

Lutheran Tidings

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St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church, Waterloo, Iowa

This is the church which will be host to the 83rd Annual Convention of the Synod, August 9-14, 1960.

83rd AELC Annual Convention Opens in Waterloo

Keeping Up-to-Date on the National Council of Churches

Roy G. Ross

General Secretary, NCCC

THE MONTHS since the last meeting of the General Board have been eventful ones for the churches and busy ones in the life of the National Council of Churches.

A great range of program services to the churches and on their behalf have been carried forward; the Council and the churches have pursued vigorously their program of education for peace; the proposed program for long-range depth planning has advanced on a variety of fronts; the administrative officers have been appraising the Council's 10-year operations; and the Council and the member churches have continued to resist with solid front and concerted action the intrusions by government into the freedom of the churches.

Also during this time, many people have been preparing for the next General Assembly in San Francisco in December. It has been felt previously that there was a lack of adequate opportunity for delegate participation in the review of reports and in decision-making on significant questions. To remedy this we must have a full representation of the member churches.

These have been months during which no person with an active mind or sensitive conscience could have experienced a dull moment.

Large blocks of time have been devoted to activities related to the Air Force manual controversy. The experience has brought some highly gratifying outcomes, though it is regrettable that so much of the resources of the staff of the Council and our member churches had to be spent in offsetting the false propaganda about revered Christian scholars and leaders of our churches originating with persons, who, in the name of Christ, ply their trade of malicious character assassination.

Among the values which have derived from the controversy are the following:

1. The opportunity for answering long-standing

false charges regarding the leaders of the churches, the members of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible Committee and the National Council of Churches, charges which finally found their way into government publications;

2. The opportunity to make common cause with other religious faiths and leaders of other institutions and professional groups in resisting illegal infringements of basic freedoms and unproved charges of guilt by association;

3. The demonstration of the solidarity of the churches in their determination to resist the intrusion of the government into their affairs;

4. The opportunity to acquaint large numbers of persons in the Congress, in the communications media and among the opinion-makers of America with the role of the National Council in relation to the member churches as a medium for their united witness;

5. The opportunity to set forth to the nation that the churches of America, far from being a threat to the national welfare, are the principal bulwark of the nation in the defense of freedom; and

6. The opportunity to demonstrate to ourselves our unity and our ability to act unitedly when occasion demands.

(Interchurch News)

Entrance

"O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship — Narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife — Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children nor to straying feet but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power — O God, make the door of this house the gateway to Thy eternal kingdom."

(Narthex, St. John's Church, Seattle)

"The Washington Observer," Dr. Gerhard Lanski, quotes Congressman Walter H. Moeller of Ohio, a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, as saying, "...the time has come when Christian people must be extremely vocal in all they do in every walk of life...when governments can so easily be turned into directions that are not to the glory of God...it is very important that Christian men and women should take their turn in government processes."

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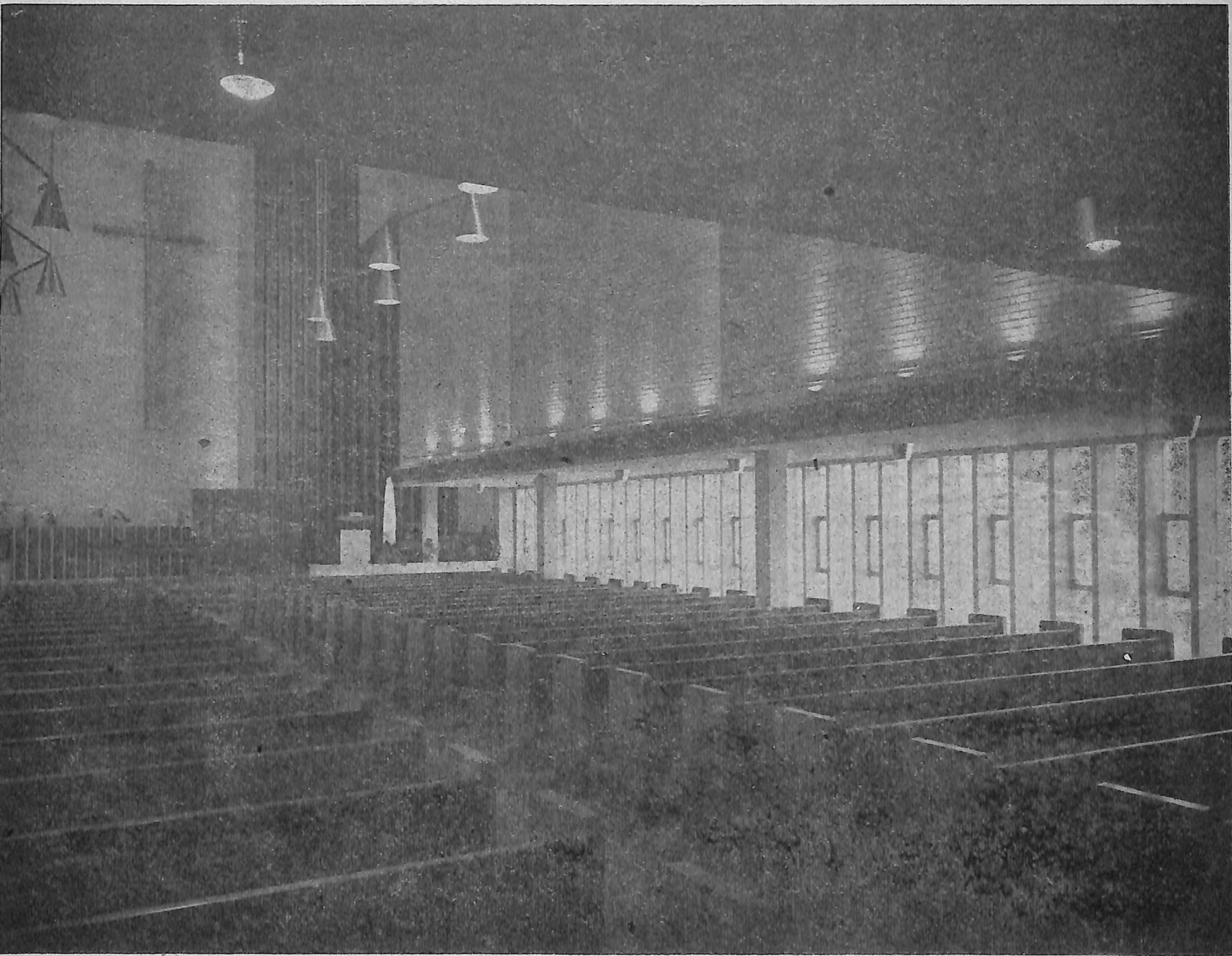
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View of the nave of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Waterloo, Iowa, where most sessions of the 83rd Convention of the AELC will be held.

Convention Program

(Subject to Last Minute Changes)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9:

8:00 p. m.—Opening service with Dr. Johannes Knudsen, Maywood, Illinois, preaching the sermon introducing the convention theme: "You are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:23-29). Liturgist: Rev. Richard Sorensen.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10:

9:00 a. m.—Morning Devotional Hour with message by Rev. Paul Nussle, Salinas, California. Liturgist: Rev. Theodore Thuesen, Jr., Enumclaw, Washington.

10:00 a. m.—Opening of Convention Business Session, including official welcome by local church and community leaders.

8:00 p. m.—Evening Program featuring message by Dr. Malvin H. Lundeen of Minneapolis, Minnesota, president of the Augustana Lutheran Church and chairman of the Joint Commission on Lutheran Unity.



