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## Guides For Personal Christian Action In Promoting World Peace And Justice

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1. Seek peace and justice for all men, without distinction as to race, color or nationality, with the sure hope that God's will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven.
2. In a world of tension and conflict, stand fast in the Christian faith whereby alone personal stability can be maintained and a life of service invigorated.
3. Recognize the danger of totalitarianism which seeks to capture the souls of men and to control the life of the Christian community—in whatever form or in whatever land it may appear—and devise methods of resistance which under existing circumstances may prove most effective.
4. In the process of securing information about world affairs through the press, magazines, radio and television, have an objective point of view which will avoid hysteria or hatred and lead to balanced action.
5. While condemning the evils of others which contribute to world conflict, avoid self-righteousness and courageously press for measures which will help each national community to put its own house in order.
6. Encourage international assistance programs and the observance of human rights for the solution of world problems but, at the same time, strengthen domestic society by acts of service and the promotion of freedom and justice in the home, in personal relations, and in the local community.
7. Keep alive the sense of fellowship with peoples separated by artificial curtains and seek continuously a sympathetic understanding of changing conditions so that opportunities for personal contact may be effectively used whenever and wherever they appear.
8. Steadily cultivate the spirit of reconciliation in order to make possible better relations between conflicting powers at every point where differences can be resolved without appeasement or compromise of fundamental principle.
9. Be a responsible citizen of the nation and of the world, recognizing that the obligation as members of the world family must direct action within the nation.
10. Cooperate with organized Christian action for peace and justice as for example with the work of the Commission of the Church on International Affairs—knowing that an effective impact requires the coordination of Christian resources.



# Report From Hannover

By Dr. Johannes Knudsen  
Dean Of Grand View Seminary

It is with gratitude and satisfaction that I can report that I have represented the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America in all the sessions of the general assembly of the Lutheran World Conference at Hannover, July 25 to August 2, 1952, and that I have participated in all the sessions of the theological section.

The meeting as a whole was a great experience and it was very much worth while. Three general characteristics stand out. The first one is the fellowship of Christians from all over the world. The second is the impressive account of the work that has been done during the past five years. The third is the planning and the preparation for future activity.

At Hannover there were representatives from churches in all continents except Africa. The delegations from South America and Australia were few, but Asia's representation was impressive and very active. Seven churches from India were represented, and the Batak Protestant Church from Indonesia spoke well for one of the newest fruits of missionary effort. Europe and America were, of course, represented by many prominent churchmen and theologians, and it would be impossible to even mention a fair share. Men like Nygren, Berggrav, Prenter, Lilje, Meiser, Wentz, Fry and Bersell were much in the foreground, but there were dozens of others who contributed to the thinking and practical efforts of the federation.

The one breach in the ranks was caused by the absence, with a few exceptions, of the delegations from behind the iron curtain. Promises to give visas had been broken and a large section of Germany's Lutherans were therefore not represented. The tragic culmination of this was the absence of Vice President Bishop Ordass of Hungary who is the victim of persecution. These brethren were not forgotten, however, and their fate was mentioned many times in prayer as well as discussion.

The general assembly met for prayer, devotion, information, discussion and action. We were addressed by Bishop Nygren who called attention to John's message of the Word which became flesh which is the basis of the convention theme: A Living Word in a Responsible Church. We heard impressive discussions of the missionary work by Wingren of Sweden and Ståhlin of Germany. We were thrilled by Berggrav's fiery discussion of the relation between church and state, and we were weightily informed about liturgies by Peter Brunner (not Emil).

Not at least impressive were the accounts given by Paul Empie and Stewart Herman about the help given to missions, to war-suffering countries, and especially to refugees. The world-scope and the accomplishments of Lutheran World Action during the five years are truly amazing and thrilled the assembly time and again. I trust that much of the information is familiar and that it will be available in condensed form for publication.

O. Frederick Nolde discussed World Affairs in his exceptionally competent way, and the Norwegian committee presented a series of theses about relationships to the state which were thorough and far-reaching. Nolde also presented ten theses as guides for personal Christian action in promoting world peace and justice, which I forward for your consideration. Frederick Schiotz, who addressed the convention at Tyler, gave a splendid and comprehensive report on world missions. I have all these reports in my possession, but even a digest is impossible in this brief report.

The general assembly received the reports of the six sectional discussions: theology, missions, welfare, stewardship and evangelism, women's work, and youth work. They all represented very good work, but the most excellent was Section Four's report on Stewardship and Evangelism. I hope that everyone will have an opportunity to read their motivations, a "theological" statement (written, I am told, by Professor Kantonen) which far outshines the work of the theological section and which is easy to read and understand. It was recommended that both the women and the youth should be represented in the other sections in the future rather than in separate discussion groups.

To facilitate future work the assembly created departments (instead of commissions) of theology, missions, Lutheran World Service, and welfare. It resolved to give special attention to Lutheran diaspora (unorganized Lutheran groups, especially refugees), and it decided to publish a Lutheran World Encyclopedia.

As the new president we elected Bishop Hans Lilje of Hannover, a staunch and inspiring German churchman, who won the respect, affection, and admiration of all. An invitation was given to have the next meeting in 1957, in America. As a final note may I mention that the German churches presented to the Federation a gift of 69,000 DM (ca. \$17,250) in memory of Dr. Michelfelder for whom we held a memorial service the first day.

I am including the convention message to the churches with the request that it be read to the Omaha convention. A condensed form of the message will later be sent to the church papers.

Compared to the work of the assembly, the theological work of the First Section was a disappointment. Many fine papers were read, but they were not only too technical to report in a general way, they were extremely detailed and theoretical. As a result they seemed, for the most part, to be irrelevant to our present day situation. This is not necessarily true, however, and thorough study will bring out their significance. In defense of them it must also be said that Lutheran theology of today covers not only great varieties but great extremes, and blunt and simple language would have meant violent controversies which might have had tragic repercussions in the practical fields. Personally I profited from the discussions and the acquaintanceship with many men and



## Rev. L. C. Bundgaard

Others are going to do this so much better than I but I feel compelled by a grateful heart to add my In Memoriam.

Rev. Bundgaard had been in Tacoma just a month short of three years and we felt that his work among us was progressing wonderfully well. But I shall always regret that he was not permitted to begin the building of a new church here. I regret that my son will not go to him for confirmation this fall as scheduled—that would have been a wonderful experience for the boy—it would have been interesting to watch his spiritual development under Rev. Bundgaard's guidance—he always gave us something to think about. He said once, "Don't insult me by telling me that you **enjoy** my sermons. I don't want you to enjoy them! I want them to make you think!" I regret that I never got to ask him about, oh, so many things—it was so easy to talk to him, he was so warmly interested always. I regret, deeply, the ways in which we, as a congregation, and I, personally, let him down.

He always gave us of his best—I am reminded of these words of Vilh. Gregersen's from his "Vær en Velsignelse" in "Syng Dig Glad"—

"Øs af den nye Vin, dit Hjerte har,  
Øs rigelig til dem, som hos dig bygge."

The things he said weren't always so pleasant to hear, we didn't always agree with him, but he **meant** to jolt us out of our complacency, to present us with a challenge, and it was good for us. His last three sermons were on the parable of The Prodigal Son; they were marvelous sermons. I hope that some day they will be printed in Lutheran Tidings or elsewhere, so that those last thoughts of his may be shared by a larger group than his little flock here in Tacoma. He was reading the same parable for the children at the Lutherland Bible Camp when he was stricken, calling out "Father . . ." as he fell. He had seemed the same as usual that Sunday morning, his greeting and handshake as hearty and warm as ever, but in the light of what happened in the evening, we can look back and see that there was a difference. He read the wrong epistle, the one for the sixth instead of the seventh Sunday after Trinity, Romans 3:23-31, the same one that he had read the previous Sunday, making the same comments about its being difficult to understand, but with this difference—after he had read it from the hymnal he read a modern explanation of it. I thought it would be fun to kid him about

ideas, although I was irked by the ponderous language and the world-distant atmosphere.

May I express my gratitude to our church for sending me as its delegate. I have been much enriched by the experience. I hope I have represented you well and that I can bring back some of the values to our common life. I am also grateful that my wife could be present through the first five days of the conference. Hannover, Germany, August 2, 1952.

reading the wrong text, but it didn't seem strange to me that he should do so. It was characteristic of him to want so desperately for us to understand a thing that he could repeat it like that without realizing that it was repetition. At the end of the services he stood at the left side of the foyer to greet us as we left the church instead of the right side as usual. Was there, perhaps, a shadow gathering even then?

