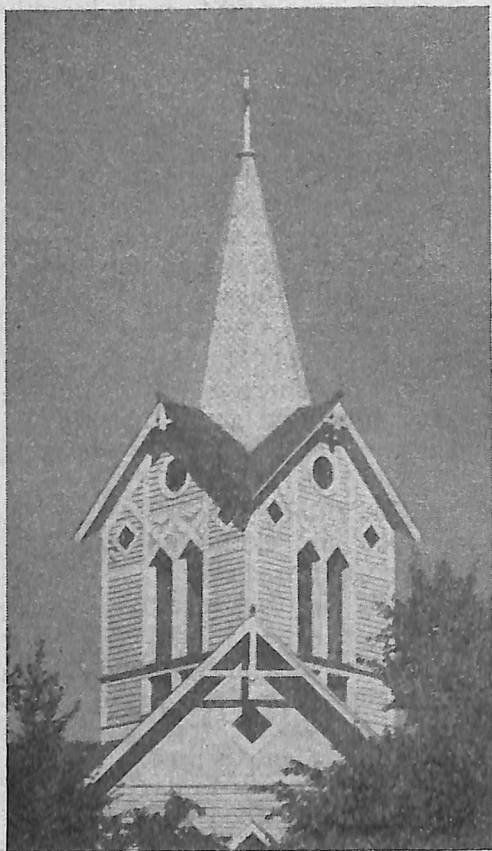


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Our heavenly Father, as thy Son is the Head and the Lord of the Church, be thou present in our midst as we gather in work and fellowship. Grant thy Spirit to us who are now assembled to take counsel for the affairs of thy kingdom that our deliberations may glorify thee and through thy grace lead to the enrichment and growth of the Church. Govern us by thy Spirit that we may be good stewards of that which thou hast entrusted to us.

Excerpt from Prayer for  
Morning Devotions at Convention.

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# What Is Good?

by: Dr. Jens C. Kjaer

When I was a young student fifty cents could buy a generous meal, a newspaper, and a round trip on the streetcar. Today it is worth much less. Yet, the coin still carries an inscription of lasting value: "In God We Trust."

The God we trust has told us what is good. We have read it in the Book of Books and learned it in churches throughout the nation. Long ago, seven hundred years before Christ, the Prophet Micah made clear what good men who trust in God must do.

Micah said: "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly before your God?"

This was excellent advice then. It still is. For here, in one of the real gems of the Old Testament, we have a threefold guide to religious development, an excellent formula for the solution of many personal problems, and a suggested cure for the domestic ills of the Republic.

To do justly means to be fair, do right, and to conduct ourselves in a lawful manner. It means fairness in all human relationships. It means that the employer gives his worker a square deal, and that the worker does honest labor for the wages and other benefits he receives. To do justly means that the many must respect the rights of the few, but also that organized minority groups, be they manufacturers, labor, unions, or professional men, keep in mind that they are responsible to the public and to God for what they do and don't do. At home and abroad it has been clearly demonstrated that no minority group in the long run will retain its privileges if it disregards the welfare of the many. Do justly, do right, be fair in all walks of life, or have stern justice meted out to you.

The good man will learn to love kindness. He becomes kind, sympathetic, friendly, gentle and generous. He knows that justice must be tempered with mercy, and that he ought to do unto others as he would have others should do unto him. When the good man sees a human need, he does not pass by on the other side, like the Levite and the priest in the parable of the Good Samaritan. He knows, though it may be costly and sometimes dangerous, that he is his brother's keeper. The good man cannot ignore that slums breed crime and misery. He will do something constructive about them and will help to create jobs for our five and-a-half million unemployed.

The good man walks humbly before his God. He is not possessed by unseemly pride. He notices that in a ripening wheat field it is but the empty ears that strut. The full, rich ears bow humbly toward the earth that brought them forth and nourished them.

We may be justly proud of many American accomplishments, but humility is always a virtue — and

especially when we meet people steeped in more ancient cultures than our own or deal with boisterous young governments whose people have not had two thousand years to develop concepts and forms of self-government we take for granted.

Because God speaks through His church, the Church is the conscience of the nation. Without that conscience, the America I have chosen freely and that I love will crumble into dust and the survivors become slaves of ungodly men.

Whether you are rich or poor, strong or weak, I repeat: "God has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly before your God?"

From "And Give Thee Peace," telecast over station KING-TV, March 19, 1961.

## TABLE GRACES

Be present here most Gracious God  
From whom all Goodness springs.  
Make clean our hearts and feed our souls  
On Good and joyful things.

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Be present at our table, Lord  
Be here and everywhere adored,  
These mercies bless and grant that we  
May strengthened for Thy service be.

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Ne'er forget God's daily care  
Health and food and clothes to wear  
Freely we these gifts receive  
May we not His Spirit grieve.

