to all generations."

We do not need to despair even if we have trials and tribulations; he preserves us as Paul assures us: "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." "The Lord will free me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever."

The other reason for our thankfulness that I would

## The Word

### II

We renounce Satan, all his works and all his ways.

This pronouncement would be a misfit at a Republican convention or a crusade rally, but if the word fight was put in place of the word renounce it could be used as watchword, for we do like to fight. We would enjoy to battle with bloody banners against the New Deal and Kremlin Devil. Should anyone chop one of the Dragon's heads off, he would have a place in the Hall of Fame secured.

The word fight, however, is not used, firstly because man cannot fight Satan and secondly because the fight augments the pride of Satan. He enjoys the battles against him, but he shudders when people lose interest in him and start to leave him. The gangster leader is not afraid of fists but he dreads to see one of his men leave him. The entities based on force have always tried to bind their members so tightly, that they cannot secede. Satan is illusive and without substance and if he loses face, he is done for. His works and ways are spectral and cannot stand the exposure that goes with renunciation. I heard a man say that an inflated state which tries to pose as the

like to mention is: Our responsibility as servants. "Serve the Lord with gladness." We are all servants, as we have all been entrusted with some work to do in the Kingdom. And the most important task is this: Serve with gladness; serve him diligently. A smile and a song in our hearts has a great influence. And by his grace he has given us all the means of salvation: His word and his Sacraments: The gospel of life and liberty, as St. Paul writes to his friends in Corinth: "Our sufficiency is of God: who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament—for if the ministration of Moses was glorious, how shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious—the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory—the glory that excelleth."

We have a version of the psalm by William Kethe (1561) beginning this way:

"All people that on earth do dwell  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell  
Come ye before him and rejoice."

But it has also been said that singing of the psalm in all its fulness will be in heaven above as the Apostle John has pointed it out in the Book of Revelation, the 19th chapter: "Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice and give honor to him. The voice was of a great multitude and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings." This is in accordance with the first of Psalm 100: "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands."

May you at the convention by the grace of God with hearts and souls be thankful to God for his blessings upon our synod and go forward in serving him with gladness.

**Kathrine and P. Rasmussen.**

Father God of man is a yellow ghost. That is what Satan is and if left alone in the middle of the day he would be out of luck.

Satan is known by his works and ways, the purpose of which is that of severing man from God. One of his ways is that of magnifying the kinship between man and animal so much that the distinct humanness is obscured. The late John Dewey saw that the greatness of being human is found in the expression, the word, which is the means of human togetherness, and Jesus said that man is judged according to the quality and integrity of his words. C. C. Lewis surmises that we may go so far with our Kentaur society that we no longer can communicate together for the lack of speech. When the language dies there is no more relationship between the Creator and man.

One of Satan's ways is that of swelling man's self and put it in God's place. The story about the fisherman's wife who wanted to be king—kaiser—pope—God is a good illustration of that. Dear Eve and Adam, he whispers into their ears, you can make a hydrogen bomb and perhaps a moonship, let no one tell you that you cannot elevate yourselves into permanent goodness. Certainly you can arrange the environment in such a way and make such a medicine that you become an undivided person of Holy Spirit. Believe in evolution and use your brains.

Paul and Luther were essentially right in saying that in our liberation from a deathbound existence we must depend on God say some of our theologians, but man can also do something. "So much has God done for you, how much have you done for God." By a clever religious technique man can make himself believe that he practices the four absolutes. By use of imagination he can "spiritualize" the physical part of existence and assume that he now is altogether the person of spirit. Man is amazingly clever in acquiring credit for using a little extra good under the guise of piety, and Satan takes advantage of it. It is the religious self interest delusion which causes the neurosis, the hysteria, and the gas chamber concentration camp. The religion of Satan is called security and it is the self that must be secured.

There is a close connection between the word renounce and the word believe. The person who ventures to believe God entirely and therefore is found from day to day in the faith struggle—the only real struggle—will gradually secede from Satan. He will commence to live in a basic freedom. Trusting God to fully forgive and fully restore, man can be free and render genuine and selfless service under all circumstances.

**Aage Moller.**

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## The Prospect Before Us

By Ove R. Nielsen

There are people who are wearied by the prospect of our becoming a constituent synod of the U.L.C.A. They shudder in the thought that their children may become members of a Christian communion where the emphasis on Christian doctrine varies slightly from that which they themselves have come to hold dear. They feel that things as they exist in our common work are supportable, and that the fellowship is unique. But they hesitate before the untried. They are timorous.

These members of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church are fearful that by attaching ourselves to the United Lutheran Church in America, we shall need to forfeit a way of life which has been peculiarly ours, in order to gain a way of larger community living which they believe can not be compensating. Most of these people agree that we should have been more consecrated "doers of the Word" in our first three-quarter century, especially in the establishment of home missions, but feel that we are somewhat vindicated because in recent years there has been an awakening respect for the need of reaching those with the Gospel who are beyond our own.

There are those of us in the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church who are happy in the prospect that we might attach ourselves to the U.L.C.A. We are convinced that our children have the right to enjoy the fellowship of a larger Christian communion, when that communion acknowledges our historical background, faith and tradition. We feel that our children are entitled to these Christian opportunities without having to disassociate themselves from their parental church. We are not fearful of losing anything, for we believe that what God has given us through our church is ours forever, and that we may supplement this by fully sharing what He has given others.

It would be absurd to even contemplate that we might blossom forth in a vigorous spiritual awakening and break our dimensions simply by attaching ourselves to a larger family of churches. More is required for that than the consent of a Convention. But there is no reason to believe that it would happen any less in the larger fellowship than by remaining alone.

We desperately need a broadened horizon. We have lived too long where too little has been required of us. It would be prudent for us to sound the depths of our own spiritual life out of the vast, violent sea of humanity, where the contest between Heaven and Hell is raging, and where we must either sail or sink.

There are people who think that to attach ourselves to the United Lutheran Church would be to weakly cast our mantle of responsibility to the eager

arms of centralization. I disagree! I believe it would mean to throw our hat in the ring where the battle between Christ and secularism is being eagerly waged, where the Word is straining to overcome broken Commandments, moral bankruptcy, and seething racial and political hatreds.

This is where men and women, in the heat of the conflict, must say: "I believe," or fall by the wayside. This is the proving ground for our faith, the place where the chaff is separated from the wheat, and the goats from the sheep.

## My Friend "Bundgaard"

"The Reaper" comes with stealth  
And, thief-like, unannounced.  
Suddenly a friend is dead.  
The truth is sharp and cruel  
As an instrument that stabs the flesh.  
The heart cringes with grief,  
The world has an emptiness  
Which will not be filled.

His manners were rough, yes,  
And his speech was blunt  
As that of a smith with a hammer;  
But his soul was sensitive  
As that of a child;  
And his heart was big and alive  
With courage and deep concern  
For that which is vital always.

Oh yes, he had faults  
And was fiercely opposed;  
But hypocrisy was not in him.  
His world was high and its visions broad  
And rich with truth and beauty.  
He knew what it meant, the abundant life,  
And thus he lived more in a single day  
Than some in a year with its seasons.

He was big and made blunders galore,  
Much as the well-known fisherman.  
There were those who could not forgive him;  
But his soul did not hold rancor for long;  
On the contrary, it always was ready  
To share with others what was clear to his heart  
In grief and in glee, in faith and in hope  
And in wonders great and inspiring.

And now he is gone,  
A man full of bound, and strong as he was  
The Master has called him, the faithful servant;  
We shall no longer walk together  
Along the spiral pathways of the spirit  
Which rise and wind into the Kingdom of Christ.  
He is gone ahead into the much greater life.  
—O God, surround him with mercy.

Marius Krog.

# 75th Annual Convention of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

Omaha, Nebraska, August 12-17, 1952

The 75th annual convention of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America will be held at the Dundee Presbyterian Church, 55th St. & Underwood Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska, August 12-17, 1952 upon invitation of Our Saviour's Danish Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, 819 So. 22nd St., Omaha, Nebraska.

The opening service will be held at the Dundee Presbyterian Church, Aug. 12, 8 P. M. The business sessions will be held in the main auditorium of this church as well as all the evening meetings and services Sunday. Only when circumstances require the use of two meeting and worship places will Our Saviour's Church at the above address be used. The opening business meeting is set for 9:00 A. M. Wednesday, August 13. A complete program will be published in Luth. Tid. at a later date.