I am happier than I can say that I have known him and worked with him. I am grateful for all that he has taught me. I am glad that death came to him in the manner it did. I have heard him say, "Sometimes when I hear a plane go overhead with an unusually loud roar I lift my head to watch, and I wonder is this what it will sound like when Christ comes again? I hope that when He comes He won't find me engaged in some foolish pastime . . ." That wish, at least, was granted him. In the bulletin which we received the day of his death, he had written that after convention he was going to spend a few days somewhere in pursuit of some kind of an adventure which will be different and we hope refreshing." Now he is on the greatest adventure of all, his restless, impatient soul at peace.

E. M.

## Information On The U. S. Air Force Chaplain Training Program

The AFROTC program has grown until it now is established in over 200 colleges and universities in the United States and its possessions. Attending those schools are many men who desire to become clergymen.

A number of students, now enrolled in the AFROTC course, have asked the Chief of Air Force Chaplains if it would be possible to complete their AFROTC training and then go on to study in Theological Seminaries as potential chaplains, while retaining their reserve status. In each instance the writer has been informed that the military aspect of the matter was in process of preparation as an Air Force regulation, and that the ecclesiastical aspects were entirely within the jurisdiction of the denomination concerned.

A new Air Force regulation makes it possible for such individuals to be delayed from entering on active duty for purposes of seminary training. It also makes it possible for those ecclesiastical agencies wishing to do so, to cooperate in the program. That is entirely a matter for each agency to decide for itself.

Basically, the Chaplain Trainee program offers potential clergymen a career as a chaplain in much the same category as any other specialized field, such as hospital or missionary work. It provides the Air Force, in the event of an emergency, with a potential reserve pool of chaplains which now is lacking.

As the regulation indicates, the church must approve each applicant individually. The Air Force does not contribute to the cost of seminary training, but may have each Trainee serve short tours of duty for orientation purposes during the periods between semesters of seminary study. On such tours the trainee receives the pay and allowances of a 2nd Lieutenant, approximately \$338.00 per month. The Trainees may not perform any of the professional duties of chaplain while on the orientation tour, but will work in the chaplain section.

More detailed information may be secured by writing to the:

Office, Chief of Air Force Chaplains  
Headquarters, United States Air Forces  
Washington 25, D. C.

Interested AFROTC students are referred to Air Force regulation 165-10, dated 1 August 1952.



## The 75th Annual Convention Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church

Omaha, Nebraska, August 12-17, 1952

Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Omaha, Nebr., was host to the 75th annual convention of our synod during the week, August 12-17th. The convention was held at the Dundee Presbyterian Church, located at Underwood and 55th in the western part of Omaha.

This church-plant gave us one of the finest and most complete convention sites we have ever had. The worship services, the morning Bible Hours and the general business sessions were held in the main church auditorium which had a seating capacity of 800. Meals were served in the two dining rooms, serving 450 at one time. Both the church auditorium and the dining room were air-conditioned and thus provided a comfortable temperature in spite of the hot and humid August weather. The Educational Building located as a wing to the church proper provided the convention with committee rooms, lounges, business office, recreation room for youth, nurseries for children, etc., etc.

The opening service of the convention was held Tuesday evening, August 12th. Pastor Erik Moller, formerly pastor of Our Savior's Church was scheduled to give the opening sermon. But due to illness he was not able to be present the first two days of the convention. Dr. Alfred Jensen, synodical president, then preached the opening sermon, using as his text, Matthew 28, 18-20. Dr. Jensen emphasized that in this historical moment as recorded in Matthew 28, God entered through Jesus Christ into the life of mankind with a movement which has continued down through the centuries. And because of this movement we are a part of the Church of Christ today. "God so loved that he gave his only begotten Son—'Out of this love,'" said the speaker, "this movement was born." Therefore we may know that God is in the act of baptism, and in the movement.

"Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all that I have told you." "Jesus Christ is not afraid to set himself as the center of all that he commands, and there he stands today. There would be less disunity if we could center our attention on Jesus Christ as the 'word of God, which became flesh' and all that he commands. The greatest distinction in the Church of Jesus Christ is to be a disciple of Jesus, and truly also an apostle."

Dr. Jensen closed his sermon with the hope and prayer that "we as individuals and as a church body may become more and more devoted to that cause of being the apostles of Jesus Christ, and that by his Grace and through his Love we may go forward in the movement of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ."

Rev. Marius Krog, pastor of Our Savior's Church, was the liturgist at the opening service; and at the close of the service he gave a greeting of welcome to all guests.

Wednesday morning, August 13th, the Bible Hour

and morning devotion was led by Rev. Thorvald Hansen, Oak Hill, Iowa. Pastor Hansen pointed out in his message that "the greatest threat to the church today is an indifference rooted in the belief that the Christian faith is irrelevant to daily living." He said further, "the church itself is largely responsible for this state of affairs and one of its major tasks must be to correct this situation. This it must do by relating itself, and especially its message, more definitely to the daily lives of men." He concluded by saying: "Man will not long continue indifferent to that which is shown to have relevance for him."

After the singing of the hymn, "Lord I wish to be thy servant," Dr. Alfred Jensen spoke briefly, saying: "We are meeting as the guests of Our Savior's Danish Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Omaha and we have already been welcomed in many ways. It is my hope that during these days we may experience the truth of the Apostle Paul's words when he says that 'we are to serve in the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.' That is essential in the fellowship of the Christian Church. May that unity bind us together in the peace which has come to us through Jesus Christ." With this brief message Dr. Jensen declared the 75th Annual Convention opened in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Marius Krog again spoke a greeting of welcome, and introduced Mr. Carl Falk, President of the Omaha Council of Churches, who extended a welcome in behalf of the Omaha Council. Mr. Einar Christensen, president of the church council of Our Savior's Church, extended his welcome to pastors, delegates and guests. Mr. Christensen introduced Mr. LaMar, who briefly addressed the convention in behalf of the members of the Dundee Presbyterian Church and expressed his welcome to all. He assured us that the Dundee congregation was happy to have us know that this is our church during the convention. In rising the convention expressed its appreciation to the members of the Dundee congregation for the privilege of having their church plant for our convention headquarters.

Dr. Erling Jensen, convention chairman elect, being in Europe this summer attending important scientific meetings, the convention elected Rev. Eilert C. Nielsen as convention chairman. Pastor A. E. Farstrup was elected as assistant chairman; and the convention secretaries were Pastor M. Mikkelsen, assisted by Miss Rita Norden, Manistee, Mich., Miss Ellen Andersen, Chicago, and Miss Helen Stub of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

The President's Report to the convention was presented. As this had appeared in print in the combined Report sent out to all congregations in advance

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## Resolutions Adopted By Annual Convention In Omaha, Nebraska

1. In recognition of the widespread and growing tendency of the peoples of the world in their extended crisis to rely upon the strength of arms and the use and threat of force; and, whereas, we understand the great threat of the totalitarian state and the great danger that in our zeal to combat it our nation may become as the thing it fears.

Be It Therefore Resolved:

- (a) That we reaffirm our deep conviction that freedom of religion, freedom of the press, and freedom of speech must be preserved.
- (b) That the convention adopts the statement on Universal Military Training issued by NCCCUSA (page 37, Report to the 75th Annual Convention).
- (c) That our church wholeheartedly endorses the efforts of NCCCUSA to clarify to the Churches the policies and the possibilities of the Point 4 program and make use of these resources as these relate to their interests and concerns.
- (d) That our church reaffirms its concern for those of its sons and daughters serving in the armed forces of our country and those who for reasons of conscience serve in another manner, and recognizes anew its responsibility that these be continuously assured and made aware of their true home in His Church.

2. Be It Resolved that this convention commends the efforts being made to study and make available to our people and our fellow Americans the great contributions of N. F. S. Grundtvig.

3. Be It Resolved that this convention endorses the sentiments already expressed in respect to the consecrated work done by the late Rev. L. C. Bundgaard of Tacoma, Washington, and Mr. O. C. Olsen of Omaha, Nebraska, and also wishes to remember the significant contributions to the life of our church by Mrs. H. C. Strandskov and Mrs. W. N. Hostrup.

Prof. Axel Kildegaard, Chairman  
Rev. Svend Jorgensen  
Mrs. Elmer Ness  
Prof. Alfred C. Nielsen  
Mrs. Dagmar Sorensen.

of the convention, it was not read. Dr. Alfred Jensen made one or two corrections to his report, typographical errors.