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Daily, O Lord, our prayers be said,  
As Thou has taught, for daily bread,  
But not alone our bodies free,  
Supply our fainting spirits need,  
O Bread of Life, from day to day  
Be Thou our comfort, food and stay.

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Lord Jesus in Thy name we now  
With grateful hearts before Thee bow,  
Bless Thou these gifts and grant that we  
May always thank and honor Thee.

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*Must our ministry be limited to that which "pays off"?*

## *Can We Ignore Them?*

by: Pastor Everett Nielsen

A slender Negro social worker walked silently down the streets of Harlem. He spotted several "Dragons" and ambled into speaking distance. The conversation of the gang members continued without breaking, and he slipped into a sitting position, not saying anything, just sitting. The conversation was concerned with "craps," the common dice game of the territory. One of the "Dragons" said, "You don't know anything about what we're talkin' about, do ya?" "Sure," the slow reply flowed out, "I dig sevens and 'levens." The fragment of the toughest gang in the region laughed. "It's like wishing for something better, but never being sure it'll turn up. Like you wish you could walk down 189th Street, but you know you can't cuz somebody'll cut you up."

A sophisticated gentleman in black clergy cloth stepped up to the doorman of a thirty story apartment building where the rates are \$200 per month per room. "Sorry, sir, but you can't go in. You need an invitation from someone inside to have access."

A simple note wavered, and cut through the smoke like a silver cake slicer, then the bass hummed a mournful melody as the piano crooned its final chord. The bass player stepped over to the table and sat down. "How about baptizing my baby, Preacher?" The clerical collar looked out of place, but the smiling face said, "I dig you" and it was done.

If you detect a note of despondency, a hint of frustration, or an indication of the incongruous, you are not mistaken. But when it is said that the above illustrates the modern urban ministry, you may feel the incongruity, frustration and despondency within yourself.

The Urban Church School held at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania the first two weeks of June was sponsored by the United Lutheran Church in America, which is experimenting in the field of the urban church. Sensing the crucial need of metropolitan ministers, the ULCA invited approximately sixty of their men, plus several from the Augustana Synod, the American Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and the AELC, to this, the third such school.

Ranging from the profound theological concepts proclaimed by a professor, to the concretely practical pronouncements of a pregnant pastor's wife who ministers to Puerto Ricans, Chinese, Negroes, Italians and who knows who else, the Urban Church School drove home the essential point: CHRIST MUST NOT BE WITHOUT WITNESS!

Mid-town Manhattan noon day services, lower east side "half-way" houses where learning to play to-

gether must come before learning to worship, classes in remedial reading and citizenship along with Bible Study, teen-canteens, employment centers.....these things characterize the modern urban church scene, along with experiments many have never even dreamed about.

Each aspect of urban church work cries, "CRISIS!" But there are few answers. Meanwhile, comfortable "Christians" worry about meeting the payment on the organ mortgage or are concerned with planning the big bazaar, and the list of tremendously inconsequential concerns mounts to grotesque proportions. At this very moment, THOUSANDS of people created in the image of God are without decent housing, sleeping 10 to a room and sharing toilet facilities with a building of 10 apartments. As many are discriminated against because of color or creed. Many more have no conception, in ANY area of life, what it means to be "loved as God's holy child." Yet, many of us worry about the petty problems of padded membership rolls or candles that burn too fast.

Practical necessity demands that there be churches in suburbs, rural areas and "nice" neighborhoods. But the real reason for churches there is that there are people with needs! The aim of the Church is not to perpetuate more "proper" churches, but to serve the gospel on any kind of platter: silver, milkglass or cracked and corroded tin. Christ is just as, if not more, relevant to the voices crying the blues in the wilderness of a Chicago, Los Angeles, or any metropolis, as in a comfortable middle class neighborhood. If we think Christ and His concern for people can be captured in glass and carved in wood to the neglect of hoods carrying switchblades and commuting office workers who spend most of their waking hours downtown or on the Illinois Central, then we misunderstand our Lord and Saviour.

The comforting Lutheran phrase, "we are saved by grace" sometimes gives us the idea that we need not respond to the covenant which our Lord made with us at baptism; that our relationship to man is not important since our relationship to God is set. But Christ sees our RESPONSE as an integral part of the covenant.

A dangerous definition of "home" missions has arisen in our thinking. When we "invest" in a new church in a new area with new people, we expect it to "pay off" with a profitable return in membership and finances. But is there not also a home mission field from which we should expect NO FINANCIAL RETURN and NO MEMBERSHIP GROWTH? Is it consistent to call ourselves "Christians" and refuse to proclaim the love of Christ to hoods and alcoholics and skid row dwellers who CANNOT pay and MIGHT NOT respond with membership? Would not our concept of foreign missions be more realistic in the wilds

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of the slums and high rising apartment buildings? Should we ignore the polytheist or agnostic who sits in an air conditioned office or in an upper flat studio painting nudes, just because they might not come to church every Sunday? Must our ministry be limited to that which "pays off?"