It is expected that all pastors of the Danish Lutheran Church will be in attendance at the convention and that all congregations belonging to the Danish Lutheran Church will be represented by their duly elected delegates. These are elected on the basis of one delegate for each fifty (50) voting members or fraction thereof. The congregations in district 1, 8 & 9 as well as the congregations of Dalum, Canwood, Danevang and Granly should send delegates according to the provision made therefor in Synod By-Laws Art. VI 7 a-c page 13. The names of delegates must be submitted in writing by the congregations to the Credentials Committee of the Convention. The names of delegates should preferably be in the hands of the Credentials Committee by July 20.

The meetings and services during the convention are open to all friends and members of the Danish Lutheran Church. The business sessions are opened with devotion and Bible study each morning. The program for the evening meetings will be chiefly devoted to the various causes, missions and benevolences of the Danish Lutheran Church. Ordination of Candidates for the ministry will take place Sunday afternoon, August 17.

Attention is called to the following provision in the Synod Constitution "Every member shall be privileged to submit topics for discussion to the convention. These topics shall be sent to the president of the synod, who shall publish them at least six weeks prior to the convention." Such topics must be at my address by July 1st.

All reports from institutions, activities, missions, committees and auxiliaries should be sent to me before the end of May and will be published as soon as possible thereafter. All ministers and congregations will receive copies of same.

May God graciously prepare our hearts and minds to serve His will and purpose through our convention this summer.

Alfred Jensen

Des Moines, Iowa, April 26, 1952.

In accord with the announcement above Our Saviour's Danish Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, Omaha, Nebraska, extends a cordial invitation to the pastors, delegates and members of all congregations in the Danish Ev. Lutheran Church of America and to the friends of the work of this synod to be its guests during the synodical convention, August 12-17, 1952.

The members of our congregation are ready to do all within their power to furnish suitable accommodations to those who come.

It is requested that delegates' credentials be sent to the chairman of the Credentials and Registration Committee, Mrs. M. R. Grobeck, 2704 Westbrook Ave., Omaha 6, Nebraska, by July 25th. Registrations should also be sent to Mrs. Grobeck or to Rev. Marius Krog, 730 So. 50th St., Omaha 6, Nebraska, on or before July 25th.

E. P. Christensen, Chairman of the Church Council.  
Marius Krog, Pastor of the Congregation.

## TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

### I

"That a special committee appointed by the convention chairman present to this convention for approval a workable set of definitions of membership."

J. H. Petersen, Sec.

St. Ansgar's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Waterloo, Iowa.

### II

"Regardless of whether or not our Synod affiliates with the United Lutheran Church in America that Article II (Confession) of our Synodical constitution be re-written so that it will conform with constitutions of other Lutheran Synods."

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
Dwight, Illinois.

### III

"We suggest that the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America be changed to one of the following names:

1. Central Lutheran Synod.
2. The Lutheran Church (Central Synod).
3. North American Lutheran Church.
4. American Lutheran Church (Central Synod).

Hartford, Conn. June 19, 1952.

Rev. Willard R. Garred,  
Kristian Jensen, Layman.

### IV

"That while the basic pension of 1948 of \$620.00 yearly to a couple and \$360.00 to a single pensioner shall remain the same, that beginning January 1, 1953, the additional grant shall be increased by \$200.00 per pensioner, so that a single pensioner will receive \$600.00 annually and a couple \$1,100.00 annually, said increase to be appropriated as a part of the general budget of the synod."

Church Council,  
Nazareth Lutheran Church,  
Withee, Wis.

### V

"That Lutheran Tidings permit space for a Lutheran placement service whereby Lutheran churches may list various farm and business opportunities in their respective territories for the sake of maintaining their church membership and support and also for the convenience of Lutheran families wishing to locate in a Lutheran community."

Chris Henriksen, President,  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church Council,  
Askov, Minn.

## INFORMATION FOR THE CONVENTIONEERS

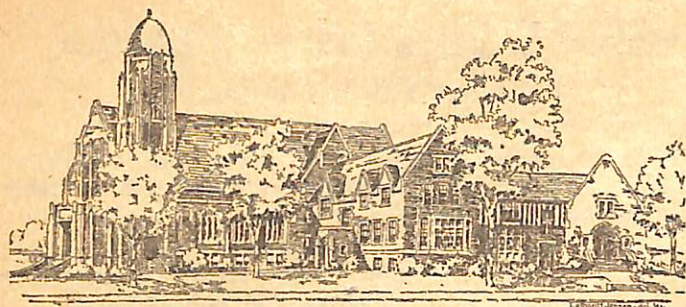
Omaha takes much pride in calling itself "The Cross Roads of The Nation." Even though some may find that term too ambiguous, it should hardly be necessary to enumerate the railroads, bus lines and highways which lead to Omaha.

As stated in an earlier issue of Lutheran Tidings the convention will be held at the beautiful—and air conditioned Dundee Presbyterian Church in West Omaha.

### How To Find The Place

**By Auto**—The main thoroughfare running east-west the entire length of the city is Dodge Street; this street also serves as dividing line between the north and the south sections of the city. Follow "Dodge" to Happy Hollow Blvd. West 56th St.; turn north along this leisurely winding boulevard to Underwood Ave. (600 North). The Dundee Church is one little block west.—"And you can't miss it."

**By Bus**—If you arrive at the Union Bus Station we recommend that you board a west-bound "Dundee" street car on



Farnam St., in front of the station; go to the end of the line and you will be right in front of the Dundee church.

If you arrive at the Burlington Bus Station, walk three blocks north and board the "Dundee" street car which will take you right to the Dundee church, as stated above. (No city bus-line runs close to the church.)

**By Train**—If you come to either the Union Railroad Station or to the Burlington Railroad Station, take any north-bound street car to Farnam St., and transfer to the "Dundee" street car and proceed as stated above.

**NOTICE:** The Omaha street cars do not run on Sundays. Take instead a bus to Farnam street and transfer to a west-bound "Dundee" bus which runs instead of the street car.

If you come by either bus or train and wish to have someone meet you upon arrival, please notify at an early date—stating time and place of arrival—Mr. Folmer Farstrup, Bellevue Blvd., R. 5, South Side, Omaha, Nebr.

**Registration**—Registrations and credentials should be sent to the Chairman of the Registration and Credentials Committee, Mrs. Martin Grobeck, 2704 Westbrook Ave., Omaha 6, Nebr., before July 25th. During the convention all registration matters will be handled at the Dundee Church. Registration fee \$ .50. (This fee will not be asked of the children who are not confirmed.) If you have placed your registration with the committee and find that you can not attend, please notify the committee to that effect.

**Meals**—All meals will be served at the Dundee Church beginning Tuesday evening 5:30-7:00; \$12.00 for the whole convention; children 5-12 years incl., \$6.00; under five, free; 13 and over, full price.

**Housing**—We wish to state again that the host congregation is doing all within its power to furnish sleeping quarters to all the convention guests who do not wish to avail themselves of hotel and motor court facilities. A considerable number of "roll-away" cots have been secured to supplement the sleeping accommodations in private homes. In this way we expect to take care of all who come. Some of the guests will be housed in Brownell Hall, Episcopal School for Girls, which is directly across the street from the Dundee Church. These guests will be charged \$5.00 (Tuesday evening—Monday morning), and will be asked to bring their own blankets. For information concerning hotels and motor courts see previous issue of Lutheran Tidings.

**Nursery**—A part-time nursery will be available free of charge. There are spacious and well-shaded playgrounds close to the church and well out of the way of heavy traffic.

**Mail**—The guests should have their mail addressed: % Lutheran Convention, Dundee Presbyterian Church, Happy Hollow Blvd., and Underwood Ave., Omaha 3, Nebr.

**Miscellaneous**—The opening service on Tuesday evening will begin at 8 o'clock. The complete program is published in this issue of Lutheran Tidings. Please remember to bring your own copy of the Hymnal for Church and Home. Pre-convention telephone number: Walnut 2321. Free maps of the city will be available at the Dundee Church. There will be a well-stocked book store.

And, of course, there will be a warm welcome!

Convention Telephone Wa 6886.

Marius Krog.

## Affiliation—Why Not?

Our Synod, The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, has existed for many years on a basis of common language, background, heritage and last but not least a common conception and interpretation of basic doctrine. As the years have gone by the common language has come to mean less and less and English has gradually taken the place of Danish in practically all of our functions. Many of us who either came from Denmark or grew up in immigrant homes joined or stayed with our Synod because of its Grundtvigian background and its less narrow interpretation of Scripture as expressed in our constitution, and as compared to other Lutheran Synods.

We can, I believe safely assume that the younger generations do not take a great deal of interest in Grundtvig's philosophy and they have in most instances rather vague ideas as to what it is all about. Likewise when it becomes a matter of joining a church most people simply join one of their chosen denomination and one where they have friends and neighbors. It is a rare exception when a prospective member inquires into doctrine, and as to what is—or is not in our constitution.