It is our impression that the introductory paragraphs of President Jensen's Report to the convention become the keynote to the fine forward-looking spirit of the entire convention, so we reprint this introduction here: The president opened his Report with the following meditative message:

"When Paul was an ambassador in chains in Rome, he wrote his most cheerful and compassionate letters, those to the churches at Ephesus, Philippi and Colossae. In all three of these letters he mentions the need of his friends to rejoice and speak to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, 'singing with grace in your hearts unto God.' It seems as though the excessive burden of trouble and trial, which he was suffering under could not crush his joyous spirit. To read any of these three letters of Paul is a very good aid to those who are burdened by the tragic times in which we are living. Perhaps we should realize that Paul has cast his lot with Christ 'in

whom we have our redemption, the forgiveness of our sins' (Col. 1:14) and being thus relieved from the load of guilt and sin, he was able to radiate cheer to his friends and foes alike. This became evident when the guard to whom he was chained became converted to Christ.

### Foundations for Home Mission, Evangelism and Stewardship

"There is little reason to doubt that the gospel of Jesus Christ had completely possessed Paul. He can say therefore quite truthfully that 'Christ lives in me.' Paul is not his own master any longer. He is under compulsion to preach the gospel.

"When we today in a very imperfect way are trying to convince people of the necessity and the satisfaction of advancing the kingdom of God under the banners of home mission, evangelism and stewardship, we realize that those headings mean nothing in themselves or on paper. Even when said with the most sincere intention, they fail to convince. There is no mission at home or abroad that means anything except as the faith and heart of the person speaking



about them are filled to overflowing with the love of God through Christ, so that people are touched by it and accept it. Paul was not merely an evangelist. His life had become the gospel itself, for he had become identified with Christ in all things. Neither was Paul merely a steward of God. He was fully possessed by Christ. Not the slightest part of Paul could be in any other service than that of Christ.

"There is no doubt in my mind that the future of our Synod depends upon how well we do home mission, evangelism and stewardship. But it would be futile to think that they are subjects that can be taught and learned by the ordinary classroom methods or by attending courses and conferences, having them on their agenda. How good missionaries, evangelists and stewards over the manifold graces of God we become will depend upon the depth and purity of our faith in Christ, the sincerity of our discipleship and the commitment of our lives to His cause as well as our surrender to His will.

"It is true that the usefulness and serviceability of such committed missionaries, evangelists and stewards may be increased by having them share experiences and ways of carrying out the work which they have set their hearts upon. Paul was not a fullfledged apostle the day after his conversion. We know that he had a lot of things to learn. God's Holy Spirit directed him along various paths of learning and training. The three years spent in the Arabian wilderness were not in vain. The personality of Paul during those days of preparation became completely saturated with the living Christ, so that Paul can speak with the voice of Christian authority also to us today. If we want to be effective exponents of the gospel of Jesus Christ, we will want to absorb all the knowledge about Him and His kingdom, His life and His salvation that we possibly can obtain. Therefore, we are looking for help from those who have been asked to furnish the guidance in those matters. Basically, however, we will grow and increase in the service to the gospel of Jesus Christ as our hearts and minds are caught up with Him and He takes possession, direction and control of our lives and talents. Other parts of the Annual Report are devoted to home mission, evangelism and stewardship. It is my purpose by this opening meditation to focus the attention of the convention on the spiritual foundations underlying these. I have found the three letters of Paul mentioned above of inestimable help in finding joy and cheer, inspiration and guidance in learning to become a true disciple of the Lord of the Church.

#### **Are We Ready to Accept the Challenges of Home Missions, Evangelism and Stewardship?**

"It is like asking if we are ready to live and work as Christians who sincerely believe and love the Lord and are willing to serve Him. Few would deny this if asked, yet many would say that they do not know how and have much to experience before they have any real desire to enroll themselves in the service. Yet, the future of the church depends on this service being rendered, not by the pastors only, but by the lay people as well. The more we can have these

take over the work in the Sunday School, the Summer Vacation School, the visiting in the homes in preparation for the all member canvass looking up the newly arrived neighbors and inviting them to church, concern themselves about the unchurched bringing themselves forward as witnesses for Christ in the public affairs of their community thereby raising its moral and spiritual level, accepting public offices in order to insure clean and unbiased government, accepting church and synod positions of service, the better we will have the way prepared for Christ to enter and be accepted into the hearts and affairs of men. Then God's Word and Spirit are undergirding and speeding the work at which the preacher labors in many ways throughout the week and not least on Sunday morning in church.

"It has been my experience on visits to some of our home mission congregations that this was the way in which the members of these had accepted membership, certainly not all the members, but enough to determine the direction and tempo of those congregations. But home mission is not limited to the congregations the synod is supporting with home mission funds. God is calling upon all members in all our congregations to arise from their apathy and indifference and selfishness to a life of consecration and service. I am sure that the name of members being written and receipted for in the treasurer's book of any congregation does not assure that the same names are written in the Book of Life. There is an urgency characterizing the days in which we live. Christianity does have the answer to the ailments of this world, but the release of its healing and curative powers depends upon the earnestness and devotedness of the members of the Christian churches"

The President's Report was already in the hands of a committee which reported later to the convention.

The synod treasurer, Mr. Charles Lauritzen, presented a very fine Treasurer's Report to the convention. A total of \$47,033.31 had been paid in on the 1952 Budget, oversubscribing the Budget as adopted at the last year's convention and meeting same, 105.69 per cent. It may be of special interest to note that District 9, the smallest district and the one farthest away from the center of our synod went highest in the per cent of oversubscription and met its quota of the Budget by 116.41 per cent.

There is undoubtedly considerable evidence that the Home Mission program of these latter years, the financial aid given by the synod to delegates and pastors from the outlying districts for convention travel has resulted in a marked increase of interest in the synod in these areas and consequently has developed more support both financially and otherwise from the outlying districts.

The synodical president reported that through 1951 a total of \$97,779.98 had been contributed by the congregations and individuals through various channels to the several institutions and mission programs sponsored by the synod.

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# Our Women's Work

Mrs. Johanne Lillehøj, Kimballton, Iowa  
Editor

## A Visit To The World Conference Of Moral Rearmanent At Mackinac Island

Mackinac, a peaceful, beautiful island located in the waters bordering Northern Michigan, was chosen for the second World Conference of M.R.A. which was held this year from May 28 to June 10, inclusive. There were 1389 persons in attendance representing 34 nations. There were representatives of all classes, from the lowliest walk of life to great political leaders; all ages from 17 to 70 or over, all interested in one thing: "What to do about the chaos which seems to extend around the world." All agreed that no war ever brought peace, love and understanding. Only through teachings of Christ, truth, unselfishness, purity and love can we hope to have a solution.

Quotes: A Russian Communist, "M.R.A. with its ideology is the only thing Soviet Russia fears."

A German leader: "M.R.A. has done more to rebuild, rehabilitate, and denazify West Germany than occupational forces."

Ex-communist labor leader of Ruhr Valley: "M.R.A. stopped a strike that would have ruined this area, management and labor now operate under a new spirit of understanding, with marvelous results."

The Japanese delegation comprised six members of the diet of Japan, who all admitted the reason communism had gained in Japan was because of the division each party seeking its own interest instead of the welfare of the nation. Each vowed there would be a new Japan through their united efforts.

Peter Howard (top newspaperman of Fleet Street London for Lord Beaverbrook) has written several books which are not alone interesting but factual. The latest in particular "The World Rebuilt" which relates evidence of numerous instances of M.R.A. finding the solutions for misunderstanding and strife between man and nations.

Favorite phrases of the M.R.A. leaders: We should stop making requests of God and start asking Him what He wills. We have two ears and one mouth, we should listen twice as much as we speak; when man listens, God speaks; check your guidance with the four standards of absolute honesty, purity, unselfishness and love; not **who** is right, but **what** is right; when God guides, He also provides.

We are in the midst of the breakdown of our civilization—war in the home, war in industry, war between the nations. What is the future? Further disintegration, chaos, anarchy and dictatorship? Or the birth of a new society brought about by a revolutionary change in human nature? The Holy Spirit is the most powerful force in the world today. Man can split the atom. The Holy Spirit is uniting humanity through men who listen to Him and obey. It needs to be a daily experience. It is practical. It works.

"The basic struggle is for the wills of men. The deciding factor is whether as men and nations we are guided by the voice of materialism or the Voice of God." Frank N. D. Buchman, June, 1952.

Gertrude D. Sorensen.

## WMS Meeting At Omaha Saturday Evening, August 16, 1952

This year our W.M.S. meeting was held in the cozy chapel of the Dundee Presbyterian Church of Omaha and the only thing wrong with it was that there could have been more participants (the business meeting of the convention was still in overtime session), otherwise it was a good and rich meeting.

After all our discussions at the convention it seemed to me very fitting that we opened our meeting by singing, "O land of our King." Although the land referred to here is the land, "Where death has no sting, where from sin we are free," I still sat and thought that now our cherished Danish Church has given itself and its future into the hands of our beloved America.