Most of us do not live in an area where we can actively minister to the needs described by a modern metropolitan ministry. But pastor and laymen alike will have the opportunity in the merged church to support with financial aid those who are attempting to answer and allow the "still small voice of God" to be around where people are. And for those who have the sheer guts it requires to go into an urban ministry, be it as a pastor, social worker, summer Vacation Church School teacher, survey taker...or whatever, let this article be an impetus for us. What each of us CAN do now, is to pray for the labors of those who know defeat daily and victory very seldom. Let us ask that the Holy Spirit may strengthen and guide those who face insurmountable odds, so that people living in the jungle of humanity, the cold and crisis-filled city, may see Christians responding to God's Act in Christ. Maybe, just maybe, one or two will be moved to migrate into a church and receive the means of grace. Perhaps, but not probably, several will change from sickly sinners to sanctified saints.

The era of the "social gospel" may be "out," but response to God has always been "in." May God bless the endeavors of those serving mankind, and shake those of us who sleep out of our apathy to pray for God's children.

## DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

### District III

Trinity Lutheran Church, Francisco and Cortez Streets, Chicago, Ill., hereby extends a cordial invitation to the delegates, pastors and other guests who plan to attend the annual convention of District III, AELC, here September 22, 23 and 24, 1961. Information concerning registrations and the convention program will soon be mailed to all District III congregations.

**Peter D. Thomsen**, Pastor.  
**Donald S. Petersen**, 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 service will be Friday evening and the closing program will be an after dinner speaker on Sunday.

**Ivan E. Nielsen**, District President.

### District V

The annual convention of District V of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held September 29-October 1 at Nathanael and Volmer Lutheran Churches of Dagmar, Montana.

Delegates should be elected to the district convention on the basis of one for every 25 voting members or fraction thereof. We look forward to good attendance,

good fellowship and good work together at our district convention.

**Beryl Knudsen**, District President.

The Nathanael and Volmer Lutheran Churches of Dagmar, Mont., invite all District V delegates and guests to the convention to be held in the Nathanael Lutheran Church, September 29-30 and October 1. Lodging will be provided by the hosts. Please send your registration to Carl Johansen, Reserve, Mont.

**Robert Hermansen**, Pastor.  
**Knud Kaae**, President.  
Nathanael Lutheran Church.  
**Chris Rasmussen**, President.  
Volmer Lutheran Church.

### District VI

The annual convention of District VI of the AELC will be held September 15, 16 and 17 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Viborg, South Dakota. Congregations should elect delegates for the business meeting on the basis of one delegate for every 25 voting members or fraction thereof. Visitors are welcome, especially for the devotional meetings. On Sunday afternoon, Dr. Walter E. Carlson, president of the Red River Valley Conference of the Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church, will speak. May God bless us as we assemble for work, worship and fellowship.

**Calvin Rossman**, District President.

Our Savior's Lutheran congregation at Viborg, cordially invites pastors, delegates and friends to attend the District VI convention to be held September 15-17.

Registrations and requests for housing should be sent as early as possible to Mrs. L. J. Rasmussen, Viborg, South Dakota.

**Thorvald Hansen**, Pastor.  
**Vernon Andersen**, President.

### District IX

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tacoma hereby extends a cordial invitation to the pastors, delegates and any members and friends of our churches in District IX who wish to share in the fellowship to attend the annual district convention to be held at St. Paul's, 1310 South L Street, September 23-24.

Please send your registration to the secretary, Mrs. Fred C. Madsen, Rt. 3, Box 1660, Auburn, by September 15.

**Carl Laursen**, Pastor.  
**Willard Dergan**, President.

The annual convention of District IX, AELC, will be held Saturday and Sunday, September 23-24, 1961, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Tacoma. The opening service conducted by Pastor Ted Thuesen will start September 23, 9 a. m., and the business meeting the same morning at 10 o'clock. Each congregation will kindly present a typewritten report on its life and work during the past year. Delegates entitled to mileage will please bring credentials.

Let us have maximum participation in this convention, and please pray that God will bless us as we meet for the last time in St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

**Jens Chr. Kjaer**, District President.



# Long-Term Planning is Essential

*Foreign aid must be more than a patchwork operation*

by: Pastor Ove R. Nielsen

Some years ago I overheard a prosperous businessman complain to a housewife that some of the money spent by the United States government was, in his opinion, used unwisely and even wasted. The housewife reflected for a moment and then said, "But, Sir, you must bear in mind that the United States government is such a big household to manage."

I have recalled her discerning remark from time to time as I have observed some branches of our government's colossal and complex operations at work both at home and abroad. It is a big household and its very magnitude makes it difficult to manage with high efficiency, to say nothing of its ponderous involvement in this and other lands.