Meals will be served in this spacious dining room-recreation hall of the Presbyterian Church.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11:

- 9:00 a. m.—Morning Devotional Hour with message by Rev. Axel Kildegaard of Maywood, Illinois. Liturgist: Rev. Robert Fallgatter, Marlette, Michigan.
- 9:45 a. m.—Convention Business Session resumes for the day.
- 11:30 a. m.—Memorial Service with message by Rev. C. A. Stub, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Liturgist: Rev. Ivan Nielsen, Dwight, Illinois.
- 6:45 p. m.—Danish Worship Service in St. Ansgar's Church with Rev. Max Moller of Brooklyn, New York, preaching. Liturgist: Rev. Ottar Jorgensen, Minneapolis.
- 8:00 p. m.—Convention Communion Service with message by Rev. Ove Nielsen of New York City. Liturgist: Rev. J. C. Kjaer of Seattle, Washington; assisting, Rev. Harold Olsen and Rev. Ronald Jespersen of Cedar Falls, Iowa; Rev. Thorvald Hansen of Cozad, Nebraska, and Rev. Peter Thomsen of Chicago, Illinois.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12:

- 9:00 a. m.—Morning Devotional Hour with message by Rev. Edwin Hansen of Muskegon, Michigan. Liturgist: Rev. Joseph B. Sibert, Brayton, Iowa.
- 9:45 a. m.—Convention Business Session resumes for the day.
- 5:30 p. m.—Convention Banquet with message by Robert P. Hetico of Waukegan, Illinois, executive secretary of the Board of Parish Education for the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13:

- 9:00 a. m.—Morning Devotional Hour with message by Rev. Beryl Knudsen of Withee, Wisconsin. Liturgist: Rev. Arnold Knudsen of Junction City, Oregon.
- 9:45 a. m.—Convention Business Session resumes for the day.
- 8:00 p. m.—Evening Program sponsored by the Women's Mission Society with message by Mrs. Ruth Youngdahl Nelson of Washington, D. C.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14:

- 10:15 a. m.—Convention Worship Service with ordination of Candidate Everett Nielsen, Liturgist: Rev. Axel Kildegaard of Maywood, Illinois; Sermon by Rev. Holger O. Nielsen of Newington, Connecticut; Intimation Address by Rev. W. Clayton Nielsen of Omaha, Nebraska; Assisting, Rev. Calvin Rossman, Rev. A. E. Sorensen, Rev. Eilert C. Nielsen, Rev. Harald Ibsen.
- 2:30 p. m.—Afternoon Program featuring messages by Dr. Alfred J. Beil of Des Moines, president of the United Lutheran Synod in Iowa, and by Rev. Raynold J. Lingwall, Des Moines, president of the Iowa Conference of the Augustana Lutheran Church.
- 8:00 p. m.—Closing Program featuring messages by the retiring synodical president, Dr. Alfred Jensen, and his successor as elected by this convention.



Dr. Alfred Jensen will open the convention. This will be the last time (after twenty-four conventions), since he now retires. He has never missed a convention.

This country will not be a really good place for any of us to live in if it is not a really good place for all of us to live in.

Theodore Roosevelt.

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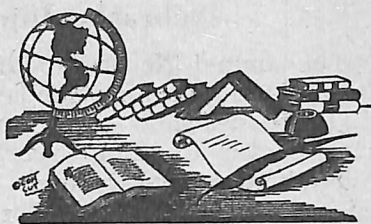
Statistics for 1959: Lutheran Church Bodies in the United States and Canada

CHURCH BODIES	Total Ordained Ministers	Serving Pastorates	Organized Congregations	Regular Preaching Places	Baptized Membership	Confirmed Membership	Sunday Schools			Congregational Finances					
							Number	Teachers	Pupils	Property Valuation	Indebtedness	Local Expenses	Work at Large	Total Expenses	
National Lutheran Council															
1 United Lutheran	4,872	3,537	4,591	112	2,477,012	1,676,053	4,654	105,611	833,270	\$ 651,013,606	\$ 80,971,737	\$ 89,928,900	\$ 24,333,311	\$114,262,211	1
*2 Evangelical	2,242	1,613	2,630	16	1,152,643	754,431	2,668	46,005	353,896	222,017,355	43,025,430	39,338,785	10,149,278	49,488,063	2
*3 American	2,237	1,720	2,080	6	1,034,377	682,278	2,085	39,616	351,320	237,681,100	41,840,698	42,171,286	7,241,500	49,412,876	3
4 Augustana	1,299	969	1,248		605,380	406,376	1,208	24,875	200,604	159,037,557	26,311,833	25,469,762	5,837,322	31,307,084	4
5 Lutheran Free	254	171	343		83,596	54,804	314	4,146	31,492	15,924,895	2,988,705	2,517,340	768,904	3,286,244	5
*6 United Evangelical	229	144	181	3	70,149	43,377	184	3,158	25,576	16,652,166	3,051,000	2,710,750	641,247	3,351,997	6
7 Suomi Synod	103	80	154	9	36,264	24,564	123	1,616	12,841	7,142,896	889,605	1,364,175	152,643	1,516,818	7
8 American Evangelical	81	52	79		23,952	16,198	75	860	5,388	4,753,761	526,400	833,205	200,297	1,033,502	8
TOTAL	11,317	8,286	11,306	146	5,483,373	3,658,081	11,311	225,887	1,814,387	\$1,314,233,336	\$199,605,408	\$204,334,203	\$ 49,324,502	\$263,658,705	
Synodical Conference															
9 Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod ...	5,947	4,324	5,450	485	2,387,292	1,518,394	5,321	88,496	771,452	\$ 644,568,430	\$157,102,772	\$113,639,315	\$ 27,986,117	\$141,625,432	9
10 Wisconsin Ev. Luth. Synod	844	662	833	25	374,433	231,356	1,000		54,072						10
11 Synod of Ev. Luth. Churches	62	56	61	66	19,966	14,674	58	591	5,318	6,841,326		851,524	94,925	946,449	11
12 Evangelical Lutheran Synod	61	54	75	2	14,302	9,467	73	509	3,690	3,210,476	539,341	498,638	96,169	594,852	12
Synodical Conf. Negro Miss.	30	29	50	3	7,999	3,655	51	205	3,410			150,518		150,518	
TOTAL	6,944	5,125	6,469	581	2,803,992	1,777,546	6,503	89,801	837,942	\$ 654,620,232	\$157,642,113	\$115,139,995	\$ 28,177,211	\$143,317,251	
All Others															
13 National Evangelical	39	34	62	13	10,976	6,659	54	504	3,753	\$ 2,193,949	\$ 508,151	\$ 382,878	\$ 59,669	\$ 442,547	13
14 Finnish Apostolic	**22	**18	**59		**8,001	**6,589	**32	**234	**1,526	**390,246	**14,355	**47,008	**8,964	**55,972	14
15 Lutheran Brethren	98	91	53	5	6,006	2,851	53	611	4,400	2,421,900					15
16 Eielsen Synod	3	3	9		1,500	1,100	4	10	50	80,000					16
TOTAL	162	146	183	18	26,483	17,199	143	1,359	9,729	\$ 5,086,095	\$ 522,506	\$ 429,886	\$ 68,633	\$ 498,519	
GRAND TOTAL	18,423	13,557	17,958	745	8,313,848	5,452,826	17,957	317,047	2,662,058	\$1,973,929,663	\$357,770,027	\$319,904,084	\$ 77,570,346	\$397,474,475	
Total — U. S. only	17,747	13,018	16,899	658	8,054,417	5,289,701	16,972	308,729	2,594,050	\$1,935,179,135	\$349,458,147	\$313,662,158	\$ 75,975,365	\$389,637,568	
Total — Canada only	676	539	1,059	87	259,431	163,125	985	8,318	68,008	\$ 38,750,528	\$ 8,311,880	\$ 6,241,926	\$ 1,594,981	\$ 7,836,907	

* On January 1, 1961 these churches will become The American Lutheran Church.
 ** No census has been taken since 1953.