After another hymn, "Lord, I wish to be Thy Servant," which in time has become the W.M.S. hymn, Mrs. Ida Egede, our president, bade us a hearty welcome and gave a short report on the work of the past year.

Two years ago our project was the Mohulpahari Hospital, last year it was Home Missions, and that will also be our project for the coming year.

Then we heard a solo sung by the director of the choir of Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Omaha, Mrs. Robert Stollard, which was beautiful and very much appreciated.

Prof. A. C. Nielsen brought greetings from Grand View College with thanks for what W.M.S. has done for them. He also said that this convention has shown that this is dawn and not dusk. He told of an incident of S. N. Nielsen, that staunch and loyal friend of G.V.C. Once when S. N. Nielsen visited Grand View College he was asked to say a few words to the students. He was deeply moved as he stood before the group and could hardly say anything. Finally with tears streaming down his face he said, "My young friends, if only you will be good people. What you love is more important than what you know."

Mrs. Stollard then sang, "My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me," and "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord"?

After the hymn, "We publish the greatest of Tidings abroad," Rev. C. A. Stub, the speaker of the evening, gave a fine address. He spoke on the work of the women in Bible times and down through the ages. He said that evangelism should be found inside the church—not outside.

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## Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute

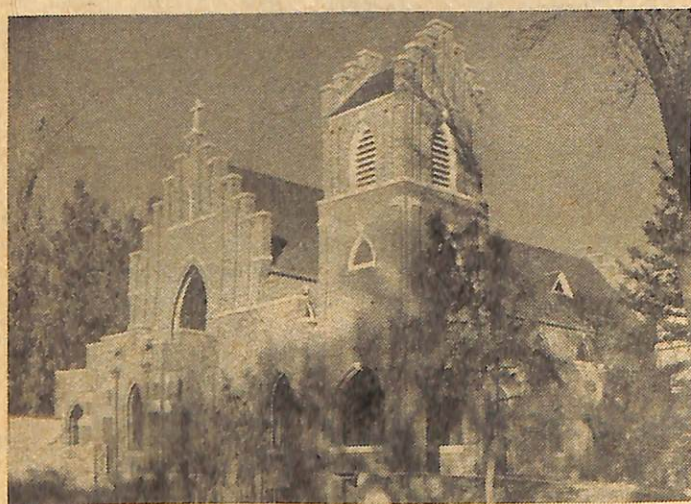
Brush, Colorado

Eben-Ezer—"Hitherto the Lord has helped us" 1 Samuel 7:12.

Thus Eben-Ezer was begun in 1904 by the Rev. and Mrs. Jens Madsen. On March 4, 1904, Pastor Madsen and his wife stepped off a train at Brush, and shortly after began to build their vision into reality. Madsen, who was ill, was determined to build a haven for the sick where now stood only sand and sagebrush.

Thirty-five acres on the outskirts of Brush were purchased. This sandy area was leveled by neighbors and other friends. The first funds were contributed by the businessmen of Brush. An eight room house was erected which was called Nazareth, and tent-houses were added for more space.

In 1906 the cornerstone for Bethesda, the Old People's Home, was laid. In 1915 the Elim Hospital was completed. The beautiful All Saints Church was dedicated in 1918. In 1921 Eben-Ezer in the Pines, 25 miles southwest of Denver, was purchased as a retreat for the workers. The hospital has now been enlarged and greatly improved with the latest and best facilities. In 1951 the Madsen Memorial Bell Tower was completed and was dedicated on Sunday, October 14th, 1951.



All-Saints Church

### Nurses Needed At Eben-Ezer

Registered nurses are needed at Eben-Ezer, as are also practical nurses. There is often a shortage of workers in the laundry, kitchen, dining room and in the general care of old people in the Bethesda Home. Here is an opportunity for Christian service.

Deaconesses are trained under the supervision of Sister Sigrid. During the first years of her training the student is known as a "candidate". After training for nine months to a year the candidate is received into the sisterhood in the investiture service. At this time she receives the title as "Sister," and is permitted to don the deaconess uniform. After another training period of from three to five years, the sister is consecrated and she becomes a deaconess ready to devote her whole life and strength in this service.



"Eben-Ezer In The Pines"  
For Rest, Retreat And Conference

### Eben-Ezer-In-The-Pines

God seems very near in the mountains. Being close to Him refreshes the spirit and gives one new strength, spiritually, mentally, and physically. Pastor Madsen realized this when he saw the need for a spiritual retreat for the workers at Brush. The place he selected was at Evergreen, twenty-five miles west of Denver. It was to Evergreen he went when he retired from his labors at Brush. Eben-Ezer-in-the-Pines is now available as a retreat to all Christians at a non-profit charge.

A housekeeping cottage and dormitory rooms are available. Meals are served in the rustic dining room.



Chapel In "The Pines"

At night, guests gather around a crackling fireplace where the pine boughs no longer whisper, they talk.

Eben-Ezer-in-the-Pines sits on the side of a Mountain and overlooks Evergreen village and Bear Creek Canyon. Below also is Evergreen Lake, a gem among the mountains.

Many forms of recreation are available in the vicinity. Guests can go boating, riding, golfing, hiking and picnicking.

There is a chapel in this quiet mountain nook where daily devotions are held at nine o'clock in the morning. A charming chapel bell summons worshippers to devotions.

Guests are always welcome. Board and room at cost.

### 13th Sunday After Trinity

Through many years the 13th Sunday after Trinity has been known in our congregations as Eben-Ezer Sunday. On that Sunday, we hear in our churches (when using the first series of scripture readings)



Sister Ingeborg

Served Eben-Ezer Since 1905

we hear about the "Good Samaritan." Eben-Ezer represents the good Samaritan in our larger fellowship.

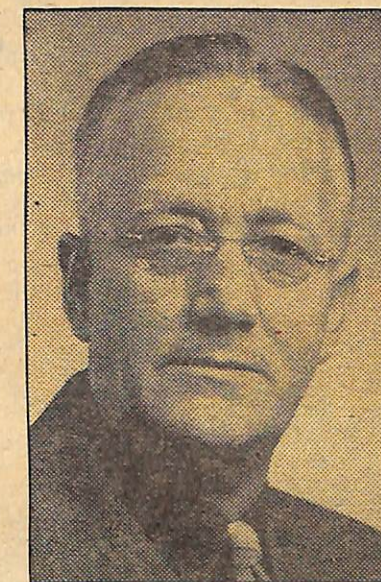
On the 13th Sunday many of our churches will take a special offering for Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute. If not convenient on this Sunday, another Sunday can be chosen. Many individual gifts are also received throughout the year.

Your gifts and your prayers for Eben-Ezer are needed.

## Prayer Vitamins

The word vitamin is a key to the importance of these materials in food—Vita is the Latin word for life. Scientific study has proved that vitamins are necessary for health. The body cannot make its vitamins, and yet its supply of the vitamins must be adequate to keep the body processes normal and healthy.

As food is to the body, so prayer is to the soul.



B. P. Christensen  
Business Manager Of Eben-Ezer

Prayer has also been spoken of as the breath of the soul. Let us consider a few prayer vitamins so essential to soul life and growth.

**Vitamin A. Acceptance.** Hallesby says, To pray is to let Jesus come into our hearts. Jesus says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." All He needs is access. He enters in wherever He is not denied admittance. Will we give Jesus access to our hearts and to our needs?

Another important prayer is **Vitamin B—Belief.** The vitamin B's are very inclusive. Vitamin B maintains growth and energy. It is spoken of as the anti-fatigue vitamin. Just as vital is Belief in prayer. Jesus says, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing ye shall receive. Said I not unto thee that if thou believest thou shouldest see the glory of God?" "As thou hast believed so be it done unto thee." The secret of believing prayer is Faith in God. And although often there is much doubt and little faith in our hearts we can pray as the man who came to Jesus "I believe help my unbelief." So faith in God is maintained, nourished and strengthened through believing prayer.

A third essential prayer is **Vitamin C—Confession:** There must be a confession or acknowledgement of our helplessness. "And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer, and supplication with fast-

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# Paging Youth

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

Editor: Thorvald Hansen, Rt. 1, Atlantic, Iowa

## Iowa District Camp

The beautiful grounds of the Nain Lutheran Church at Newell, Iowa was the scene of the 1952 Iowa District Camp. The camp opened on Sunday evening, August 3rd, following the close of the district convention. Several young people who had attended the convention, as well as a number of local visitors, attended this opening session. The program consisted of films, group singing and folk games. Wet grounds made it necessary to cancel the planned campfire.