With the original common foundation thus becoming further and further obliterated it naturally also becomes difficult particularly for some of our city congregations to maintain growth, yes, in some locations they have real difficulty even to maintain existence. When city people in many instances have to pass several Lutheran churches in order to reach a church of our Synod it is easily forgotten that our constitution differs from theirs in certain points of emphasis.

Furthermore the tendency towards unification, alliances, affiliations or whatever one chooses to call it is very much in vogue. We continually hear that not only all Lutherans but all Protestants must get together and certainly the idea has merits. The basic belief and the ultimate goal being the same for all of us, why can't we affiliate with other Lutheran Church bodies and in so doing recognize and respect various interpretations of scripture as set forth in their constitutions. Why should we not for example in our case affiliate with the United Lutheran Church? For some of us it becomes a matter of conscience—this matter of approving officially of other peoples, interpretations, and I am not here going to express approval or disapproval of anyone's thoughts in such matters.

Certainly affiliating with the U.L.C. would mean a great deal to our Synod from many practical points of view. We have for example about a dozen congregations, which will have difficulty carrying on and their future can be made more secure with U.L.C. affiliation. Our whole Home mission problem would be simplified, our college would no doubt benefit by being able to draw students from the U.L.C. fields, our pastors would have a better Pension Fund arrangement which they certainly need. Generally speaking there is strength in numbers and while our Synod is sound in many respects, we do lag behind in growth as compared to other Lutheran bodies.

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# Our Women's Work

Mrs. Johanne Lillehøj, Kimballton, Iowa

Editor

## Hilsen fra Danmark

Dear Friends:

Greetings from Copenhagen, the city of spires, statutes, and smiling "Københavnere". We have had a wonderful opportunity to become acquainted with the city these two months that we have been living on Amager, and we are all agreed that we will miss it very much when the time comes for us to leave.

There is much to see and every week we try to explore new territory. The girls and I have visited two "Kommuneskoler." In Denmark children start school at the age of 7 and leave their "Kommuneskole" at the age of fourteen, either to go on with higher education or to take jobs. As a rule the girls and boys are taught in separate classes and have separate playgrounds. Just as the Oriental daughter is taught the art of being a good wife, so the Danish girls are taught the art of housekeeping, and Home Ec. is a very important subject in the school curriculum. In one of the schools we saw a beautiful exhibit of the sewing classes. The first project was a sewing bag, done by hand, with the girl's initials embroidered on it. This is made in the girl's tenth year and it is used to keep her sewing in throughout her fourteenth year. At this time she also knits a pair of socks, sews an apron, and makes a sampler of stitches. The projects then increase to patching, crocheting, sewing of blouses, gym suits, bound button holes, hemstitching and embroidery, and in the last year each girl sews a dress with button holes and zipper closing. All materials are furnished by the schools. In the school kitchen there were tubs set on benches and we were told that the girls were learning to wash by hand. Here cleaning, dishwashing, cooking, and serving classes were also held. The boys were given a half-year course in the kitchen and the girls a half year of manual training. We were very much impressed with the spotless corridors and shining windows.

There are only eighteen self-service stores in all Denmark, mostly co-operative stores, but the Danish women do not seem to mind. One lady said that she would miss discussing the wares with the clerks. As for me, give me a self-service or most anything in preference to running to six different stores to collect a meal. You go to a "Grønthandler" for vegetables fruits and flowers; to a meat market for meat; a fish market for fish; milk, butter, flour, beer, pop, eggs and cornflakes all come from the "Mejeri," coffee, tea, vanilla, canned goods and spices from the "Kolonialhandel," and finally bread from the bakery. If we then need toilet paper or a new dish rag we go around the corner to a shop with a bin of brushes outside. This is characteristic as both are coarse and scratchy. Of course, you can have your groceries sent, but not without tipping the boy who brings

them. As few apartments or homes have refrigeration, you shop often. All stores close promptly at 2 o'clock on Saturdays and Saturday morning is often a hectic but amusing shopping time. You might hear an argument about who is next in line or a discussion about the price of "Grisetær." These are now twenty-five "Øre" apiece. This system of shopping will probably never change. Tradition hangs so heavy, over everything that it is difficult to do anything in other ways than the customary. There is beauty in tradition and we have seen many wonderful things, but we do get to the point where we long for more initiative and dynamic action.

It has been interesting to visit the various homes. The Dane has an eye for what is beautiful and his home is a harmonious unit. The trend now is away from dark and heavy furniture to light weight, servicable pieces, and it is amazing to see the compactness of a living room in an apartment. Each piece has its use and every inch of it is put to use. Floors are often bare or scatter rugs are used and curtains do not cover the windows. Sunshine is a heating element and is welcomed. Hand work is very prominent and emphasizes the skills in color and workmanship for which the Danes are known. Their coffee tables are exquisite and delicious. How they manage with the primitive kitchen equipment they have is a puzzle. Many kitchens have two or three separate gas burners set on a tile table and a small oven. Very few have any electric kitchen equipment and even dover egg beaters are not a must, so housekeeping is laborious. But this is never felt by guests who are royally treated in every home.

The Dane has a leisurely way of life, at least so it seems to Americans, and there is always time to admire the flowers and to take a stroll through the garden, park or woods. Such a walk we took one evening with friends at Holte. It was just before sundown, and after walking through the woods we stood on the hillside above "Furesøen" and listened to the nightingale. Soon we were singing "Flyv, Fugl, flyv over Furesøens Vove"—a beautiful and treasured moment.

Although we have gotten new friends and gained many new impressions, we often think of the friends at home. Especially the girls watch eagerly for the red-coated mail man. We have been happy for the letters we have received and we wish that we could return all greetings at great length. This is impossible and we therefore appreciate the opportunity to send greetings through "Lutheran Tidings."

Best wishes,

Ellen Knudsen.

# Paging Youth

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

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## Orientation Or Where Are We?

After musing, on a Sunday afternoon, about where to spend the remainder of the day, my wife and I decided to drive out to the pine-covered hillsides, where an elderly lady, now past 85, lives. She came to this country many years ago from Europe, and in this, her adopted country, she has always been on the fringe of the abiding things which she came to know and love in her native country. In her younger days, she had moved in circles where they sang and talked about the things that stir the souls of people. She pointed to an historic old songbook, a copy of which I also keep in my collection of poetic expressions. On one of our previous visits, my wife and I had sung from this book. The elderly lady needed no book. She knew most of the songs from memory. Not telling her our intentions, we skipped a couple of stanzas. (Our vocal chords were a bit strained, and sometimes the introduction of melodies is more important than many words to which the singer can return later. The melody is the mold in which we keep and discover the meaning of the words.) But we did not fool this lady, she reminded us that we had skipped the stanzas—which seems to prove that what is acquired in youth is not forgotten with age, unless it is of no relative importance.

On our last visit, while coffee was being prepared in the kitchen, I was left to myself in the parlor, from which there is a magnificent view over a distant colorful valley. I took the opportunity to look through some picture albums. (I can enjoy that when there is no one present who insists on telling me who is who and what is what.) One of the albums was filled with pictures from Denmark, and several were reminders of our elderly friend. She had been beautiful then, as she was now, and there were marks of character in her face. In those days they believed in "taking" you as you were and not with a fabricated grin produced by saying, "cheese." And the contrast of the pictures upon the walls was also interesting; some of them were typical of our family admirations; here and there were pictures that reminded me of a transition—there was the land across the sea; here was America.

I was asking myself the question: "What are some of these things going to mean to the next generation?" The old songbook, by Morten Eskesen, together with the new folk songbook, would perhaps be thrown away. There are people who do not read poetry, and most of us do not know or heed the Shakespearean admonition to beware of the people who have no song in their souls. To them it would be no loss, it would be just an old songbook which had belonged

to grandmother. They could not read its words, so why keep it? I do not deplore that these children cannot read the language of Morten Eskesen, but I wonder if we, in the transition, have taken time to teach them something just as good? Again come to my mind the words of Erik Bøgh, in Rodholm's translation:

"You ask me, my boy, why this rose is so precious to me;  
Its leaves are as dry and as dead as they ever could be.  
You may say you will give me of beautiful flowers a lovely bouquet,  
If I for the living will throw my dead flowers away."

Some years ago we had a week-long young people's convention in Des Moines, Iowa and I remember a young man saying before that assembly: "My difficulty is not the relation of Christianity to some of the fields of knowledge, but what to do with the heritage I have been given by my parents."