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OPINION AND COMMENT



NEXT WEEK (one week from today, as this goes to the printer) our synod holds another convention. It is the 83rd in a tradition which will very likely soon come to an end. It is sad to close down a worthy tradition, and as we near the end of our always enjoyable series of business and worship meetings there are many who will feel a real loss. The empty place must be filled by something else, and in this case it will be the new loyalty and the new inspiration of the Lutheran Church in America. . . . Meanwhile, there is work to be done on what is immediately at hand. The Reports have now been distributed and, we trust, well read. There are other things to attend to besides "merger." **O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, rule over our church, which is Thy church. Grant us horizon, perspective, clarity of mind and spirit, that Thy servants, bewildered and confused concerning the way they should take, may find the path made clear, Thy word a lamp unto their feet. Amen.**

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OUR HOST congregation is St. Ansgar's of Waterloo, Iowa, where Richard Sorensen is pastor. St. Ansgar's is 68 years old, but only in the last decade or so has it grown. Its recent growth has been a real success story. Formerly located in an older part of town, the church relocated into a newer residential area, and has blossomed remarkably as a result. Fifteen years ago the congregation listed 322 communicants. The present report lists 1,238, almost as many as neighboring Cedar Falls. The relatively new church building has been expanded once since it was built six or eight years ago. There is now being considered another \$50,000 expansion program, providing more classroom and sanctuary space.

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THE PAGE OF statistics preceeding this page may appear needless and meaningless to many. However, we believe it is of importance to people who will take the trouble to examine it rather closely and make comparisons. Next year this chart will have changed somewhat in appearance, since one of the great mergers will have been accomplished. Our church (Number 8 on the list) is truly one of the smallest of all the Lutheran synods. After the merger, we will have to adjust to being part of the largest of the synods. . . . Lutherans now number more than eight million in the U. S. (for the first time). The gain during 1959 represents an increase of 2.8 per cent. Only Baptists and Methodists among Protestants exceed the Lutherans in numbers. The Missouri Synod added the most members last year (72,185) for a percentage gain of 3.1. The number of ordained Lutheran pastors increased by 454 over 1958, of which there are 262 more than previously serving pastorates. Property values increased sharply, as well, by over 10 per cent. A drop

is noted in general giving to the church. In 1959 the increase was only about eight millions, compared to an increase of well over 25 millions the year before. . . . Within two years, the number of church bodies which are Lutheran is expected to drop from 16 to 11, due to the two great mergers. The American Lutheran Church begins full function on January 1, with 2,250,000 members. Our own merger is scheduled for 1962 or soon thereafter, and will involve a membership of about 3,000,000.

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CANDIDATE KENNEDY has begun his campaign with a so-called "fighting" attack on Candidate Nixon, and Nixon has replied that this personal attack is beneath the dignity of presidential elections. By this reply, he is himself subtly attacking Kennedy in a very personal way while maintaining an appearance of Eisenhower-type aloofness. With such great issues to discuss, we hope the candidates will settle down to serious and high-minded debate. Some worthwhile ideas might come out of a good discussion of the issues. Probably very few voters will change their minds between now and November. Most people have made up their minds by now, and they will applaud the speeches and tactics of their candidates, and deride those of the opposition. It would be a fine thing if Kennedy and Nixon both would seek out a level of statesmanship in the discussion which would produce creative thinking by themselves and their advisors — creative ideas which all the world could observe and evaluate. American politics is an area which the rest of the world views with some admiration, but also with a good deal of skepticism. A worthy verbal combat now could possibly help recover some of the esteem we seem to have lost abroad in recent years.

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LAST WEEK on this page we mentioned the heart attack of Dr. Paul Empie. Since then we have received several communications about him and from him, and in the latest he writes cheerfully: "Yesterday was my second anniversary here and I have about two more weeks yet to go (in the hospital). . . . We were quite cheered a few days ago when the doctor told me the cardiogram is 'leveling off' so fast that he begins to think the heart damage is not as great as at first he had feared. This morning he described my progress as 'zipping right along' — in fact he doesn't even examine me any more — just studies the chart. I told him the other day that I was living proof of the fact that you can fool some of the people all of the time — a lot of people around here really think I'm sick! He replied, 'That's nothing, a lot of them think I'm a doctor!' When I asked the other day if I could wash myself, at least across face and chest, letting the nurses wash my back and feet, he said, 'O. K., any religious significance in letting them wash your feet?' . . . God be with you all — as He most surely has been and remains with me."

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CARL, OUR CAUSTIC church custodian, was trimming some vegetation outside the office window this morning, and came up with the shrewd observation, apropos of what he was doing, that what our government needs is more prunin' and less graftin'.



Paging Youth

American Evangelical Luth.
Youth Fellowship

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Davis Reports From Denmark

June 24, 1960: This is the last day in Denmark for our group. I have had a wonderful time these past 12 days. All has not been fun nor play, however. Most of the time has been spent in excursions, lectures and sessions with youth. Some of the excursions were taken with youth from Denmark's folk schools. We have visited many churches, both in the country and in Copenhagen, the capital city. Of special interest to me was Thorvaldsen's church here where we saw all of his art work. His famous statue of Christ is above the altar, just as in many of our churches at home in America. I also visited the "Round Tower" church built in 1642 by Christian IV. Many of the churches here were built in the 11th and 12th centuries, with one built way back in 960. That one is the "Westminster Abbey" of Denmark. The church we liked the most was Grundtvig's church in Copenhagen. It was large, but very plain, many of the others having been very ornate.

The lectures have been on youth work, theology, church organization, problems, history and schools. Ninety-seven per cent of the Danes belong to the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Folk Church of Denmark. We were surprised and concerned to hear, however, that only one to two per cent of the population attends church.

We also visited a small town of about 6,000, Haslev, known as the "Town of Schools" in Denmark. It has six folk schools. Our visit will begin in an all girls school, thus the six boys in our group are, perhaps, going to enjoy Denmark more than the girls in the group.

While I was in Copenhagen, I stayed with a family who spoke very little English. Since my Danish is limited to speaking about churches and food, I could only observe what went on. But in this observing, I have learned a great deal about Denmark, its church and its people. I leave next from here to go to Berlin, and a new adventure begins.

Editor's Note: We hope to have a report of the travels of Keith Davis in Germany and his participation in the Ecumenical Youth Assembly in Lausanne, Switzerland, soon.

The vision of beauty is the greatest thing in the world, and those who can catch what the ordinary eye cannot see are among the great people of the world.

General Jan Smuts.

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Nebraska Junior Camp

The annual Nebraska Junior Camp was held at Camp Nysted, opening Sunday afternoon, July 10. The vital statistics show one from Aurora, Nebraska, four from Beaver Crossing, Nebraska, three from Brush, Colorado, two from Bellevue, Nebraska, two from Cordova, Nebraska, ten from Cozad, Nebraska, eight from Dannebrog (Nysted), Nebraska, two from Davey, Nebraska, one from Evanston, Illinois, two from Exeter, Nebraska, one from Friends, Nebraska, one from Fort Morgan, Colorado, three from Hampton, Nebraska, TWENTY-FOUR from Hay Springs, Nebraska (they came by truck), one from Herdville, Nebraska, eight from Marquette, Nebraska, two from Lincoln, Nebraska, and three from Omaha, Nebraska. These, along with ten counselors, comprised the group during the week. The following is a first hand report:

On Monday evening, July 11, the wind blew and the rain came down in torrents, as Camp Director F. Farstrup calmly stated, "It seems like we have a storm every year during Junior Camp!" Just the day before the rainstorm, 78 campers hit the campsite — by storm, also. But this terrific amount of energy was directed into creative channels and it is hoped that the camp experience has a more lasting effect upon the young campers than the storm had on the counselor's nerves.

