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BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH, BADGER, SOUTH DAKOTA

I Want the Church Around

You are in revolt — you hate the church's narrowness and sectarianism; and so do I. But I know more about the church than you do, because I live with her all the time. In the darkest places on this planet, where otherwise humanity would be helpless and sodden, you will find hospitals, schools and spiritual agencies. They are put there by the Church.

No other organization has thought of such service in those desperate corners of the earth except the Church and the men and the women whom the Church has sent there. Show me an organization that can duplicate our Careys, Morrisons, Schweitzers, General Booths and others like them, who have gone where life is darkest,

where need is deepest, where work is hardest, before you ask me to give up the Church.

Do you want a man to sink his life in an Indian jungle or a slum in New York, or to run a hospital in Alaska? Do you want a man of culture and a fine education to do it without hope of earthly reward, no money except a bare existence, no comfort in an inhospitable situation? Where will you find that man?

You will look to the Church. The noblest men and women I have known have had their roots in the Church. When my children grow up I want the Church around them. I wish it were better than it is; but even so, I want it for my children.

—Harry Emerson Fosdick.

The Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church Of Badger, South Dakota, And Its Origin

In the year of 1889, The Danish Evangelical Lutheran congregation in Badger township, Kingsbury county, in South Dakota, was organized. This congregation consisted of four Districts, namely: Northwest (near Bryant) Southwest (near Erwin), Northeast (four miles northwest of Badger) and the Southeast (three miles east of Badger). The board of this congregation consisted of members of the four districts, each having their own place of worship with services every-other Sunday. The congregation purchased 40 acres of land, four miles northwest of Badger, where a parsonage was built. All the Districts were to help uphold same. After 20 some years the District near Erwin was discontinued; later their church was sold. By 1925 the Bryant District had discontinued and the few remaining faithful members came to the Northeast District. The two Districts (now Badger and Lake Norden) saw the need for English services and in 1926 called Rev. M. Krog, who could speak both languages. In the year of 1930 the Southeast church was moved into Badger as we felt it could serve its purpose better there. In 1942 it was decided that a full basement was needed for social gatherings. After the church was raised off its foundation and the basement excavated, a windstorm struck our little church and tipped it on end into the basement. There were sad faces as the news spread the following day when all came to see our twisted and damaged church.

I know some thoughts were, "Let's leave it there," as it all seemed so hopeless. This church, once before had been in the path of a tornado, which twisted it off the foundation. We were so few members and it was a big undertaking to make a full basement and now to raise the church again and repair it. We were fortunate to have someone who had the courage to start soliciting and before the day was over a large sum was collected and courage renewed. The church was raised, repaired and full basement made. Through the years the Ladies' Aid has made good use of the basement, sharing fellowship and serving monthly suppers to help finance many improvements in our church.

In the year of 1953 it was voted to dissolve the original congregation, which through the years had become known as The Pioneer Evangelical Lutheran; thus making two new congregations. Neither one was to continue as the old congregation or carry the original name. It was voted to sell the parsonage and the 40 acres of land, the proceeds to be divided equally between the two groups and a parsonage to be established at Badger.

The Badger congregation adopted the name, Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church of Badger, S. D., and has purchased a parsonage, where Rev. Gordon Miller and family now reside. At the 1954 National Convention at Cedar Falls, Iowa, we were accepted as a member of The American Evangelical Lutheran Synod. (Picture on front cover)

Correspondent.

A PLACE OF PRAYER

The Arabs have a beautiful legend about the temple area. They say it was a threshing floor owned by two brothers. After a division of the corn, when both were sleeping there, the elder one, who was married, awoke and reasoned thus: "After such a plentiful harvest I am indeed rich, having not only wife and children, but more than enough corn to supply their needs, whereas my poor brother has neither wife nor child to cheer his loneliness. At least I can give him a bigger share of corn"; and so he removed a quantity of his own heap to that of his brother's.

When the younger awoke soon after and looked at his share of the harvest, he said to himself: "What shall I do with all this corn? I have no one to help me eat it, and there is more than enough for me. My brother has a wife and family and ought therefore to have a larger share, so I will give him some of mine now."

In the morning, both were surprised to see their corn as they had left it the night before; but later on, a prophet appeared and told them what had passed in the night, and that God, who knew of their kindly, brotherly feeling, had decided to make their threshing floor a place of prayer for all the world.

—Religious Digest.

THE PLUS SIGN

When Dr. J. Harry Cotton's small daughter saw a cross on an altar for the first time, she asked her mother, "What's the plus sign doing on that table?"

That is a significant meaning of the cross. It tells us that no matter what we are called upon to face or endure, always there is added to our power the abiding presence of God — a man plus God meeting all of life's contingencies.

Faith Is A Flame

Early man learned that by kindling a fire by night he could keep the beasts of prey at bay. Succeeding generations have learned that by keeping faith burning brightly it is possible to banish fear and doubt.

But let the fire die down and the beasts creep closer, the rising and waning of the flame the measure of their boldness.

Charles A. Wells has wisely observed that many people are finding no rest today, no peace or security of mind because the fire has died down and their inner life is filled with the mutterings and growls of the crowding fears and anxieties that stalk them.

"The altar of the Church," he says, "it the one place we may renew the flame, drive out torturing fears from our lives, bring peace into our days and nights."

Peter Gordon White.

Can We Improve Our Conventions?

Two suggestions for bettering our Annual Meeting. The first comes from one who has seen a great many conventions come and go. The second comes from a pastor's wife in Tyler, Minn.

Will We Ever Be Through Making Laws?

Laws and laws and laws and laws! Will we ever be through making laws? "Man is like a pendulum," said Kristen Kold. "He swings right from one extreme to the other." We prove his statement.

When A. S. Nielsen, "Gamle Nielsen," was the leader among us, he wanted no laws. "Life itself forms its laws," he said. And so, for a time it was left to life to form its own laws.

A time came when the pendulum in this respect was at its lowest. It was seen that man was life, and life was man; and, therefore, men would have to form laws if they were to live together. On the streets we now have the law that man must not cross against a red light, and if man does not obey that law he may die.

So we in the then Danish Lutheran Church in America started to make laws; the pendulum started to swing to the other side. And how it did swing! And how it is swinging!

It almost seems that the time of the business sessions at our conventions is taken up chiefly with the making and canceling of laws.

Is this a sign of a healthy spiritual life in Faith and Hope and Love? The saying goes that when the spiritual life of the church is waning, men get busy making laws.

Law is for the recalcitrant; but does it make men less recalcitrant? Never has that been seen to be the case. Law can regulate life among the non-recalcitrant, and that is all that law can do.

Is it not possible that we may enter upon another course than the one we are now following?

Was it in 1936 at the convention in Kimballton that every day all business was laid aside at coffee time, and the rest of the afternoon was given to the discussion of the problems of our organic life as a church — problems that had been broached in "Dan-nevirke" during the time since last convention?

That convention in 1936 was fruitful for our life. We did not flounder about in business to the point of drowning. These afternoon meetings together with the morning and evening devotions gave the right spirit for a church convention. I mean: It gave occasion and opportunity for the Holy Spirit. These afternoon meetings gave continuity in our life as a communion. The men who through the year had set us to thinking were there given an opportunity to express orally the thoughts they had set forth in writing. We grasped what they wanted said, and our unity, our oneness, was strengthened.

Could this procedure be tried again? Of course not, if we want to keep on making laws. Some of us

were frightened when Alfred Jensen at the convention just past answered to the proposal of a certain law, "That we can take up next year." We can, yes. We can keep on legislating endlessly. But does legislating endlessly, as we are doing, further the Christian life among us? And is not the prime purpose of our church conventions to further the Christian life among us?

Let the Christian life flourish, and we can live well with a minimum of laws. Let the Christian life flourish, and we will not be running each other down at intersections!

Valdemar S. Jensen.

Our Resolutions

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was handed to me almost as soon as I entered the convention hall in Cedar Falls. I read it with great interest and looked forward to the discussion of it. Having once, myself, served on the Committee on Resolutions, I was not much surprised, however, when the report was deferred to the last half hour of the meeting and then summarily dismissed as a matter about which there could be no discussion. If such statements of principles are to be passed hurriedly without discussion by the church body, the whole procedure is an empty farce and it becomes an insult to serious men and women to ask them to formulate resolutions. Presumably it was assumed that we would all be in agreement about them. Even if this were so, we might have profited by a discussion. And I question our agreement on the principles. Do we really agree in the matter of racial segregation? The day has passed, perhaps, when a person of non-Danish descent was considered an "outsider" in our churches, but would we really accept negro members to our congregations?

And in the matter of the United Nations. We hastily agreed to support it — whatever that means. We support it without knowing very much about it. What about the matter of charter revision, scheduled soon? Fortunately, Arild Olsen pointed out that this is a matter of utmost importance to us and informed us that the National Council of Churches is preparing a pamphlet about it for our guidance. It is to be hoped that in the organizations of our churches we will make a thorough study of this matter so that we will be able to take an enlightening stand — perhaps at another convention. The resolving of the issues involved here may well decide our very existence.