One day a Presbyterian pastor friend in Colorado told me of this incident: A young couple came to him to make arrangements for the funeral of a grandmother. Would they have songs sung at her funeral? They had not thought of that, but it seemed to be okay. Did "granny" have any favorite hymns? They were not sure—oh yes, they had heard her humming, "Tip-toe Through the Tulips," maybe that could be used. The minister did not think it a good song for the occasion. Well, they would go home and see what they could find. The next day they came back and beamingly announced that they had heard "granny" sing, on another occasion, "I am on My Vacation to Heaven." Perhaps that would do—it had the word, Heaven in it. The minister did not think that suitable either and it was finally left to him to select the hymns for the funeral.

"There is a time for everything under the sun" but mostly for the stuff that Hans Christian Andersen speaks about in his fairy tale, "The Swineherd," in which a princess, not knowing what to do with her spare time, spends it with her court ladies playing "having company." She cannot see the difference between a rose that has grown upon a grave, and the artificial flower that one can buy in a store. She sells her chastity and a kingdom for gossip and the glittering refrains of rag-time music.

I do not deplore that this generation comes into the future with baggage of a different style than that of the past, just so it is made of stuff that is usable and durable for the next generation.

Winston Churchill (the American author) begins his book, "A Far Country," with these words: "I have been a typical American, regarding my country as the happy hunting ground of enlightened self-interests as a function of my desires." And so he set out to write a biography of the inner life which became more significant with the years.

The years of youth must continue to be a period of life which is akin to that of the wondering child standing upon the heights of time loving to sing:

" . . . I wonder what I shall see  
Over the towering mountains."

If it is not that, we will not have known what it is to become men and women of the future.

L. C. B.

## Vagabonding Again

Three months of almost uninterrupted study had passed by like a dream and the time had come once again to hearken to the call of the road. It's a good thing the call came no sooner, for the whole and total month of June was miserably cold and wet. We even fired up the old stove in the middle of the month, and people who had been on vacation came back with a frustrated and embittered look in their eyes. Wisecracks about the weather were a dime a dozen and the most popular went: "It hasn't been this cold since last summer." But it was ideal weather for study and any desire for vagabonding would be dispelled by the first morning look at the sky. Then the miracle happened. July first the skies cleared, the sun decided to take over, and the next two weeks were ideal for vacationing. Those were the days we had planned to travel so off we went.

It would be futile and uninteresting to tell all the things we did or to attempt a running account of our movements. We traveled by three ships, three cars (two borrowed and one rented) and innumerable trains. The cars are far to be preferred; they get you places and you don't have to change accommodations every few moments, that is, if they run. Our one rented car was a bust, literally speaking. It was a 1934 Chevy and after an hour of desperate struggle it gave up with a terrific clanging and banging. When I got down to see what had been going on, the drive shaft was torn loose from the rear end and was scraping the pavement. We said goodbye to it at the rear end of a wrecker and took refuge in a new Citroen with a chauffeur. For once France won from the U. S. A.

Otherwise the travel was mostly fun. The climax came, peculiarly enough, within one hour after departure from Copenhagen when we literally sailed the silvery sea on the fast and modern boat for Aalborg. The whole northern sky at midnight was lit up by the glow of the midnight sun which had barely dipped below the horizon for about five hours. The shores of Sjaelland and Hveen were plainly seen. Lights from shore, lights from beacons, and lights from the boats sparkled all about us, and the unrippled ocean was like a bowl of silver. Despite the lateness of the hour we stayed to watch the dark bastions and towers of Kronborg slip by, thus recapturing the moment that should have been ours when we entered Denmark in March but which was lost in winter darkness. Then and there I was ready to hang up my vagabond shoes. Nothing could possibly excel what we saw that night.

There were many other beautiful sights, however. The broad, wind-swept plains of Vendsyssel, the endless pounding of the surf at Blokhus, the intimate loveliness of the lakes around Himmelbjerget, the graciousness of the bay at Aarhus the island jewels south of Fyn, the historic patina and the hedgerow checkerboard of Als and Sundeved, all this was ours and heaven too, if you by heaven mean the midnight glow in the sky. And if heaven is a meeting with friends and relatives, we were bountifully blessed. In addition we took in several folkschools, being for-

tunate enough to see the romantic play, "Der var engang," performed by summer students on the superb outdoor stage at Johannes Terkelsen's school, Ry Højskole.

Of greatest interest were the Danish-American celebrations. The Fourth of July celebration at Rebild was forty years old this year, and the event was worthy of the occasion. Never has the weather been more perfect and twenty thousand people covered the rugged heather-clad slopes of the bowl. One must marvel at the fact that the American national holiday has so won the hearts of the surrounding area that stores are closed while busses and cars by the hundreds and bicycles by the thousands bring celebrants to the unique national park. This year the main address was given by Jean Hersholt, but the greatest attention was paid to America's charming and capable ambassador, Mrs. Eugenie Anderson. Color guards of Danish and American soldiers raised the two flags, the band played and songs were sung by soloists and the audience. Denmark's prime minister spoke, greetings were read from the Danish king en route to Greenland and from America's president, and a lovely ballet of children from Aalborg danced the minuet from "Elverhøj." Many individual greetings were given and among these was a greeting by Dr. Ernest Nielsen from Chicago. In the evening American visitors and their guests assembled for a dinner at the famous restaurant, "Kilden," while thousands of Aalborgians assembled in the lovely park outside to hear a program of speeches and music from the terrace and to watch gymnastics and folk dances.

It was my privilege to attend a meeting of the Rebild Committee the next afternoon at the park. For the first time in many years members of the American committee met with the Danish members, and I was very favorably impressed with the genuine interest and capability with which the local committee members carry on their work. Some of the committee members are business men and lawyers for Aalborg, but most of the men are farmers and craftsmen from the surrounding area. They are greatly devoted to the Rebild program and they administer the park with care and capability. This year the committee published a jubilee book, written by the historian Riis Møller, which tells the story of the park and of Denmark's emigration in a very interesting way. I can recommend it to all who take an interest in this history of our people.

Rebild was not the only spot in which Danish-American interests were celebrated this year however. The inhabitants of the quaint and fertile and beautiful island of Aørø have been interested in America for a long time and this year they started what they hope to be a recurring Aørø-American celebration. The emigration from this island has been unusually heavy, and there is hardly a family which does not have representatives across the seas. An unusually large number of the emigrants have returned to their native isle, and many farms and houses carry names reminiscent of American experiences. Furthermore, this was the island from which the first Danish minister in America, C. L. Clausen, who served the Norwegian and Danish immigrants in Wisconsin as early as 1843 and who founded

St. Ansgar in Iowa, had come. It therefore seemed a good idea to start a festival of commemoration.

It was my privilege to speak at this celebration along with Mr. Roll of the American Embassy, and the day was a great experience from start to finish. I arrived at 4 a. m. after a rushed trip from Aalborg, and after a few hours rest I preached in a festive and packed church. The service was dedicated to the memory of C. L. Clausen, and it was a thrilling thing to sing there the song which Mrs. Clausen wrote at their departure and which has become a part of our Danish American church tradition, "And Now We Must Bid One Another Farewell." The church was decorated with the banners of the old seamen's guilds, for Aørø and Marstal were the homes for generations of daring seamen whose fame still holds in Europe. At the dinner a number of former Americans met to share memories, and quite a few of them mentioned that they had spent some time in Kimballton. In the afternoon we assembled in a fine park to share a program of singing and speaking which was recorded for short wave broadcast to America. I hope that many of you heard it, for the people of Aørø deserve recognition for their very fine effort and for their love for our country.

Another fine experience, which was my lot, was to speak for a mid-summer festival in my father's former church at Ryslinge, but I shall not attempt to describe this. Vagabonding is over for the time being and I have been busy for a little time in Copenhagen. Soon, however, travel is on the menu again. This time we go to Germany for the Lutheran World Federation meeting at Hannover, about which I shall try to write a more serious report and analysis. We are looking forward to the meeting with great expectation.

Vagabundus.

## Layman Topics

By B. P. Christensen

In respect to the many articles that have appeared in L. T. in regard to ULCA affiliation, we have received much printed discussion by pastors in respect to the "creeds." I would like to suggest that our pastors make this particular point the main issue at the next Pastors' Institute, and make it a MUST that every Pastor in our Synod attend such an Institute. My thought is, of course, that it is important that differences be dissolved among our Pastors on the subject, so that we laypeople may soon realize that we can and should act in unison, should affiliation prove desirable. Pastor Enok Mortensen in his recent (July 20th L. T.) says very candidly that we do not understand the matter anyway. It becomes extremely more difficult to understand when we in every issue of L. T. must listen to the bickering that our pastors indulge in. I do not believe that such discussions do anything but bewilder us as to what is actually the correct interpretation. May I respectfully urge that the above suggestion as to a Pastors "get together" be taken seriously.