Each morning at 9 a. m., we shared in a half hour devotion period. It was inspiring to worship together every day in St. Peter's church. On Thursday morning, we had a very special devotional service. Mark Thomsen, a missionary to Africa (UELC), showed slides about his work in Nigeria where he is an instructor in a seminary for natives. The campers contributed \$10 toward his work and the Rev. Mr. Thomsen said that it would be used to buy books for his students.

The campers were divided into age groups for Bible Study classes. All campers reviewed the life of Jesus as they studied His childhood, His temptations, His ministry, His death, and His resurrection. These topics brought many questions and discussions at the various levels of understanding. After Bible Study, the remainder of the morning was devoted to craft period. Campers worked with porcelain and plastic tiles, copper plates, toothpicks, reeds, soap and paints. Pictures, plaques, trays and hand woven baskets were the finished products.

The campers rotated in teams at hiking and playing softball and volleyball. This was the first activity after the rest period which followed dinner each day. After sports, the campers traveled to St. Paul in the Hay Springs truck and enjoyed a refreshing swim in the pool. Then, it was back to camp to another wonderful meal prepared by Mrs. Larkowski and Mrs. Jacobsen.

In the evening, there was an hour of general singing, with a few stunts thrown in on the last evening. Next, it was time for folk dancing, which everyone seemed to enjoy even if there were many more girls than boys. Koolaide was a necessary refresher before the camp fires. The songs and fairy tales around the dancing flames seemed the perfect way to close the day.

Our Women's Work

MRS. AAGE PAULSEN, EDITOR

Beaver Crossing, Nebraska



Women's Retreat of District II

We knew we were pushing our luck in hoping for nice weather for the days of the Women's Retreat of District II, AELC, Women's Mission Society. We had already had two beautiful sunny days, and (in Michigan) this just couldn't last! But the sun was still shining and it was still warm by the time we arrived at Portage Lake just outside of Manistee. The trip across the state was over before we realized it, and the welcome by the ladies of Manistee was appreciated. After preliminary introductions and getting registrations taken care of, we enjoyed coffee together.

At this point we should have taken advantage of the fact that the sun was still shining, and the lake was beautifully placid, and our swimming "gear" needed only to be unpacked. We were optimistic enough to think that we could swim the next day, but that was a mistake. That first night the rains came with much wind, lightning and thunder. This was the weather story for the duration of our retreat.

What the weather lacked, the Manistee ladies more than made up for in making us mindful of what it was we had gathered to accomplish and experience. All told, we were a total of fifty-two registered retreaters — this included five ladies from the Messiah Lutheran Church (Augustana Synod) of Manistee. There were three visitors from the Suomi Church of Kaleva. Having these two synods represented gave an added feeling of anticipation with respect to our synod convention this summer.

The camp site on Portage Lake is owned by the Mission Covenant Church and the facilities are adequate in every way. Should this become the site for next year's retreat, there are at least eleven ladies representing our Detroit church this year, who will not be reluctant to "sign up" for retreat — at least not as far as camp location is concerned. Neither will they hesitate as far as getting something to take home to really think about is concerned. Mrs. Thyra Hansen of Muskegon certainly made us aware of what our theme "Tomorrow's Mission Work" should mean to us. Miss Nancy Decker, representing the Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, did much in the way of helping us to better understand what it is to work with people when you let yourself look at their problems from their point of view and try to see that those very situations could come about for any one of us were we subjected to the same circumstances.

"What the Christian Woman Should Wear." This was the title of the message to be brought to us by Mrs. Stanley Benson, wife of the Mission Covenant pastor in Manistee, and we were intrigued. Mrs. Benson had our attention from start to finish as she very cleverly showed us through the scriptures, just what the Christian woman should wear. Just as in selecting a new outfit, we begin with the basic, namely, the dress itself, so our spiritual wardrobe should be built around faith as the basic. In this way, through outward effects and finishing touches so we must concern ourselves with our inward, spiritual "grooming." By the time she was through, to most of us at least she had made a place for herself amongst the "Ten Best Dressed Women" as far as most of us were concerned. Standing there in her grey dress and her black shoes ("They go with everything, you know"), she had become very beautiful and proved her point effectively.

Mrs. Eleanor Christensen, Detroit.

The President's Report

Activities of WMS this year have not been particularly eventful, but the approaching merger has brought us in closer contact with the women's organizations of the merging churches.

Looking toward merger the leaders of WMS are using every opportunity to acquaint our members with the work and activity of the women of our merging churches so that we might adjust

more readily to the highly organizational structure and activities that will meet us in the merged organization to be known as the Lutheran Church Women in America. In former years, WMS operated under the guidance of an Executive Committee with no other organizational structure. We are gradually becoming organized on the local, district and national levels in a pattern similar to that of the other church women's groups. It is gratifying to note that our organizational bonds are gradually strengthening. However, District I, WMS, reports that because the congregations at Troy and Newark are in merger negotiations with congregations of other Lutheran church bodies, the strength of that District is somewhat weakened. District VIII is now considering adoption of a District constitution.

RECOMMENDATION I. That all local organizations that have not yet done so be encouraged to give consideration to adoption of an adapted form of the proposed model constitution for congregational organizations.

Through our Education Committee and District Presidents we have made an attempt, with some degree of success, to introduce to our local groups the program material and leadership tools published by the Augustana Lutheran Church Women, the United Lutheran Church Women and Friendship Press. While we encourage use of the prepared programs, we certainly recommend use of original programs as well, in fact, these are much to be preferred if they are centered on the purpose and goals of the organization.

Our educational program could be greatly strengthened if each District would appoint an Education Committee to assist the national committee to acquaint our local groups with available program materials through the local education or program committee. It is through such a functional committee that other women's organizations have effectively carried on their programs.

RECOMMENDATION II. That each District cooperate in appointing District and local Education Committees to work with the national Education Committee.

Our constitution also provides for a Service Committee, the purpose of which is to give effective leadership in the area of service projects in the local, District and national organizations.

RECOMMENDATION III. That Service Committees be appointed and begin functioning on all three levels of the organization during 1961.

WMS would benefit greatly by a stronger emphasis on membership. Another important functional committee, also provided for in our constitution is the Fellowship (or Membership) Committee, of which the function is to strengthen the organization through increased membership, especially on the local level, and to extend our fellowship to inter-Lutheran and interdenominational activities.

RECOMMENDATION IV. That Fellowship Committees be appointed and begin functioning on all three levels of the organization during 1961.

RECOMMENDATION V. That likewise, Budget and Finance Committees be appointed during 1961 on district and local levels to assist the national Budget and Finance.

The matter of duties of these committees will be studied by the national board at their meeting October 1960.

The WMS convention of 1959 adopted a budget for 1960 based on expenditures and income in previous years. It is gratifying that this first budget was willingly accepted by all Districts. Our treasurer reports that our goals are far from reached at this date, but it is anticipated that contributions will increase during the balance of 1960, and that the goal will be met.