In my work for the United Nations and in my study of Human Rights and of the problems of the Underdeveloped Areas, one phrase has become increasingly dear to my heart: "the dignity and worth of the

human individual" — a phrase also mentioned in the resolutions. Here we are at the very heart of the matter, the basic issue that splits the world today. It is said that the age of individualism is ended, the age of collectivism is upon us. In this country, certainly, "rugged individualism" is a thing of the past and those who mourn it and cry out against "creeping socialism," themselves vote, to a man, for increased social (collective) benefits. The clock cannot be turned back. Churches seek ever increasing union, the nations band together, collective security is a recognized necessity — though imperfectly accomplished. The world is becoming ever more inter-related and inter-dependent — and ever more crowded. How can the human individual keep from getting lost in this ever increasing collectivism? How can we preserve this precious thing, "the dignity and worth of the human individual"?

In his book "The Future of the Underdeveloped Areas" Eugene Staley says that in man's progress toward democracy an important step has been the "achievement here and there, always imperfectly, of free, voluntary cooperation among self-respecting and respected men." Will such cooperation, a voluntary relinquishing of some individual advantages for the benefit of all, a form of collectivism which preserves and advances the dignity of men, be the collectivism we choose? Or will the Soviet type of collectivism, where the individual loses his freedom and dignity and has no individual worth except in relation to the state, be forced on the majority of the people of the world?

In our resolutions we decided ourselves — hurriedly — to advancing the "welfare of the people" of the world. Presumably we are in favor of helping the underdeveloped peoples — the two-thirds of the world that is undernourished and sick and illiterate. Does this mean that we are in favor of sending more technical aid, more bread and engineers, fewer guns and soldiers? What about this whole matter of armaments? What a field for discussion! Let it be pointed out that Communism can build up the economy of the underdeveloped areas and do it, perhaps, faster than we because of the ruthless methods they employ. We must be constantly careful to build up the standard of living in these areas in such a way that democracy is advanced and the dignity of the human individual fostered. This should come quite naturally to us as Americans, for nowhere has the individual achieved greater freedom than in this country. And it must concern us, above all, as Christians who believe in a God in whose eyes each individual is precious. "Not a sparrow falls -----"

Perhaps we were not qualified to discuss these things at our convention. Yet it seems to me that we discussed many things we were not qualified to discuss. A discussion of the principles set forth in the resolutions we adopted might possibly have awakened in us a vital concern for our responsibilities as church members. Perhaps we would have gone home to work night and day, to "wear ourselves out" as Einar Farstrup exhorted us to do in his sermon Sunday morning, as tools of God in the coming of His Kingdom.

Nanna Mortensen.

"Eben-Ezer In The Pines"

"On Christ, the solid rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand."

Thus we sang in chapel up at Eben-Ezer in the Pines. It was with prayer, fear, and meditation that I had applied to Rev. Holger Strandskov for this assignment. Both Rev. Strandskov and Rev. Bagger were most gracious and kind in their acceptance.

The first morning that I led devotions, my friends, the Rev. Vagn Duus family, were with us. "Let him who would come after me, deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23 was the first of Christ's teachings that we used for our messages. Sister Marie, "Tante Petra," and Mrs. Agnes Martens cared for our physical needs at Eben-Ezer in the Pines. Our daily meals were too substantial for comfort. I can still smell the aroma of bacon and eggs that greeted us from the refectory as we returned from the walk up to the lake.

Yes, God is in His holy temple! One feels His presence and His healing hand on tired head and stooped shoulders.

If you have never visited this Christian retreat, may we meet up there in 1955? It is an ideal vacation spot for a Christian family.

May God and man be thanked for this privilege of daily witnessing for Christ up there for two weeks in August. Yes, "God is good. His mercy endureth forever!"

Marie M. Hald.

Solvang, California.

50th Anniversary Festival

The Immanuel Lutheran Church of Kimballton Iowa, will observe the 50th anniversary of the dedication of its church building on September 24-26.

The following program is planned:

Friday, Sept. 24: Historical Anniversary Pageant, 8 p. m.

Saturday, Sept. 25: Anniversary Fellowship Meeting in the Danish language. Pastor V. S. Jensen, speaker, 2 p. m.

Sunday, Sept. 26: Children's worship service, 9:30 a. m. English Communion and worship service, 10:30 a. m. Sermon by Rev. Harold Ibsen.

12:15 Noon — Fellowship Dinner.

3:00 p. m. Address by Alfred Jensen. Music by Senior and Junior choirs.

8 p. m. Prof P. Jorgensen from Grand View College, speaker.

Friends from far and near are cordially invited to come and share the Festival with us. Please announce your coming in advance, to

V. H. Trukken, Secretary
Kimballton, Iowa
Holger Strandskov, Pastor
Kimballton, Iowa

Report of Committee on Resolutions

(77th Annual Convention of A. E. L. C.)

1. The sin of racial segregation, which has been a cancer upon the body of American life, has been dealt a death blow by the recent Supreme Court decision against segregation in the public schools. It is a cause for rejoicing that our country has asserted in practice the rights and the dignity of all men, and it is a source of gratitude to know that the voice of the church has also been instrumental in the attainment of the goal.

The struggle for recognition of human rights and human dignity is not ended, however. Implementation will be a prolonged and difficult task, and the churches must recognize the profound obligations they carry in proclamation as well as in practice. The very nature of Christian life requires that we search our hearts and weigh our deeds. With boldness and consistency we must follow the way of Him who died that all men might live.

Be it therefore resolved that the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, in convention assembled, express its profound gratitude that the Supreme Court of the United States of America has ruled against segregation in the public schools. In consequence thereof it recommends to all its members and congregations that they fully accept and practice the principle of non-segregation.

Be it also resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Clerk of the Supreme Court.

2. Since the worth and dignity of all living persons are sacred in the eyes of God, and since God's love manifested in Jesus Christ reaches out to every person regardless of race or creed or social standing, and since the rights and the dignity of every person are basic principles of our American democracy.

Be it therefore resolved that we dedicate ourselves in all sincerity to the great task of lifting the hope of despairing humanity by giving our support to such measures as have the welfare of people at heart.

Be it likewise resolved that we battle such individuals or groups who would take from man his inherited right of the freedom of speech and conviction and who would deprive him of the blessings of life and happiness which are his as a child of God.

3. In the cause of world peace and order the United Nations is an all-important factor. This organization needs our concern and support, so

Be it therefore resolved that the American Evangelical Lutheran Church express its confidence in and support of the United Nations. We urge that the United Nations be used and strengthened in order to make it an even more effective instrument for world peace and order.

4. A stirring message has been brought to our congregations during the past year by Harold and Mary Riber. Through them we have again seen the need for the gospel of Christ and the necessity of relating it to the critical problems of modern life. We have been re-committed to the mission call, and we have been humbled in the challenge to our responsibilities. We have been strengthened in our love for two dear young people who work for Christ among the Santals.

Be it therefore resolved that the American Evangelical Lutheran Church express its very sincere and heartfelt gratitude to Harold and Mary Riber for their educational and inspirational work of the past year. We thank them and their fellow missionary, Muriel Nielsen, for devoted and faithful service, and we ask for God's blessing upon them in their continuing task among the peoples of India. May God guard the health and strengthen the spirit of all three.

5. The pastors, delegates, voting representatives, and visitors recognize the great amount of work that a convention entails. Be it therefore resolved:

1. That the convention express its deep gratitude to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa, its pastor, church council, convention staff, and friends for their hospitality and service to all who have attended the convention.

2. That the convention express its appreciation for the use of the church and the physical facilities of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

3. That the convention express its sincere thanks to the Cedar Falls Public Schools for cooperation with the host congregation and for the use of excellent convention facilities.

4. That the convention express its sincere thanks to the city of Cedar Falls for the welcome extended to the convention and its participants.

5. That the convention express its genuine appreciation to the convention officers and clerical assistants for their efficient work during the convention.

Dr. J. Knudsen, Chairman.

Rev. Harold Petersen.
Rev. Harald Ibsen.

S. Dixen Sorensen.
Mrs. Arnold Buhl.

Highlights and Sidelights

From the Annual Convention

(Conclusion)

Every year the convention hears brief extemporaneous reports from the various projects which our Synod supports in its Home Mission work. We have always found these talks to be the most interesting parts of the business meeting of the congress. They are, when possible, given by lay people, many of whom have never given a speech for such a big audience before. Through the humble nervousness a heart-warming intensity always shines. The reports are not only expressions of gratitude. Usually they are descriptions of the faiths, hopes and loves of each mission project. They are the spontaneous overflow of people engaged in an exhilarating work. They are expressions from the grass-roots, of the worthwhileness of the tremendous overhead of administration in a synod. They show the purpose of high organization and centralization in church bodies, because without such communal synodical effort such projects would never be undertaken. Furthermore, they are usually filled with warmth and wit, and even broad humour. Few of us will forget the rollicking charm of the talk given us by A. W. Christensen of Hay Springs. It was one of the highlights. When one stops to think about it, our Home Mission Board has acted with considerable fearlessness in continuing help to some of our Home Mission sites. A few are in densely populated areas, such as Newark, Tacoma, and Cedarloo. But some of them are in remote places and have no nearby congregations upon which to lean for support. They are only "home" missions in the sense that they are here in this country. Such communities as Hay Springs, Granly, Wilbur and Canwood (Canada), are isolated places. One half-way expects to hear protests on the convention floor against work done so far away, but happily they never come. The Synod added several thousand dollars to the budget for anticipated new fields next year, and not a dissenting voice was heard. Paul wrote to the Corinthians in a second letter, "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

The elections usually are not a surprise although they are of great interest. President Jensen was re-elected with hardly a question as to the outcome, but the nominating committee had difficulty getting someone to agree to run as opposition. The result was the decision to undertake a study to find a better procedure for nominations and elections. The Convention Chairman, Dr. Erling Jensen, was also elected by a resounding majority, a clear demonstration of the Synod's appreciation of his calm aplomb and his efficient mind which hurtles ahead through confusing parliamentary entanglements and gets us to the adjournments on schedule. Pastor C. A. Stub now leaves the School Board after several terms of devoted labor of love, for which the Synod owes much gratitude. (Election results are printed in full elsewhere in this issue of TIDINGS.)