## The Sufficiency Of The Bible

Some time ago the Lutheran Church Relations Committee issued a pamphlet entitled An Analysis of The United Lutheran Church in America and a Discussion of the Problems Involved in a Possible Affiliation. From this source I have most of my information about the doctrinal basis of the U.L.C.A.

Since these pamphlets were to reach every member of our church, but did not; and since many failed to take much notice of them, allow me to quote a limited portion of the section dealing with the doctrinal basis of the U.L.C.A.

"Q. What is the Doctrinal Basis of the U.L.C.A.?"

"A. Section 1. The United Lutheran Church in America receives and holds the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God, and as the only infallible rule and standard of faith and practice, according to which all doctrines and teachers are to be judged."

This then is the doctrine to which we must subscribe if we are to join the federation called U.L.C.A. For in a federation the constitution of the members must not conflict with the constitution of the federation. The statement of doctrine proposed by our Church Relations Committee is of no consequence insofar as it fails to jibe with Section 1. above. It could even with some justification be called a bait which is to hide the hook. But we are not fish, and even though we were, Omaha and August is not a particularly good fishing combination.

Let not the disaster of 1925 in Omaha repeat itself!

The motive of the Church Relations Committee is union. But the proposed affiliation with U.L.C.A. can easily bring about a disruption within our own ranks, far more serious than that which so weakened us in 1925.

For there are those among us who can not accept Section 1. above. Even a majority vote in favor of it would not convince. This is not to be taken as a threat but rather as a warning that disunion could so easily result where unity is intended.

It has been contended, that the vote to be taken in Omaha is only a test to see if we wish further to explore affiliation with the U.L.C.A. and that there are no binding commitments made by a favorable vote.

This sounds very fair. But while it is literally correct, it is a step which would be difficult if not impossible to retract. For we should then have capitulated to Section 1. above, and the rest would be relatively simple. I say relatively, for once this obstacle is surmounted, the so-called practical issues could be solved, ironed out in due time. I would be willing to concede the superiority of the U.L.C.A. in many of the practical fields.

Perhaps they excel us in zeal and devotion, as our synodical president seems to think. However, so might even many another church body which we know about. That is hardly a valid reason for affiliation.

What then are the objections to the statement of doctrine as contained in the constitution of U.L.C.A. Section 1.?

If you really want to know and are in earnest about it, then read the article by V. S. Jensen in the July 5th issue of Lutheran Tidings, Are We Really

That Far Apart. That and a number of other articles which have appeared in L. T. of recent date will show the difference between what we hold to be ours and the said Section 1. of U.L.C.A.

To some of us the Bible is not a lawbook. Grundtvig gave this quip "They" his opponents "want to stand on the Bible. We lay it wide open on the altar."

More reverence for the Bible has been suggested as an antidote for our lack of zeal. But more effective it surely would be to gain a love and inspiration for the things therein contained. We must beware lest we find ourselves dancing around another golden calf, however pious it sounds to revere the Bible. Time and again symbols for the real have replaced that for which they at first were symbols. Grundtvig rightly maintained that all books, the Bible included, were void of life, and that only the living mind can breathe life into symbols.

Few Christians would maintain that the Old Testament scriptures can make us wise unto salvation except through faith in Christ Jesus. But this faith is given us through baptism when as infants unable to read or comprehend the Bible, we are given the covenant and the Kingdom embraces us.

Without this faith the Bible becomes controversial; but the person having this faith finds nourishment and rejoices.

It is the Faith then that comes first and is all important, that Faith upon which God will build His church. And now this Faith must, according to Section 1. of the U.L.C.A. constitution, submit to the rule and standard of a book, the Bible. The New Testament did not exist when Jesus gave to Simon the name Peter for having found expression for this Faith. Thus curiously enough the Bible itself here as elsewhere gives testimony of its own insufficiency.

In former articles I have voiced my objections to using the Augsburg Confession and Luther's Small Catechism as tests for Lutheranism. My good friend on the Church Relations Committee brands my conclusions as incorrect. But let me remind the reader of Lincoln's story about the lamb's tail; calling a lamb's tail a leg, doesn't make it one. It could well be that my conclusions are correct enough even though they have been called incorrect.

The Church Relations Committee should be abolished. In their functioning the members become too enthusiastic for union with somebody or other. I well remember the attempt in Des Moines in 1946 to have us signify our willingness to join with the other Danish synod. Then most of us called it The United Church, translators as we are. Rev. Ove Nielsen conferred with me in the formulation of his minority report. We both knew what the score was.

May federation with the U.L.C.A. suffer the same fate as did proposed juncture with The U. E. L. C. for the sake of D. E. L. C. A.!

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## A Call to Christian Stewardship

### Pray . . . Study . . . Give . . . Go

These words are Christ's answer when we ask him: "Lord, what wilt Thou have **me** to do?" I see these words before me now on one of the most striking and challenging posters I have ever seen. It is a poster that will preach many sermons to you as you see it displayed in your church, and you will see it, for tomorrow it will be mailed to all the pastors of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church. There will be a poster for each church in the synod.

You are in that poster. Perhaps you are the little girl who studies her mother's face as the mother asks her questions of the risen Lord, or perhaps you are the young farmer, or even the old man. No matter which of these people is you the question is the same: "Lord, what wilt Thou have **me** to do?" And Christ's answer is the same: "PRAY . . STUDY . . GIVE . . GO."

Your life and mine will first have a purpose when we have come so far in our Christian faith and life that we dare to place ourselves in his care to do his will, when our faith is so complete that we want Jesus to take our lives and let them be consecrated to him.

"Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord to Thee."

This poster was first seen by our neighbors to the north. It was displayed by the United Church of Canada. He is the Christ of the Canadians, even as he is the Christ of the Americans, the Latin Americans, and his followers throughout the world.

"Beautiful Savior, King of Creation,"

He has the same message for us that he has for all others who ask him: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" The answer, no matter where we live, is always "PRAY . . STUDY . . GIVE . . GO."

Look upon this poster often. It will direct you to the sacred fellowship found in prayer. It will direct you to the Word of God. It will direct you to give of your time and your talent, but above all of yourself in his service, and it will direct you to tell others about him, the grocer, the baker and the candlestick maker.

Through him we know that it matters not where we stand, but what we are doing. It matters not where we came from, but where we are going. It matters not what we have been but whom we will become.

"With Thee there is forgiveness and with Thee there is plenteous redemption." "Lord, what wilt Thou have **me** to do?"

O. R. N.

## I Attended The Annual Meeting Of The Santal Mission

Even though the North Dakota plains were dry and dusty, those of us who attended the Annual Meeting of the Santal Mission at Northwood, N. D., from May 16-18 experienced refreshing showers of spiritual blessing, as we gathered together to view the fields that are white unto harvest in India.

We experienced again the blessings of being a member of the household of God and of being received so graciously by the Christian friends who are members of the Ebenezer Lutheran Church with Pastor Julius Hermunslie as their Shepherd. Those of us who arrived Friday evening found the tables set in the parsonage and were thus immediately introduced to Northwood's hospitality.

At 8 o'clock promptly the opening service began. The local pastor opened the service and welcomed the Santal friends. Our secretary responded and Missionary Helland preached the opening sermon, taking us to India, where we were to spend a couple of days.

As we gathered at the church on Saturday morning we saw some more familiar faces who had arrived that morning to spend the week-end with us. Among the many who arrived on Saturday, was the Rev. Odd Gornitzka, president of the board. Pastor M. E. Sletta of Fergus Falls gave our devotional message that morning, speaking on John 5:34-38. Without seedtime there can be no harvest. Whether it fall in our lot to be the sowers or if we are granted the privilege to be among the reapers there can always be joy because we are in the Father's will.

The remainder of the morning was spent in the annual business meeting. The president and the secretary submitted their reports to the convention. The following new board members were elected: A. B. Batalden, C. P. Heide and C. A. Stub were elected to succeed themselves; B. A. Helland to succeed R. Burke, and M. G. Christensen to succeed J. M. Girtz. Their terms expire in 1955. Ed E. Hansen was elected to succeed F. O. Lund. His term expires in 1953.

On Saturday afternoon the American Board of the Santal Mission had its bi-annual meeting. The convention guests gathered in the church auditorium where Pastor Hermunslie presided in the absence of Pastor Gornitzka who was at the board meeting. The convention guests had a special treat in store for them this year in having a national from our mission field with us. On Saturday afternoon Munshi Tudu spoke on the Macedonian Call in which he pleaded for workers to come with the Good News of the Gospel.