Since the Budget and Finance Committee has prepared a budget for 1961, and are also submitting recommendations for projects for the coming year, no recommendations regarding these items

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*LWR Representative Reports**School Feeding in Yugoslavia*

Harald Lund

The village school in Donja Badanja is one of some 14,000 in Yugoslavia which are receiving surplus food supplies from the United States through Lutheran World Relief and Church World Service. The village is in a sparsely settled mountainous area 40 kilometers south of the Sava River and 85 kilometers west of Belgrade. It is a region where oxen are still a major source of power both for transportation locally and for cultivation of the soil.

The school is exceptional in that four years ago it was singled out by the Division of Nutrition of the Serbian Academy of Sciences for a long-range study of the effects of providing supplementary meals for children through school kitchens.

Dr. Aleksandar Djaja, director of the Institute, explains that Donja Badanja was chosen for study because of the poor state of nutrition in the area, which is the foothills of the Cer mountain. The average daily intake of food in calories was low and the percentage of calories derived from bread was high. The problem was one both of quantity of food consumed by the population and particularly by children.

When the study started, Dr. Djaja says, because most of the children lived far from the school, they carried with them their lunches in bags which were called "hlebara" — literally, bread basket. It was found that on the average such a bag contained 393 grams of foodstuffs, 300 of which were bread. Of the total caloric value, 70 per cent was derived from the bread. The lunch contained only 30 grams of all proteins, 22 grams of fat and 140 grams of carbohydrates.

Moreover, at the time the study began, there were two fasting days a week — Wednesday and Friday — when only half the children brought bread in their lunch bags, and only one-fourth had anything else, such as jam, honey, onions or potatoes.

The average caloric value on the fasting days was reduced from 925 to 650. The meals usually constituted both breakfast and lunch for the children. It is not surprising that less than one-fifth of the children were well-nourished at that time and less than one-third showed a normal rate of development as indicated by height and weight.

When the Red Cross of Yugoslavia in 1956 was able to offer dry powdered milk, wheat flour and other commodities provided through Lutheran World Relief and Church World Service for school feeding, the parents of the Donja Badanja community were quick to show their interest. The agricultural cooperative offered space in its building across the street from the school for a kitchen and dining space. The families of the village contributed timber, sand, stone and manpower for renovation of the premises. The Health Institute of Sabac, the srez or county in which the village

is located, gave plumbing and wash basins. The Health Council of Serbia granted the sum of 300,000 dinars (about \$500) for dining room furniture and kitchen appliances.

The basic supplies for the school kitchen are obtained from LWR and CWS through the Yugoslav Red Cross. These commodities at present are powdered dry milk, whole wheat flour and rice. At first processed cheese, a great favorite with the children, was also received but none has been available since 1958.

There are 215 children enrolled in the school. Thirty-six kilos of flour are used daily in baking bread. At present only six kilos of powdered milk, amounting to about 30 grams per child, are used. The normal ration is 56 grams, but this has been reduced because milk shipments by LWR/CWS had to be reduced by half in the last fiscal year due to a sudden reduction in the surplus supply in the United States.

The children pay a small monthly fee of 150 dinars (25c) with which additional foodstuffs are purchased, such as sugar, jam and cocoa, tea and coffee for flavoring the milk. The diet is varied from day to day. In season, fruits and vegetables are sometimes added.

A cook and her assistant, paid by the school, work under the direction of the teacher of home economics. The bread is baked and the milk mixed and heated in the kitchen adjoining the dining room. Designated children serve the tables, at each of which four children sit. When soup is prepared, a bowl is set on each table and one of the four diners at the table serves.

Dr. Djaja and his co-workers have noted many changes in the health of the children since commencing their study. Among these are the following:

- * Whereas at the beginning of the study half the children were retarded in growth, now all are developing at a normal rate or better.

- * Malnourishment is no longer to be seen.

- * The number of children suffering from anemia has decreased, as shown by hemoglobin tests.

- * Stomatitis angularis (disease of the mouth tissues) earlier found among 60 per cent of the children, has been eliminated.

- * Attendance has become more regular.

- * Children are more alert and better able to study.

- * Hygienic habits have improved.

The school kitchen program is constantly developing. The agricultural cooperative has donated a plot of ground adjoining the school kitchen for a school garden. The garden was planted this year and cared for with the help of the children. Potatoes, beans and onions are being raised for use next year. Sixteen other varieties of vegetables were grown as well, partly for educational purposes.

Plans for the future include building of a pigsty for four or five pigs, a chicken yard and a rabbit yard. Equipment for preserving vegetables and fruits and

District III Convention

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Dwight, Illinois, extends an invitation to all delegates, pastors and visitors of this District to be her guests during the District Convention, September 23, 24 and 25.

In order to secure a place to stay for all who want lodging, please register as soon as possible by writing to Mr. Alvin Sondergaard, 410 So. St. Louis, Dwight, Illinois.

Ivan E. Nielsen, Pastor.
Alvin Sondergaard, President.

INSTRUCTIONS

Congregations are to elect delegates for the business meeting on the basis of one delegate for every 25 voting members or fraction thereof. Each congregation is requested to present a written report of its activities during the past year. The opening meeting will be Friday evening and the closing program will be an after dinner speaker on Sunday.

Ivan E. Nielsen, District President.

District VI Convention

Diamond Lake Lutheran Church, Lake Benton, Minnesota, hereby extends an invitation to all delegates, pastors, and visitors to be our guests during the District Convention, September 9, 10, 11. Those who wish lodging should write to either Pastor Calvin Rossman, Ruthon, Minnesota, or Gunnar Johansen, Verdi, Minnesota, as soon as possible.

May God bless our meeting and fellowshiping together.

Calvin Rossman, Pastor.
Gunnar Johansen, President.

INSTRUCTIONS

Congregations should elect delegates for the business meeting on the basis of one delegate for every 25 voting members or fraction thereof. Each congregation should be prepared to give a report of their activities during the past year. Convention will begin with lecture on Friday evening at 8 p. m. The business meeting will follow devotions on Saturday. On Sunday, Synod President Dr. Alfred Jensen will speak.

Calvin Rossman, District President.

Salaries

As for salaries themselves. I have long thought that this should not be left in the hands of the congregations. The present system leads to the most ridiculous contrasts. I think each congregation should annually pay a certain amount to synod for pastoral salaries (on a confirmed member basis) and then have synod equalize all pastors' salaries in all congregations large and small. Let salaries then be paid by the congregations through the synod. Would this work? Of course it would. It would furthermore relieve the pastor of the satanic temptation to accept a particular call on the strength of the good salary it might offer. When I say "good," I speak comparatively. No Lu-

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"I suggest we just leave this budget deficit up to our 'big givers' I'm always hearing about. Incidentally, does anyone know who they are?"

Every church has them. They're usually vague and nameless—this group of 'big givers'—but always tremendously wealthy and generous beyond words. Too bad they exist mostly in our imagination—comforting our conscience with the knowledge that their rumored 'big gifts' balance our own sometimes less-than-generous financial support.

theran pastor gets a good salary when his training and responsibility is compared with that of a physician, executive, or good attorney. But there is a sense in which we can speak of a good pastor's salary, and that is to call it good if it is livable.

Yes, I know that cost of living and sizes of families vary. But this could easily be allowed for. A bachelor would not need as much as a pastor with five children!

One even greater benefit would result. Small congregations would not have pastors leaving them all the time because of continuous accumulation of debt by the pastor! They would get better pastoral service!

Scrip Sundry, "Ansgar Lutheran."

BREADTH

No Christian today has the right to poke fun at the narrowness of our forefathers. Our boasted breadth has come to us at the expense of depth. We are broad and shallow; they were narrow and deep.

— John Sutherland Bonnell.

I should like to spend the whole of my life traveling. If I could anywhere borrow another life to spend at home.

William Hazlitt.

