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## Our New Pastors



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# The Light Of The World

By Rev. George Mellby  
Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Troy, N. Y.

**"Again Jesus spake to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'" John 8:1**

Have you ever tried to define or explain light? Perhaps none of us have, but let us think about it for a moment. Suppose light was suddenly taken away from us. In what condition would we find ourselves?

The first thing we would feel would be the darkness, the absolute, pitch-black darkness. We would hardly dare move. We would not know where we were, or where we were going. Day after day of such darkness would be a most terrible thing, BUT

This inability to see would not be the only thing to disturb us. Gradually our bodies would be beset with disease. We know that sunlight is an important factor in keeping our bodies healthy and strong. Without it we would become sickly and weak.

Thirdly, if we were to live in continual darkness, we could not grow normally. In light there are life-giving rays that help all living things to grow.

Therefore, with light being so important to the physical world, it is any wonder that our Lord Jesus Christ uses the word "light" to describe Himself, and His followers? If Christ had not come to this world to be our Savior, we would have been in the darkness of sin, yes, in absolute, pitch-black spiritual darkness.

You may think it is bad enough in the world now. Yes, that is true. But for the child of God **there is light**. For Him there is light in the knowledge that Christ has paid the price for eternal life for him. Also, he has the light of God's Word to guide Him. "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Ps. 119:5.

But notice that Christ goes a step beyond this when He turns to His followers and says, "Ye are the light of the world." Therefore the question comes to each one of us. "Are we really lights in the world?" Do our words and our actions shed around us a light so that others, stumbling in spiritual darkness and uncertainty, may find the way to Christ? The only way we can be such a light is to reflect the light of Christ, as the moon reflects the light of the sun. It would be well for us to stop a moment in our busy lives and soberly reflect on this thought.

The second characteristic of light which we mentioned was the ability to heal and prevent disease. How very true this is spiritually. Sin threatens to destroy the soul as cancer destroys the body. It may start unnoticed, and grow unnoticed, until life is in danger. But the light of God's Word can reveal and remove that sin which is threatening to destroy the usefulness of our Christian lives. But we must be willing to use this remedy. We must expose our innermost heart and soul to the searching light of God and His Word. This is not easy. But when we do it, we shall experience the spiritual health, strength and joy known only to the child of God.

Thirdly, light promotes growth. Without it plants and animals are weak, pale and stunted. So also,

the Christian who does not daily absorb the rays of light from God and His Word will be a weak, stunted Christian. It is sad to see so many Christians today insulating themselves from this light. They wrap around themselves a coating of carelessness that prevents this light from shining in. In many, many homes the Bible is a book to be placed on the mantle, instead of a book to be read daily. Daily prayer, whether family or private, is a forgotten art.

Let us ponder anew these words of our Lord: "I am the light of the world; he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." And also these words: "Ye are the light of the world . . . . Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matt. 5:14, 16.

## Lutherans First To Serve Project

Barnwell, S. C.—(NLC)—The Lutherans have been the first to send a "church on wheels" to provide a ministry to the Savannah River area here, where some 40,000 men, many of them with families, are building a mammoth hydrogen bomb plant.

The project, which is expected to take from three to five years to complete, is creating a defense community of some 180,000 people in an area which had a population density of only 19 persons per square mile.

The "Chapel of the Good Shepherd," now making regular visits to the four trailer encampments that surround the site of what is to become a \$1,417,000,000 atomic plant, is located in a 35-foot trailer purchased for \$3,818 by the Division of American Missions of the National Lutheran Council. It was furnished as a chapel for an additional \$200.

The trailer chapel was brought to this area on July 21, and has since been used extensively for Sunday school, vacation Bible school, ladies' Bible study classes and other church activities.

Supervising the work is the Rev. Otto E. Hasla, former pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Minn., and his two assistants, Miss Ivy Olson, former director of parish work at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Bode, Iowa, and Miss Dorothy Jacobson, a worker at Zion Center in Brooklyn, N. Y., temporarily released from the Department for the Christian Approach to the Jewish People.

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## District II Convention At Manistee, Michigan

The annual convention of District II was held at Manistee, Michigan, September 19-21, in Our Savior's Lutheran Church of which the Rev. James Lund is pastor.

After a delicious dinner served by Rev. and Mrs. Lund in the parsonage to the visiting pastors and their wives, the pastors assembled for an informal conference.

The Convention Theme was: "The Master Is Here And Is Calling For You." In the absence of Rev. Svend Jorgensen, the opening address entitled: "The Call To Greater Consecration," was given to Rev. Edwin Hansen, who used Rom. 12:1-2 as a text.

Saturday morning the devotional period was conducted by Rev. Lund, who gave an excellent address on the topic: "The Call To True Worship," speaking from Isaiah 6. After a brief intermission the business session was called to order by the district president, Rev. Edwin Hansen. Six pastors, thirty-nine delegates and five board members responded to roll call. In addition there were many other visiting guests. A special welcome was extended to Rev. Harry Andersen and his family, installed in Juhl and Germania, September 7.

Mrs. Delford Henderson was elected convention secretary. The usual reports to the convention were read and approved. Special reports were read from Rev. Alfred Jensen, Synod President, Rev. Ove Nielsen, Chairman of the Synod Stewardship Committee, Miss Reeta Petersen, Chairman of District Religious Education Committee. The business session was occupied chiefly with the recommendations made in the report of the District President.

Among the more important decisions made were the following.

1. That the District Newsletter, prepared three times annually, be continued, a lay editor to assume this responsibility as last year.
2. That a District Church Worker's Conference be held at Greenville, October 31-November 1.
3. That the District cooperate in supporting the Conference on Women's Work at G. V. C., October 17-19. \$50 was voted to help defray expenses of representative or representatives from the District. (It was hoped that someone would drive making it possible for more women to attend.)
4. That all congregations endeavor to secure the Stewardship Film: "For Good Or Evil," from the Stewardship Committee during the year.
5. That continued effort along the lines of stewardship and evangelism be made in every congregation.
6. That we accept our District apportionment toward the synodical budget and LWA and that each congregation accepts its share of the apportionment.
7. That the District contribute from its treasury \$200 toward the Church Extension Fund.
8. That we cooperate another year with ULCA Junior Camp and that the district continue to give scholarships as in the past year to each congregation to encourage greater participation.

9. That the Sunday offering at the convention be divided equally between the Church Extension Fund and the Santal Mission.

10. That we have a District Pulpit exchange as last year on the last Sunday in April, 1953.

Relative to the pulpit exchange, a proposal had been received from the Detroit congregation stating that: "The expense incurred with pulpit exchange shall be paid by the congregations in proportion to the membership of each congregation. After the pulpit exchange the district treasurer shall notify each congregation of the amount of its assessment." This was voted down.

Delegates gave reports of the activities in their respective congregations, which were received with considerable interest.

The following officers were elected to the district board each for a term of two years: Rev. Peter Thomsen, vice president; Elmer Ness, Manistee, treasurer; Christ Jensen, Muskegon, trustee. To the finance committee, William Nielsen, Muskegon, two years and J. M. Jeppesen, Ludington, one year. Rev. John Christensen was elected to serve on the Religious Education Committee for three years. A rising vote of thanks was given to Rita Norden for editing the District Newsletter, and to Chris Loding, who has served as District Treasurer for fifteen years.

After the close of the business session, Rev. Peter Thomsen led a discussion on the topic: "The Call To Daily Work," using as a basis his experience as a delegate at the North American Lay-Conference at Buffalo, N. Y., last spring, at which were people from all walks of life participating in panel discussions relating to their faith and daily work. Our convention delegates took an active part in the discussion.

The Women's Mission Society of the District met at 7 o'clock for its annual business meeting. At 8 o'clock Rev. John Christensen addressed the convention on the topic: "The Call To Whole-hearted Service," using as his text Genesis 12:1-3. Following his talk, he showed the Stewardship film: "For Good or Evil."

Communion service was conducted Sunday morning at 9:30 with Rev. John Enselmann in charge. He used as the text for his message Luke 10:38-42. At 11 o'clock Rev. Harry Andersen preached on Matt. 6:24-34.

The closing session was held Sunday afternoon at which time Rev. Edwin Hansen gave a very challenging talk entitled: "Calling All Christians." This was to a considerable extent a summary of significant thoughts and ideas expressed at the Evangelism Conference in Minneapolis last January.

At the close of this session a final coffee was served by the good ladies of the Manistee church. Farewell greetings and expressions of thanks were voiced here, all indicating that the convention had been worth while, that the convention guests had appreciated the kind and generous hospitality of the homes of our friends in Manistee, and that all had enjoyed the fine fellowship of this well-attended convention.