The gym hall and the church basement served as girl's and boy's dormitories, respectively. All the meals were prepared by two cooks in the gym hall kitchen and were served in the adjoining dining hall. All who were present will surely be agreed that we were fed royally.

Camp leaders included: Rev. Ronald Jespersen, the host pastor and Camp Director; Miss Ruth Sorensen, Ringsted, Iowa; Rev. Gudmund Petersen, Hampton, Iowa, and Rev. Thorvald Hansen, Oak Hill (Atlantic), Iowa. Rev. Paul Wickman, who had been present for the convention, was with us for a part of the camp period.

Following breakfast each morning, the campers, who represented societies at Kimballton, Oak Hill, Cedar Falls, Ringsted and Newell, gathered in the church for a devotion period and Bible hour. This was followed by the craft period which lasted until noon. Photography, silver work, woodworking and lacing were among the crafts offered.

A rest period followed the noon meal. At 1:30 each day a discussion period was held with excellent participation and interest shown by all campers. The remainder of each afternoon was spent in various sports. (Unfortunately cool and wet weather prevented swimming.)

Following the supper hour we gathered in the parsonage for a music listening or music appreciation period, story telling and films. A short period of folk games was next on the agenda after which we concluded the day's activities with coffee and a campfire.

A number of Newell young people were able to be with us for the evening programs and for some of the meals. Since some of the campers had to leave Monday night and a few more on Tuesday night, it was reluctantly agreed that we would have to break camp on Wednesday afternoon. So few could remain that it was felt it would be unwise to continue.

In spite of this all who attended are agreed that they had a most enjoyable and inspiring period of fun, fellowship, devotions and relaxation and they look forward with great enthusiasm to being a part of, and to making next year's camp a bigger and even better one.

Thanks are due to our hosts and to all who helped make it a good camp.

Harvey Andersen  
Brayton, Iowa.

## Youth Night At Synodical Convention

"All's well that ends well." So it was with the Youth Night at the Omaha convention. The plans had been well made and all appeared in readiness but last minute complications, in the form of an evening business session for the convention, made us wonder for a time if there would be anything to write about except what was to have been. But, in spite of the complications and a last minute change of location, the program was carried through quite successfully. In fact the change in plans worked to the advantage of the Youth Meeting in so far as a majority of those attending the convention were found to be present at this DAYPL sponsored event.

Rev. Clayton Nielsen, the national DAYPL president opened the meeting and introduced the speakers. The first speaker was Rev. V. S. Jensen. Rev. Jensen gave a brief talk in which he paid tribute to the late Mr. O. C. Olsen of Omaha. Mr. Olsen, who passed away just recently, was the first editor of "Ungdom," the Danish-American Youth paper. ("Ungdom" "died" some years ago and was succeeded by "The Upward Trail" which in turn was succeeded by "Paging Youth.") We were reminded by Rev. Jensen of some of the difficulties that were faced by O. C. Olsen and others in those early days and of the enthusiasm with which they set about overcoming those difficulties. He emphasized that our heritage from O. C. Olsen is sacrifice.

Prof. Otto Højberg, of the University of Nebraska, then spoke to the assembly on "The Mid-Century Challenge to Christian Youth." He stressed that the "old folks need the help of young people whose vision is unfettered by old ideas." New problems can't be met with old methods. There is too often a neglect of youth participation in dealing with the problems that confront society on all levels. There is a challenge to youth to make its influence count. The challenge to youth takes specific forms. Developing the U. N. and the technical assistance programs is one such specific challenge. But, the problem—and the challenge—is close to home. Our influence in the world will be determined not alone by military and economic factors but by our own national integrity—by our day-to-day living. Prof. Højberg pointed out that how we get along among ourselves and the progress that we make with the U. N. are related to the progress we make with our neighbor in our own back yard.

Following the meeting, which was held in the main



## In Memory

With the passing of Axel Rasmussen our little church and community has suffered a grievous loss.

In a fall from a haystack on June 12th he sustained a broken neck and severe spinal cord injuries from which he did not recover. In the two months he lay paralyzed and helpless in the hospital many thoughts and prayers met at his bedside where his faithful Carrie watched over him night and day, and where doctors and nurses did what they could to ease his suffering.

His friend and pastor Rev. Hakon Jorgensen, who spent many hours with him, described him as a strong man whose spiritual strength increased as his body grew weaker so that his death was a triumph rather than a defeat. His last request was, "Tell my children to stay close to God."

Axel Rasmussen lived an active and useful life. All his life was lived on the farm close to Cordova. He took an active part in church and community affairs. He was chairman of our church board for many years and was serving as treasurer at the time of his death. He gave generously and willingly of his time and his modest means to any cause he loved and believed in. He was truly a child of the Cordova church where he was baptized, confirmed and married.

Axel Rasmussen was also entrusted with many public offices. He once expressed it as his opinion that every Christian should feel it his duty to take an active part in civic affairs that the Christian influence might be felt more strongly.

In attempting to picture Axel Rasmussen as we his friends saw him I find it difficult to describe that spiritual quality which seemed to set him apart. Certainly he was a man of vision, perhaps he was an idealist. Wealth and material possessions seemed of small importance to him. He had many interests. He read widely, he loved to sing and to play his beloved violin. Seldom was he absent from his accustomed place in church on Sunday mornings. We will miss him there and there must be a great emptiness in the home, but we are grateful for the life he lived among us.

"Blessed are the eyes that truly  
Here on earth behold the Lord,  
Happy are the ears that duly  
Listen to his blessed word."

A. N.

auditorium of the Dundee Church, the young people adjourned to the recreation room for a period of games and recreation.

## Plan Early

Now is the time to start planning to attend the National Convention and Workshop which is scheduled for October 24-26 at Grand View College. Plan now so we'll see you then.

## The Word

### III

There are people and religions who resent the trinity of life and draw out of the Scriptures a proof against it. They are the impatient ones who must have a world Theocracy ere the next election. They want to by pass the revulsions and landslides in history. The rest of us, who very well know that we are headed for a direct conflict between a world welfare state and the church universal, yet expect civilization to roll on, realize that the Father, Son and Spirit are integrated in history and seemingly they are in a constant alternating interposition to each other.

The conventional interpretation of history is that until Jesus God was known only as the Father and to live with him meant to obey the laws of the Father-home. Rebellion against even one tenet was rebellion against God, and it was due to the rebellion that God gave man a law written on slates requiring unmitigated obedience. In the hour of God came Jesus, the Son, into history. He was the first man of freedom. Although he was in full cooperative and creative harmony with the Father he was entirely free in his relationship with Him. He came to bring man from nominal, stern and strictly law-abiding kinship with God, into a free joyous, responsive, ever-growing kinship. With Jesus men began to hope for a saintly community, in which a full harmonious unity is alleged to full personal freedom, in which absolute love removes all barriers between man and God, and in which man is raised up out of his depravity.

It is true that the reality of personal freedom was by Jesus integrated in humanity and due to that we have lived through an era in which personal faith, freedom was the core of the sermon. We are on the move into the era of the Spirit in which love and freedom shall be mated.

History is, however, not entirely chronological. It is a constant progress and reversion, a constant lack of balance in man's attitude toward the three. If man unreservedly believed the Father, Son and Spirit, there would be heavenly harmony, but his faith is so little and so limited. Again and again does a man endeavor to make a world in which the Father principle, collectism, by force excludes anything in anyone which does not jibe with the unity. You and I do not count says the priests, only the church. Personal desire to teach children in a way different from the school pattern may be good, says the teachers, but for the sake of the system it cannot be satisfied. That small group in Boyd County should of course have right to study communism, but the state cannot take the risk, so says the government. Man has value only as a supporter of the state, thus speaks the Kremlin.

All this ends in failure, for man keeps on saying I. I will eat the forbidden apple if I can obtain knowledge. I will make myself God, the man of power. Collectivism-notwithstanding, he lands in the ditch of individualism. Let progressive education run its course a few generations and there will be no obedience



toward superiors. There will be no chance for family and community life.

In his unbelief man follows the troll into a magnificent hall where he takes an offered drink and that brings the past into total obscurity. Now he can make a millenium of his own. Now he can "spiritualize" himself away from physical existence and cure cancer with a suggestive look. Now he can dream of a government in which members of his sect are divinely ruling the world.

We could go on with the disturbances due to unbelief and attempts to interpret the scriptures in favor of our infantile faith, but I must close with saying that it is not our little faith and our institutions which can unite heaven and earth. It is God, and God is both the Father, The Son and the Spirit. He is present in unity in personal life and in the deep underlying progress toward the communion of saints. It is not natural for man to believe in him, but God can create a faith where there is none and as the faith grows up it commences to see all of God, all of his ways and all of his works. It was God who gave me the name of the Father, Son and Spirit.