Special Report

Christians Involved in 'Sit-In' Strikes

Ecumenical Press Service

RECENT EVENTS AT Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville, Tennessee, concerning the Rev. James Lawson are part of a wider context of "sit-in movements" in the South.

The "sit-in" demonstrations against segregation began in Greensboro, North Carolina, on February 1 of this year when a small group of Negro students walked into a store and sat down quietly at a lunch counter which served white customers only. The students sat until the store closed without receiving service. This incident was the first of many similar demonstrations which spread within days through the universities of the South. By April over 1,000 Negro students in at least 68 cities of 13 states had been arrested on various charges.

The spontaneity of these demonstrations, according to experienced observers, has startled some Southerners into thinking that the change they had hoped to postpone indefinitely is actually taking place. Civic and state authorities have hesitated in many instances to deal with this unprecedented situation; in some towns — like Nashville, Tenn., and Baltimore, Md., — the demonstrations have met with success and resulted in the integration of lunch counters. In other towns reprisals have been drastic and the demonstrations were quickly subdued. In Mississippi, where segregation is strongly enforced, there have been no "sit-ins."

The methods of the students in demonstrations have ranged from sitting-in at lunch counters and libraries, picketing of theatres and public facilities, poster-walking and prayer vigils to mass demonstrations and holding of rallies. Action has been almost consistently non-violent. An instruction sheet drawn up by leaders of the movement in Nashville urges the demonstrators not to strike back if abused, to be friendly and courteous at all times, to "remember the teachings of Jesus Christ, Mohandas K. Ghandi and Martin Luther King," and to "remember love and non-violence."

Martin Luther King, a Baptist minister, has been a recognized champion of Negro rights since the Montgomery (Ala.) bus strikes which resulted in the desegregation of the buses there in 1956. In the opinion of many, his successful leadership in these strikes heralded the beginning of the passive resistance movement.

Describing his first contact with the teachings of Ghandi, Dr. King writes: "I have come to see for the first time that the Christian doctrine of love operating through the Ghandian method of non-violence was one of the most potent weapons available to oppressed people in their struggle for freedom." He says dif-

ficulties must be faced and is convinced that the South will experience more violence before the Negro wins the respect he is seeking, but he says that violence should be used against rather than by Negroes.

Inspiration of the demonstrations is to a great extent Christian. **Herluf Jensen**, director of the National Student Christian Federation in the USA, who returned recently from a prolonged visit to the South, described how the meetings of the students are opened with prayer, hymns are sung and speakers virtually deliver sermons.

The NSCF was one of the first Christian organizations to come forward in support of the students. On March 6 its Central Committee sent a "Letter to Christian Students" expressing "a deep concern for, and involvement in, the recently initiated and now widespread student demonstrations, which are seeking the end of discriminatory lunch counter policies in stores and public buildings."

Practical aid has been pledged by the NSCF to students (Negro or white) who are expelled from their universities in the form of scholarships, enabling them to continue their studies elsewhere. Legal advice for those arrested and aid for those injured in demonstrations have also been offered. The NSCF has been acting as a disseminator and source of information about the "sit-ins."

Students in Northern universities have engaged in "sympathetic" picketing and boycotting of chain stores which in some states do not serve Negroes at their counters.

In an attempt to co-ordinate the movement a conference was organized in April at Shaw University, a Negro Baptist School in Raleigh, North Carolina. It was brought together mainly through the efforts of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization founded with the purpose of extending franchise among Negroes. Martin Luther King, president of the SCLC, and James Lawson were among the main speakers at the Raleigh meeting.

Christian comment on the future of the "sit-ins" has been mostly positive but cautious. A typical document, produced by the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church says: "We are grateful that the movement has been characterized by peaceful methods in the accomplishment of its purposes; we are equally grateful that they have evoked little retaliatory violence. As Christians we are concerned about **means** as well as **ends**, and earnestly pray that in the critical months ahead Christians of all views will continue to seek their desired ends in a spirit of mutual love, understanding and restraint."

Religion in Action

Ministry to the Despairing

Church World Service

Churches Fight Jamaica Slum Violence With Program of Christian Service

IN A PLACE where despair is erupting into violence, the Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches of America are planning a new, adventurous and vital ministry. "Back-to-the-Wall" is the precisely descriptive name West Indians of Jamaica, B. W. I., have coined for the most depressed section of their capital city of Kingston. A slum of ramshackle huts, thrown up by squatters who pay no rent or taxes, Back-to-the-Wall is a haunt of the lawless — thieves, prostitutes, dope addicts, alcoholics. Even the police are afraid to enter the squalid sector.

Now the Rastifarians — a new group of malcontented — are making their headquarters in Back-to-the-Wall. These are African Nationalists, Negroes who believe the only solution to the racial problem in the West Indies is a return to Africa.

Ethiopia is the Promised Land they have chosen, and though the Ethiopian government disclaims any tie with them, they insist that Emperor Haile Selassie is their god, that they themselves are divine.

But their Reformed African churches are more than religious and nationalist centers. A raid on one of them this June uncovered a cache of ammunition — dynamite caps and tommy-guns — and two soldiers of the Royal Hampshire regiment were ambushed and killed when they attempted another raid on a Rastifarian hideout in the Red Hills that shadow Kingston.

With their long matted hair, bizarre clothing, refusal to work, the ganja (marijuana-like) cigarettes that hang from their lips, and the aura of fanatic bitterness that surrounds them, the Rastifarians are feared and avoided by most of the peaceful citizens of Jamaica.

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But a tall, 24-year-old Jamaican girl named Julia Davis was not afraid.

For months Julia has been going into Back-to-the-Wall alone, unarmed except with the perfect confidence of a dedicated Christian. She has made friends with some of the most desperate Rastifarians — one of them even attended the ceremony at which she was installed as a deaconess in the Methodist Church.

One day Julia Davis came to the Rev. Raymond Schember, Jersey City-born representative in Jamaica of Church World Service, cooperative relief agency of major American Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches. She asked him to go with her into Back-to-the-Wall and "commune" with some Rastifarian leaders.

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"Commune" in Rasti parlance means "listen." Mr. Schember listened. For three hours he sat outside one of the tumble-down shacks and listened to Rastifarians shout the tenets of their belief — read the preface to the King James Bible which they have adopted as a peculiar Gospel, read the sections of the Old Testament

that could be given a pornographic interpretation, proclaim their hatred of white men and the white man's government. The street seethed with onlookers and kibitzers, many objecting volubly to his presence.

"Why are you talking to that white man?" they would scream at the Rastifarians, and be answered with ear-splitting epithets. Next door someone pounded on a drum to drown out the conversation.

"Do you know what Mussolini did to our people in Ethiopia?" a woman shrieked at Mr. Schember. He rolled up his sleeve, showed her the scar where a Nazi bullet had torn out the arm muscle during World War II, and replied, "The same thing Hitler did to me in Germany."

But through it all he watched the people. He saw the rags they wore, the gauntness of their faces, the sickly babies women held on their hips, the cruel poverty of the hovels they lived in.

Behind the vicious words, the threatening gestures, he saw clamoring need, deeper and more desperate than anything he had ever seen in his year in Jamaica — need for the decencies of life, and for something to believe in.

Here were people who had seen only misery, poverty, disease, cruelty and violence — how could they believe in anything else? Wild and strange as the Rastifarian creeds appeared, they offered hope, if little else. Could Christianity offer more than hope alone?

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Within the week Mr. Schember had called together leaders of ten Protestant denominations in Jamaica and formed a sub-committee of Church World Service. Together they mapped out a program — the first that had ever been planned for Back-to-the-Wall.