During the last few weeks the foreign aid bill proposed by the Administration has been under vigorous attack not only by the traditional foes but by some political leaders of both parties who have, in the past, fully recognized the need for foreign assistance programs. These leaders are chagrined because previous foreign aid expenditures have, in some instances, failed to attain what these men consider should have been reasonable political and economic objectives.

Any dissipation of resources, whether human or material, is distressing and even tragic. A visitor to America once remarked that enough food is discarded from the kitchens of our land to feed the people of some other nations. On almost any day we can read in our daily newspapers about waste through mismanagement in state or city governments. However, we seem to be especially sensitive when waste is charged in our foreign aid program. We feel as though someone has pilfered a part of the contents of a package we had sealed and sent to a friend as a gift.

Highly placed Administration officials have stated very candidly that in the past there has been a measure of waste in the foreign aid programs in some areas just as there has been in some other operations of the United States government. However, they also point to areas of the world where foreign aid expenditures have produced desired results. These include Western Europe, where the Marshall Plan resurrected the economies of many nations, plus India and Pakistan, where development projects are surging forward to the benefit of millions of people.

For example, in West Pakistan the cultivated area is almost entirely dependent upon the irrigation from the Indus river and its five tributaries. United States economic aid in the field of water resources development in this area has been concentrated on helping to build water storage and irrigation facilities. The mile-long Taunsa Barrage, a huge diversion project on the Indus river, is designed to provide a year-round water supply for 750,000 acres and a summer water supply for an additional 675,000 acres. The United States has aided in the construction of this dam through

partial financing, provision of specialized equipment, and the employment of an American engineering firm. This will mean opening up new lands for increased agricultural production, thereby materially affecting the lives of thousands upon thousands of people.

Among other things, the United States has provided India with both material and technical assistance in its efforts to develop and expand industry and mining. Refinancing of imports of structural steel and other steel products has made possible industrial uses and the improvement of the nation's railway system has been an important element of United States economic assistance. In the field of technical assistance the United States has sent technicians to India to give training in such fields as steel production, water resources and power development, telecommunications, industrial design, development of small industries, job administration and education, and many other industrial activities. In addition, Indians have been brought to the United States and sent to other countries for training in many industrial fields. The United States is also providing training in the field of nuclear engineering.

Development of small industry has been encouraged by the Joint Indo-United States Technical Assistance Program. United States loan funds have been used to assist in organizing the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation, which makes credit available to make possible the expansion of industrial plants, thus increasing both employment and output. The World Bank and private sources also participated in financing the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation.

In mining the United States has assisted India in making geologic surveys to locate deposits of ore. A pilot plant has been provided to explore the economic feasibility of the recovery and processing of lignite in the South Arcot District in Madras. The United States is also assisting India in developing an open pit ore mining project in Orissa, which will make further contribution to the country's economy. The project includes assistance in providing transportation and port facilities. Under an agreement with Japan, India will ship two million tons of Orissan ore annually to Japan starting in 1964. This will give jobs and economic vitality to one of India's most backward and inaccessible areas. Examples of other helpful projects would be multiplied from many areas of the world. A major difficulty in sound planning and successful administration, however, has been in the refusal of the U. S. Congress to authorize appropriations for more than a one-year period.

Its motives may be admirable. Good stewardship is laudable, and we have a right to expect it of our elected officials. However, when our foreign aid grants are made with the expectation that recipient countries will channel part of their often-meager funds to jointly sponsored projects, it is not realistic to ask them to make long-term commitments of their funds for specific projects when we are willing to commit ours only

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Ove Nielsen is an AELC pastor who is presently Assistant Executive Secretary for Lutheran World Relief.



## Our Living Past

The editor of LUTHERAN TIDINGS has already reviewed Enok Mortensen's book, 75 YEARS AT DANEBOOD. He has done it ably and favorably, and it is therefore not necessary for me to restate the essential facts about the excellent little volume. But I must add my recommendation to his that the book be bought and read. It is well written and interesting to read, and it deserves distribution for this reason alone. But it is also a splendid gift to the future generation from our living past. It should be read, not only by those who would like to know what the AELC people are like but also by those who are interested in preserving a tradition into a living future. There seems to be a bit of a panic in these last months before merger that we must do something to preserve our heritage. In a sense this is understandable, but in another sense it is a grasping at straws. If we have been alive and hard at work, then the heritage will belong to us; if we have not, then our salvatory efforts come too late. Under all circumstances, however, it is well to know as much as possible. And Enok Mortensen's book is a good source.

I cannot hide the fact that I am highly prejudiced, but I believe that Danebod and Tyler in a very outstanding way represent the living past of our people. I do not want to minimize the contribution of Kimballton, Askov, Marquette and West Denmark and many other congregations, but Danebod represents both our pioneer history and the folk school movement in a special way. As the author makes it evident, both directly and indirectly, the important strands of our common life are woven together in this prairie community more intimately and more evidently than in any other. As we read about the seventy-five years we follow the organic growth of several generations. This is not a history of the AELC, but it is a strong image of the life of our people.