It appears that the Synod will now sell its church property in Des Moines. The Synod feeling seemed to

be that it was a sensible move, since the funds realized in the sale would very likely not find their way into church work by any other means. The Des Moines congregation is now self-sufficient, and this move will mean a sizable sum for Church Extension, a fine cause. It did seem to us to be quite a stretch of the imagination to assume that the money which first built that church was not given with the college chiefly in mind, but no rule of law or ethic obliges us to adhere to such past intentions. Our Church Extension Fund needs help badly, and this is a good source.

Holding daily devotions and services on Sunday in the Junior High instead of the newly remodeled Bethlehem Church disturbed some people. A church sanctuary undeniably is the better place to worship. We were a little jarred ourselves to see a gentleman's hat casually deposited on the apron of the stage which acted as sort of an altar for one of the worship services. Nevertheless, there was an air of "hyggelighed" or fellowship during these sessions. The speakers addressed themselves to the theme emblazoned across the drapes behind the huge white cross, "Christ, Hope of the World," and their messages were as different as their personalities.

The Cedar Falls congregation with incidental help from nearby Waterloo, Cedarloo, and Fredsville, is to be commended for efficiency. Half-a-hundred committees had been at work planning housing, menus, transportation, etc., many months in advance, and the care that had been lavished on the grounds, on the decorations, and in musical offerings and extra touches of service did much to "dress up" the convention much more than was expected or necessary. Our hosts challenged the resourcefulness of future entertaining congregations. It was a good, solid, rich convention, if one may use unconventional terms to describe it, and the terms are fitting whether one considers the spiritual meaning of the meeting, or the less important physical features. It was the 77th Convention. (We noticed in the papers that the 77th Annual Convention of the American Bar Association has also just been held.) Our annual meeting is something of a "kick-off" for a year of dedicated work. In the coming months we must implement the decisions made at Cedar Falls. Memories of Cedar Falls will uplift and brighten future days for many of us, but the main business is still ahead. The moving finger of history writes, "and having writ, moves on." So the great good fellowship of our Synod proceeds into the practical work in the Districts.

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Eben-Ezer Lutheran Home and Hospital

(Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute)

Brush, Colorado

1904-1954

WHEN you travel West from Omaha towards the Rocky Mountains on Highway 34 you notice, just outside Brush, Colorado, an impressive gate in Gothic lines leading to spacious grounds with acres of trees, and among the trees several buildings and a church, all in Gothic architecture.

The inscription on the gate Eben-Ezer means: "Hitherto the Lord has helped us," a fitting name for a Home of Mercy; for mercy can not be bought. The name was chosen by a man who built his life and work on trust and testified to God's faithfulness towards every one who entered to be helped or to help. On the inner side of the Gate is written "Mizpah" — The Lord watch between you and me (Gen. 31:49) an assurance to those who leave after having left their dear ones to the loving care of Eben-Ezer.

It was in 1904 that Rev. Jens Madsen, pastor of Potter, Nebr., and visiting pastor of Brush, together with friends bought 35 acres of prairie land west of Brush. He wanted to build a nursing home for people suffering from Consumption and a deaconess motherhouse in which to train men and women for service in the spirit of Him who came into the world to serve and give His life for others. Pastor Madsen had suffered himself, and he felt the call after having knocked on the doors in vain on behalf of a friend. Farmer neighbors helped plant thousands of trees and build small tents for the sick. And helpers came to nurse the sick who crowded into the Home. Among the first helpers were Brother Andersen, Brother Henriksen, Sister Ingeborg, Sister Sena, Sister Katherine and others. To help in the spiritual care came Student N. C. Carlsen, later president of U. E. L. C. synod. Friends from all churches in the A. E. L. C. and U. E. L. C. synods helped to build: "Nazareth", "Bethesda", "Elim Hospital" and not least — All Saints' Chapel, of outstandingly beautiful architecture.

When the State took over care of T. B. patients Pastor Madsen turned to the care of the chronically ill, crippled, blind and aged people. He adopted the motto of the founder of the Diaconate, Th. Fliedner: "Help those who need you **most!**"

Fifty years have passed. Pastor Madsen and his faithful helper, Mrs. Madsen, have passed on. But the Sisters have carried on under the leadership of Rev. M. Jorgensen and Rev. I. M. Andersen, and given Eben-Ezer a state-wide reputation for its high quality of care for the aged and helpless. But the Home is crowded from basement to roof. More room and better nursing facilities for bedfast chronically ill is urgent. The first State conference for care of Geriatrics held at Eben-Ezer this year emphasized the increasing need.

The Church throughout its history has recognized its obligation to the care of sick and suffering to body and soul in the spirit of its Lord and Master and has always extended a special call to workers to give their lives in the ministry of mercy. Pastor Madsen and his

helpers heeded that call — Eben-Ezer is still appealing to the churches for workers as well as for funds.

The Board of Trustees — Dr. H. C. Jersild, President; Pastor H. Strandkov, Vice President — have therefore recommended a Fifty Year Jubilee Appeal to our churches on the **Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity** (Sept. 12) for funds to build a **Madsen Memorial Building** for chronically ill. Special envelopes will be mailed to you for that purpose.

Sincerely,

V. E. Bagger, Supt.

Teach Me to Pray

By Amy Bruner Almy

Teach me to pray, that I may feel
Thy presence, Lord, as close and real
As brother at my side; and show
And share the road that I must go,
Nor let me falter in my zeal.
And may Thy tenderness reveal
When, blindly, prayers of mine appeal
For selfish ends: deny, and so
Teach me to pray.

These things I ask, nor let me kneel
In vain: a faith so deep that, weal
Or woe, I'll trust; through me let flow
Thy strength and love, and let me know
I am Thy child, by this sure seal:
Teach me to pray.

That community is already in process of dissolution where each man begins to eye his neighbor as a possible enemy; where nonconformity with the accepted creed, political as well as religious, is a mark of disaffection; where denunciation, without specification or backing, takes the place of evidence; where orthodoxy chokes freedom of dissent; where faith in the eventual supremacy of reason has become so timid that we dare not enter our convictions in the open lists to win or lose. Such fears as these are a solvent which can eat out the cement that binds the stones together; they may in the end subject us to despotism as evil as any that we dread; and they can be allayed only in so far as we refuse to proceed on suspicion, and trust one another until we have tangible ground for misgiving. The mutual confidence on which all else depends can be maintained only by an open mind and a brave reliance upon free discussion. I do not say that these will suffice; who knows but we may be on a slope which leads down to aboriginal savagery. But of this I am sure: if we are to escape, we must not yield a foot upon demanding a fair field and an honest race, to all ideas.

—Judge Learned Hand.

Paging Youth

ESPECIALLY OF OUR A. E. L. Y. F.

Editor: Thorvald Hansen, Cozad, Nebraska

AELYFlashes

Anil Kumar Jha, the first of the two Santal Students sponsored by AELYF, has arrived in this country and is now at Grand View College. Following his arrival in New York on August 19, Anil traveled to Minneapolis where he spent a few days at Mission headquarters. From Minneapolis he came to the Iowa District convention at Ringsted on August 28, where many of us had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with him.

One of the joys of the convention was observing Anil and a group of conventioners gathered out under the trees, between the meetings, talking of India, America, and of what is of great interest to Anil at present, Grand View College.

We will present a short biographical sketch of Anil, probably in the next issue of Paging Youth.

Walter Christensen, of Newell, Iowa, who is the first AELYF'er to earn the Lutheran God-Home-Country award, received that award at a service at Nain Lutheran Church in Newell on Friday, July 30.

The God-Home-Country award is a recognition given by Lutherans to their young people who have a good 4-H club record and who have given evidence of faithfulness and service to their church. After three years of satisfactory 4-H club work a candidate for the award is required to submit a summary of the 4-H projects which he has completed and a report on the activities in which he has participated during his period of club membership. The candidate must also give evidence of Christian character and conduct, take active part in the regular church program and use every opportunity to prepare himself for adult membership. Finally, he is required to submit a theme.

Walter, who is 17, has completed several projects in calf-feeding and junior cattle feeding. He has been active in church work and is at present the local YPS president. Walter wrote his theme on "What the Church and 4-H Club Mean to Me."

Leon Haarh, leader of the 4-H club at Newell, presented the candidate and Ronald Jespersen, of Danavang, Texas, former pastor at Newell, read the God-Home-Country Citation and presented the medal to Walter.

From the former business manager of Yule, Mrs. Vagn Duus, Alden, Minnesota, comes the following letter:

Dear Members of AELYF:

The job as Business Manager of Yule is very interesting and involves many hours of work. It is not

without regret I turn it over to my successor, Mrs. Paul Nussle.

You have given me splendid cooperation during the past two years, and I hope it will continue as Mrs. Nussle takes over.

With very few exceptions your orders have been prompt as have your payments. Publication number has steadily increased, and I do not think it has reached the leveling off place yet; so with continued support and effort, YULE should continue to grow.