They decided to ask the 10-year-old University College of the West Indies to conduct a sociological survey in Back-to-the-Wall, using their students and also students of the five-denomination Union Seminary of Jamaica. The survey will plumb the depths of problems that tear and immobilize the people of the slum, find out what measures may be taken to dissolve them and what measures would only aggravate them.

The physical problems could be seen at a glance, and the Committee voted to tackle them as soon as machinery might be set in motion. Some of the plans may seem simple and obvious — but they will be revolutionary in Back-to-the-Wall.

A weekly clinic will be established, to teach mothers to care for their children.

The YMCA has agreed to start a program for boys — to head off the active recruiting movement of the Rastifarians.

The YWCA will begin a corresponding program for girls, with classes in domestic science and sewing.

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Church News From Around the World

NEW LUTHERAN FILM IN PRODUCTION

Moelln, Germany — A steel factory in this little town, only ten miles west of the Iron Curtain, was turned into a Soviet-type "people's factory" for the shooting of the first scenes of a new Lutheran-sponsored full-length feature film that will dramatize the struggle of Christians for their convictions under atheistic pressure in East Germany.

According to Robert E. A. Lee, executive secretary of Lutheran Film Associates, the little town of Moelln was chosen as location for the production of this film because it looks very much like towns east of the Soviet Zone border.

As producer Lothar Wolff, of the Louis de Rochemont Associates in New York, gave the signal to begin the new production, the international cast and crew, as well as German workers of the factory, gathered for a short period of devotions led by Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffmann, public relations director of the Missouri Synod.

Dr. Hoffmann, who also serves as secretary of Lutheran Film Associates and as religious advisor of the film production, stressed that the new Lutheran-sponsored film has been conceived "not as a negative, but a positive protest for Christ.

"It is the story of the apostolic period in a modern setting, emphasizing that Christian faith, instead of offering pat answers, leads a man to struggle toward solution of his problem on the basis of conscience informed by Christian conviction," he stated.

Reading from a miniature New Testament designed and printed by the Altenberg Bible Publishing House in East Germany for people in need to hide their pocket Bibles, Dr. Hoffmann underscored that "we will be doing a film about people whom God must love because He has chastised them."

The film, which is sponsored and produced by the creators of the successful "MARTIN LUTHER" film, will depict the experiences of a Lutheran pastor coming to serve an East German parish whose former minister has been imprisoned by the Communists for alleged "anti-State activities."

The part of this pastor is played by Michael Gwynn, British stage and movie actor.

Also dramatized in the film is the spiritual struggle of the pastor's young son, Peter, who is torn between pressures of atheistic education at school and Christian upbringing at home.

The role of the boy who must choose between faithfulness to God and a future career as a musician, is entrusted to Christian de Bresson, a 15-year old French boy who has appeared on off-Broadway stages in New York and received the Katharine

Cornell prize for the best juvenile performance in 1959.

Other actors have been selected from among American, British, German and Austrian performers. Also, local school children and workers from Moelln take part in various scenes directed by Stuart Rosenberg. In the United States, Mr. Rosenberg has directed some 250 television plays, including numerous Alfred Hitchcock productions.

The script of the new Lutheran-sponsored film, tentatively entitled "In My Father's House," was written by Allan Sloane, author of the "MARTIN LUTHER" film. He did the new script in three years of close cooperation with religious advisors and experts on life under Communist rule in East Germany.

A number of advisors, including recent refugees from East Germany, take part in the production in order to assure the authenticity of scenes depicting typical conditions of life in the Soviet Zone.

While the bulk of the film will be made in Moelln, the production crew will also go to Berlin to make additional shots along the Brandenburger Gate, dividing point between East and West in that city. Indoor scenes will be completed in film studios at Hamburg.

According to Mr. Lee the actual shooting of the new film should be completed by mid-August. Release of the film is expected around the end of this year.

The Lutheran church groups participating in Lutheran Film Associates are: the National Lutheran Council, the United Lutheran Church in America, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the Evangelical, the American and the Augustana Lutheran Churches.

LUTHERAN EDITOR CITED FOR 25 YEARS SERVICE

Minneapolis, Minn.—(NLC)—Dr. John M. Jensen of Viborg, South Dakota, was cited here for 25 years of service as editor of the Ansgar Lutheran, official weekly publication of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church.

In a surprise ceremony, Dr. Jensen was honored at a special dinner at Bethel Lutheran church, scene of the closing convention of the UELC before its merger with the Evangelical and American Lutheran Churches.

Dr. William Larsen, president of the UELC, presented a citation to Dr. Jensen which read in part:

"Since 1926, Dr. Jensen has served as editor of The Ansgar Lutheran. Through his stimulating editorials, he has provoked his readers to think creatively while at the same time providing edifying reading for the members of the congregations. On behalf of the UELC we hereby express our gratitude to Dr. Jensen for his devoted pastoral ministry and his outstanding con-

tribution in serving as editor of The Ansgar Lutheran."

In presenting the citation, Dr. Larsen declared that Dr. Jensen "has exerted more influence in the UELC than any other living person."

Dr. O. G. Malmin, editor of the ELC's Lutheran Herald, and Dr. E. W. Schramm, editor of the ALC's Lutheran Standard, expressed appreciation to Dr. Jensen for his contributions and leadership in the field of Lutheran journalism.

The present weeklies of the uniting church bodies will cease publication at the end of this year and will be succeeded by a new bi-weekly Lutheran Standard which will be the official periodical of The American Lutheran Church when it begins its operations next January 1. Dr. Schramm will be editor of the magazine.

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for crushing fruits will be purchased as soon as sufficient funds can be obtained. Garden tools suited to children of different ages are also on the list of needs.

Material has already been provided for the construction of a wing on the school kitchen building which will contain shower baths, dispensary and reading room. Foundation and walls are now in place.

Dr. Djaja points out that the school kitchen program is bound to go on and to develop once it has been firmly established in a community. Values are so apparent that it cannot be given up. Lutheran World Relief and Church World Service consider that their major objective is to provide the help necessary to establish the program. Reduction in the amount of U. S. surplus commodities which will be provided through LWR/CWS has already been stipulated at the rate of 20 per cent per year. Thus, in four years, the program will have become self-supporting.

"The problem of nutrition is international," Dr. Djaja states. "Solutions of the problem, however, are individual for each nation and in fact for each community. Each country must examine its own experiences in order to find the best ways of meeting the problem. There are many factors which must be continuously examined in order that there may be continuous growth and development."

The reason why so few people are agreeable in conversation is that each is thinking more about what he intends to say than about what others are saying, and we never listen when we are eager to speak.

— La Rochefoucauld.

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A literacy program for adults will be instituted, so that men and women may be able to turn on the light that the Bible and other books can shed into their dark lives.

Children in Back-to-the-Wall rarely venture out to Sunday School in nearby churches because their clothes are shabby even by the standards of the poorest Jamaicans. So, a Sunday School will be started within the sector, where there will be no self-consciousness about the universal rags and patches.

Meanwhile, clothing from Church World Service shipments will be distributed privately, without publicity, to individuals and families — need in Back-to-the-Wall is so pressing that announcement of a clothing distribution might incite a riot that would end in bloodshed.

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All of this is still in the blueprint stage — but an initial \$3,000 has been budgeted through Church World Service for the Back-to-the-Wall project, and the Protestant churches of Jamaica are determined to shoulder a share of responsibility.

Christianity — channeled through concerned Christians in America and in the West Indies — is moving to prove that it can provide something brighter and more substantial for the despairing in the Jamaican slums than do the insurgent doctrines of the Rastafarians.

OUR CHURCH

Racine, Wis. One of the ladies groups in Bethania Church here recently installed air conditioning in the offices of the church.