**Mrs. Delford Henderson, Convention Sec.**



## Notes From District VII Convention

Denmark, Kansas, September 26, 27, 28, 1952

The annual business meeting of District VII of the Danish Lutheran Church of America was called to order on Saturday morning, Sept. 27, at 9:30 o'clock by the president, Pastor Howard Christensen. Pastor Harris A. Jespersen, district vice president and secretary, by custom, acted as secretary of the meeting. Roll call revealed the happy fact that many delegates from the congregations were on hand to participate in the discussions. A total of seventy-eight votes were registered,—sixty-eight delegates, nine pastors and the district treasurer.

The district secretary next read the minutes from the 1951 convention at Cozad, Nebraska. As these minutes had previously been accepted by a committee of three, appointed for this purpose, by the convention, the reading of the minutes was merely to call to mind any unfinished or forgotten business.

The district treasurer, Mr. L. C. Laugesen, reported an audited balance of \$415.81 in the treasury. The auditor's report was accepted and placed on file.

Then followed the report of the district president, Pastor Howard Christensen. As his report constituted a convention agenda, the items of his report were disposed of in the order in which they were presented.

- I) A committee of three (Mrs. Rudolph Andersen, Paul Nielsen, Howard Christensen) was appointed to summarize for the minutes the discussion of mutual church problems held on the previous afternoon. The summary follows:

- I) Discussion relating to organization of the local church council.

- a) New personnel in the list of officers is good policy. Serving on the council stimulates interest and helps the individual to an understanding of the meaning of the church in the community.
- b) It is important that the church council holds regular monthly meetings.
- c) The use of nominating committees relieves the congregational business meetings of needless routine, saves time, and eliminates unpleasant refusals of responsibility.
- d) It is important for the local council to find opportunities for everyone in the congregation to serve. It is advisable to keep a record of those who have rendered service in order that no one shall be forgotten.

- II) Discussion concerning Evangelism and Visitation. It was suggested that the following points be used by the local church councils in setting up such a program. Be it proposed:

- a) That an Evangelism and Visitation committee be formed.
- b) That visitations to all families in the community be made by teams of two or three, and that these visitations be repeated periodically.
- c) That a program of education be carried on to instruct the visitation teams on techniques and approaches; and that such teams be supplied with tracts containing inspirational article and information about the church and its purpose. Teams also

to be supplied with cards upon which information concerning the family visited may be gathered.  
e) That the pastor makes follow-up calls to interested families.

- 2) A one-hundred dollar scholarship from the District Seminary Scholarship Fund was awarded to Milten Knudsen, seminary student from Cozad, Nebraska.
- 3) Regarding pastoral services to vacant congregations the following action was taken:—The district president in conjunction with the church council of a church without a pastor, shall (if the congregation desires, and, if it is at all practical) secure the service of a pastor from the district for one Sunday a month for said congregation. Congregations, having regular pastors, shall, in so far as possible, release their pastors for such services. The pastors shall be assured of their expenses by the vacant congregation. It is to be recognized that in many instances these services may be more readily arranged, if they are afternoon or evening services.
- 4) There seemed to be some desire in the minds and hearts of some of the people present at the convention to supplement the home mission efforts already being made at Granly, Mississippi. The new district president, collaborating with the congregation at Granly, was admonished to make, at least a limited survey of the possibilities there, also to discuss the matter with the synodical home missions council and to make a report at next year's convention.
- 5) The District Junior Camp is to be continued next year. The District Board is to be in charge of making the necessary arrangements. It is to be subsidized by the district in case of a deficit in its operation. The relatively large number of children in attendance at last year's camp seemed to encourage everyone to believe that our young people's work may be on the up-grade at least as far as numbers are concerned. Reports indicated that last year's Junior Camp was definitely a success.
- 6) The convention voted to remain a member of the Lutheran Student Association at the University of Nebraska at a cost of five cents per confirmed member in the Nebraska congregations. The membership fee to be paid by the treasurer of the district.
- 7) The synodical budget for 1953, after discussion and explanations, was accepted and apportioned among the congregations of the district according to rules laid down by the synodical constitution.
- 8) It was decided to make a contribution of fifty dollars from the district treasury to Nebraska Lutheran Social Service; the district president to sit in on board meetings of the organization, if invited.
- 9) "For Good or Evil" is the name of a religious film recommended by the synodical stewardship committee for use in the congregations of the district. Each congregation using this film is duty bound to send an offering to the district treasurer.



- 10) Pastor Arnold Knudsen, district advisor to DAYPL reported concerning the work of this organization during 1952. He called attention to the fact that a good work week-end had been held at Nysted in May, plus the usual work shop and district camp. He noted that next year the work shop would not be held. Instead the district camp would be lengthened a day and some practical leadership training worked into the program. He urged parents to be helpful to our young people in carrying out the objectives of the organization.
  - 11) Chris Nelsen of Cordova, Nebraska, brought greetings from Pastor Haakon Jorgensen who is having serious difficulties with his eyes. Return greetings were sent by the district. Individuals were urged to send personal greetings and encouragement to Pastor Jorgensen.
  - 12) Pastor Charles Terrell, manager of the reading circle made his report. At the beginning of the year there were two dollars and ninety-five cents in the treasury of the circle. A total of twenty-eight dollars and fifty-five cents had been realized from the sale of books. Sixteen dollars and ten cents had been paid in by reading circle members. Expenses for books and postage amounted to forty-six dollars and seventy cents, leaving a balance of ninety cents. Eighteen members had read a total of eighteen books. Remarks were heard to the effect that most of the books had been unusually worthwhile. Pastor Terrell invited participation in the circle's benefits during the next year.
  - 13) Mr. L. C. Laugesen from Brush, Colorado, made brief remarks about Eben-Ezer Institute for the aged and infirm, including the large hospital which is also a part of this institution. He brought greetings and thanks from Rev. Andersen, the superintendent and Mr. B. P. Christensen, the business manager. He stressed the need for workers of all types at the institution.
  - 14) The district president was authorized to appoint a committee of three to revise the constitution of the district, bring it up to date, and make a report to next year's convention.
  - 15) A motion was made by Pastor Charles Terrell and seconded by Paul Nielsen to legally incorporate District VII of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and to set up articles of incorporation. That a meeting for incorporating District VII be held on October 10, 1953, at Marquette (Kronborg), Nebraska, at which time there shall be presented to the body electorate a draft of the proposed articles of incorporation for adoption,—and that notice of this meeting and its purpose shall be given by mailing a copy of this motion to member congregations, to be read by the president of each congregation to its members at the next congregational meeting following this date,—Sept. 27, 1952. Mr. Jess Nielsen from North Platte, Nebraska, is the attorney in charge of drawing up the Articles of Incorporation.
- In connection with the above motion it was de-

cided that the members of the district constitutional revision committee, plus the district board, should work with the attorney in revising the constitution and by-laws of District VII and coordinate same with the proposed articles of incorporation, to be presented to next year's convention.

- 16) Concerning the transfer of the Nysted Folk School property to the district. . . . It was decided that the boards of the two organizations confer to the end that the transfer made be made in a manner satisfactory to both parties.
- 17) Mr. L. C. Laugesen was re-elected district treasurer for a two year period, Pastor M. Mikkelsen was elected vice president and secretary for a corresponding length of time and Pastor Harris A. Jespersen was elected district president to serve out the unfinished one year term of Howard Christensen.
- 18) The 1953 convention will be held at Kronborg, Nebraska on the dates of October 9-10-11 of that year.
- 19) Mrs. L. L. Wind, Mrs. Otto Petersen and Mrs. Elmer Jacobsen were appointed as a committee of three to approve the minutes of the convention.
- 20) A rising vote of thanks was extended to the Denmark congregation and its pastor for friendliness and hospitality. No task had been too great or too small in the attempt of these good people to make our visit a pleasant one.
- 21) Mrs. Ed Mapes was appointed to the task of writing a summary of lectures and sermons, plus a description of any other vital and interesting factors relating to the convention.
- 22) A rising vote of thanks was extended to Pastor Howard Christensen and his family for the many years they have lived and worked in the district, and for the fine way in which Pastor Christensen conducted the business meeting.

Harris A. Jespersen, Sec.

## Sidelights From District VII

September 26-27-28, 1952

With Denmark, Kansas, as our destination, after driving several hours the sight of the unique stone church that stood on a hill in the distance, gave us a pleasant feeling. We knew that on arriving we would be welcomed with a friendly greeting and a warm handclasp. This held true when we heard the welcomes given the guests assembled Friday evening by Rev. S. Mogensen, resident pastor, and Mr. Sam Rasmussen, president of the local congregation. Rev. Mogensen added a touch of humor, when he related a story in which he said: "What we have is yours to use and if there is anything you feel in need of we will be happy to tell you how to get along without it." However the facilities were so very adequate that there was no need of anyone to request anything.