Aage Moller.

## Prayer Vitamins

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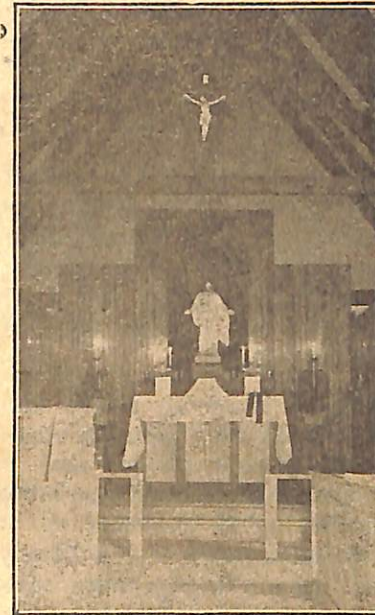
ing, and sackcloth, and ashes. And I prayed unto the Lord my God and made my confession." There must be a searching of the heart in the Light of God's Word and confession of sin. "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Just as vitamin C cannot be stored in the body but a daily supply must be provided. So daily confession of sin is of utmost importance. There must be daily searching of Scriptures, sorrow for sin and daily dying unto self.

**Vitamin D—Devotion.** Prayer is not just seeking blessings from God for ourselves and others. Giving of thanks should constitute a very essential part of our prayer life. Prayer has been compared to a telephone system with two lines from man to God. The one line is that of supplication or request, the other is the line of thanksgiving. The line of request is always busy, but the line of thanksgiving is little used. It is hard for us to learn to pray but it is still harder for us to learn to give thanks. To give thanks means to give glory to God. Vitamin D is called the sunshine vitamin. Let us bask in the "Sunshine from God." Let us be still before Him in self-forgetting adoration, seeing and praising only the majesty and power of God, His grace and redemption.

Another important prayer is **Vitamin E, Endurance.** "Pray without ceasing." I firmly believe with Hallesby when he says "We are unsuccessful in prayer because we are too slothful and because we are not diligent enough in prayer. True prayer is not easy but is work. We should enter into this work and become personal and regular interceders for certain definite individuals. What wonderful effect it would have if each of us when tempted to criticize or find fault with someone would instead pray for them.

Jesus says, "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." Paul exhorts us to be fervent in prayer and to watch in the same with thanksgiving.

The last prayer vitamin I wish to mention is **Vitamin K, Knowledge.** We all need to enter the school of prayer and learn of Jesus to pray. "For we know



Interior View Of Chapel In "The Pines"

not how to pray as we ought but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sigh too deep for words." Christ teaches us to pray not only by example, by instruction, by command, by promises, but by showing us **Himself** the everlasting Intercessor, as our Life. As Hallesby states in his book on prayer, "So few of us become sanctified and skilled petitioners because we do not continue in the school of prayer. There is something about this school that tries our patience sorely. Jesus Himself alludes to it on several occasions, especially in Luke 18:1-8 where he says, 'That men ought always to pray and not to faint.' We become faint very easily. It is the Spirit of prayer that superintends the instruction in the school of prayer." The Spirit teaches the necessity of self-denial in connection with prayer. How difficult it is for us to ask Only for those things which are in harmony with His plans and purposes.

Let us diligently use these prayer vitamins that our lives may by his grace become those that are unceasingly to the glory of the Father and to the blessing of those around us.

Sister Sigrid.

Eben-Ezer, Brush, Colo.

## WMS Meeting At Omaha

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The closing prayer and benediction was given by Rev. James Lund.

The chair instructed the W.M.S. secretary to send greetings to the Board members who had not been present: Mrs. Fylla Kildegaard, Treas.; Mrs. Orville Sorensen, Secretary, and Mrs. Gudrun Hansen, Ass't. Secretary.

Johanne Lillehøj.



## A Call to Christian Stewardship

### The Old Testament Suggestion

The regular readers of this column realize by now that stewardship is a broad field. Stewardship spreads far beyond the narrow misconception of dealing with contributions to the Church. Stewardship includes **any activity** which brings Christians closer to their Lord and His work. Because it covers such an unlimited area, your Synodical Stewardship Committee has deliberately avoided connecting stewardship with giving. I would like to change the direction of this column for the next few issues and take a plunge into some deep water. We might just as well face the fact that God expects us to give. This is a part, a small but important part, of stewardship. Giving is a small part of the whole subject, but an important part because it touches each of us in a tangible way.

When the callers go out to seek annual pledges for the congregations, the question is sometimes raised, "How much shall we give?" When new members are confronted with the matter of supporting their congregation, the question comes once in awhile, "How much shall we give?" Now and then we hear the same question under various circumstances.

For an answer we may turn to a place which is logical for church members, to the Scriptures. In the Old Testament there is a suggestion. We first hear about it when Abraham met Melchizedek, the priest of the Most High God (Genesis 12:20). Abraham gave him a tenth of all he had taken in battle. Then Jacob promises God (Genesis 28:22), "And of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." This tenth that Abraham and Jacob speak of has become known as the tithe.

In the book of Leviticus (27:30-32) we read that God Himself established the principle of the tithe, "and all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is Jehovah's; it is holy unto Jehovah. And if a man will redeem aught of his tithe, he shall add unto it the fifth part thereof. And all the tithe of the herd or the flock, whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto Jehovah." Again and again this suggestion of a tenth, or the tithe, is made throughout the Old Testament.

To the average reader, the idea of giving ten percent of his income to the church may seem like a large contribution. You may feel that you cannot afford it. If so, think for a moment of the ancient Israelite. He was, generally, much poorer than the average church member in America. Yet, he faithfully brought his tithe and more. All of his offerings were above and beyond his tithe.

If you ever wonder just how much you "ought to give" consider seriously this Old Testament suggestion of the tithe.

R. C. S.

## Books

**STORIES FROM OUR CHURCH — A Popular History of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.** By Enok Mortensen. Published by The Committee on Publication of the DELCA., Des Moines, Iowa. 180 pp. Price: Paper \$1.50; Cloth \$2.00.

This is a fine book and the author has performed a task which will be greatly appreciated by many. "Stories From Our Church" brings an introductory chapter "How the Christian Church Came to Denmark," and then proceeds in the following chapters with "The First Danish Lutherans in America," "The Church Follows the People," "Life and Worship among the Pioneers," etc. The story is carried on through the years and up to the present date.

"Stories From Our Church" will be read with interest by everyone who has been a part of this chapter of Danish-American church life in America, as well as those of the younger group who have learned to know our synod as their church home. Sunday school teachers will welcome it, and pastors will wish to use the book as a regular part of the instruction of confirmation classes.

The book can be bought from Lutheran Publishing House, Blair, Nebr. H. S.

### Please Note

Unsold **Convention Reports** on hand in the congregations should be returned to the synodical secretary.

"**Letters of Transfer**" may be had in 25 and 50 cents package sizes.

**Synod Constitution and By-Laws** in Loose-leaf cover can still be had for \$1.00.—All congregations should have at least one copy on file. Changes or additions to the Constitution or the By-Laws will be sent automatically as they take place.

Write to:

Rev. Holger C. Nielsen,  
1410 Main Street,  
Cedar Falls, Iowa.

### Conference On Women's Work

At the April meeting of the Council of Religious Education the question was asked: should Ladies' Aids' programs and work be considered part of our Religious Education field? It was agreed that the question should be brought to the attention of Mrs. Egede and other members of the Women's Mission Society to see if they would be interested in a workshop at Grand View College designed to give helps and suggestions for revitalizing women's work in our churches. This was done, and it was the opinions of the W.M.S. board that the Council of Religious Education should arrange and be in charge of a workshop this fall. In accordance with this, the Council in session at the annual church convention in Omaha, agreed upon a week-end in October. The exact date and program will be announced in the next issue of Lutheran Tidings.

### Dies In Salinas, California

Mrs. Annie K. Christensen, 75 years of age, widow of the late Andrew C. Christensen, passed away in a Salinas hospital on Sunday, Aug. 10, following a short illness. Burial services were conducted by Rev. Arthur E. Frost and interment was in Garden of Memories Cemetery in Salinas. Mrs. Christensen was a native of Salinas and a life long and beloved member of St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church.

Rev. and Mrs. Arthur E. Frost left Salinas Tuesday afternoon, immediately following Mrs. Christensen's funeral services, to attend the Synodical Convention in Omaha, Nebr. They will also visit relatives and friends in Iowa and other eastern points.

Mr. and Mrs. Nis Pors and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schultz were delegates to the Synodical Convention in Omaha from St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church of Salinas this year.