And then I must become personal. The history of Danebod is the very life blood of my own youth. I still remember, as I discovered Harald also does, a buggy ride to Ruthton when father visited the dying H. J. Pedersen. The youth convention in 1908 was in many ways a mountain-peak experience, strangely enough unmentioned in the book, and I remember well the candle-lighting of the college. The burning of the old and the erection of the new Danebod, the tornado, the war, and, through shorter stays and visits, the depression and the recovery, all these are relived as I read the book. Two items stand out in my mind, however, as I read and as I often think back upon the days before World War I, the worship in the church and the singing, singing, singing at Danebod.

I could go on and on about Tyler, but instead I shall beg the indulgence of the reader to quote a greeting which I sent to the anniversary celebration July 1-2.

It is good when a man has a town he can call his home town,  
Which he can visit and be renewed at the roots,  
Where he can bury his hands in the soil and relate himself to  
mother earth,

Where he can smell the smells and hear the noises of his childhood,  
Where he can lift his eyes to the clouds drifting over the farmlands,  
See the tree-fringed homesteads scattered like checkers over the  
rolling prairie,

And hear the wind whistling in the cottonwoods and the boxelders,  
Where he can yet close his eyes and live again the mind-shaping  
impressions of yesteryear:

The sweetness of prairie flowers in the spring,  
The lazy waving of corn in growing days of heat,  
The swish of fallen leaves over kicking boots in the fall,  
The violence of thunder clouds and the dreaded fury of the  
tornado,  
The rising snowbanks and the shrieking tempest of the blizzard,  
The tingling joy of coasting hills and bobsleds at Christmas,  
The intense festivity of the Fourth and the rowdy gaiety of  
county fair,  
The prairie-bred awe of lakes and sloughs and even swimming  
holes,  
The thrill of a bullhead bobbing a cork,  
The skunk, the teal and the jackrabbit,  
The long whistle of the locomotive beckoning to unknown  
adventure.

It is good when a man has a people he can call his own people,  
Which he can visit and be renewed at the roots,  
Where he can shake the hands and look into faces of warmth  
and integrity,  
Where he can hear the accents and the idioms that have shaped  
his speech,  
Where he has a sense of belonging, although few may know his  
name and he walks almost incognito through the streets,  
Where he can see in remembrance the sturdy characters of his  
childhood:

The gnarled hands, the bent backs, the certain signs of toil,  
The uncut beards, the boots and the overalls,  
The vision, in deep-set eyes, of homes and land and ownership,  
Of roads and bridges and towns and schools for future citizens,  
The winter parties around hard-coal stoves and the summer  
picnics in hayracks,  
The singing, the laughter, the serious debate,  
The stillness in the expanding prairie cemetery.

It is good when a man has a church he can call his home church,  
Which he can visit and be renewed at the roots,  
Where he experienced the first faint wonder at the hum of the organ,  
Where he joined in the song and learned to listen to the preached  
word,

Where he has seen the children brought to the font in the midst  
of the congregation,  
And where whole families went to communion at the altar's rail,  
Where the song grew in volume and depth and made a lasting  
impact,

"O day full of grace," "O land of our king," "Built on the rock,"  
Where the deep mystery of the sacraments became central in the  
worship.

But the friendly chat with neighbors after church retained the  
human element of the fellowship.

Where Christmas was filled with candles — and a gnawing anxiety  
for fire,

And where Easter and Pentecost completed the trinity of high  
festival days,

It is good when a man has a church where he belongs!

As years go by, other towns, other people, and other churches  
become familiar and dear,

Streets of Chicago, New York and Copenhagen, and other cities  
of the world are familiar to the feet,

New people become friends, new tasks arise, and fellowships are  
widened and deepened,

Other churches are filled with known and beloved friends and  
filled with the presence of God,

But it is good when a man has a home from which he has gone  
forth!

Not long ago a man was standing in a wind-beaten cemetery,  
A strong wind from the west carried the tang of the North Sea,  
Seagulls were arching their wings in elegant defiance of the gale,  
As the granite church defied the wear of many centuries,  
He looked at the graves, sheltered by stone wall and evergreens,  
And beheld the burial place of generations of his mother's people.

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# 84th Annual Convention of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church

August 15-20, 1961

The 84th Annual Convention of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held at Danebod Lutheran Church, Tyler, Minnesota, beginning with a Worship Service at 8 p. m., on August 15, and ending Sunday evening, August 20.

The congregations of the AELC are hereby asked to elect and register delegates no later than July 15. Registrations are to be sent, for all pastors and lay delegates, to the Credentials Committee, c/o Mr. Harald Petersen, Tyler, Minnesota, by the above date. The election of all delegates is governed by the Synod Constitution, Articles VIII and IX and by the By-Laws, Article VII, 7a, b, c and d.