Naomi Torkelson, mission candidate, gave her response to the Macedonian Call as presented by Munshi Tudu. She spoke of the joy of going forward because she was called of God and amidst the tribulations, trials, discouragements, she served a Christ who was triumphant. Sister Lucile Frickson, another mission candidate, was unable to be with us at our annual meeting because of a death in the family.

Saturday evening the film on Assam was shown

after which Pastor Stub of Cedar Falls, Iowa, gave a short devotional message.

We thanked our God for that day as we went to our rest that evening. We thanked Him for the privilege of spending the day about the very important work of bringing Christ to the nations. Along with this came the blessings of being gathered together in fellowship with God's people. It was a wonderfully rich day.

As we awakened on Sunday morning our first thoughts ascended to God as the rays of the sun beamed into our eyes. We entered into the activities of that day with the prayer that in all things God's Son might be glorified. The staff of the Santal Mission dispersed to the surrounding congregations for Sunday School and morning services. Dr. John Stensvaag, vice president of the American Board, was the speaker in the convention church. God's Spirit spoke to each one of us that day and convicted us of the times that we had not been faithful to what had been entrusted to us and that we had failed miserably in the command that was given to us when Christ said, "Go ye into all the world."

At the Sunday afternoon session we saw many of our friends from the surrounding territory. Pastor V. E. Bagger, missionary to India for twenty-five years, who has spent these years as superintendent of the Saldoha Leper Colony, spoke on "Ministering to Those Without the Camp." As we minister to those who are cast out from their families, there is no stronger bond than the tie of love and that love as manifested in the Gospel.

Munshi Tudu shared with us what we could do for India. He placed the strong emphasis and importance of being faithful intercessors for India's millions. Certainly that is something which all of you friends can do and thereby have a real part in the advancement of God's Kingdom.

Sunday evening was the closing session of two days of rich spiritual blessing. The colored film on Benagaria and Mohulpahari was shown, after which Pastor B. A. Helland for twenty-five years missionary to India, spoke to us. Having seen a potter work many times on his wheel in which he formed vessels to be used, Pastor Helland applied a rich spiritual lesson of the Potter who also wants clay which He can form into vessels which He can use. But who is willing to be the clay?

N. T.

## Affiliation-Why Not?

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Walking alone as a very small group spread out over the entire country can not but limit our scope of operations and will in some instances tend towards stagnation. We should keep this in mind when we give consideration to the U.L.C. affiliation. Is the matter of recognizing their constitution serious enough for us to deprive ourselves of their companionship? Can we afford and can we defend an attitude of isolation at a time when unity is needed? Perhaps we should also consider our conscience from that approach.

Olaf Juhl

"The Messenger," Minneapolis.

## On Topic No. 4

If you were alone in this world, how would you like to live on \$400 a year? Or, if you were married, how would you like to live on \$700 a year? "Impossible"! you answer, "Particularly in these times." We agree. And yet that is actually what we are asking of our retired pastors and pastors' wives, unless they have some outside means of support. They are not complaining; and they are grateful for what they receive.

Should not these retired pastors have been able to put aside enough money for the "rainy day," for the sunset years of retirement? Again, the answer is, "Hardly." While no exact figures are available, it is reliably estimated that the average salary (including all so-called "extras") received by our now-retired pastors was about \$800 per year, hardly enough to allow for any personal retirement plan.

Therefore we of Nazareth Lutheran Church council are suggesting that the synod convention discuss, and we hope, pass a motion to increase the amount which our pensioners receive. It will cost something, but it certainly will be worth every penny. It is estimated that if the pensions are increased as suggested, it will cost a little less than one dollar per contributing member. Let us show our pensioners this respect while we yet have the opportunity.

Harold V. Christensen,  
Withee, Wisconsin.

## Reorganization Of Bethlehem Church Societies Completed

Women of the Bethlehem Lutheran church met at Cedar Falls, Iowa, in the parish hall for the final reading and adoption of the new constitution and by-laws governing the reorganization work in the church. Seventeen new officers were elected and installed at a special consecration service.

At the close of the business meeting, the Bethlehem Men's Brotherhood, meeting at the same time in the church basement, was invited to join the group for the program and coffee.

In the reorganization plan, every woman member of the Bethlehem Lutheran church is automatically a member of "Bethlehem Lutheran Church Women," the general society which meets the fourth Thursday of every month and which is divided into eight day circles, one of which is the Danish circle, and one evening circle. All circle meetings will be held once a month in the homes.

The program that night began with singing "The Church's One Foundation," followed by devotion in charge of Mrs. Blanche Morgensen. Preceding the talk by Rev. H. O. Nielsen on "Women in the Church," the group sang "Our Father Has Light in His Window." Then followed the candle light consecration service at which Rev. Nielsen officiated. The program closed with a solo "Take my Life and Let it Be," by Mrs. Hubert Christensen.

Officers who will begin their duties immediately are: Mrs. Eivind Andersen, president; Mrs. A. B. Holst, first vice president; Mrs. Erhardt Jensen, second vice

president; Mrs. Einar Larsen, third vice president; Mrs. Mary Boysen, secretary; Mrs. Vernon Nelson, treasurer; Miss Jessie Juhl, nominating chairman; Mrs. Thorvald Johnson, finance chairman; and the following Circle leaders: Mrs. Bernard Assink, Mrs. Hans Larsen, Miss Bertha Johnson, Mrs. Harold Madsen, Mrs. Tony Nerison, Mrs. Peter Refshauge, Mrs. H. O. Nielsen, Miss Julia Madsen and Mrs. Hilda Christensen.

Refreshments were served by a committee consisting of Mrs. Robert Mortensen, Mrs. Julia Lange, Mrs. George Haahr, Mrs. Martin Morgensen, Mrs. Albert Olmstead and Mrs. Harold Morgensen.

Submitted by

Agneta Jensen.

## Books

**The Irony of American History.** By Reinhold Niebuhr. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. \$2.50.

This book is about the position of America in the world community in the light of history. Concerning this book, these lines appeared in the Springfield Republican, "A landmark in the history of Philosophy. . . . Without doubt, this work is one of the most outstanding contributions of man's understanding of himself and his world that our century has or will produce." Charles Clayton Morrison wrote in THE PULPIT, "The most comprehensive and penetrating diagnosis of the illness of modern culture and Christianity which has appeared in our generation." And Joseph Haroutunian has called it a unique and all-important contribution to the philosophy of history.

I mention the above, and I could give many more, to prove that this is a book of capital importance. While it is not easy reading, it needs to be read. I wish that every congressman would take a vacation from talking, read it and ponder over it. Unfortunately for all of us, men with great power rarely read. Moreover, I wish that every minister and every teacher in our land would read it. Again it is part of our misfortune that many teachers read nothing but textbooks. I will let the ministers speak for themselves.

With great skill Mr. Niebuhr shows that in spite of the hopes of the Jeffersonians and Puritans that America would be a new and better kind of world than the old, we have come into possession of great power, and have become a leader of a grand alliance. This has been almost thrust upon us. But what will this power do to us? Will we too become arrogant and overbearing or will we bear it with "humble and contrite hearts."

The author is not fooled by the dogmatism and pretensions of the communists. Neither is he fooled by the oratory of those who believe that our high standard of living will solve the problems of the human soul.

Dr. Niebuhr is not without hope (a Christian can hardly be that) but his spirit is troubled. There is the threat to mankind of the atomic and other super bombs. We have these bombs for our foreign enemies and television for our own people. His implication seems to be that the latter invention may be in the long run as dangerous to us as the former is to our foes abroad.

Alfred C. Nielsen.

## OUR CHURCH

**Dr. Jens C. Kjaer**, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Seattle, Wash., served as Division Chaplain at Fort Lewis during the two week period, July 20-August 2.

**Rev. Valdemar S. Jensen and Prof. Poul Nyholm decorated**—It has been announced by the Danish Embassy at Washington, D. C. that His Majesty King Frederik IX of Denmark has decorated Pastor Valdemar S. Jensen of Des Moines, Iowa, and Professor Poul Nyholm, Ph. D. of Blair, Nebraska, with the Knight Cross of the Order of Dannebrog, in recognition of services rendered within the Danish Lutheran Church in the United States.

**Mrs. Maria Kjaer**, the wife of Dr. Jens C. Kjaer, of Seattle, Wash., recently attended the Convention for the American Guild of Organists in San Francisco and also took a master class under E. Power Biggs at Claremont near Los Angeles.

**Danevang, Texas**—Pastor John Pedersen is enjoying a vacation from his regular duties during the entire month of August. He will serve the Granly congregation the last Sunday of the month.