Friday afternoon an informal meeting was held of the pastors, some of the board members and other



interested individuals to discuss mutual problems. The main topic was the practical aspects of evangelism.

District president, Rev. Howard Christensen, had a greeting of welcome to all and spoke Friday evening on "What we Christians Believe."

Saturday morning Rev. Arnold Knudsen of Davey, Nebr., led the devotions and reminded those gathered that this meeting was similar to some of the early meetings of the early Christian church at the time of Peter and Paul. We were also reminded of our work and our blessings. The business session followed and continued through the afternoon. Mrs. M. Mikkelsen of Rosenborg, was elected the new district representative at a meeting of the W. M. S.

We gathered in the parish hall Saturday evening, at which time Rev. Harris Jespersen of Kronborg, Nebr., gave an interesting and comprehensive lecture on the "New Revised Standard Version of the Bible." He stated that one does not find salvation in only the reading of scriptures and that only by understanding can we better know what the Bible has to tell us. This helpful talk was appropriate at this particular time since it was the week of the first publication of this "New Revised Version."

Sunday morning two worship services were held in the church; at nine o'clock with Rev. Charles Terrell of Cozad, Nebr., in charge and at eleven o'clock with Rev. Marius Krog of Omaha, Nebr. Rev. M. Mikkelsen of Rosenborg, conducted communion services at ten o'clock. Sunday school was also held Sunday morning in the schoolhouse near by.

The afternoon session was held in the hall since seating capacity was more adequate. Rev. Eric Moller of Hay Springs, Nebr., spoke and his topic was "Humanity's Shortest and Wisest Creed." He pointed out how the sixty words of the Lord's Prayer could be interpreted as a Christian Creed.

Sunday evening following the supper hour many guests visited outdoors while others assembled in the church for a half hour of group singing until we met again at eight o'clock to hear Rev. Johannes Pedersen of Danevang, Texas. As a fitting climax to the convention he gave an inspiring lecture on "Christianity and its Influence." He stressed that there was a challenge for all of us, that we represent the best in ourselves as individuals; by this we in the Christian church would influence others to that which is good.

Following his lecture we heard comments and closing remarks by the pastors and others. Rev. Harris Jespersen, newly elected district president, invited all to be guests at the 1953 convention in Kronborg, Nebr., October 9-10-11.

The ladies added much to these delightful days by serving such delicious meals. The coffee served in the afternoon and after the close of the meetings was enjoyed a great deal and added much to the social aspects. The hall and the newly decorated kitchen had been made very attractive. There appeared to be a genuine enthusiasm on the part of all who had a share in making the days in Denmark, Kansas, so enjoyable. We returned home with rich memories of our visit.

Mrs. E. Mapes.

## Annual Convention

### IV

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The Committee on Publications reported to the convention on the various publications. When "Dannevirke" was discontinued, the Publication Committee met to consider the possibility of a Danish paper. In March "Kirke og Folk" came out in its first issue with Rev. Holger Strandskov as the temporary editor. It was to be a trial until the convention could take action on same. By convention time the paper was being sent to approximately 800 addresses.

The convention voted to continue "Kirke og Folk" and Rev. Paul Wikman of Ringsted, Iowa, was appointed by the Committee on Publications to be the editor of same. He was to take over the duties on October 1. Rev. Wikman has had previous experience as a journalist and will be well qualified to carry on in this new venture. The annual subscription price has been set at \$1.50.

The Findings Committee after consultation with the editor of "Lutheran Tidings" and the synodical treasurer presented the following:

"In view of the rising cost of printing, and the work involved in preparing and editing the list of acknowledgments for publication in LUTHERAN TIDINGS, the committee moves (a) that memorial gifts be listed quarterly in LUTHERAN TIDINGS, and (b) that only financial summaries be submitted for publication by the respective treasurers, and that the present usage of lists of acknowledgments be discontinued."

After some discussion, this matter was referred to the Committee on Publications.

"STORIES FROM OUR CHURCH" by Pastor Enok Mortensen was introduced to the synod convention by sale of the book throughout the several days we were together. Quite a number were sold, others were taken on consignment, etc. The Findings Committee recommended:

"That the book be used as reference and study book for confirmation classes, youth groups, and adult groups within the church."

The Archives Committee in reporting to the convention, stressed the need of further material for the archives, and also pictures and cuts which may be used for our various publications. The convention adopted the following statement:

"... pleased to note that the material gathered over a period of years is beginning to reveal its worth and usefulness, and the committee moves that the convention endorses the request of the archivist that more individuals and congregations send him cuts and pictures for the archives."

The DAYPL Reports to the convention submitted by Rev. W. Clayton Nielsen, DAYPL President and Rev. Harris A. Jespersen, Synodical Advisor, were challenging as well as informative. Upon recommendation from the Findings Committee, the convention voted the following statements on our Youth work:

1. "The committee looks upon the reports dealing with DAYPL as an excellent review of its activities, and considers

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# Our Women's Work

Editor

Mrs. Johanne Lillehøj, Kimballton, Iowa

## District V WMS Meeting At Askov, Minnesota

The Women's Mission meeting of District V was held in the spacious church of Askov, Minn., on Saturday afternoon, October 4 at 4:30 p. m., during the District Convention. Mrs. Alma Jorgensen, retiring district representative, opened the meeting. Correspondence from the national president was read as well as the constitution and rules for WMS. A very interesting personal letter from Miss Muriel Nielsen, missionary to India, to Mrs. Kildegaard was read by Mrs. Gudrun Hansen of Askov who is on the National Board of WMS. Some discussion, mostly of informative nature, about the work of WMS followed. Mrs. Gerda Duus was elected as district representative for the next three years.

After the business session, Mrs. Ardis Petersen, Askov, spoke briefly, yet timely, on St. Jerome's Latin Version of the Bible. She told how he had revised and corrected the Bible of that day, and had made it more readable by writing it in the common (vulgar) language of the day. Hence the name Vulgate. His work however was not appreciated in his own day, but became more and more appreciated as ages passed. She expressed the hope that the new RSV Bible will be received with more appreciation in our day than was St. Jerome's Version of 405.

Mrs. Saralice Petersen, Luck, then spoke briefly on "Women's Place In Church Work." She felt women should not accept the idea that "this is a man's world" but should strive for an equality of balance. Women should not strive to be men, but should serve to the fullest of our capacity as women. We must do more than keep the church going, as the Ladies' Aids have often been accredited, but should make our influence felt in our Sunday schools, Religious Education programs, and help educate our people in the full scope of the work of our church. People cannot be interested in what they know nothing about. A good place to start promotion is in our Ladies' Aids.

Both messages were well received by our women, and I feel that other meetings of WMS might follow the same idea of using our women as speakers at WMS district meetings. This is the second year the speakers have been of our own women.

A very generous collection, \$52.25, for WMS was received on Saturday evening, for which we are very grateful to all who contributed. We wish to thank Askov for being so good to us during our stay there. It was cold outside, but the warmth of their hospitality made up for the lack of sunshine.

Gerda Duus.

## Minutes Of District IV WMS Annual Meeting

September 20, 1952, Des Moines, Iowa

On September 20, 1952, at 7 p. m., at Luther Memorial church, Des Moines, Iowa, the Women's Mission Society of the IV District of the DELC opened its annual meeting by singing the hymn, "Hark! The Voice of Jesus Calling." The Secretary's minutes of the 1951 meeting held in Waterloo, Iowa, were read and approved.

In the 1951 minutes it was noted that the offering taken at that meeting was voted for the Cedarloo Home Mission project. To this date, however, this offering, which amounted to \$91.32, had not been called for or distributed.

The secretary then read a letter from Mrs. Ida Egede, president of our national WMS organization, expressing the hope that the united endeavor and Christian fellowship, which have been exhibited in the past, may continue to develop and grow. She indicated a confidence in the furtherance of the good work of serving the Lord.

Following the reading of this letter, our chairman noted that Mrs. Egede was in attendance at the meeting and she was invited to say a few words to the group. She spoke briefly emphasizing what she had set forth in her letter. She indicated that we must in every way concentrate our abilities and our gifts in strengthening the new fields which were now in the beginning stages and which need our help. All of this work should be in our hearts and our prayers during the coming year.

The chairman then read the national WMS treasurer's report. It included a list of money gifts that had been distributed during the year to various projects and organizations and indicated a balance of \$1,573.83.

The next item on the agenda was to decide on the distribution of the offering to be taken at this evening's meeting. The women decided that two-thirds of it be allocated to the Cedarloo and North Cedar projects and one-third to the Iowa Lutheran Welfare Society.

Brief reports were given on women's work in the various congregations by representatives who were present. Surely our women's organizations in District IV are alert to the abilities and strength of their various groups and much good will result in the future as in the past in the promotion of a richer and fuller life of Christian service.