Attention is called to Article VIII, Paragraph 5 of the Synod Constitution entitling all members of the Church to submit topics for consideration by the convention. These must be in the hands of the Synod President by July 1 in order to be published for the first time in the July 5 issue of LUTHERAN TIDINGS.

Reports from District Presidents, institutions, council and committees will go to press June 1, and should be in the hands of pastors and delegates in time for study and review prior to the convention. Members are urged to acquaint themselves thoroughly with these reports.

Pastors and delegates should bear in mind that the question of our Church merging with the Augustana Lutheran Church, the United Lutheran Church in America and the Suomi Lutheran Church will come before the convention for final consideration and action. (Cfr. Minutes of 83rd Annual Convention, page 20, column 1). The four merger documents distributed last year, prior to the 83rd Convention, are still valid and should be studied further by pastors and delegates and discussed in the congregations.

The Annual Meeting of the Grand View College and Seminary corporation will convene on Friday morning of the convention meeting. The attention of the churches is called to the decision of last year's meeting to the effect that the Board of Directors might enter into merger negotiations on behalf of our Seminary with representatives of the boards for the Chicago Theological Seminary, the Augustana Theological Seminary and the Suomi Theological Seminary. Merger documents have now been worked out and will be mailed to all pastors and delegates during the first weeks in June — action to be taken at the Annual Meeting.

We are grateful to Danebod Lutheran congregation for hosting this 84th Annual Convention and I urge all pastors and delegates to give them all possible assistance by registering early and giving full details about time of arrival, etc., as may be requested on the registration blanks. While the host congregation is obliged only to the extent of meals and lodging for delegates and pastors, friends will certainly be welcome and accommodated so far as possible if they

register in advance, and in the order of their registration.

It has been with gratitude to God for all His gifts that we in the past have gathered in His name to discuss the work and welfare of that branch of His Church into which we have been placed. It is with confidence in His continued blessing upon His people that this call to meet in Tyler in August is issued.

A. E. Farstrup.

## Welcome to Danebod !

Danebod Lutheran Church at Tyler, Minnesota, which this year observes its 75th anniversary, hereby extends a cordial invitation to delegates, pastors and other guests who plan to attend the 84th Annual Convention of our Synod here August 15-20, 1961.

Registration cards and information on transportation and housing will be sent soon to all congregations. Public transportation to Tyler is most inadequate and we hope that most people will come by automobile. However, more detailed information on bus, train and air schedules is provided below.

Please mail all registrations and inquiries to Mr. Harald A. Petersen, chairman of the committee on registration and housing.

Carl Whingelby, President of the Congregation.

A. N. Uttoft, Chairman of the Convention Committee.

Enok Mortensen, Pastor.

## Public Transportation to Tyler

There are no trains, buses or planes arriving at Tyler. If informed of time of arrival we shall, however, call for guests either in Brookings, South Dakota; Marshall, Tracy or Lake Benton, Minnesota.

BROOKINGS, S. D.—Planes arrive

from Fargo, N. D., at 9:25 a. m.

from Omaha, Nebr., at 11:23 a. m.

from Minneapolis, Minn., at 3:23 p. m.

from Omaha, Nebr., at 8:03 p. m.

MARSHALL, MINN.—Buses (Greyhound) arrive

from Minneapolis, Minn., at 10 p. m.

TRACY, MINN.—Buses (Greyhound) arrive

from Minneapolis, Minn., at 10:11 p. m.

from Minneapolis, Minn., at 12 Noon.

LAKE BENTON, MINN.—Buses (Jack Rabbit) arrive

from Fargo, N. D., at 1:15 p. m.

from Sioux Falls, S. D., at 4:45 p. m.

Please remember that Minnesota has Daylight Saving Time.

## Resolution to the Convention

Whereas, the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Ill., will have its roots in all of the four merging churches as no other educational institution has, and, whereas, this Seminary will offer to students graduate work which will include research in the history of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, and, whereas, scholarships have been planned to those students of this Seminary who in the future write publishable papers of the history of the AELC, be it therefore resolved that the Archives, which are the property of the AELC, be moved from the basement of the girl's dormitory of Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa, to the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Ill., whenever adequate facilities are available, and proper financial arrangements have been made for transportation, care and maintenance at the new location. Be it furthermore resolved, that members of the synod board in consultation with Dean A. C. Kildegaard and Dr. Johannes Knudsen be authorized by the 84th convention of the AELC to implement such action as is stated in this resolution or with such changes as the convention might wish to make.

Holger O. Nielsen.