Correspondent.



## Grand View College And Our Youth

### Activities

The campus bustled with activity during Junior Camp. Nearly one hundred boys and girls, representing a number of our congregations, participated in a week's program of carefully planned and supervised activities under the general leadership of Mr. Harry C. Jensen as Camp Director. Members of the faculties, Pastor V. S. Jensen and student workers were in charge of the daily program, and Mrs. Carl Eriksen and her assistants took charge of the planning and cooking of the meals. As we talked with the campers we heard only one criticism. A number of the campers felt that the period was too short and that the age limit was too low.

Many people have visited the campus during the summer. We want to stress that visitors are always welcome. A good number of parents drove their children to the college at the opening of camp or called for them at the end of the camp period. Others, who visited the camp, were either going to or returning from the convention at Omaha. The grounds are very lovely this summer, and the buildings are being put in order for the opening of school.

However, one more group is scheduled to spend a week at the college before the opening of school. It is not a young people's camp, but a Luther League Leadership Training School. This school is held under the auspices of the Iowa Conference of the Augustana Lutheran Church. The Director is the Rev. Einer Oberg, Boone, Iowa. According to Pastor Oberg, the Luther League Leadership Training School has three main objectives: (1) to teach the young people how to study the Bible without the local pastor being present, (2) to teach the young people how to organize a local Luther League, including program planning and recreation, and (3) to teach young people the meaning of stewardship of life. I am sure that we shall watch this leadership training school and compare notes.

The enrollment for the college is very encouraging. Applications for admission continues to come daily. In fact, it has been quite an exciting experience to watch the mail and study the applications. The total number of full time students will reach the goal of 130 as set by the admission office earlier during the summer. To this figure we must add the forty to fifty student nurses of the Iowa Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing, affiliated with Grand View College. This year the academic program of the student nurses will be

more fully integrated into the total program of the college. Instead of taking specialized courses in psychology and sociology for nurses, the nurses will take introductory courses in both fields and thus materially strengthen their academic record and benefit by much wider contact with the full time students.

It is not yet too late to decide to attend Grand View College this fall. If it is true, as one young person recently said, that young people come where there are many young people, then there is every reason for young people, who have not yet decided what to do this fall, to come to Grand View College. We shall have a freshman class of over eighty.

Freshman registration begins Monday, September 15th, and continues through the 16th. The sophomore registration is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17th. Classes begin Thursday, September 18th. Our new President of G. V. C., Dr. Ernest D. Nielsen, will address the first Student Assembly, which will be held in the forenoon of the same day as classes begin.

—Reporter.

### OUR CHURCH

**Pastor P. Rasmussen**, Dalum, Canada, who was one of the speakers at the Danish Folk Meeting at the Danebod Folk School, Tyler, Minnesota, during the week, August 19-24, was guest speaker at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Chicago, on Wednesday evening, August 27, and in the St. Stephen's Lutheran Church on Thursday evening.

**Magister Jens Rosenkjaer**, Copenhagen, Denmark, former instructor at the Askov Folk School, will be on a tour through the United States during the latter part of September. He has a number of engagements in the East, but will also have time to visit a few communities in the midwestern states. Dr. Ernest Nielsen, president of Grand View College, is arranging for his visit in Des Moines and a few Iowa communities. As his travel expense is met from other sources he does not request any honorarium for a lecture. He will speak either in Danish or English. Information on his tour can be had from Joh's Laursen, Danish Information Office, 583 Fifth Avenue, New York 19, N. Y.

**Rev. and Mrs. Enok Mortensen**, Tyler, Minn., left by plane from Minneapolis Tuesday, August 26th for Copenhagen, Denmark, where Rev. Mortensen is scheduled to make a lecture tour in Denmark, presenting to the people of Denmark the American way of life to counter-act the constant stream of Communist propaganda pouring into all European countries. Pastor Mortensen has been sent by the State Department of Washington, D. C.

**A Joint Picnic** was held at the West Denmark Lutheran Church, by the Askov, Minn., and the Bone Lake and West Denmark, Wis., congregations. Due to rainy weather, the group met in the gym hall. Rev. Harold Petersen, Askov, was the speaker of the day. Dr. and Mrs. Herluf Baggesen from Denmark, gave several numbers of music and song.

**Chaplain Verner Hansen** has spent some time in Japan, but has undoubtedly at this writing left for his assignment in Korea. His address is Casual Officers' Section, A.P.O. 613, San Francisco, Calif. He writes to the editor: "Would you mind publishing my address—I'd appreciate hearing from anyone." Let us assist our chaplain by writing him a letter now and then.

### Annual Convention

#### ELECTION RETURNS

- President of Synod (2 years)  
Dr. Alfred Jensen, Des Moines, Iowa, re-elected.
- Trustee of Synodical Board (2 years)  
Erling V. Jensen, Des Moines, Iowa, re-elected.
- Trustee of Synodical Board (2 years)  
August Sorensen, Ringsted, Iowa, re-elected.
- Council of Religious Education (4 years)  
Miss Reeta Petersen, Gowen, Michigan.
- Committee on Publications (4 years)  
Rev. Enok Mortensen, Tyler, Minnesota, re-elected.
- Pension Board (3 years)  
J. K. Jensen, Trinity, Chicago, Illinois, re-elected.
- Committee on Church Relations (2 years)  
Rev. Alfred E. Sorensen, St. Stephen's, Chicago, Illinois, re-elected.
- Committee on Church Relations (2 years)  
S. Dixen Sorensen, Dwight, Illinois, re-elected.
- Committee on Church Relations (2 years)  
Martin Grobeck, Omaha, Nebraska, re-elected.
- Santal Committee (5 years)  
Rev. Marvin Nygaard, Dwight, Illinois, re-elected.
- Santal Committee (2 years) (Unexpired term of Rev. L. C. Bundgaard)  
Dagmar Miller, Des Moines, Iowa.
- Board of Ministerial Training, Ordination and Jurisdiction (4 years)  
Valdemar Dehn, St. Stephen's, Chicago, Illinois.
- Board of Ministerial Training, Ordination and Jurisdiction (2 years) (Unexpired term of Axel Thomsen)  
Hans J. Schmidt, Fredsville, Iowa.
- Board of Ministerial Training, Ordination and Jurisdiction (1 year) (Unexpired term of Dr. Ernest D. Nielsen)  
Rev. Holger Strandkov, Kimballton, Iowa.



Board of Old People's Home, Des Moines, Iowa, Secretary (3 years)  
Dagmar Miller, Des Moines, Iowa. (Inc.)

Board of Old People's Home, Des Moines, Iowa, Trustee (3 years)  
Hartvig Jensen, Des Moines, Iowa, re-elected.

Board of Old People's Home, Tyler, Minnesota, Trustee (3 years)  
Mrs. George Johannsen, Lake Benton, Minnesota, re-elected.

Committee on Lutheran Liturgy and Hymnal (2 years)  
Prof. A. C. Kildegaard, Des Moines, Iowa, re-elected.

Committee on Lutheran Liturgy and Hymnal (2 years)

Rev. Paul Wikman, Ringsted, Iowa. Committee on Lutheran Liturgy and Hymnal (2 years)

Rev. Holger Jorgensen, Des Moines, Iowa, re-elected.

Committee on Lutheran Liturgy and Hymnal (2 years)

Aage Sorensen, Detroit, Michigan re-elected.

Committee on Lutheran Liturgy and Hymnal (2 years)

Rev. Marius Krog, Omaha, Nebraska, re-elected.

Convention Chairman, 1953

Dr. Erling N. Jensen, Ames, Iowa.

Assistant Convention Chairman, 1953

Rev. Eilert Nielsen, Clinton, Iowa.

Convention Secretary, 1953

Rev. Holger Andersen, Wilbur, Washington.

Assistant Convention Secretary, 1953

Rita Norden, Manistee, Michigan, re-elected.

Rev. H. Knudsen, Los Angeles, spoke on the Solvang Lutheran Home, President Alfred Jensen recommended the project very highly, encouraging people throughout the Synod to be very liberal with their contributions to this fine home.

A greeting was received from Rev. F. O. Lund and family:

"Greetings and God's blessings with Romans 8:28 'We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose'."

## District VII Meeting

"District VII will meet for its annual convention at Denmark, Kansas. The dates are the 26th through the 28th of September. The board members of the churches of this district will meet along with the pastors at 2 p. m. on Friday, to discuss various problems concerning the church. The convention will open Friday evening the 26th and close Sunday evening the 28th. Please send in your reservations early."

Howard Christensen, Dist. Pres.