In closing I want to thank you for the good work of the past two years, and with best wishes for the future of YULE, I am

Sincerely yours,

Gerda Duus.

In a report accompanying her letter, Mrs. Duus indicates that the 1953 Yule sale brought receipts totaling \$2,013.03. Expenses totaled \$1,834.93, leaving a net profit of \$178.10. The total balance in the Yule fund is listed at \$1,024.49.

The Iowa District of AELYF closed a very successful camp and convention yesterday (August 29) at Ringsted. Camp enrollment was good and we are sure that all had an enjoyable and profitable week. More about this camp and convention will be forthcoming later.

Please note the **change of address** in the heading of this issue of Paging Youth. Your editor will assume the pastorate of St. John's Lutheran Church at Cozad, Nebraska, in the latter part of September. Any mail addressed to the editor after September 15 should bear the address Cozad, Nebraska.

Before long there will not only be a change of address, but a **change of editor** as well. Your editor has submitted his resignation to the AELYF board and it is to be effective as soon as a new editor can be chosen. Your editor's resignation was necessitated by the fact that he was elected to membership on the synodical publications committee at the recent synod convention in Cedar Falls. The rules of the publication committee do not permit members of that committee to be editors, business managers, or other assistants on any of the synodical publications.

INFLUENCE

You say the little efforts that I make
Will do no good:
They never will prevail
To tip the hovering scale
Where injustice hangs in balance.

I'm not sure
I ever thought they would.
But I am prejudiced beyond debate
In favor of my right to choose
Which side shall feel
The stubborn ounces of my weight.

—Mrs. D. W. Overstreet.

Our Women's Work

Editor

Mrs. Ellen Knudsen, 1114 South Third Avenue, Maywood, Illinois

Christian Effort in Tropical Africa

(Editor's Note: The following is in part a speech, given by Mrs. Rena Karefa-Smart from Sierra Leone, British West Africa, a Methodist, to the World Council of Churches Assembly.)

Every person in tropical Africa, whether in East, Central or West Africa, in Portuguese, British, Belgian, French or independent territory, suffers from the tensions that are contemporary realities. No matter what one's race or tribe, there are uneasy relationships with people of different racial or ethnic groups. No matter what one's station, one feels the effect of the struggle to develop sufficiently the natural and material resources in efforts to prevent widespread starvation, to control and eventually wipe out such de-populating diseases as malaria, leprosy and tuberculosis, and to establish reliable lines of communication and transportation as guarantees against isolation and immobilization. Whether woman or man, every person moves through a web of entangled customs and patterns of behaviour, unclear as to the direction in which society is moving, and unsure of how to get there. For non-colored peoples there is the strain of accommodating to a social situation in which you are not considered a permanent "fixture," or of "digging in one's heels" for a contest for economic and political power necessary if one is to achieve permanence in tropical Africa. For Africans there is the tension inevitable when the upsurge of hope for a new day of political freedom and economic self-determination, fired by the vision of a destiny and future bright with promise, is checked by the realities of contemporary power politics, and the limitations of undeveloped human and physical, to say nothing of spiritual, resources.

Everywhere fear, uncertainty, arrogance and hate are set free in a world of antagonism, want and friction, and one hears coming from the bush, the villages, the towns and the cities and growing cry of need for assurance, direction, love and hope. Christians have claimed since the early days of martyred missionaries and tortured converts that the answer to this need is Jesus Christ, our Crucified and Risen Lord, the only Hope for the world. In contemporary society we must demonstrate the truth of that claim.

I would like to sketch in broad outline three kinds of tension that strain the fabric of society in tropical Africa.

First are the struggles for independence and self-determination in political and economic life out of which have been born exclusive attitudes and the cultivation within groups of a will to power. Nationalistic and racial self-consciousness have driven the many groups (tribesmen, settlers, Asians, Europeans and Africans) into uneasy juxtaposition and tension grows inevitably as territories formerly quiescent become agitated, with explosions in any one upsetting equilibrium in all. Relationships between these groups, at the socio-economic and political levels, have already in some cases broken down completely. They threaten to do so in others. The horrors of Kenya form the theme for the battle-cry of certain elements in West Africa.

Then tension between man and nature is growing, with leaders of society exercised by the necessity to find and im-

plement ways of producing enough quickly enough. The pressure of an increasing population upon an increasingly unproductive soil threatens the very survival of human life. (Industrialization, hailed by many as the basis for certain victory in the struggle with nature, may be in truth appropriate only if nature is approached as something to be struggled with! Christian leaders and others seem to agree that mechanized farming and heavy industry are legitimate goals for African society. I ask your attention for those leaders who point out that in a region traditionally agricultural and communal the effects of an industrial revolution may be not only undesirable but disastrous.) Along whichever lines future development takes place, whether industrial or agricultural or both, unless cooperative techniques, effective adult education, and radical re-alignments of wealth come into force, Africans are confronted with future widespread food shortages, and, especially in the towns, with drastically reduced standards of living and the diminution of public services if Western powers are at any time forced out of contact with them. Christians are therefore face to face with specific demands of the world that, in the light of our claims for the Lordship of Christ, become the signposts for advance.

The very process of education gives rise to problems which, unmet, produce tensions. The fact that a majority of the leaders of the new Africa had at least their early education in mission schools indicated the lasting contribution of the Church in this sphere. But first principles and ends have still to be enunciated and widely agreed upon, with the present picture of ineffective and inadequate education at every level and the resulting tensions in the lives of disoriented people giving undeniable evidence of the need. Africans have been turned through their education toward Western society, but Africa Emergent is not conforming to patterns prevailing elsewhere, and the need is clear for an education preparing people for citizenship in tropical African society as it is developing and as it is envisaged. This very basic need is complicated by problems arising from reduced budgets and short staffs, and the need to articulate policies basic to the relations between Church and State as they bear on state financed education.

African women trained in mission schools know a frustration inevitable when the more liberal elements of western social thought break upon the wheel of the extremely conservative social practice of tropical Africa. Conditioned by school life to assuming leadership roles, enjoying equal status with all their peers, and developing their interests and aptitudes, many are sorely pressed when they find the Churches and (perhaps now to a lesser extent) society agreeing that women are by nature followers, in comparison with men inferior, and by inclination submissive. They find the Churches re-enforcing in effect an ecclesiastical apartheid, even as society, with the valuable lessons learned in tribal community, evidences an inclination to recognize that women and men must cooperate as full participants in all affairs of the common life. Many women profess a longing for the life of freedom in community which they have seen enjoyed by a few leaders, and are participating in Associations and Fellowships seeking a way through their problems. However, Christian efforts to understand their real situation and to find ways

HOPE OF THE WORLD

Hope of the world,
Thou Christ of great compassion,
Speak of our fearful hearts by conflict rent.
Save us, Thy people, from consuming passion,
Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

Hope of the world,
God's gift from highest heaven,
Bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,
Still let Thy spirit unto us be given
To heal earth's wounds and end her bitter strife.

Hope of the world,
Afoot on dusty highways.
Showing to wandering souls the path of light;
Walk Thou beside us lest the tempting byways
Lure us away from Thee to endless night.

Hope of the world,
Who by Thy cross didst save us
From death and dark despair, from sin and guilt;
We render back the love Thy mercy gave us;
Take Thou our lives and use them as Thou wilt. Amen.

Georgia Harkness.

This hymn was chosen by the Hymn Society of America from nearly 500 new texts submitted at its invitation in recognition of the Evanston Assembly. Together with 10 others it has been published in a pamphlet available for 25 cents from the Society at 297 Fourth Avenue, New York City. A folder with the Harkness Hymn is available for 3 cents in any quantity.

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Summer Festival in Dalum

IT had been twenty years since I last spoke in Dalum, so when I got the invitation to be the speaker for the summer festival I accepted. My intention was to take the train up there; but about a week before I had to leave, one of our young men told me he would like to go along, so we decided to drive up.

I had not been in Canada since 1941 and remembered too well the bad roads we hit at that time, so my hope for smooth traveling was not too high. However, my worries were unfounded. Canada had made a lot of improvements, not only on roads, but in many other ways.

We drove up over British Columbia and got to Banff at noon the next day, and reached Calgary about four o'clock. As we drove toward that city many memories came to me from the hard years during the depression when I served our church there. I wondered how many were left of those I knew at that time, and how they had succeeded.

I found a few, and was glad to see they had all progressed. It was also interesting to meet some of the babies I had baptized twenty years ago and see them now as grown young men and women.

Friday afternoon we again drove out on Canada's prairie where I had started as an immigrant in 1926. At that time the roads were gravel and the prairie mostly grass and uncultivated land. Now we drove on modern paved highways, and the land was cultivated and covered with green wheat fields.

When we got to Drumheller I called Pastor Rasmussen. We went over and visited with them that evening and had a most inspiring evening with the old pastor. Twenty years ago when I lived in Calgary it was always a great experience to get out to Dalum and stay with Pastor Rasmussen and family. So it was for me a great treat again to have a little talk with him. Let me use this opportunity to thank Pastor and Mrs. Rasmussen for the great work they have done those many years in our only church in Alberta. Rasmussen went up there with a vision of what the church and the folk high school spirit should do for the emigrants from Denmark. He never lost sight of that ideal. So the church of God was built on the prairie, and a lot of good has been shared in that church during the many years. In good and in bad times, people at Dalum gathered in the House of God. It was not only in Dalum but in the whole Western Canada Rasmussen's influence was felt. He knew a lot of the Danish people throughout the province of Alberta, and, whenever he could, gave them inspiration. So we say thank you, Pastor and Mrs. Rasmussen, for your many years of faithful work.