Announcement was made that information regarding a workshop planned for October 17 and 18, 1952, would soon appear in Lutheran Tidings and we were

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# Paging Youth

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

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## An "Operations India" Program

Some time ago the St. Stephen's (Chicago) Young People's Society sponsored an "Operations India" program that other groups will probably find interesting and suggestive.

The Chicago society sought and received many helpful ideas from Miss Dagmar Miller, who for many years served as our missionary to the Santals.

The following excerpts from a letter written to Miss Miller by Ruth Jacobsen after the program had been presented give a good indication of what the program was like.

"The waitresses wore 'saris' of old sheets. I must confess that the drape was not the authentic one you demonstrated, for our teenagers were not convinced that it would work dependably without safety pins and would not venture forth without such social security. The meal consisted of the main dish of rice and curry, a salad of tomatoes, cucumber and cottage cheese, bread and butter, Danish dessert (which we renamed 'slub-gum' or something equally mystifying) and, I must confess, coffee and iced tea. Thus it was an American Indian supper but the girls in costume and the Indian dishes did add the touch. Also, we added celery sticks for eating, for those adventurous souls who would carry through the spirit of the thing despite the momentary handicaps.

"After the tables were cleared away the evening program started. We had a big map of India on a slightly raised platform, with a desk and chairs. The teacher introduced the setting. We had each looked in books, encyclopedias, etc., for information about travel, geography, history, literature and art of India, to give the whole setting of our mission work. In the program each 'student' told briefly what he had learned in his special interest project.

"The last part was a film in color showing the many faces of India, from Rajahs to the lepers and peasants, seen through the eyes of an Indian boy whose family becomes Christian, and who looks at his country and people and decides that the best way he can be true is to stay and work with and for them. This film, "Heart of India" is highly recommended and admirably suited our purpose.

"We were glad to send \$45-50 to the mission fund from this program. It really took a lot of work to get ready, but we are glad that we did."

Editor's note: Ye editor feels quite safe in saying that Miss Miller would undoubtedly be happy to help any other groups that might like to present such a program. Her address is 1517 Guthrie Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

## Great Plains District Camp And Convention

The Great Plains District camp and convention was held at Nysted, Nebraska, the week of August 19-26. It was a moderately successful meeting with 25-30 young people registered at various times during the period.

Camp activities included such things as devotional periods, crafts, sports, discussion, folk-dancing and singing.

The first meeting was held on Monday evening at the supper table. Convention activities took up a large part of Tuesday, while camp officially began on Wednesday morning and ended with Sunday dinner.

We must acknowledge the fact that without such leaders as Pastors, Howard Christensen, Erik Moller, Harris Jespersen, Charles Terrell and Arnold Knudsen, our camps could not be such well-planned, enjoyable times of fellowship. We thank them from our hearts.

Plans are now being made for an even better and we hope, bigger camp next year. We also hope to be able to extend the time a day or two.

We of the Great Plains District send greetings to the rest of DAYPLand.

Laverne Larsen, President,  
Great Plains District.

## DAYPLand Doin's

Five couples from the Withee YPL folk-dance group participated in the program of the Annual Conference sponsored by the American Country Life Association at Madison, Wisconsin on September 16. Seven couples, who are also members of the local 4-H club, won first place at the Wisconsin state fair at Milwaukee late in August. Fifteen couples also participated in exhibitions at local fairs in Owen and Withee.

Pastor Vincent Ligouri, of Portland, Maine, has been appointed advisor to the Associated Luther Leagues of Greater Portland.

Approximately 80 DAYPLers from Omaha, Kimballton, Newell, Des Moines and Oak Hill met at Oak Hill on October 5 for the second annual Fall Youth Festival. Volleyball, films, musical numbers, supper, folk-dancing, coffee and devotions were all included in the program.

## Last Call!!

When you read this it still may not be too late to make it to the DAYPL convention and workshop at Des Moines, Iowa, October 24-26. If you are a DAYPLer, or if you are just interested, this meeting is for you. We'd like to see you there so you had better get on the ball, pack your toothbrush, and head for Des Moines.

Cost? The cost for the entire meeting, Friday through Sunday, is \$5.50—yes, that's right, only \$5.50.



You'll have trouble if you try finding a better way to spend \$5.50—and a week-end.

Ooops!! Almost forgot—you will need a bit more than a toothbrush. If it is at all possible, you are asked to bring your own bedding.

If you read this on October 27 you have our sympathy, but, remember, this was the last call and not the first.

Well, that's all for now. Have to go have a talk with Micro (remember Micro C. Phalic). He's packing to go to Des Moines. Just caught him trying to include his mattress in a blanket roll. Don't know if I can convince him that bedding does not include mattresses.

## Annual Convention

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their basic ideas of young people's work as fully acceptable."

2. "... that additional emphasis be given to the need for the further expansion of youth work on the congregational level, including the possible need for work among older young people and especially young married couples."

3. "... that attempts be made to conduct our camps in conjunction with other Lutheran bodies, enabling both young people and leaders to participate in and contribute to camp experiences."

A vote of appreciation was given to the leaders of our Youth work, especially Rev. W. Clayton Nielsen and Rev. Harris A. Jespersen.

**Proposal No. 5** "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."

This was after a brief discussion referred to the Committee on Publications.

**Proposal No. 4** submitted by the congregation in Withee, Wis., was immediately referred to the Findings Committee on the Pension Board's Report. Later the Findings Committee endorsing the proposal of increased pensions submitted it to the convention floor. The motion was now before the convention to raise the pensions of a retired pastor and his wife to \$1,100 annually and a single pensioner to \$600. After a brief discussion, a motion was adopted to cut the proposed raise in half, making the pension respectively \$900 to a couple and \$500 to a single pensioner.

**The Santal Mission Committee** in its report to the convention stressed the need of further help to this Mission. The convention voted to encourage "more mission meetings in our local congregations—that, at least, one mission Sunday should be held annually and in so far as possible have a missionary present to address the meeting."

Greetings to our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Harald Riber and Miss Muriel Nielsen were voted by the convention.

**The Director on Evangelism** reported also for the Home Mission Council and submitted new suggested additions to the Home Mission Council Rules. The convention adopted these new suggested additions and the following statements were adopted:

1. "There is much to be desired in the work (of Evangelism) throughout our synod and we urge that more consecrated work be extended by all pastors, church councils, and church organizations to provide a broader church program which aims to minister to the total needs of man and his community."

2. "In harmony with the purpose of the large Evangelism conference in Minneapolis last January, the committee recommends that all our congregations seek to broaden their relationship with other Lutheran bodies within their given territory by occasional fellowship services and joint meetings of young people's groups, Ladies' Aids, Men's Clubs, etc."

**The Report on National Lutheran Council and its Allied Activities** was brought to the convention floor by the Findings Committee and the convention adopting the following:

1. "That we pledge ourselves to collect the goal of \$14,672.48 for Lutheran World Action this year, and \$13,155.07 in 1953."

2. "That we express our gratitude to T. G. Jensen and Sons for the magnificent gift of \$1,000 as an investment in the production of the Luther film."

3. "That we do all in our power to support ARK (American Relief to Korea) and the government technical assistance program."

**The Proposed Budget** as submitted by the synodical board to the convention, was adopted with the amendments which the convention had already voted. The total synodical budget voted for the 1953 year amounted to \$62,000.

The following motion was adopted:

"That the Committee on Liturgy prepare and introduce at the convention sessions next year a liturgical service suitable for use at morning devotions of convention and similar services of worship in our synod. The committee shall also give serious consideration to developing a memorial service to be used at each convention of synod."

As no invitations for next year's convention had been submitted, the convention adjourned.

P. S. One of the members of the Findings Committee on the Report of the Committee on Lutheran Church Relations has requested that we print the Report of the Findings Committee in order to give a complete picture of the discussion that followed at the convention. We gladly yield to this request, and we would have liked to print all Committee findings, but from experience know that this makes our L. T. all too long.

### Findings Of The Committee On Lutheran Church Relations

#### Introduction

- The committee is of the opinion that the proposed changes in our statement of confession are acceptable to most of our people.
- The committee is pleased to note that in case of affiliation with the ULCA the use of our own hymnal and rituals would be optional.
- The committee realizes that affiliation with the ULCA would increase our financial obligations.
- Our statistics for the last three decades speak their own solemn language. Numerically, we have made no discernable progress. The committee urges our young people's groups throughout the synod to discuss the subject of affiliation with the ULCA and to make their views known to their respective congregations and through **Lutheran Tidings** to the synod.