Cedar Falls, Iowa. The church here is being somewhat "done over" in preparation for anticipated visitors during the Waterloo convention (Waterloo is only five miles from Cedar Falls). Improvements include new fluorescent lights in the basement, new dividers in the basement, new painting and curtains, re-trimming of existing doors and installation of one new door.

Lake Norden, South Dakota. Rev. John Enselmann will preach his farewell sermon at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lake Norden, S. D., and Bethany Lutheran Church, Badger, S. D., on Sunday, August 21. He has served these two congregations for five years. He will start at Trinity Lutheran Church, Wilbur, Washington, Sunday, September 11.

Rev. George Mellby of New Port Richey, Florida, has accepted a letter of call and will be in Badger, S. D., by October 1.

Pioneer Lutheran Church, White, S. D. Rev. Calvin Rossman, Ruthon, Minnesota, has accepted a call from this congregation, and Rev. John Enselmann will preach his last sermon there Sunday, July 31.

Dagmar, Montana. Guest speakers for the recent Midsummer Festival held here each year were the Rev. Ronald Jespersen, Cedar Falls, Iowa, and Prof. Otto

Olsen, Jr., from the Canada Conference of the Augustana Church, at Saskatoon. The three-day meeting involved sessions at both Volmer and Dagmar. Dr. Ernest Nielsen was guest speaker here recently, as well, discussing the merger.

Omaha, Nebraska. Air conditioning has been installed in the pastor's study here, and changes have been made in the heating system in the parsonage. The custodian's residence has also been improved, with resurfacing on the outside.

Marquette, Nebraska. Pastor Harold Ibsen of Viborg, S. D., has accepted a call to serve the congregation here, replacing Pastor Carl Laursen who is now in Tacoma, Washington.

Askov, Minnesota. Pastor and Mrs. Harold Petersen observed their 25th wedding anniversary here on August 6. On August 4, the pastor observed the 25th anniversary of his ordination, which took place in Askov. On the same date, Dr. Johannes Knudsen, now of Maywood, Ill., also was ordained in Askov. He also is a former pastor in this community.

Los Angeles, California. Pastor Verner Hansen has resigned as pastor of Emanuel Church here, and will complete his service by the end of October.

The President's Report

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are offered in this report. However, I do recommend:

RECOMMENDATION VI. a) That a study be made by the Budget and Finance Committee regarding stewardship as related to the women's work in AELC. b) That a report be made to the national board in October, 1960.

The 1959 WMS convention adopted rules governing the Mary Seely Knudstrup Scholarship Fund. The central committee was appointed as provided in the rules. An announcement regarding the scholarships was published in "Our Women's Work." Because no scholarships have as yet been awarded, it would seem that it has not been given sufficient publicity locally. We encourage announcements in local church bulletins, at congregational meetings, youth meetings and other gatherings, regarding the availability of the scholarships.

RECOMMENDATION VII. That our District Boards take steps to publicize the Mary Seeley Knudstrup Scholarships and to encourage our local groups to meet our goal of \$10,000 for our fund.

The women's organizations of the merging churches have organized a Blue Print Committee to guide our pre-merger activities and set up the structure of the new organization. Representation on this committee is as follows: AELC — 2; Augustana — 5; Suomi — 2; ULCA — 8. Three sub-committees with specifically assigned duties are: Structure; Finance; Education. WMS is represented on the Blue Print Committee by Mrs. Harry S. Andersen, Chicago, and Emilie Stockholm, Chicago, with Mrs. Ove R. Nielsen, Fords, N. J., as alternate.

We have held three meetings to date

and will meet in February 1961 at Philadelphia, Pa. The outstanding accomplishments of the committee to date has been cooperative work on program materials and the merger of the magazines of ALCW and ULCW, resulting in the emergence of **Lutheran Women**, the interim magazine, which now serves the women of all the merger groups with a total circulation of 98,000 copies.

Much of the preliminary work of merging the magazines and joint publications of the program materials was accomplished at a joint meeting of all the Education Committees of the four organizations held in Chicago in September, 1959. Our group was represented by Mrs. C. Arnold Buhl, Mrs. Calvin Rossman, Mrs. Peter D. Thomsen and Emilie Stockholm.

Lutheran Women has met with much success in all the groups. It is designed to keep the subscribers informed on the activities of the church, especially as they relate to women's work. Authors are selected from all the organizations.

The Key Women and District Presidents are commended on their efforts and results in so successfully introducing and selling subscriptions to **Lutheran Women**, an effective instrument in drawing the four women's organizations of the merging churches into a close fellowship during the interim, as well as following the merger. All members are therefore urged to subscribe and read **Lutheran Women**.

The United Church Women of America, of which WMS is a denominational member, announces special observance next year of the 75th anniversary of the World Day of Prayer. Mrs. Alfred Holgaard, Clinton, and Mrs. Ove R. Nielsen, Fords, N. J., represent WMS on the Committee of Seventy-five, which is making elaborate plans for the celebration. We encourage our women to continue their activity in the local councils of United Church Women, a ten million member organization, which sponsors the internationally known World Day of Prayer, World Community Day and May Fellowship Day. Offerings derived from these events provide funds for the extensive missionary work of United Church Women.

District conventions have been growing in recent years. We hope this trend continues. District IV is commended on its district activities now climaxed each year by an inspirational Spring Fellowship Day, which this year was held at Ringsted, Iowa, with representatives from all congregations of District IV.

District VII took part in the Fellowship Weekend at Nysted, retreating for a half day to enjoy a session of planning WMS work within their district. District III is elated over the success of its first retreat, held May 13-15, at Long Lake Camp near Chicago, where representatives from five of its six congregations met for a weekend of inspirational fellowship, being joined also by speakers and guests from United Lutheran Church Women and Augustana Lutheran Church Women. A "Minor Merger" took place in the northwest, where District IX, WMS, initiated plans for a retreat which included representatives from the other merging groups in the planning

and sponsorship. District II reports another successful retreat, held June 27-29, at Portage Lake, near Manistee, Mich.

Stepped up planning for the Fourth Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation in Helsinki, Finland, 1963, has reactivated the Lutheran Women's Coordinating Committee, composed of representatives from the women's organizations of the National Lutheran Council Churches. Plans for a four-day Pre-Assembly meeting for women are taking form. The Women's Planning Committee in Europe has laid preliminary plans to be reviewed by LWCC when it meets in Chicago in September.

The Education Committee of LWCC has secured for publication in women's magazines a series of prayers based on the church year that were written by Lutheran women around the world. A series of articles are also available. This material has been sent to representatives of Lutheran church women around the world in an attempt to strengthen the ties of fellowship among us.

The activities described in this report indicate very strongly that church members and church groups are rapidly becoming a part of a vast fellowship. We can no longer hide in isolation; we must join the fellowship in order to survive. We must share our unique heritage in order to preserve it. May God give us the courage and wisdom to meet our challenge as individuals and as the Women's Mission Society of AELC.

In the passing of Mrs. Mary Seeley Knudstrup in October 1959, WMS lost a loyal and tireless worker, who has labored as a leader of our organization since its early beginnings, more than fifty years ago. She was our Honorary President for many years after her retirement as president of WMS. Her interest never lagged.

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Even in death she remembered her beloved WMS by leaving a bequest, the amount of which has not yet been determined. To show our love and respect for Mrs. Knudstrup, we will hold a memorial service during our Friday evening session.

In concluding my report, I express sincere appreciation for the cooperation and support given by the leaders of WMS and the interest shown by the district and local organizations through this past year. Let us offer thanks for the opportunities given us in serving our church and our Savior, through WMS.

Emilie Stockholm.

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