Rev. Alfred Jensen arrived Saturday, and now we were ready to start the meetings Sunday morning. I was to preach at the Danish and Rev. Jensen at the English service.

I had been wondering if they could gather as many for these meetings as they could twenty years ago. I found they could not. We find the same wherever meetings of that nature have been carried on for a number of years; there are not as many today as

there used to be. Is it the spirit of the time which has changed, so people are not interested as they were before, or are there other reasons? I shall not here attempt to analyze that.

The question has often been asked: "Is it worth while to continue these meetings?" To that I will say, it is worth much more than many people think, and I hope Dalum can and will keep it up in the years to come. As long as we can gather about 200, as we had on Sunday, it is surely worth while.

It is not up to me to say anything about the meeting or the talks given as I was one of the speakers. But when I spoke to that group of people I said to myself: The old spirit in Dalum is still alive. They got six sermons and lectures on Sunday and four on Monday and you did not get the impression they were tired. It was a great joy for me once more to speak in that church and share the two days of festivity with the people and pastor at Dalum.

We stayed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Niss Christensen. We felt right at home from the time we entered their home. We thank them for their kindness.

I have been in nearly all the churches of our Synod in U. S. A. and Canada. I always thank God that wherever we go in the church of God we find good people,— people who try to live by the teaching of Christ — people who give you a lift on your way because of the good and happy things we share with them.

So for the visit with the people of Dalum I say thank you. May the good work continue among you in the days to come. May we all, more and more,

Live and die for what we love
Cherish and defend it
Then we lift our life above
That which waste and end it.

John Pedersen.

Invitation To Nysted

Congress has recently appropriated \$1,000,000 as a loan to the Sargent-Farwell irrigation project. That will mean that most of the land around Nysted will be irrigated and the farms will be smaller. In connection with that, we of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church would like to extend an invitation to anyone from our Synod who is interested in farming in this area. Land at present is relatively cheap, but will increase in price as irrigation comes. Therefore, we would advise anyone who is interested to contact us soon.

We have a nice community here with a good church building and other facilities for social activities. District No. 7 maintains a camp site in Nysted for junior and senior camps. There is a good grade school with enrollment of about 20 pupils. Dannebrog, four miles away, has a good high school. Irrigation will even improve the situation.

If anyone from our synod is interested in settling here, please let us know and we will be glad to furnish more information and help in anyway we can.

Contact:

Rev. Arnold D. Knudsen.
Nysted Parsonage.
Dannebrog, Nebraska.

Evanston—The Lighter Side

At least ten of our pastors attended part of the Second Assembly of the W.C.C. Here are some light-weight impressions of the meeting from the editor. Articles from others will follow in future issues of LUTHERAN TIDINGS.

REPORTS will come to us from all sides of the work done at Evanston. Our Synod delegate has promised to prepare an article soon. But it seems worthwhile to give a highly personal account of impressions received at this once-in-a-lifetime meeting. We were there only the last five days, but the period was long enough to give us more than a taste of the Assembly, and it proved the best possible way we could spend this summer's short vacation. (One member of our Synod commuted daily and rolled up 800 miles before the end of the meeting!) We hadn't been on the Northwestern campus five minutes before we were confronted by an ecumenical oddity; a stout, balding individual with a fringe on top sauntered casually by wearing a blue, tassled bathrobe and sloppy slippers! In a foreign hotel corridor or at a local YMCA one might expect to see such a sight but it was startling to meet it on the avenues of Evanston. It turned out to be the Bishop of Durham, one of the visiting churchmen from England, on his way to the lake for a dip. A passer-by commented, "Behold, the Bishop is moving from Durham to Bath!" Such sights were, we soon discovered, not uncommon. The international flavor of the whole setting unique at first, soon created its own special kind of camaraderie. Delegates from far away, undoubtedly with baggage limitations, used bathrobes for raincoats. At the other extreme, dignitaries from Eastern churches were colorful in flowing robes of purple and yellow silk, or in somber black and gold.

Plenary sessions were held in McGaw fieldhouse, some distance from the campus. One of the lesser marvels of the meeting was the privilege of trying out the multi-language headphones through which came the words of the various speakers in English, German or French at one's will by the flick of a dial. A network of fine wire strung overhead provided the aerial contact with the radio sending sets at the right of the speakers; each receiver was wholly wireless, and unattached except through the magic of radio electronics. Translators worked at breathless speed rephrasing the flow of talk and did remarkably well. (At the U. N. headquarters we were told there are only a hundred or so persons in the world capable of adequately performing this amazing linguistic task. Several were on hand at Evanston.)

Delegates sat at separate tables front and center. Accredited observers and visitors sat at the sides in reserved sections, and general visitors were seated in bleacher sections at the rear. The hall provided ample room; we saw it crowded only once, (when the pro-

gram of speakers listed Dibelius, Hromodka, and Niebuhr!) But it was inconveniently located and acoustically inferior. This situation did provide Bishop Raines (Methodist, U. S.) with an apt figure of speech, when he referred to the great Assembly and the general public, and to the loudspeakers positioned outside the hall amplifying the talk to all the community, and said that often those who were in the body of the Assembly were at a disadvantage because they were deeply involved in particular debates, while those on the "outside" received the results with much less distortion.

The theme, "Christ, the Hope of the World," was magnificent, but it proved extremely difficult as well. Much variety of interpretation was presented, as will be seen when the reports are completed and distributed. The presiding chairman, who changed two or three times daily, handled things smoothly; their responsibility was formidable. How can you tell a high-ranking bishop he is out of order? (This could be done at Cedar Falls but not at Evanston!) Was it Dr. Fry who accomplished a small miracle of diplomatic finesse in words something like this: "I do believe that the Assembly will be most grateful if you would defer this point to a later time. . . .?" Such deftness characterized the various chairmen.

As is well-known, the Roman Catholic Church is not a member of the W. C. C. It was discomfiting to hear that in a small Illinois town in a Centennial parade, a Catholic Church entered a magnificent float across the back of which was inscribed the motto, "MARY, THE HOPE OF THE WORLD."

Perhaps the most exciting thing in which we participated were the daily press conferences, arranged and presided over by Charles Taft, one of the most noted church lay persons in the U. S., and brother to the late Senator. In one memorable session, the visitors to be interviewed were all from behind the Iron Curtain, and included the highly controversial Josef Hromodka of Czechoslovakia, former Princeton theologian who returned to his native land and seems to have managed the impossible, in that he gets along with the Communist government there. About 500 press reporters and editors were present at the W. C. C. meeting (reputedly the second largest number ever gathered for one event, anywhere) and many were present on this occasion to fire questions at these interesting people. Dr. Dan Poling, editor of Christian Herald, confronted Hromodka with a "quotation" that Hromodka was to have uttered one time,—that "Communism is the wave of the future." Such questions were mostly sidestepped, and when they were answered unsatisfactorily, Charles Taft felt himself called upon to state an opposition point-of-view. The sessions were sometimes quite exciting.

A supreme thrill was to visit the exhibition of religious art at the famed Art Institute of Chicago. Museums from all over the world had loaned paintings for the event, and Millet's humble "Angelus" from the Louvre in Paris was most inspiring. There was a Rembrandt, "The Deposition of Christ", and in

contrast a modern "Last Supper" done in the angular, geometric, contemporary style by Andre Derain. A four hundred year old El Greco, "Gethsemane," was most interesting, especially in comparison with a new "Descent from the Cross" by Rico Lebrun, (who is still living) done in brown and black and white and nothing else. We returned to this art exhibit later, and it was crowded both times.

Evanston must have seemed quite a city to the foreign churchmen. It is a higher-income-bracket Community, and not representative of democratic America. Yet, some of the visitors were not democratic either. Near the main meeting hall were cafeterias for serving meals, and some of the visitors objected to standing in line to wait their turn! "Not fitting for Professors!" (Probably did them some good.) Others were more pleasing, and one of our supreme thrills was a quite incidental conversation we had with Kagawa, the famous Japanese Christian, at one of the book display tables. Leading citizens of Evanston volunteered to help in housing and transporting the visitors. One visitor from India arrived with 9 pieces of luggage, and an Evanstonian drove him to his residence in his car. On arrival, the Indian stepped out of the auto and proceeded into the house, leaving his baggage standing on the sidewalk for someone else to bring in. So there was nothing **TO DO** but for the Evanstonian to carry it on up. It turned out that the volunteer citizen was named McGaw, son of the man for whom the huge auditorium had been named! Foreigners are sometimes alarmingly class-conscious.

The ecumenical struggle is as old as the Christian-Hebrew tradition. One of the dominant motifs of the Old Testament is the striving for unity among the tribes of Israel. The warfare among the twelve tribes was followed by the Egyptian enslavement and the wilderness experience, climaxed at Mt. Sinai. The receiving of the Decalogue provided a basis for unity among the twelve tribes. Later, when Christ selected his twelve disciples, and prayed to God about them, he did not thank God for their unity, their oneness. Rather, he prayed "that they may be one" as recorded in John. Through the generations since that time we have tried to live up to and fulfill that prayer. We have hardly succeeded. Paul's letters are vivid reminders of the disunity that existed in his day. Our sectarianism, our jealousy, our suspicion, and our dogmatism, betray how successfully we have maintained this facet of early Christian life at the expense of some of the essentials. Evanston is a great demonstration of a maturing of Christian thinking out of a sort of adolescent excitement that was stimulated by such things as the Reformation, the discovery of the New World, and modern democracy.