#### Motions

- The committee moves that the convention instruct the synodical Committee on Lutheran Church Relations to continue negotiations for affiliation with the ULCA, to prepare a complete plan for such affiliation, to present



the same to all of our congregations not later than March 1, 1953, and to submit this plan to the National Convention of our synod in 1953.

2. The committee appreciates very much the fine work done by the Committee on Lutheran Church Relations and moves that its reports be gratefully accepted.

It will be noted that the signature of Rev. K. Kirkegaard-Jensen is omitted below at his request.

Jens Christian Kjær, Chairman  
Edwin E. Hansen  
Aage H. Engelbreth

Kristian Jensen  
Ruth M. Herman  
Edward C. Jensen

## District V Convention

Frankly, the District V convention got off to a bad start. In the first place the weather Askov had ordered was terrible, although perhaps the wrong merchandise had been delivered, and in the second place, although the Friday afternoon session opened with devotion, welcome and opening business, much as at any convention, there occurred an oversight of a most serious nature. As the afternoon wore on, inquiring glances alternated between the important people up front and the door at the back, but no invitation to coffee was forthcoming! Our host offered some sort of lame excuse—after he had slipped next door to be revived by a cupful from his own kitchen. However, Pastor Ottar Jorgensen carried on bravely, as did the rest of us—there being no other choice—and we finished the day's session in good time, to hurry home eager to see what each individual hostess might have stewing—or brewing—in her kitchen.

After the evening meal things looked a little brighter. Hospitality still exists in Askov, we found, and from then on coffee flowed freely at most any hour. Although the weather remained cold and miserable out-of-doors, with the help of the coffee pot, all was warm and cheery within. The Askov ladies served us ham dinners, and turkey dinners, fine suppers—all accompanied by the most wonderful pickles. A delegate from Minneapolis suggested that as the ladies were so apt at making these pickled apples they could just as well make a jar for each lady present. Her husband thought it should be ripe cucumber pickles for all the men. Since they couldn't agree, nothing came of it, but next convention's hosts might take note and offer a door prize.

Business meetings are business meetings, although with interested delegates routine things are more quickly taken care of, and the controversial become much more interesting. It was felt that the increased number of delegates made this a better meeting as compared to former ones. A new district president, Harold (Askov) Petersen, and a new secretary, Axel Skov from Alden were elected, replacing Ottar Jorgensen, Minneapolis, and Ejnar Petersen, West Denmark. Most discussion centered around the ownership of the Young People's Home in Minneapolis, but that decision must rest until final action by the Young People's Society.

Most inspiring and most enjoyable at these yearly meetings are the privilege to be guests in the homes of neighbor church communities, and the opportunity to hear talks and sermons from our pastors and others.

We were treated royally in the Hjalmar (Vote Yes on No. 5) Petersen home, what with fine breakfasts and evening coffees with after coffee conversations far into the night, and I'm sure others fared equally well. It is possible to give only a few highlights from some of the talks. Ottar Jorgensen took as his theme the new "Revised Standard Version of the Bible" for which we have been waiting ever since the fine New Testament appeared some years ago. Clayton Nielsen spoke on "The Church and Its Young People," the gist of his message being that to make responsible young men and women you must give responsibility to the young people's groups, represent them on boards, send them to conventions, make them an integral part of the church. His talk was addressed to parents and adults as very few young people were present. On Sunday afternoon, Harald (West Denmark, Bone Lake) Petersen spoke on "Vocation or, Calling, and its Meaning to the Christian" using illustrative material from the Buffalo Lay Conference which was also reported at our national convention. Alfred Jensen, synod president, spoke on the pending name change of our synod. "Are we ready to move from our little house into a room in the mansion?" Some interesting pages from Danish history were called in to show that it was not a new thing for those of a Danish background to throw in their lot in a new country. The story of the Danish mission to Greenland and the development of the Virgin Islands offer food for thought and inspiration to all of us.

An interesting session was held Saturday afternoon—a discussion period, led by Chris Henriksen of Askov. The topic, "Problems of the Rural Church" seemed to center on the one problem of transfer of land ownership. Thoughts were expressed and incidents cited on what could happen if non-community-minded people settle in our rural areas; possible solutions were discussed—improvement, strengthening of the church community from within, also the need to know just who is buying the land. This discussion period seems a very good idea, and participation in it was fairly good, too.

The Women's Mission Society had the last "period" on Saturday and had to be squeezed into forty-five minutes. But it was possible to take care of a few business matters, elect a new district representative, Mrs. Vagn Duus, Alden, and to hear two short talks by Mrs. Harold Petersen and Mrs. Harald Petersen.

As Peter Rasmussen was unable to attend, the closing meeting consisted of several short talks, both apt and eloquent, and much singing.

One always meets a few old friends, also the usual number who know somebody who knows somebody; then there are those whom we have heard about and finally meet, also some surprises like the Vavere family, originally from Latvia, but now of the Askov community. Mrs. Vavere played for us on Sunday and teaches a large group of piano students; the whole family is quite musical. It was a fine week-end, and when the next opportunity arises to go to convention we'll surely grab it!

Bone Lake Delegate.



## The Danebod Harp

### IV

During the last few months when I have settled down to meditations, my thoughts have often centered at Danebod Folk School, because so many reports have come direct or through papers, telling of the deaths of so many of the old, faithful supporters of Danebod in the early days. Shortly before Christmas Wilhelm Schmitt, of Marinette, Wis., died, and I thought of the first winter when he was one of the cheerful, yet serious students. I believe he was a student at Ashland Folk School also. He visited Tyler and his daughter, Mrs. J. Rix, several times. And in that first year's class was also Anton Larsen of Tyler, who recently passed away. He was a faithful supporter through all the history of Danebod. Then came the report from Askov, Minn., of the death of Anton Gravesen, one of the early assistants on the teacher staff. And Fred Christensen and Poul Mouritzen of Dagmar, Mont. Though I was only about nine I always remembered Fred, he played the violin and was a fine gymnast. I remember his many fine articles in "Dannevirke." Also, lately, at Tyler died Niels Nielsen of one of the first classes, and "Old Jens Hansen" in the nineties, who was in the group that visited the colony on the famous trip to the island in Lake Benton, 1885. And lately Mrs. H. C. Strandskov (Sine Pedersen from Alden). A faithful "String." Again and again the last year has reminded us that the good, old faithful strings on the Danebod Harp are gradually wearing out. Many others could be mentioned from the last ten years or so; but the last half year or so has really reminded us that time is passing. Many others have also passed on and deserve mention, as they toiled faithfully and sang cheerfully with the pioneers in sunshine or rain through the early, trying years.

The inspiration gained through the life in Danebod Folk School and the Church, can best be measured in the lives of the attendants; for that which has nourished our lives seems to blossom and bear fruit on memories pages.

MEMORY'S PAGES WE SHALL TREASURE,  
FOR OF LIFE THEY ARE A MEASURE.

With greetings to the few survivors of the olden days.

### V

After writing No. IV of this series, I was refreshingly reminded that many strings are still left on the old Danebod Harp. At the Folk Meeting last week in August this year, there were a number of former students from the 1904 session for girls. One picture was taken with seven, I was told. There is still something in memory's pages that draw these students back to Danebod.

On the Monday after the meeting Mrs. Victor Jensen (Sine Mikkelsen, class 1904), invited all the students and two teachers out to her beautiful home for coffee. Here the visiting former students as well as many local students of 1904 enjoyed a very pleasant

visit. Much of the conversation, of course, centered about the experiences of 1904. A question often asked "Do you remember this and that? The classes, students, and even the teachers. Where are they now? What are they doing? etc. and etc."

A special greeting was written by Sigrid Ostergaard to Mrs. Th. Knudsen in Denmark, and signed by the student with a short remark or greeting. The idea was well taken, and may it cheer Mrs. Th. Knudsen in her old age to feel that she had won a place in the hearts and memories of the class of 1904.

A delicious lunch was served by Sine, consisting of Danish buns, and various cakes, etc., all on Danish dishes, with Danish silverware. Oh what a treat! Some husbands were present and shared the treat.

Then all gathered in the larger room again and a number of Danish songs were sung reminding us of the songs at Danebod 48 years ago. Yes, forty-eight years! But it did not seem that long and it did not sound "that old"; for we were all young again in spirit. Several made short remarks, reminding us of a happy summer. It did not seem like forty-eight years had passed. They all seemed so happy and young in spirit. On request, I made a few remarks, centered about a little verse, which may summarize my thoughts.

"A setting sun in clouds of rose,  
An autumn tree in leaves of gold:  
May YOU wear loveliness like these,  
WHEN YOU GROW OLD."

A suggestion was made to meet again to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary. We hope to do so, at least in our "MEMORY'S WREATH."—Let us weave with "leaves of gold."

Greetings to all.

Sigurd Pedersen.

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urged to plan to reserve those dates and attend the meetings.