The Evangelical Lutheran Community Church of Denmark, Kansas, cordially invites the pastors, delegates and friends of District 7 of the D. E. L. C. to be its guests at the annual District convention Sept. 26, 27 and 28.

Supper will be served on the 26th; dinner and supper on the 27th and 28th.

All meals will be served at a nominal cost.

Please make reservations by Sept. 25.

Sam Rasmussen, Pres.

S. Mogensen, Pastor.

## District V Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of District V will be held at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Askov, Minnesota, October 3-5. The opening session will be at 2:00 p. m. on Friday. This will mainly be a business session. All delegates, one for every 25 voting members, are requested to be present at that time. The opening service will be Friday evening. We extend a welcome to attend this convention to the membership of our churches and to friends. Please send your registration early to the representatives of the Askov church listed below.

Ottar S. Jorgensen, Dist. Pres.

In respect to the above announcement the Bethlehem Lutheran Church at Askov extends a most hearty welcome to delegates and pastors of our district and friends of our church everywhere to meet with us for the district convention. The attendance at our district conventions has not been very large in later years. We would like to see a large attendance and thus strengthen the feeling of fellowship within our district.

In order to accommodate you with lodging and in order to plan the meals we would appreciate if you will register at least one week before the meeting. Even if you plan to come only for Sunday, please let us know if you think you are coming.

Harold Petersen, Pastor.

Chris Henriksen, President.

## District VI Convention

Diamond Lake Lutheran Church,  
Lake Benton, Minnesota.

The congregation at Diamond Lake Lutheran Church invites friends of our work and members of our congregations to attend a district meeting at Diamond Lake, September 26-28. The program follows:

Friday, September 26

8:00 p. m.—Talk by Rev. Gordon Miller

Saturday, September 27

9:00 a. m.—Bible Hour by Rev. Harald Ibsen

9:30 a. m.—Business Session

12:00 Noon—Dinner

1:00 p. m.—Business Session continued

4:00 p. m.—Women's Mission Society

6:00 p. m.—Supper

8:00 p. m.—Address—Dr. Ernest D. Nielsen

Sunday, September 28

10:30 a. m.—Worship Service. Sermon by Dr. Alfred Jensen.

Communion—Rev. Walter Brown

12:00 Noon—Dinner

2:30 p. m.—Address—Dr. Alfred Jensen

4:00 p. m.—Coffee and farewell

Guests are asked to register with Mr. Henry Black, Lake Benton, Minnesota. Supper will be served at 6:00 p. m. on Friday evening, September 26.

Enok Mortensen,  
District President  
Walter Brown,  
Host Pastor.

## Annual Meeting District III

September 26th, 27th, 28th, 1952 A. D. Marinette, Wis. . . . Menominee, Mich.

The Memorial Congregation of Marinette, Wisconsin and The Bethany Lutheran Church of Menominee, Michigan, extend invitation to the congregations of this district to attend this annual meeting September 26-27-28th.

All Congregations are requested to send their delegates (one for every 25 voting members) with their proper credentials. Delegates should also be able to report to the convention of activities during the past year; these should be in writing.

Reservations should be made well in advance on the cards provided for this purpose.

Subjects for discussion should be mailed to the District president by September 10th in order to receive consideration.

Visitors are welcome to attend the sessions of the meeting; all visitors should mail in hospitality request cards.

Programs will be distributed in all congregations.

May we have a full attendance thus indicating our interest in the matters pertaining to our district and Church.

Alfred E. Sorensen,  
District President.

In accord with the above announcement Bethany Lutheran Church of Menominee, Michigan and Memorial Lutheran Church of Marinette, Wisconsin, do hereby extend an invitation to all delegates, pastors and friends of District 3 to be present at this convention, Sept. 26-28.

Please send registrations to the pastor at 1320 9th St., Marinette, Wis., not later than Sept. 20.

Ralph Hansen, Bethany Pres.  
John Larsen, Memorial Pres.  
Rev. Harold E. Olsen, Pastor.

## "Septemberfest," Nysted, Nebraska

"The annual fall festival called "Septemberfest" will be held at Nysted again this year on the 7th of September. Rev. Aage Moller and Rev. Harris Jespersen will be the guest speakers. The Nysted congregation extends an invitation to attend this day of celebration to all its friends. The annual meeting of the Nysted Folk School Association will be held in the afternoon."

Committee.



## District IV Convention

In conformity with the accompanying invitation District IV of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America will hold its Annual convention at Luther Memorial Church, Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 19-21, 1952.

The congregations of the District are hereby reminded that it is their privilege to send delegates to this convention, one for each 50 voting members and fraction thereof.

Anyone who has anything to propose to the convention should send it to the undersigned as soon as possible.

Remember the reports from all congregations, committees, etc., to the convention.

Best greetings,

C. A. Stub, Dist. Pres.

## Invitation

Luther Memorial Church, Des Moines, Iowa, invites pastors, delegates and friends of District IV to the District convention to be held here September 19-21, 1952. The meeting will begin Friday, Sept. 19 and close Sunday evening, Sept. 21.

We ask you please to send in your registration not later than Sept. 16 to: Mrs. Richard Jessen, 1700 E. 13th St., Des Moines 16, Iowa, or to the pastor, 1003 Grand View Ave.

We are looking forward to a good convention and hope that many will share these days with us.

Greetings,

George Madsen, Pres.

Holger P. Jorgensen, Pastor.

## Tentative Program

### Friday, Sept. 19:

2:00 p. m.—Bible Hour by Rev. Holger Strandskov

2:30 p. m.—Business Session

3:15 p. m.—Coffee

Business resumed

5:30 p. m.—Supper

8:00 p. m.—Worship service, Dr. Ernest D. Nielsen preaching

### Saturday, Sept. 20:

9:00 a. m.—Bible Hour by Rev. Thorvald Hansen

9:30 a. m.—Business Session

12:00 Noon—Dinner

1:30 p. m.—Dr. Alfred Jensen speaking

2:30 p. m.—Business Session

3:15 p. m.—Coffee

Business resumed

5:30 p. m.—Supper

7:00 p. m.—W. M. S. Business Session

8:00 p. m.—W. M. S. Rev. Paul Boe speaking

### Sunday, Sept. 21:

10:45 a. m.—Morning worship, Rev. Richard H. Sorensen, preaching. Rev. Paul Wikman, Holy Communion

12:00 Noon—Dinner

3:00 p. m.—Meeting: Rev. H. O. Nielsen speaking

5:30 p. m.—Supper

7:30 p. m.—Evening meeting: Rev. Gudmund Petersen speaking

Closing—Coffee

## 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.

## District II Convention

The Michigan District of D. E. L. C. will meet for its annual convention at Manistee, Michigan, Sept. 19-21, with the opening service set for Friday evening, the closing meeting Sunday afternoon. All pastors should be present and each congregation should

send a full allotment of delegates—one for each 25 voting members or fraction thereof. All members and friends of the congregation are welcome. Please send your reservations as early as possible to the local registration committee mentioned below.

Edwin E. Hansen,  
District President.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Manistee hereby extends a most cordial invitation to pastors, delegates, members and friends of District Number Two to be our guests during the District convention at Manistee, Sept. 19-21.

We shall do our utmost to make your convention days enjoyable and rich in blessings.

Kindly send your registration well in advance of the convention date to either member of our Registration Committee: Mrs. Irving Jolly, 341 Sixth St., or Mrs. Julia Lott, 350 Third St.

Elmer Ness.

President of the Congregation.  
James N. Lund, Pastor.

## Convention Program

Convention Theme: "The Master Is Here And Callesth For Thee." John 11:28

### Friday Afternoon:

2:30—Pastor's Meeting. Discussion led by Rev. John Enselmann, Grayling.

### Friday Evening:

8:00—Opening meeting. "The Call To Greater Consecration", Rev. Svend Jorgensen, Detroit.

### Saturday Morning:

9:00—"The Call To True Worship", Rev. James Lund, Manistee.  
10:00—Business Session.  
12:00—Noon Period.

### Saturday Afternoon:

1:30—Business Session Continued.  
3:45—"The Call To Daily Work", Discussion led by Rev. Peter Thomsen, Greenville.

### Saturday Evening:

7:00—Meeting of the District W. M. F. "The Call To Whole-Hearted Service", Rev. John Christensen, Ludington. Followed by Stewardship Film.

### Sunday Morning:

9:30—Communion Service, Rev. John Enselmann, Grayling.  
10:45—Worship Service, Rev. Harry S. Andersen, Marlette.

### Sunday Afternoon:

2:30—Closing Meeting. "Calling All Christians", Rev. Edwin E. Hansen, Muskegon.  
Farewells.

(Subject to minor changes)

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.

September 5, 1952

I am a member of the congregation at

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