As Dr. Paul Empie said at Cedar Falls, we need to intensify our sense of "oneness." Other churches are parts of the "body of Christ" and we **dare** not cut ourselves off from the other parts!

Invitations from Japan and from Greece were received for the 3rd Assembly, and so for commoners like ourselves, Evanston was a "must." Similar opportunities here in the U. S. will never come again. And Evanston was no disappointment, though the secular press was very pessimistic in its reporting of the meeting. It was obvious that those reporting the meeting

were not privileged to write the headlines to the stories. Editors of the secular press gleaned out of context the most eye-catching items and magnified them out of sensible proportions. The meeting probably accomplished less than most secular observers looked for, and probably accomplished more than most theologians believed possible.

The ecumenical hymn, published first in LUTHERAN TIDINGS in June, and appearing again in this issue on the Women's Page, was written especially for this occasion, and is expressive of the hope of Evanston. (It can be sung to Mendelsohn's "Still, still with Thee," or to hymns 380 or 338 in our Hymnal.) It closes with a keynote line which all Christian churches can unitedly proclaim: Thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!

Danish Folk Meeting At Danebod

The annual Danish Folk Meeting at Danebod, Tyler, Minnesota, will be held October 5-10. The speakers this year are Mr. Hans Haarder, principal of Rinkenaes Folk School, Denmark; Rev. P. Rasmussen, Dalum, Canada; Rev. Christian Nissen, also from Denmark; and the undersigned. Those wishing to live at the school are asked to register immediately. The last few years the school has been filled to capacity and latecomers have had to be housed in private homes. Bring your own bedding! Write to —

Enok Mortensen,
Tyler, Minnesota.

To Have, To Hold

Love that is hoarded, moulds at last
Until we know some day
The only thing we ever have
Is what we give away.

And kindness that is never used
But hidden all alone
Will slowly harden till it is
As hard as any stone.

It is the things we always hold
That we will lose some day;
The only things we ever keep
Are what we give away.

Louis Ginsberg, Selected.

Christian Effort in Tropical Africa

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toward their fuller participation in Church life are still to bear sufficient fruit.

I believe that the Churches must become the Church in tropical Africa if the Kingdom of Our Lord is to become a compelling reality for all men, and that two of the marks of that becoming will be the reorganization of Church life along communal lines, and the achievement of unity between the divided and isolated sections of African Christendom. As the Church is born out of what are now Missions and Churches, and as multi-tribal, multi-racial, and supra-denominational congregations achieve community through worship and work, the world will observe the demonstrating of answers to its needs, and the Body of Christ will live more nearly as God purposes it to live.

District II Convention Grayling, Michigan Sept. 17-19, 1954

Program

Theme: "Deepening the Life of the Spirit."

Friday, September 17:

8:00 p. m. Opening Service.
Topic: "In Personal Life"
Pastor Harry Andersen,
Marlette, Mich.

Saturday, September 18:

9:00 a. m. Devotions
Topic: "In the Home"
Pastor James N. Lund,
Manistee, Michigan
9:45 a. m. Business Session
12:00 noon Dinner
1:30 p. m. Business Session continued
3:45 p. m. Discussion

Topic: "Beyond Our Own
—(I)—Lutheran Refugee
Service" Pastor Edwin E.
Hansen, Muskegon, Mich.

7:00 p. m. District Women's Society

8:00 p. m. "Beyond Our Own—(II)—
The Spirit of Home Mis-
sions." Pastor Emerson
Jury, Home Mission devel-
oper, (U.L.C.A.), Benton
Harbor.

Sunday, September 19:

10:30 a. m. Morning Worship
Pastor Beryl Knudsen,
Greenville, Mich. Com-
munion, Pastor Peter
Thomsen, Greenville, Mich.

2:30 p. m. Closing Meeting
Topic: "Deepening the Life
of the Spirit Within and
Without our Fellowship",
Pastor Alfred Jensen, D. D.,
President A. E. L. C., Des
Moines, Iowa

The Grayling Lutheran Church and
The Messiah Lutheran Church, Ros-
common, Michigan, hereby extend a
cordial invitation to the congregations
of District II to the annual District
Convention to be held in Grayling
September 17-19.

We shall do our best to provide ac-
commodations for as many guests as
possible in our homes. However, since
the congregations are small, space in
private homes is limited, hence reser-
vations should be in at the latest Sep-
tember 10. Accommodations in the
hotel or in motels are also available
for those desiring such, but these
should be reserved not later than Sep-
tember 7 because this is a resort area.

Write to Mrs. Leo Jorgensen, 407
Maple Street, Grayling, or to Rev.
John Enslemann, 608 Ionia Street,
Grayling, stating whether you prefer
private, hotel or motel accommoda-
tions.

William Raae, President, Grayling.
John Enslemann, Pastor.
L. Gulich, President, Roscommon.

District Convention Dwight, Illinois September 24-26

The St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran
Church of Dwight, Illinois, hereby ex-
tends a cordial invitation to the Con-
gregations of District III to the annual
District Convention to be held in
Dwight, Sept. 24-26.

Will pastors, delegates and visitors
please send in your reservations by
Sept. 15th to Mr. Harry L. Hansen, R.
No. 1, Gardner, Illinois. The opening
meeting is Friday at 8 p. m.

Ehms Eskildsen, President.
Marvin E. Nygaard, Pastor.

District IV Convention Fredsville, Iowa September 17-19, 1954

PROGRAM

Friday, September 17:

2:00 p. m. Opening Meeting, R e v.
Richard Sorensen
3:00 p. m. Coffee
3:20 p. m. Business Session
6:00 p. m. Supper
8:00 p. m. Evening Service, Rev. Hol-
ger P. Jorgensen

Saturday, September 18:

9:00 a. m. Morning Devotions, Rev.
Thorvald Hansen
10:00 a. m. Business Session
12:00 noon Dinner
2:00 p. m. Business Session
3:00 p. m. Coffee
3:30 p. m. Business Session
6:00 p. m. Supper
7:00 p. m. W. M. S. Business Meeting
8:00 p. m. Evening Meeting: Recruit-
ing Seminary Students
Church: Rev. Axel Kilde-
gaard
Auditorium: Rev. Howard
Christensen

Sunday, September 19:

10:30 a. m. Morning worship and Holy
Communion
Fredsville: Sermon — Rev.
George Mellby. Commu-
nion — Rev. Verner Hansen
Cedar Falls: Sermon—Rev.
Ernest D. Nielsen. Com-
munion—Rev. V. S. Jensen
12:00 noon Dinner
2:30 p. m. Dedication of St. Paul's
Lutheran Parsonage at
Cedar Heights
Tour of "Cedarloo" and
North Cedar mission fields
6:00 p. m. Supper
8:00 p. m. Closing Meeting, Rev. Hol-
ger Strandkov

Register for the meeting a week in
advance if possible with one of the
undersigned:

Hilmar Schmidt, President.
Rt. 4, Cedar Falls, Iowa.
C. A. Stub, Dist. President.
Rt. 4, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

District IX Convention Junction City, Oregon September 10-12, 1954

Friday, September 10:

6:00 p. m. Pastor's dinner meeting at
parsonage
7:30 p. m. Discussion period. "De-
veloping new Missions in
the NW." Rev. Holger And-
ersen, speaker and discus-
sion leader

Christ Jesus, Our Hope
I Timothy 1:1

Saturday, September 11:

9:00 a. m. Devotions — C. S. Hasle,
"The Christian Hope"
10:00 a. m. Business, Rev. Holger An-
dersen, presiding.
12:00 noon Dinner Hour
1:00 p. m. Business Continued
2:00 p. m. Panel on Stewardship and
Evangelism, Rev. Johs.
Pedersen, leader
1. What is stewardship?
Rev. Holger Andersen
2. How can stewardship
best be fulfilled? Rev. R.
Fallgatter
3. The need for evangelism,
Rev. J. C. Kjaer
4. Who can be evangelists?
Rev. Harold Olsen
3:30 p. m. Coffee hour
4:00 p. m. Open
6:00 p. m. Supper hour
8:00 p. m. Women's Missionary So-
ciety in charge. Rev. Hol-
ger Nielsen, speaker, "De-
veloping the Cedarloo Mis-
sion Congregation"

Sunday, September 12:

9:45 a. m. Sunday School for all ages
meets at the church
11:00 a. m. Worship and Holy Com-
munion. Sermon: "T h e
Christian Life," Rev. Johs.
Pedersen. Communion:
Rev. Olsen officiating and
Rev. Pedersen assisting
12:30 noon Dinner hour
2:30 p. m. Lectures: "Christian Re-
sponsibility" by Rev. Fall-
gatter and "THE EVANS-
TON MEETING" by Rev.
Holger Nielsen
4:00 p. m. Coffee hour and open
6:00 p. m. Supper hour
8:00 p. m. Lecture: "The Christian in
the World Community",
Rev. J. C. Kjaer, speaker

Faith Lutheran Church cordially in-
vites delegates, pastors and friends of
District IX, A. E. L. C. to be their
guests for the District meeting to be
held September 11 and 12 in Junction
City, Oregon. All guests are requested
to send their registrations to the
chairman of the registration commit-
tee, Mrs. C. S. Hasle, Junction City,
Oregon, no later than September 6 in
order to assure hospitality.