There being no further business, the business meeting was adjourned.

At 8 p. m., the general meeting of the WMS was opened. The opening hymn was "Thy Life Was Given For Me," then followed a reading from the Scriptures from I Corinthians 12: verses 1-12 and a prayer by the Reverend Holger Jorgensen of Des Moines. George Bruner, choir director at Luther Memorial Church, sang two solos, namely, "The Beautitudes" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Prior to Richard Sears' report on the two new mission projects, Reverend Jorgensen read a poem entitled "Challenge" by Helen Bailey-Bates.

Mr. Sears explained the Cedarloo and North Cedar projects and stressed the need for support. It is evident that equipment, books and personnel are all necessary. Ministerial assistance for the two areas has been temporarily arranged whereby two senior students from GVC seminary will come to Cedar Falls two days per week and serve in visitation and contact



work and will conduct Sunday school and church services each Sunday.

Reverend Jorgensen then introduced the Reverend Paul Boe, executive secretary of the Iowa Lutheran Welfare Society, the speaker for the evening. He began by mentioning the similarity of our two new mission projects to a project which he had worked in West Ames before assuming his present position.

He stressed that home missions are basic to the life of a church and in its extension of the Kingdom of God in our country. He said that we should be kindled with the cause of Christ and the salvation of man. Further that we need to have this larger vision to inspire greater zeal and consecration in our daily living. He emphasized that we should not look on these mission projects as a duty to support but rather as a privilege, a sacred privilege which is ours to share with others the many fine spiritual values we ourselves have experienced in our own church life.

Reverend Boe said that mission work is a work of mercy and welfare and that it is his experience that a whole district as well as a particular area benefits from work well done far beyond normal expectations. It not only affords an opportunity to strengthen our own spiritual life but also is an aid to guide our living that we may be a help to deepen the faith of our fellowmen.

He mentioned that John said, "We love, because He first loved us." This should, in Rev. Boe's words, be the first real Christian motive for Christian service. Then too there must be love and concern among Christian people for those in need and sorrow we must go forward if we expect to claim God's blessing. "Lutheran World Action," he said, "is an organization that brings the hand of God to those in need." Lutheran Christian people must be concerned that the love of Jesus Christ be carried into the realm of the unfortunates. The Lutheran Welfare Society is a child-caring agency dealing with foster homes for children, with children taken from unfit homes, and with children left by broken homes, etc. The Society deals more particularly with the interests of children, although it also ministers to unwed mothers, looks into the field of adoption, and supervises children in homes for treatment. The organization attempts as far as possible to minister to families in need. Through working with children, the Society has an opportunity to learn of families who are in trouble. Rev. Boe stated that the organization ministers to between 400-600 children each year. He expressed the need for our prayers and our support in any way possible for the Lutheran Welfare Society.

It was an inspiration to listen to Reverend Boe, to hear the prayers and the fine music that had been provided and to feel the fellowship which existed.

Then followed the offering, amounting to \$130, after which Reverend Jorgensen made announcement of the Sunday meetings.

We closed this meeting with singing the hymn, "Now The Day Is Over." Reverend Jorgensen lead us in prayer and pronounced the benediction.

Jessie Juhl, Sec. pro tem.

## *A Call to Christian Stewardship*

### **The Essence Of Stewardship**

Christian Stewardship is the practice of the Christian religion. It is neither a department of life nor a sphere of activity. It is the Christian conception of life as a whole, manifested in attitudes and actions. In very simple and plain form this is set forth as a practical exhortation in Paul's letter, I Corinthians 10:31, "So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, let it be all done for the glory of God." The purpose of the whole life of the Christian is to glorify God, and nothing in life is foreign to that purpose, not even the most common place things in the routine of daily life.

The essence of Christian stewardship is found in the hearty acceptance of the true relationships of the Christian:

**The Christian is God's child.** The highest of all personal relationships is that to God. The Christian is God's child. He belongs to God's family. He is so closely identified with God's will that he has no purpose in life that does not contribute to his supreme purpose to please God.

God is glorified only as His perfect will is fulfilled. The fulfillment of God's will involves the whole of man's life. This is the inclusive meaning of Christian stewardship.

**The Christian is a brother.** The relationship of the Christian to his fellowman is determined by his relationship to God. To the Christian every other Christian is a brother, in the great family of God, and every other human being is capable of becoming a brother. God's will that all should become His children, and brothers to each other, is revealed to the Christian with God's commission that he win those who are outside the family of God. The Christian relationship to his fellow man, therefore, is that of brotherhood, in which the positive purpose to serve determines contacts and conduct. In it there is no place for selfishness in any form. Here Christian stewardship seeks maximum service through the use of all resources.

**The Christian is a trustee.** The relationships of the Christian to God and to his fellow man determine his relationship to things—material possessions. The Christian regards all possessions as means to be used for the glory of God. He does not claim ownership, but possession under trusteeship.

His relationship to things is responsibility for their use. Strictly speaking, he never gives anything to or for God, but simply distributes what belongs to God.

**The Christian and his Church.** The Church is the only divinely designed channel through which the Lord's work in the world is executed. Through the



Church, God's calls come to every Christian for service and in those calls he finds all necessary directions for the administration of his trust.

No one can be a true Christian steward who is not wholeheartedly identified with the Church. The whole program of the whole Church is the constant concern of the individual Christian steward.

By Dr. Walton Harlowe Greever.

## Greetings From Across The Sea

We have been in Denmark three weeks now and it seems like three years because of the many things we have experienced and the many people we have met. When we left Tyler there were neighbors and friends everywhere waving goodbye; in Minneapolis Norval drove us to the airport and there were Paul and Milda and Roger and little Marie; in New York even there were friends to wave goodbye: Arild and Elsie Olsen saw us off and we were in the air before we knew it. It was a wonderful experience to fly across the sea. The flight was smooth and most of the passengers slept soundly. I was too excited and did not sleep all night. The only drawback about flying to Denmark is that you get there too fast. There is no time to adjust yourself to the astonishing fact that you are really in Denmark. We had made an unscheduled stop at Hamburg and reached Denmark at Lolland and Falster, then over Sjælland low enough to be able to see houses and even people, but before we knew it we were at the big airport outside Copenhagen. My sister and her family were there to meet us in a modest Studebaker which in comparison with the small cars here seemed the height of wealth and luxury, and which the Danes somewhat enviously call a "dollargrin."

I had been told that my lecture schedule was to begin two weeks later which would give me time to rest up and get my bearings, but I was compelled to begin speaking only a few days later and I have been on the run ever since. I am writing this from Taars, in the comfortable parsonage of Rev. and Mrs. Evald Kristensen and so far I have given a dozen lectures in less than three weeks and they have been all over Denmark: Copenhagen, Lolland, Varde, and Taars. We are traveling constantly and forever packing and unpacking suitcases and running after trains that are too crowded. Oh, for a comfortable big, blue Buick!

But it has been a lot of fun. I was interviewed over the radio and by all the reporters from the major Copenhagen newspapers—except "Land og Folk" which is Communist! Most people have been very friendly. We have met some hostility toward America. No one loves the person to whom one is indebted, but on the whole we have found that people are grateful toward America and anxious to hear what America really is like and what our intentions are. They are especially interested in the coming election because they realize that their fate is tied to America and the policy that we pursue. People are not hysterical but go about their daily tasks much as we do, but they also know that Denmark is in a precarious situation in case of war. It was strange last week to sit in my sister's garden on the shores of Øresund. The Sound was filled with white sails

on the blue waters and the sun was shining. But a grey battleship patrolled the shores as part of the big maneuvers that are being held. As I write this in northern Jutland, the jet planes are thundering overhead in a mock defense of northern Europe.

I have spoken mostly at fall meetings such as the one we have at Danebod. People still attend lectures and they sing as much as ever, though many of the songs are new to us. We have met many interesting people. It is touching to meet Danish-Americans everywhere. They live here but they never forget America. We were guests of Mrs. Eugenie Anderson at a dinner party in her lovely home, Rydhave close to Copenhagen. She is a most charming person and she has endeared herself to the Danish people more than any other American. If we had more people like her all over the world the future would look brighter. I took the liberty of inviting her to speak at our Fourth of July festival at Danebod next summer if she is home in Minnesota, and she seemed interested. She could not give me a definite answer as yet but I shall ask her again!

We have been happy to hear from many of our Tyler people, and at times we wish we were back home. It was fun to meet Ida and Alfred Larsen and we almost wished that we could have left with them, but I have a job to do over here which I feel is of some importance. There has never been a time when it was more essential that we understand one another all over the world. We send our very best greetings to all of you. I am not quite sure when we shall return, but we look forward more than ever to Christmas Eve when we hope to see all of you once more. May God bless and keep all of you.