# Convention Program

## The 84th Annual Convention of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church Tyler, Minnesota August 15 - 20, 1961

**CONVENTION THEME: "THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, LISTEN TO HIM"**

### PROGRAM

(Monday, August 14: Meeting of the Synod Board.  
Tuesday morning and afternoon: Meeting of the Home  
Mission Council and of various Findings Committees)

#### Tuesday, August 15

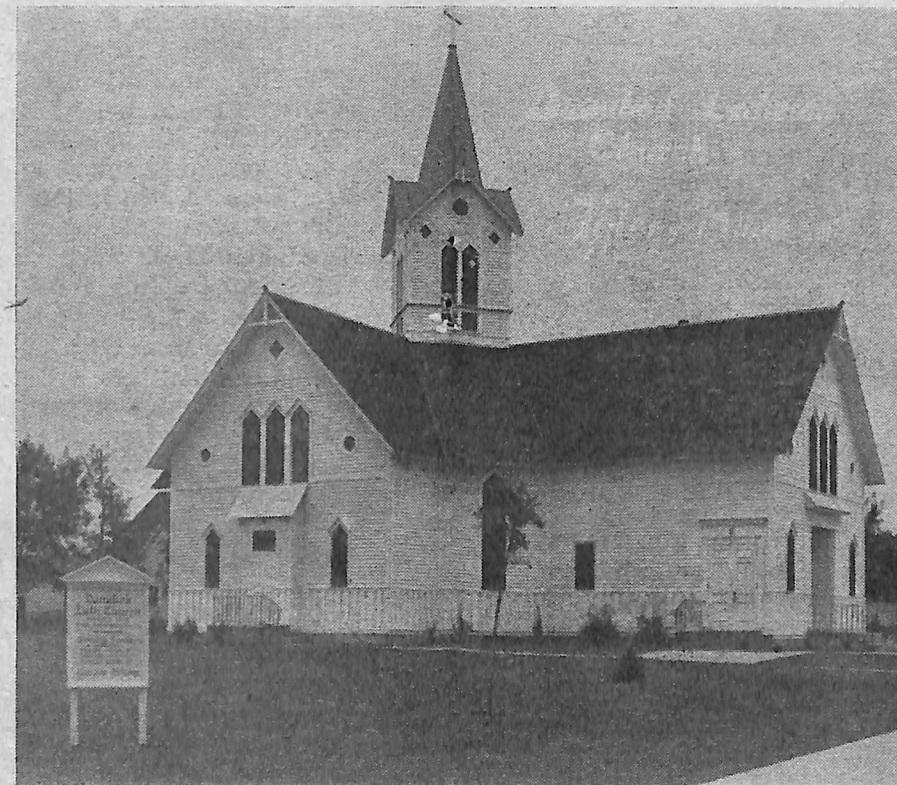
8:00 p. m.—Opening service. Liturgist: Pastor Howard Christensen, Detroit, Michigan; **Sermon: Pastor A. Einar Farstrup**, Des Moines, Iowa: "Blessed Are The Ears That Hear"; Welcome: Pastor Enok Mortensen, Tyler, Minnesota.

#### Wednesday, August 16

9:00 a. m.—Morning devotions. Liturgist: Pastor Willard Garred, Hampton, Iowa; **Sermon by Pastor Harris Jespersen**, Circle Pines, Minnesota: "I am the Resurrection and the Life" (John: 11:25)  
10:00 a. m.—Opening of business session by President A. Einar Farstrup.  
4:00 p. m.—Special Topic: "What the Merger Will Mean to the Congregations." Leader: Pastor Holger O. Nielsen, Newington, Connecticut; Speakers: Pastor Erik K. Moller, Danevang, Texas, and Mr. Harold Madsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa.  
8:00 p. m.—Leader: Pastor Holger O. Nielsen; Talks by Dr. William Scott, Missionary to Santalistan, India, and by Dr. Johannes Knudsen, Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary, Maywood, Illinois.

#### Thursday, August 17

9:00 a. m.—Morning devotions. Liturgist: Pastor Gordon Miller, Ringsted, Iowa. **Sermon: Pastor Folmer Farstrup**, Cordova, Nebraska: "I Am the Bread of Life" (John 6:35)  
9:45 a. m.—Business session continues.  
4:00 p. m.—Special Topic: "What the Merger Will Mean in the Field of Missions" Leader: Pastor Richard Sorensen, Waterloo, Iowa; Speakers: Pastor W. Clayton Nielsen, Omaha, Nebraska: "American Missions," Mrs. Frances Nielsen, Des Moines, Iowa: "World Missions."  
8:00 p. m.—Leader: Pastor A. Einar Farstrup. Scripture reading and prayer: Dr. Alfred Jen-



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sen, Des Moines, Iowa. **Speaker: Dr. Franklin Clark Fry**, New York, N. Y. (High School Auditorium)

#### Friday, August 18

9:00 a. m.—Morning devotions. Liturgist: Pastor Harold Knudsen, Grayling, Michigan; **Sermon: Pastor Robert Hermansen**, Dagmar, Montana: "I am the Light of the World" (John 8:12)  
9:45 a. m.—Grand View corporation meeting.  
4:00 p. m.—Special Topic: "What the Merger Will Mean in the Area of Parish Education." Leader: Pastor Howard Christensen, Detroit, Michigan. Speaker: Pastor Verner Hansen, Philadelphia, Pa.  
8:00 p. m.—Leader: Pastor Harry Andersen, Chicago, Illinois. Speaker: Dr. Ernest D. Nielsen, Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa. "Inspired by Hope."