Edward Jensen, President.
Harold E. Olsen, Pastor.

District V Convention October 1-3, 1954

The annual convention of the churches of District V of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held at Dagmar, Mont., Oct. 1-3. The first meeting will begin at 2 p. m., Oct. 1. Each congregation is urged to send as many delegates as possible (1 for every 25 voting members is permitted). Congregation reports should be sent to the undersigned at least ten days before the convention.

Harold Petersen, Dist. Pres.
Askov, Minnesota.

Nathanael Evangelical Lutheran Church of Dagmar, Montana, herewith extends an invitation to all pastors and members of congregations in District V to attend the annual convention.

Please send your registration well in advance of the convention date to Mr. N. Elmer Johnson, Antelope, Montana.

Virgil Andreasen, President.

District VII Convention October 8-10, 1954

The annual convention of District VII of the A. E. L. C. will be held at Omaha, Nebraska, (22nd St. and Leavenworth) October 8-10, 1954. The congregations of the District are urged to send their full quota of delegates to the convention. Please remember to submit a written report of the year's life and work in the congregation.

The invitation includes all the members of the congregations as well as friends of the churches. All registrations should be sent to Mrs. Melvin Herman, 1117 Park Ave., Omaha, Neb., or to Pastor Marius Krog, 730 So. 50th St., Omaha 6, Neb., before September 20. Please designate who are the delegates. The meeting begins on Friday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock, with discussion of various phases of our church work.

Folmer Farstrup, President.
Central Lutheran Church,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Harris A. Jespersen, President.
A. E. L. C. District VII
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OUR CHURCH

Nysted, Nebraska. The congregation at Nysted held their annual Septemberfest on Sunday, September 5. Visitors from Cordova, Marquette and Cozad congregations were present. This year Septemberfest was celebrated in connection with the Nebraska Territorial Centennial celebration. The Nebraska State Archivist, Donald F. Danker, lectured to us in the afternoon. He reminded us of the rich heritage which is ours. A number of relics were displayed which played a part in the history of the Territory. In the evening Mr. Danker showed some actual photographs taken in Custer County of some families, houses and ways of life in the 1870's to 1890's. These were also very interesting. The whole day was one of fellowship, information and inspiration.

Circle Pines, Minn. Pastors Ottar Jorgensen, Harold Petersen, and Harald Petersen, met in Circle Pines on August 26 with about 38 people of the area to organize formally a new congregation. A church constitution was adopted and a new council elected, with Mr. Erling Grumstrup as its first president. The church is called St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church. Plans have been made to begin services soon, meeting in homes in the Lakeview area. Services at first may be possible only at such times as Pastor Jorgensen or one of the district pastors are available. The wall structure of the future parsonage will soon be built which will serve as a meeting hall until a church is erected.

Alden, Minn. A Sunday School Institute and Harvest Festival will be held here Sept. 18 and 19, with Prof. Howard Christensen, of the Board of Religious Education as guest speaker. The film, "The Difference" will be shown during the Festival.

Waterloo, Iowa. The first of a series of five bi-monthly FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS will be held Sept. 22, with a Swiss steak supper served at 6:30. The program will feature a message, "Impressions from Evanston" by Pastor Holger Nielsen, synod delegate to the W. C. of C. Assembly.

Ringsted, Iowa. Pastor Paul Wikman, former minister here, gave a lecture on the Evanston Assembly here recently. Pastor Wikman is now located at St. Stephen's Church, Chicago.

Tyler, Minn. The annual Harvest Festival will be held Sept. 12, starting with Danish service at 9:30, English service at 11 a. m., will be conducted by Pastor Ove Nielsen, national director of the All Lutheran Food Appeal. He will also speak at the afternoon meeting. An offering will be taken for Home Missions.

Juhl, Germania, Michigan. Dr. Alfred Jensen will speak here Sept. 20.

From St. Peter's Church Dwight, Illinois

Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Dwight, Ill., during the first three weeks in June. There were sixty-four pupils in attendance. Eighteen of these were of pre-school age. Miss Vivian Moldenhauer from "The Lutheran Bible Institute" in Minneapolis, taught the school-age children, assisted by Marlene Feddersen, Mrs. Ellen Andersen, Mrs. Leila Patchett and Mrs. Lillian Scott, each of whom gave a week of their time to assist Miss Moldenhauer. Mrs. Martha Shonetski and Mrs. Eva Nygaard taught the pre-school children. Concordia materials were used in all departments.

It was a festive day, July 18, when we of St. Peter's observed special worship service in the forenoon and a farewell dinner in the evening for our own Harold Riber, and his charming and capable wife, Mary, and their three fine children, Kris, Emmy and Carl. Pastor M. C. Dixen, Executive Secretary of the Santal Mission, traveled from Minneapolis in order to speak at the morning service. Missionary Riber gave the second message of the morning. Sunny Christiansen, soprano, sang "Arise, O Lord." Our opening hymn was the majestic hymn of praise, "This is the Day Which the Lord Hath Given." Yes, it is truly a wonderful day for Christians when a young man goes forth to tell the Glad Tidings of salvation to the far corners of the earth. How we ought to thank God for Harold and Mary and to pray that many more of our young people in our congregations, throughout our Synod, may be open and willing to accept the call to that great work of being missionaries. "The fields are ripe unto harvest but the laborers are few." "Pray, therefore the Lord of the Harvest. . . ."

Yes, all of us confess the name of our Blessed Savior, may we remember Harold and Mary Riber daily in our prayers, and also pray for more young Christians to come forth as missionaries from our various congregations.

Sunday evening we gathered for our farewell dinner at attractively decorated tables. The Danish Ladies' Aid and the Willing Workers served.

Mrs. Clara Jensen played an arrangement of "In the Garden." Sunny Christiansen sang "Calvary" in which was stated several times so effectively "I will not forsake Thee." Farewells and brief talks were given by Pastor Dixen, Pastor Klungtvedt, Santal Mission Board Member, Pastor Nygaard, Elmer Riber, Secretary of the congregation in the absence of Mr. Elmer Eskildsen, who is in Denmark, S. Dixen Sorensen, Sunday School treasurer, Mrs. Frandsen, president of Danish Ladies' Aid, Mrs. Dora Burgwald,

vice president of Willing Workers; Walter Shonetski, representing the Christian Fellowship group, Juanita Hansen in behalf of the Luther League and the Choir, and Mr. Charles Lauritzen in behalf of the Synod. The congregation gave Harold a set of books on the works of Martin Luther. Harold and Mary expressed their appreciation. Juanita Hansen fittingly and beautifully sang, "Day by Day Thy Mercies, Lord, Attend Me." The evening was closed by singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" and Pastor Nygaard closed with prayer and the benediction.

May God bless and keep Harold and Mary and their family and may they daily grow in grace. May we at home not fail them in any way.

Reporter.

Contributions To Santal Mission

Contributions July, 1954

General Budget:

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| Anders Henriksen, Askov, Minn. | \$ 50.00 |
| St. Ansgar's S. S., Salinas, Calif. | 10.00 |
| Luther Memorial Congregation, Des Moines, Iowa | 81.62 |
| St. Stephen's S. S., Chicago, Ill. | 25.00 |
| St. Peter's Summer School, Dwight, Ill. | 24.50 |
| Rev. Alfred Jensen, Des Moines Iowa | 5.00 |
| St. John's S. S. Birthday Bank, Marquette, Neb. | 18.07 |
| Chas. Mammen, Canfield, Ohio | 10.00 |
| Mrs. White, Ludington, Mich. | 20.00 |
| Rev. John Christensen, Ludington, Mich. | 20.00 |
| Farewell with the Ribers, St. Peter's Congr., Dwight, Ill. | 141.56 |
| Trinity Luth. Sunday School, Greenville, Mich. | 39.56 |
| In memory of Lars Jacobsen, Nysted, Nebr., by Henning Rasmussens, John E. Jenssens, and John L. Jenssens, Kimballton, Iowa | 3.00 |
| In memory of Erhardt Hansen, Los Angeles, Immanuel Congr., Los Angeles, Calif. | 5.00 |
| In memory of Niels Nielsen, Grayling, Mich., Rev. and Mrs. H. Juhl | 3.00 |
| In memory of Herman P. Skov, by West Denmark Congregation, Luck, Wis. | 3.00 |
| In memory of J. P. Johansen, Coulter, Iowa, by N. C. Rasmussens and Mrs. Andrew Jorgensen | 1.00 |

For a Child in School:

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| S. Dixen Sorensens, Dwight, Ill. | 25.00 |
| A Friend, Lake Benton, Minn. | 25.00 |

For Muriel Nielsen and the Ribers' Work:

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| In memory of Chas. Kuehl, by Friends, Withee, Wis. | 30.00 |
| In memory of Sara Jo Lind, Essex, Iowa, by Relatives and Friends | 100.00 |
| Total for July | 638.31 |
| Total since January 1 | \$6,076.82 |

Gratefully these contributions are acknowledged. Let us be thankful, indeed, that the Ribers are able and glad to go back into the work. We thank God that the door to India opens wide to them. We all realize their best efforts are urgently needed.