Venlig Hilsen,

Nanna and Enok Mortensen.

The above greeting appeared in the "Danebod Hilsen" and was evidently written to the people of the Tyler congregation, but we feel that it will be of interest to the readers of "Lutheran Tidings."—Editor.

## Minneapolis Site Of NLC Workshop

Minneapolis—(NLC)—A Public Relations Workshop was held at Northwestern Theological Seminary here on October 6-7, sponsored by the Division of Public Relations of the National Lutheran Council.

Speakers at the two-day session included Willmar Thorkelson, religion editor of the Minneapolis Star, whose subject was, "The Pastor and His Relation to the Newspaper."

Dr. Reuben Youngdahl, pastor of Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church here, and Ray Ewald, prominent Augustana Lutheran layman, discussed the topic, "Public Relations Outside the Congregation;" the Rev. Theodore Heimarck, pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, spoke on "Public Relations in the Congregation;" and Robert Lee of radio station WCAL discussed "The Church in Radio and TV."

Other speakers were Dr. Joseph Simonson, executive secretary of the NLC's Division of Public Relations, and Erik Modean, secretary of the Council's News Bureau.



## OUR CHURCH

**Rev. Arnold Knudsen, Davey, Nebr.**, has accepted a call from the congregation in Nysted, Nebraska, and will according to present plans move there in April.

**Oak Hill, Iowa**—Harvest Festival was observed on Sunday, October 12, Dr. Ernest D. Nielsen, president of Grand View College was the guest speaker.

**Waterloo, Iowa**—The Ladies' Aid of the St. Ansgar's Church will entertain women from the Cedar Falls and Freds-ville churches on Wednesday, October 29, at a 1 o'clock luncheon. A Mission speaker is scheduled for the program.

The "Share the Work; Share the Joy" program is again in full action in the St. Ansgar's Church. The several committees appointed include all members of the congregation.

**A Lutheran Reformation Festival** sponsored by the Lutheran Churches of the National Lutheran Council of the Chicago area, will be held on Sunday, Nov. 2, in the Medinah Auditorium, 600 North Wabash Ave., Chicago. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry will be the speaker and Dr. Olaf Christiansen, Director of the nationally famous St. Olaf Choir, will direct a combined choir from the various Lutheran churches of the Chicago area.

**Freds-ville, Iowa**—Youth Sunday was observed in the Freds-ville church on Sunday, October 12. The service in general was conducted by the young people.

**Kimballton, Iowa**—The Friendship Circle of the Kimballton Church entertained guests from the Des Moines and Omaha churches on Wednesday, October 15 at a 1 o'clock luncheon. More than 60 women from the two churches came in two chartered buses to spend the day in Kimballton. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jeppesen of Homer, Nebraska. Mrs. Jeppesen spoke to the ladies on the topic: "Women's Work in the United Lutheran Church," and related especially her experiences at the triennial Conference for the women of the ULCA recently held at Philadelphia, Pa., which she attended as one of the Nebraska delegates. Mr. Louis Jeppesen, who is a former State Senator of the Nebraska State Legislature and a member of the Nebraska State Fair Board was interviewed by Mrs. Marietta Strandskov. Mr. and Mrs. Jeppesen were chosen last spring as the Ak-Sar-Ben's Champion 'Good Neighbors', and a full front page picture appeared on the June 22nd edition of the Sunday World Herald Magazine, featuring Mr. and Mrs. Jeppesen, a grandson and two D. P.'s children who have found their home with this family. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jeppesen were members and leaders of the small Danish congregation at Homer, Nebr.

Later, after the small church had twice been taken by flood waters from its foundation, the small group of Danes merged with the ULCA congregation in Homer.

**Rev. B. A. Helland**, former missionary to Santalistan, India, recently resigned from his services under the American Board of the Santal Mission to enter the service of the Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis.

Rev. and Mrs. Helland first went to India in 1926. They worked one full term and a short term at Kaerabani, where Helland was superintendent of the boy's school, where Harald and Mary Riber are now located. During the time of the Second World War they were in America, and Pastor Helland spent much of his time in the field in the interest of the Mission. Most of the time he served as Secretary-Treasurer of the American Board and as editor of The Santal Missionary. After the war they returned to India, and Pastor Helland was elected secretary with headquarters at Dumka. It became his task to receive and guide a large staff of new missionaries and to help to organize the Ebenezer Evangelical Lutheran Church in India. They returned to the U. S. about four years ago, and since then Pastor Helland has traveled considerably speaking in the interest of the Santal Mission.

### Itinerary

Dr. Alfred Jensen, president of the Danish Lutheran Church of America, will visit District IX and address the congregations the following dates:

Junction City, Oregon—Oct. 23-24.  
Tacoma, Washington—Oct. 26.  
Enumclaw, Washington—Oct. 28.  
Seattle, Washington—Oct. 29.  
Wilbur, Washington—Oct. 30-31.

Jens C. Kjær.

### Church Workers' Conference

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
GREENVILLE, MICHIGAN

October 31-November 2, 1952

#### Program

Friday, October 31:

6:00 p. m. Supper  
7:00 p. m. Registration  
7:00 p. m. Committee Meetings  
8:00 p. m. Informal Devotional Meeting, Rev. James N. Lund, Manistee

9:00 p. m. Fellowship-Refreshments

Saturday, November 1:

9:00 a. m. Devotions. Rev. Edwin Hansen, Muskegon  
10:00 a. m. Panel Discussion: "What is the responsibility of the local Church Council to the total Religious Education Program of the congregation?"  
Panel: Members from various congregations. Intro-

ductory: Rev. Howard Christensen, Des Moines, Iowa  
Moderator: Rev. Harry Andersen, Marlette

12:00 Noon Dinner

1:30 p. m. A Model Sunday School Session (At Big Settlement Church, Gowen). A Sunday School Hour, with Class Demonstration of a Class in each Department, Opening and closing service, etc. Children from local church participating.

2:30 p. m. Discussion of practical problems.

3:00 p. m. Coffee time, recess.

1:30 p. m. Lecture and discussion period of church officers (Trinity church) "How Can The Church Council Most Effectively Help The Pastor in His Work?", Rev. John Enselmann, Grayling.

3:00 p. m. Coffee time, recess.

4:00 p. m. "Echoes From the Church Women's Conference at Des Moines" (Settlement church) Mrs. Holger Holm, Greenville and Mrs. Alice Bolhuis, Muskegon, District Representatives at the Conference.

4:00 p. m. Lecture and discussion for council members (Trinity church) "Why Not The Tithe?" Rev. Peter Thomsen, Greenville.

6:00 p. m. Supper time.

7:30 p. m. Lutheran World Action film, Rev. John Christensen, Ludington. Music, etc.

Sunday, November 2:

11:00 a. m. Worship service at St. John's Lutheran Church, North Sidney. Rev. Howard Christensen, preaching. Emphasis: "Religious Education."

12:00 a. m. Potluck dinner. Visiting guests invited to stay.

Cost will be kept at a minimum. Register with Mrs. Clifford Carlsen, 115 South Lafayette, Greenville. Specify how and when you will arrive and who will be with you.

### Acknowledgement Of Receipts From the Synod Treasurer

For the month of September, 1952

Toward the Budget:

Congregations:	
Askov, Minn. ....	\$ 56.40
Montcalm Co., Mich. ....	200.00
St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill. ....	50.00
Racine, Wis. ....	255.00
Wolters Corner, Wis. ....	44.00
Brooklyn, N. Y. ....	200.00
Clinton, Iowa ....	100.00
Waterloo, Iowa ....	75.00
Hartford, Conn. ....	150.00
Tacoma, Wash. ....	26.00
Omaha, Nebr. ....	90.00
St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill. ....	200.00



Los Angeles, Calif. ....	185.00
Withee, Wis. ....	404.15
<b>Annual Reports</b> .....	62.80
<b>Pension Fund:</b>	
Congregations:	
Omaha, Nebr. ....	10.00
Withee, Wis. ....	10.00
<b>Pastor's Dues:</b>	
Rev. V. Larsen .....	15.00
Rev. H. Strandkov .....	52.32
<b>Old People's Home, Tyler:</b>	
Congregation: Tyler, Minn. ..	20.00
Previously acknowledged .....	\$25,219.26

Total to date .....	\$27,424.93
<b>Received for Items Outside of Budget:</b>	
For Cedarloo Home Mission	
Project, Dist. III Conven-	
tion .....	\$ 57.80

In memory of Mrs. Thomas	
Nielsen and Mrs. Hille-	
brandt, St. Stephen's, Chi-	
cago, St. Stephen's Ladies'	
Aid, Chicago, Ill. ....	10.00

**Lutheran World Action and Relief:**

<b>Congregations:</b>	
Dwight, Ill. ....	38.00
Marquette, Nebr. ....	288.75
St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill. ....	17.00
Racine, Wis. ....	121.11
Wolters Corner, Wis. ....	17.85
Askov, Minn. ....	250.00
Hartford, Conn. ....	125.00
Volmer, Mont. ....	9.00
Withee, Wis. ....	275.29
Solvang, Calif. ....	50.00
Previously acknowledged .....	5,082.47

Total to date .....	\$ 6,274.47
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**Eben-Ezer:**

<b>Congregations:</b>	
Alden, Minn. ....	35.75
Exira, Iowa ....	13.75
Denmark, Kan., for hospital	31.00
Tyler, Minn. ....	65.12
Solvang, Calif. ....	47.06

**Church Extension:**

In memory of Mrs. Thomas	
Nielsen, Cong., St. Stephen's,	
Chicago, Ill. ....	5.00
Friend in St. Stephen's, Chi-	
cago, Ill. ....	24.00
Women's Mission Society ....	305.09

Respectfully submitted,  
The Danish Evangelical Lutheran  
Church of America.