**Eben-Ezer in the Pines**—Through many years the Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute of Brush, Colo., has owned a fine summer camp in the foot-hills of the Rockies, about 40 miles west of Denver. This year an arrangement was made by which pastors from the two Danish sister synods were invited to come and serve one week as Chaplain and at the same time enjoy the rest and comfort of this mountain area camp. Prof. Poul Nyholm of Blair, Nebraska, was there the first week of July. He was followed by Holger Strandskov of Kimballton, Iowa; then Richard Sorensen, Waterloo, Iowa; C. A. Stub of Fredsville, Iowa, etc. In each case the pastor's helpmate was with him and a rich fellowship was enjoyed.

Eben-Ezer in the Pines is a fine camp and will accommodate quite a large number of people. We highly recommend it to anyone who would like to spend a little time in the mountainous region of the Rockies. While the mid-west sweltered in very warm and humid temperature, we enjoyed the cool and refreshing atmosphere of the mountain region. Guests are cared for with family style meals, etc., at cost.

**The District 8 Annual Meeting** will be held in Seattle, Wash., during the week-end September 13-14.

**Dr. and Mrs. Herluf Baggesen from Denmark** who are in this country on a stipend from the American Scandinavian Foundation, are visiting a number of our congregations with a Danish program in song, reading and dialogue.

On August 6th they will visit Dagmar, Mont., and on August 12th, Tacoma, Wash.

**Mr. O. C. Olsen**, Omaha, Nebr., died Saturday, July 19th, in his home in Omaha. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 2nd from Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Omaha, where Mr. and Mrs. Olsen have been members through the many years. The local pastor, Rev. Marius Krog officiated at the funeral service, assisted by Dr. Alfred Jensen, synodical president, and Rev. Hakon Jorgensen, Cordova, Nebr., former synodical president, and a close friend.

Mr. O. C. Olsen was very active through many years as one of the leading laymen of our synod. He was the first editor of the youth paper known as "Ungdom", and he was a cherished speaker and leader at Youth meetings. Through many years he was a member of the synodical Board of Trustees.

He is survived by his wife and his four children; Dr. C. Arild Olsen, former president of Grand View College, is the one who is known best by the people of our synod.

**Rev. L. C. Bundgaard**, Tacoma, Wash., died suddenly from a heart attack Sunday evening, July 27. Funeral services were held in the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Tacoma on Friday, August 1, and burial was at Withee, Wis., with grave-side rites on Monday, August 4. Pastor Bundgaard had apparently been in good health, and according to reports we have, was attending a Youth Camp at Lutherland near Seattle when he suddenly had the attack.

**Dr. Ernest D. Nielsen** returned July 8 from a trip to Denmark, accompanied by Mrs. Nielsen. Dr. Nielsen was one of the speakers at Aalborg in connection with the July 4th "Rebild Fest." Dr. Nielsen and family have now moved to Des Moines and on Friday, August 1, he officially assumed the responsibilities as President of Grand View College.

## From Withee, Wisconsin

The Seventh Annual Clark County Lutheran Festival was held on the Nazareth Lutheran Church grounds at Withee on Sunday, July 27, beginning with the morning worship service (outdoors) at 10:30 a. m. Pastor J. L. J. Dixon, of Withee, preached the sermon. He was assisted by Pastor Otis K. Odland of Curtiss as liturgist.

The featured speaker of the afternoon was Dr. O. G. Malmin of Minneapolis, Minnesota, editor of "The Lutheran Herald", official publication of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. His subject was "The Church's Day of Destiny."

During the noon hour, free coffee was served by the Nazareth Lutheran Ladies' Guild. As is customary, picnic lunches were in evidence all over the

shaded and spacious grounds. Softball, horseshoe, volleyball, and other forms of recreation were the order of the day until the afternoon lecture.

Pastor W. Clayton Nielsen, host pastor and secretary of the Clark County Lutheran Pastoral Conference which is the sponsor of this annual event, had extended invitations to all who could be interested in being present for all or part of the festivities. He states that attendance in past years has averaged over 700 persons from all parts of Clark County. Sponsoring churches include the National Lutheran Council churches at Riplinger, Loyal, Granton, Curtiss, Haloway, Unity, Owen, Greenwood, Longwood and Withee.

Correspondent.

## District IX Convention

Seattle, 13-14, September

St. John's Danish Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Seattle, Washington extends a cordial invitation to all pastors, members, and friends of our churches in District IX and Vancouver, B. C. to attend the annual convention of the district, to be held in our church, 24th Av. and East Spruce Street, September 13-14. The district convention will begin on Saturday, Sept. 13, 9:00 a. m.

Pastors, delegates, and members who desire lodging for one or more nights will please notify the secretary of the church council, Mr. Kresten Jorgensen, 13642 Military Road, Seattle 88, Washington, not later than Sept. 4.

May God bless this convention and through it strengthen our faith, our love, and our ability to meet adequately the challenges and opportunities of our respective fields.

John A. Hansen, President  
Jens Christian Kjaer, Pastor  
L. C. Bundgaard,  
District President.

## Acknowledgement Of Receipts From the Synod Treasurer

For the month of June, 1952  
Toward the Budget:

Congregations:	
Waterloo, Iowa .....	\$ 75.00
Cedar Falls, Iowa .....	531.99
Viborg, S. D. ....	200.00
Denmark, Kansas .....	267.33
Marinette, Wis. ....	120.80
Omaha, Nebr. ....	90.00
Tacoma, Wash. ....	26.00
Gayville, S. D. ....	383.96
Trinity, Chicago, Ill. ....	200.00

### Home Mission:

In memory of Carl S. Christensen, Viborg, S. D. Mr. and Mrs. Niels Hansen, H. P. Jorgensen, Marie Hansen, Viborg, S. D. ....		5.00
Granly Ladies' Aid, Miss. ....		5.00
In memory of Mrs. C. Michaelson, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Axel C. Pedersen,		

Granly, Miss. -----	3.00
<b>Pastor's Dues:</b>	
Rev. Harold E. Olsen -----	10.00
Rev. Alfred Jensen -----	48.40
Rev. Holger Jorgensen -----	54.54
<b>Old People's Home, Tyler, Minn:</b>	
In memory of Borge Tronbak, Viborg, S. D. Mrs. Ellen Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Christensen and fam- ily, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Henricksen, Viborg, S. D. --	3.00
<b>President's Travel:</b>	
Congregations:	
Askov, Minn. -----	53.92
Pasadena, Calif. -----	7.00
Previously acknowledged -----	\$14,650.33
<b>Total to date -----</b>	<b>\$16,735.27</b>
<b>Received for Items Outside of Budget:</b>	
<b>Lutheran World Action and Relief:</b>	
In memory of Borge Tronbak, Viborg, S. D. Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Andersen, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rennick -----	\$ 2.00
Bethlehem Sunday School of Cedar Falls, Iowa -----	31.33
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Neugaard, Cedar Falls, Iowa -----	3.00
A Friend, Cedar Falls, Iowa --	1.00
Congregations:	
Waterloo, Iowa -----	14.00
Viborg, S. D. -----	100.00
Racine, Wis. -----	111.70
Dwight, Ill. -----	58.85
Byram, Conn. -----	35.00
Previously acknowledged -----	3,176.23
<b>Total to date -----</b>	<b>\$ 3,533.11</b>
Respectfully submitted, The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Charles Lauritzen, Treas.	