Dagmar Miller,

August, 1954

Toward General Budget:

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| Rev. Heide, Racine, Wis. | \$ 10.00 |
| Trinity Congregation, Chicago, Ill. | 35.00 |
| A Thanks Offering, Troy, N. Y. | 25.00 |
| Mrs. Minnie Mathisen, Des Moines, Iowa | 5.00 |
| J. P. Jensen, Chicago, Ill. | 9.00 |
| 1954 Church Convention, Cedar Falls, Iowa | 336.42 |
| St. John's Danish Ladies' Aid Mission Meeting, Hampton. | 7.65 |
| Marie Nielsen, Metuchen, N. J. | 10.00 |
| In memory of Eric Larsen, Castana, Iowa, Ingor T. Larsen, Bertel Olsens, Los Olivos, Calif., Don Hansens, Santa Ynez, Calif., Merle Shoffers and Mac Madsens, Turin, Iowa, Nels Nelsens, Moorhead, Iowa, and Alvin Larsens, Castana, Iowa | 10.00 |
| In memory of Edward Holm, Cedar Falls, Iowa, by Dora and Andrew Sorensen, Pittsburgh | 5.00 |
| In memory of Søren Hansen, Des Moines, Iowa, Anna and Dagmar Miller, A. B. P. Millers, Hans Egedes, Ezra Millers and Dr. L. L. Vidals, Hampton, Iowa | 3.50 |

For Children:

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| St. Ansgar's Sunday School, Portland, Maine | 25.00 |
| Total for August | 481.37 |
| Total since January 1 | 6,559.19 |

As so many demands are placed before our Missionaries by groups who come for aid, if available, we are thankful for every donation toward this great work of evangelizing that area of India. May we succeed in helping folks in need.

Sincerely,

Dagmar Miller.

1517 Guthrie Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.

Augustana, Leader Praises Eisenhower, Hits McCarthy

Los Angeles — (NLC) — President Eisenhower was lauded for "his conviction that the Christian Gospel and fellowship in prayer are the most effective weapons against trends hostile to America," as the Augustana Lutheran Church opened business sessions of its 95th annual synod here June 14-20.

Fifth largest of the 16 Lutheran groups in the United States, the 500,000-member denomination met on the West Coast for the first time in its history.

The spiritual motivation of the nation's Chief Executive was stressed by Dr. Oscar A. Benson of Minneapolis, Minn., in his third annual message as president of Augustana. Mr. Eisenhower, he pointed out, attends special prayer sessions for members of Congress and opens his cabinet meetings with prayer.

The Lutheran leader's praise of the President came after Dr. Benson had voiced criticism of the "arrogance" of congressional investigating committees "in assuming that they are competent to determine for the rest of us what is and what is not American."

He added that this attitude is "both intolerable and dangerous and has already created an unhappy mood of restlessness and tension."

While he mentioned no names, Dr. Benson obviously referred to committees headed by Senator Joseph R. McCarthy (R) of Wisconsin and Congressman Harold H. Velde (R) of Illinois, both of whom have sought to investigate Communism among the clergy and in the churches.

In another section of his annual survey on the life and work of his denomination, the Lutheran churchman touched upon another question that has been the widely publicized in recent months, that large numbers of Protestants are becoming Roman Catholics and vice versa.

While "much publicity is given to those instances where people of some prominence have become Roman Catholics," Dr. Benson said, "we have been quietly instructing and receiving into our membership thousands of men and women out of that fold."

He reported that in one area of the Augustana Church last year, eight Roman Catholics were received into Augustana congregations for every member that joined the Roman Church, while in another area the ratio was a little better than three to one. On a national basis, the Christian Herald, undenominational monthly, recently claimed that Protestant churches received four Roman Catholics for every member who embraced Catholicism. These figures have been strongly disputed by Catholic authorities.

"The accelerated worship of the 'Mother of God' this year and the prediction that in another century she

will be proclaimed 'Co-Redemptrix' with Christ and share with her Son in the power of ruling the world," Dr. Benson observed, "will make Protestant increasingly cautious and may make many within the Church of Rome restive and ready to adopt a more evangelical faith."

Dr. Benson also emphasized that the Augustana Lutheran Church is taking a prominent part in furthering ecumenical relations through its membership in the World Council of Churches, and the National Council of Churches, and in furthering Lutheran unity through its cooperation in the National Lutheran Council and the Lutheran World Federation.

While the National Council is "rapidly establishing itself as the voice of evangelical Protestantism," the Lutheran leader said that keeping the Council "evangelical" still entails "considerable struggle," especially as regards relationships on the state and local levels.

DR. FRY HEADS CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Evanston, Ill.—(NLC)—Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, 54, president of the United Lutheran Church in America, was named chairman of the newly elected 90-member policy making Central Committee of the World Council of Churches.

The Second Assembly of the World Council, meeting here Aug. 15-31, elected 17 Lutherans to its powerful Central Committee, the agency's chief policy making body between its quinquennial assemblies.

U. S. Lutherans elected members of the Central Committee were, along with Dr. Fry, Dr. Henry F. Schuh, president of the American Lutheran

Church, and Dr. Petrus Olof Bersell, president emeritus of the Augustana Lutheran Church.

Dr. Fry, who served as vice chairman of the Central Committee for the last six years, was named chairman at the first meeting here of the policy making body. Dr. Ernest A. Payne of London, general secretary of the Baptist Union of England was named vice chairman.

Dr. Fry takes over the chairmanship of the powerful interim committee from the Bishop of Chichester, Dr. George K. A. Bell of the Church of England, whom the Assembly named an honorary president.

Other Lutherans elected to the World Council's Central Committee included Bishop Hanns Lilje of Hannover, Germany, president of the Lutheran World Federation; Bishop Gottfried Noth of Saxony (East Germany); and Professor Volkmar Hertrich of Hamburg, Germany.

Dr. Fry was elected to the chairmanship of the powerful Central Committee after six years of service as vice chairman of the World Council's Executive Committee and vice chairman of the United States Conference for the World Council of Churches.

As president of the United Lutheran Church in America, he heads the largest Lutheran body in North America with a membership of 2,150,000. He is also first vice president of the Lutheran World Federation, president of Lutheran World Relief, Inc., and leader of many other Lutheran and interdenominational Protestant commissions and agencies.

Son and grandson of prominent Lutheran clergymen, Dr. Fry was born in Bethlehem, Pa., August 30, 1900, and spent his early life in Rochester, N. Y. After his graduation from Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y., in 1921, he studied in the American School for Classical Studies in Athens, Greece.

CLEAR PREACHING BEST LUTHERAN CONTRIBUTION TO ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT

Chicago—(NLC)—Remaining faithful to their heritage of clear preaching of the Word of God is the best contribution Lutherans can make to the Ecumenical Movement, in the opinion of Dr. Heinrich Meyer of Hamburg, Germany, well-known missions leader.

Dr. Meyer expressed this thought as he addressed 136 Lutheran delegates, alternate and observers to the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches at suburban Evanston, August 15-31, 1954.

The Lutheran leaders attended a special Pre-Evanston meeting at Chicago Theological Seminary, arranged by the U. S. A. Committee for the Lutheran World Federation to consider "Our Theological Contribution to the Evanston Assembly," as well as to give Lutherans from various countries

an opportunity to become better acquainted with each other.

Dr. Meyer spoke on the sub-themes of the main Evanston Assembly theme: "Christ — The Hope of the World."

He told the Lutheran leaders that the disunity of Christian churches is "a serious, scandalous problem," and he urged them to demonstrate their faith in obeying the Word of God by continuing correct, clear preaching.

"The more clearly the Word of God can be preached," he said, "the more clear will become the unity of Christians," referring to the sub-theme, "Our Oneness in Christ and Our Disunity as Churches."

Dr. Meyer observed that the natural outlet of Christian faith is evangelism, "The Mission of the Church to Those Outside Her Life." He asserted, "The Christian Church cannot exist without missions," affirming that the purpose of the Church lies in preaching the Gospel of Christ to build the Kingdom of God.

"In the Lord's Prayer," he pointed out, "we pray, 'Thy Kingdom come', not, 'Thy Church be preserved'."

Election Results

President of Synod (2 years) Dr. Alfred Jensen.

Trustee on Synod Board (2 years) Erling V. Jensen.

Trustee on Synod Board (2 years) August Sorensen.

Committee on Publications (4 years) Pastor Thorvald Hansen.

Council of Religious Education (4) Mrs. Vagn Duus.

Treasurer, Des Moines Old People's Home, Arthur Marck (3).

Board of Directors, Des Moines Old People's Home, Mrs. Sam Andersen.

Board of Directors, Tyler Old People's Home (3) Mrs. Jess Larsen.

President, Pension Fund Board Richard Sorensen (3).

Committee on Church Relations (2) S. Dixen Sorensen, Pastor Alfred Sorensen, Martin Grobeck.

Santal Mission Committee of AELC Miss Dagmar Miller (5 years)

Board of Ministerial Training, Hans J. Schmidt (2).

Committee on Liturgy and Hymnal (2) Prof. A. C. Kildegaard, Pastor Holger Jorgensen, Pastor Paul Wikman, Mr. Aage Sorensen, Pastor Marius Krog.

Convention Chairman, 1955, Dr. Erling Jensen.

Convention Assistant Chairman, Pastor Eilert Nielsen.

Convention Secretary, Pastor Calvin Rossman.

Convention Assistant Secretary, Miss Dorene Anderson.

Board of Directors, GVC and GVS, Pastor Harris Jespersen, (6).

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