Charles Lauritzen, Treas.

**Santal Mission****Contributions for September, 1952****Toward General Budget:**

Our Savior's S. S., Convention	
Sunday, Omaha, Nebr. ....	\$ 8.75
Axel Olsens, Perth Amboy,	
N. J. ....	25.00
Clarence Fonnesbeck, Luding-	
ton, Mich. ....	1.00
Rev. John Christensen, Luding-	
ton, Mich. ....	15.00
Mrs. Anna White, Ludington,	
Mich. ....	15.00
Peter Nielsens, Tyler, Minn. ....	5.00
Ladies' Aid, Roscommon, Mich. ....	5.00
District IV, Des Moines, Iowa	100.00
St. John's Sunday School, Eas-	
ton, Calif. ....	22.24

Mrs. M. Mathisen, Mpls., Minn.	5.00
Trinity Luth. L. Aid, Victory,	
Mich. ....	25.00
Bethany Sunday School, Sol-	
vang, Calif. ....	20.00
J. Haue, Minneapolis, Minn. ....	10.00
Dagmar Miller, Des Moines, Ia.	10.00
In memory of O. C. Olsen,	
Omaha, Nebr., Mrs. C. Clau-	
sen and C. F. Frederiksen,	
Omaha ....	4.00
In memory of Axel Rasmussen,	
Cordova, Nebr., Chr. Nelsons	5.00
In memory of Mrs. Louis Hem-	
mingsen, Alden, Minn., Rev.	
Holger P. Jorgensens, Des	
Moines, Iowa ....	3.00
In memory of Rev. Bundgaard,	
by Axel Olsens, Perth Am-	
boy, N. J. ....	10.00
Ivar Andersen, Diamond	
Lake, Minn., and Rev. Ron-	
ald Jespersens ....	4.00
In memory of Mrs. Peter Jacob-	
sen, Hampton, Iowa, by	
Friends ....	9.00
In memory of Mrs. Carl Han-	
sen, Milltown, Wis., by	
Friends of West Denmark	
and Milltown, Wis. ....	7.00
In memory of Søren Jensen,	
Alden, Minn., by Alden	
neighbors and friends ....	41.50
In memory of Stine Andersen,	
Los Angeles, Calif., by Im-	
manuel's Congregation, L. A.,	
Calif. ....	5.00
<b>Toward Ribers' and Muriel Nielsen's</b>	
<b>work:</b>	
Clifford Andreasens and And-	
reas Petersens, Mpls., Minn.	5.00

**Towards Leper Work:**

Friendship Circle picnic, Los	
Angeles, Calif. ....	8.50

**Toward a Child's Keep:**

Badger Sunday School, S. D. ....	15.00
Total for September .....	383.99
Total since January 1 .....	\$5,179.13

For all these gifts is extended a hearty thank you. May we all generously consider the difficulty brought about through the absence of anticipated 150,000 Rupees formerly realized from tea sales, annually.

With kindest greetings,

Dagmar Miller.

1517 Guthrie Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.

**NEWS BRIEFS****PRESIDENT NAMES DR. GULLIXSON TO COMMISSION ON IMMIGRATION**

Washington, D. C. — (NLC) — Dr. Thaddeus F. Gullixson, president of Luther Theological Seminary at St. Paul, Minn., has been named to a special seven-member Commission on Immigration and Naturalization created by President Truman.

A councillor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to the National Lutheran Council since 1943, Dr. Gullixson is chairman of the supervisory committee of its Lutheran Resettlement Service, which in the past four years has resettled more than 36,000 displaced persons in the United States. He is also chairman of the Minnesota Commission

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on the Resettlement of Displaced Persons, set up by Federal Judge Luther Youngdahl when he was governor of the state.

Appointment of the commission, which will study U. S. immigration and naturalization policies and make recommendations for their revision, was announced by the President on Sept. 4.

The naming of Dr. Gullixson to the commission was hailed in New York by Dr. C. E. Krumbholz, executive secretary of the NLC's Division of Welfare, which has responsibility for the Lutheran Resettlement Service.

"The appointment by President Truman of Dr. T. F. Gullixson is a matter of great satisfaction to the Lutheran Church," Dr. Krumbholz said. "Dr. Gullixson is well equipped for service on this non-partisan committee of outstanding citizens. He has taken a deep interest in the DP and refugee program for the past five years.

"Because of his concern for homeless and dispossessed people, he was appointed chairman of the Minnesota Displaced Persons Commission. He performed outstandingly on this commission. His wise counsel and deep spiritual insights into the problems of new immigrants enabled him to make a valuable contribution to the national program.

"It was for this reason that he was appointed chairman of the supervisory committee of the Lutheran Resettlement Service of the National Lutheran Council. Here again his leadership has been of invaluable assistance in guiding the committee and the staff of the Lutheran agency. He has been instrumental in making this service the successful operation it has been."

## HANNOVER, GERMANY

Stewardship and Evangelism presented the following resolution: "That this Hannover Youth Convention ask the Lutheran World Federation to further this mutual benefit by establishing a program of youth exchange whereby it would become possible for Lutheran young people to observe at close range the church and congregational life of another country by serving as a full-time worker either as parish worker, pastor's assistant, deacon, or deaconess, or some other way for one year, this exchange to be financed by the LWF."

Women in the Church: "Women are now being thrust from the protected environment of the home into public life and the secular world. The exterior demands upon her as a Christian have grown considerably; it is therefore, not enough that she have Christian training just through the confirmation period but that something be done to aid her in spiritual knowledge and growth all her life."

World Wide Church: "Of particular concern to us is the wanton destruction of basic human rights and freedoms by rulers and parties which refuse to recognize their origin in and derivation from God's eternal will and order. Human rights are inalienable and do not depend upon the promiscuous whims of power-mad rulers."

The reports go back now to the countries represented, carried by the delegates, 346 of whom had come from North and South America; 296 from Scandinavia; 125 from the minority churches; and 554 from Germany. The countries were represented as follows: Australia, 4; Austria, 24; Belgium, 1; Brazil, 6; Canada, 13; China, 1; Denmark, 12; Estonia, 5; Finland, 18; France, 27; Great Britain, 10; Holland, 26; India, 4; Italy, 3; Japan, 1; Latvia, 3; Lithuania, 2; Madagascar, 1; Norway, 88; South Africa, 1; Sweden, 178; Switzerland, 3; Tanganyika, 3; U. S. A., 327; Germany, 558.

President of the Youth Convention was the able Dr. Marcus Rieke, youth

director of the American Lutheran Church. The Vice Presidents were Pastor Adolph Wischmann of Germany, Miss Kai Sasaki of Japan, and Dr. Ruth Wick of the United States. The convention manager, Pastor Sprengel of Germany was assisted by David Lovgren of Sweden and Otto Bremer of the U. S. A. Pastor Ruemann, Pastor Gilbertson and William Lazareth of the United States were valuable coordinators for the discussion topics.

In the newspaper which came out during the convention, the meeting was likened to a ship. But the ship must keep on sailing after the separation after Hannover. The sure compass is the Word of God. Only with this Guide will the Youth Convention bear fruit.

## 7,000 LUTHERAN REFUGEES RESETTLED IN NEW YORK

New York—(NLC)—Seven thousand Lutheran displaced persons and ethnic German refugees have been resettled in the metropolitan area of New York, it was announced here by Dr. Ambrose Hering, head of the Lutheran Welfare Council of New York.

The Council's Resettlement Committee, he reported, placed 3,586 refugees or one tenth of all those brought to this country by Lutheran Resettlement Service in New York City, Long Island and Westchester county. About 4,000 others immigrated under auspices of other agencies or moved to New York from other areas of the United States.

## Solvang Lutheran Home

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