### Contributions Received For Solvang Lutheran Home

Jorgen Andersen, Solvang, Calif. -----	\$ 500.00
Mrs. Nina Andersen, Solvang, Calif. -----	500.00
Mr. and Mrs. Hans Kock, Fresno, Calif. -----	50.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Parlier, Calif. -----	100.00
Dr. A. M. Hansen, Los Ange- les, Calif. -----	100.00
Mrs. Alvera Jensen Pasadena, Calif. -----	25.00
Mrs. Oda Simonsen, Arcadia, Calif. -----	10.00
In memory of Mrs. Anna Pet- ersen, L. A., Calif., Friend- ship Circle, Los Angeles, Calif. -----	20.00
N. J. Nielsen, Los Angeles, Calif. -----	5.00
Aksel Borren, Oakland, Calif. -----	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Pelley, Pasa- dena, Calif. -----	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Anton Nielsen, Los Angeles, Calif. -----	200.00
Society Thora No. 11 of Dannebrog, Fresno, Calif. --	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Juhl, Salinas, Calif. -----	10.00

Ole Sorensen, Solvang, Calif. -----	20.00
B. N. Poulsen, Solvang, Calif. -----	100.00
Margaret Kohler, San Luis Obispo, Calif. -----	10.00
Mrs. Clara Hornsyld, Solvang, Calif. -----	125.00
L. R. Thomsen, Buellton, Calif. -----	100.00
John Simas, Carmel Valley, Calif. -----	6.00
In memory of Mrs. Kirstine Jorgensen, Solvang, Calif.: Mr. and Mrs. Marius Lar- sen, Solvang, Calif. -----	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Iver- sen, Solvang, Calif. -----	2.00
Nels Laursen, Solvang, Calif. -----	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Arne Iversen, Solvang, Calif. -----	3.00
N. J. Nielsen, Solvang, Calif. -----	5.00
Dana No. 15 of Dannebrog and Freja No. 6 of Dania, Salinas, Calif. -----	191.05
Viola T. Hansen, Santa Ynez, Calif. -----	150.00
Sigvard Hansen, Santa Ynez, Calif. -----	150.00
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rohde, Salinas, Calif. -----	200.00
Hans Knudsen, Solvang, Calif. -----	25.00
Rev. Enok Mortensen, Tyler, Minn. -----	10.00
Leon Roeser, Solvang, Calif. --	50.00
Stegels, Santa Maria, Calif. --	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Iversen, Ballard, Calif. -----	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Hans Jespersen, Salinas, Calif. -----	50.00
Chris Schmidt, Salinas, Calif. -----	250.00
Miss Annie Schmidt, Salinas, Calif. -----	50.00
Mrs. Elene Christensen, Sa- linas, Calif. -----	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Christian Ny- gaard, Solvang, Calif. -----	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Machado, Salinas, Calif. -----	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schmidt, Salinas, Calif. -----	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Christen- sen, Spreckels, Calif. -----	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ulrick Ulricksen, Spreckels, Calif. -----	100.00
Elna Larsen, Solvang, Calif. --	100.00
Dr. Paul O. Sorensen, Santa Barbara, Calif. -----	5.00
In memory of John Roth, Sol- vang, Calif., Mrs. John Roth, Solvang, Calif. -----	1,000.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ulrik Kellerup, N. Hollywood, Calif. -----	100.00
Magnus Jorgensen, Long Beach, Calif. -----	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sorensen, Alhambra, Calif. -----	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hansen, Los Angeles, Calif. -----	25.00
Mr. Grundvig Christensen, Inglewood, Calif. -----	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Sjogren, Huntington Park, Calif. -----	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Petersen, Altadena, Calif. -----	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Axel Lindvang, Inglewood, Calif. -----	250.00
Rev. and Mrs. H. V. Knudsen, Los Angeles, Calif. -----	50.00

## Announcement

The Publication Committee of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America announces the publication of **STORIES FROM OUR CHURCH, A Popular History of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America** by Rev. Enok Mortensen.

The book which has about 170 pages, contains an index, and is illustrated with many pictures. It tells the story of our synod from the very beginning and till our own times.

It is hoped that many people in our congregations will purchase the book not only as an appropriate memorial gift in observance of our 75th annual convention but in order to become better acquainted with the life and work of our Church.

The book will cost \$2.00 for the bound volume and \$1.50 for the paper bound book. In order to make the book available to as many people as possible immediately, the book will sell at special rates if purchased at the convention in Omaha. If purchased there, the bound volume will cost \$1.75 and the paper covered book \$1.25. It will be on sale at the registration desk. You may buy as many copies as you wish at reduced prices.

The Publication Committee.

Miss Anna Henriksen, Los Angeles, Calif. ....	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jensen, Solvang, Calif. ....	50.00
H. & H. Roofing Co., Santa Barbara, Calif. ....	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Aage Jensen, Pasadena, Calif. ....	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jens Lind, Reserve, Mont. ....	50.00
In Memory of Christine Larsen, Solvang, Calif., Members of her Family, Solvang, Calif. ....	12.00
Groundbreaking Ceremonies, Solvang, Calif. ....	111.38
(towards Furniture Fund)	
Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Mortensen, Santa Maria, Calif. ....	100.00
Church Collection Box, Solvang, Calif. ....	12.00
Ladies' Aid (Furniture Fund), Solvang, Calif. ....	4.50
N. J. Nielsen, Solvang, Calif. ....	50.00
Carl Olsen, Solvang, Calif. ....	100.00
Ingør Larsen, Santa Ynez, Calif. ....	25.00
Mrs. Marie G. Petersen, Solvang, Calif. ....	33.33
Mathilde Thomsen, Fresno, Calif. ....	50.00
Sara P. Andersen, Fresno, Calif. ....	25.00
Niels (Max) Nielsen, Fresno, Calif. ....	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Nick Olesen, Salinas, Calif. ....	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. John Nielsen, Salinas, Calif. ....	100.00
Mr. Peter C. Petersen, Los Angeles, Calif. ....	200.00
Mrs. Mary Sorensen, Pasadena, Calif. ....	25.00
Mr. Peter Johansen, Junction City, Oregon ....	500.00
Mr. T. L. Christie, Los Angeles, Calif. ....	25.00

Dr. and Mrs. Svend Lassen, Los Angeles, Calif. ....	300.00
Miss Karen Madsen, Los Angeles, Calif. ....	25.00
Mr. Ivan Jepsen, Hollywood, Calif. ....	5.00
Sale of tickets on Paintings:	
Mr. Axel Lindvang, Los Angeles, Calif. ....	150.00
Pors & Schultz, Salinas, Calif. ....	1,000.00

Received from May 1, 1952 to June 30 ..... \$ 8,441.26  
Previously acknowledged .... 16,716.48

Total contributions ..... \$25,157.74  
Total Am't of pledges ..... \$19,297.66

Gratefully acknowledged,  
Nis P. Pors  
Solvang Lutheran Home, Treas.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION ASSEMBLY OPENED AT HANNOVER

Hannover, Germany — (NLC) — The Lutheran World Federation flag and other church pennants fluttered high above the streets of this city at the opening ceremonies of the Lutheran World Federation's second Assembly, a ten-day event bringing Lutherans here from all corners of the globe.

Nearly a thousand delegates, alternates and official visitors took part in a solemn procession and almost twice that number filled the church for the Holy Communion service which opened the Assembly.

The procession began at Hannover's new city hall or Neues Rathaus and moved slowly along narrow, winding streets to the Marktkirche. Despite a slight, chilling drizzle, hundreds of residents lined the sidewalks to view the marches along the quarter-mile route. So great was the press of the crowd in the square where the church is situated that police and young people serving as aides formed a human chain to keep back the throng.

After the procession had entered the church, hundreds of people stood patiently in the square and listened to the service as it was broadcast over a loud-speaker system.

Gutted by heavy bombing during World War II, the Marktkirche had been rebuilt for the occasion in a remarkable race against time which saw the last brick laid in the floor, the last pew installed and the last concrete poured for the main entrance just a few days before the Assembly officially got underway.

The Marktkirche had been rededicated only three days before, a few hours after the completion of the interior, which was rebuilt almost entirely of reclaimed brick from the old edifice. The exterior walls still bore the ugly scars of war, but the huge tower was surmounted by a slender new spire and its bells pealed a call

## SYNOD OFFICERS

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**TRUSTEE:** August Sorensen, Ringsted, Iowa.

**TRUSTEE:** Viggo Nielsen, 190 Jewett Ave., Bridgeport 6, Conn.

to worship that reverberated throughout the city.

Bishop Hans Lilje of the Lutheran Church of Hannover, as host of the Assembly, preached the communion sermon in the German language, taking as his text Zachariah 4:6, "Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the Word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

After reading the text, Bishop Lilje called upon the congregation to rise in a moment of silent prayer for those unable to attend the Assembly. He obviously referred to some 5,000 churchmen from the East Zone of Germany, who at the last minute were denied travel permits by Russian authorities despite earlier promises that they would be granted permission to visit Hannover.

Only a handful of delegates from the East Zone, all of them church officials, were present as the Assembly began, with little likelihood that any others would appear later.

During the communion service, an offering was taken for "oppressed congregations." Presumably it will be used to help churches in the East Zone, where the majority of German Lutherans or Evangelicals are located.

Liturgy was conducted and hymns were sung in three languages—German, Swedish and English. The liturgist in English was Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz of New York, secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Music was furnished by choirs which included a section of brass instrumentalists who, in the absence of an organ, accompanied the congregational singing as well as the choirs.

Bishop Anders Nygren of Lund, Sweden, president of the LWF was scheduled to address the opening plenary session on the theme of the Assembly, "The Living Word in a Responsible Church." Nearly all sessions are being held in the Stadthalle or city auditorium of Hannover.

**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.

August 5, 1952

I am a member of \_\_\_\_\_ the congregation at \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

New Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

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