#### Saturday, August 19

9:00 a. m.—Morning devotions. Liturgist: Pastor Carlo Petersen, Solvang, California; **Sermon by Pastor Harold Petersen**, Askov, Minnesota: "I am the True Vine" (John 15:1-9)  
9:45 a. m.—Business session continues.  
11:30 a. m.—Memorial Service. Liturgist: Pastor Owen K. Gramps, Watsonville, California; Sermon: Dr. Alfred Jensen.  
6:30 p. m.—WMS Business session (Church)  
8:00 p. m.—Women's Mission Society Meeting (Church) Speaker: Mrs. Howard S. Bechtolt, ULCW, Chicago, Illinois, "Adventures in Living."  
8:00 p. m.—AELYF Youth Rally (College Lecture Hall) Leader: Pastor Everett Nielsen, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Panel discus-

sion: "Puzzled Parents and Troubled Teens."

#### Sunday, August 20

8:30 a. m.—Danish Communion Service. Liturgist: Pastor P. Rasmussen, Canada; Sermon by Pastor Michael Mikkelsen, Minneapolis, Minnesota.  
10:00 a. m.—DANEBOB LUTHERAN CHURCH: Holy Communion Service. Liturgist: Pastor Peter Thomsen, Chicago, Illinois; Sermon by Pastor Ronald Jespersen, Cedar Falls, Iowa.  
FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH: Worship service. Liturgist: Pastor Ivan Westergaard, Greenville, Michigan; Sermon by Pastor Holger P. Jorgensen, Alden, Minnesota.  
RUTHTON: Holy Communion Service. Liturgist: Pastor Edwin Hansen, Muskegon, Michigan. Sermon by Pastor Eilert C. Nielsen, Clinton, Iowa.  
DIAMOND LAKE: Holy Communion Service. Liturgist: Pastor Charles Terrell, Newell, Iowa. Sermon by Pastor Harald Ibsen, Marquette, Nebraska.  
2:30 p. m.—Ordination Service. Liturgist: Pastor Enok Mortensen, Tyler, Minnesota. **Intimation sermon by Pastor Holger Strandskov**. Readers: Pastor Harald Ibsen, Marquette, Nebraska, Pastor Ottar Jorgensen, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Pastor Alfred Sorensen, Des Moines, Iowa and Pastor Donald Holm, Manistee, Michigan. Ordination by Ordainer A. Einar Farstrup of the following candidates: Ralph D. Andersen (Kimballton, Iowa), Hans R. Nelson (Brush, Colo.), Harold N. Sorensen (Fredsville, Iowa), and Jerome W. Nilssen (Danebod).  
7:30 p. m.—Concert.  
8:00 p. m.—Closing meeting. Leader: Pastor A. Einar Farstrup. Speaker: Pastor Erik K. Moller, Danevang, Texas, and greetings by the four newly ordained pastors and others.





## Paging Youth

American Evangelical Luth.  
Youth Fellowship

EDITOR: EVERETT NIELSEN

512 East Washington Avenue  
Bridgeport 8, Connecticut

### Synod Youth Night Set

On Saturday, August 19, in Tyler, Minnesota, the young people attending the convention and living in the area are urged to attend the AELYF Youth Rally in the College Lecture Hall at 8 p. m. A panel discussion will be presented on the topic, "Puzzled Parents and Troubled Teens."

Recognizing that young people and parents face perennial problems in their relationships, a panel of four will air some of the problems and attempt to show how they can be met with love, sympathy and understanding. The panel will consist of two parents, Mrs. Harry Andersen of Chicago, Illinois and Folmer Hansen of Tyler, Minnesota, as well as two young people, Miss Lois Shriver of Tyler and Verner Duus of Cedar Falls, Iowa. The moderator will be Pastor Everett Nielsen of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Some of the problems which will be aired include religious instruction by parents, finding fault with each other, sharing ideas and problems, responsibility, spending money, doing things together, dating, the family car and so forth. The panel will be open to questions from the floor, so those who plan to attend should be loaded with gripes and comments.

A special devotional program will close the evening, which should provide inspiration and challenge. Will YOU be there?

### A Caravan Report

by Dale Hanson

The Diamond Lake (Lake Benton, Minnesota) Luther League has been busy working at building a stronger fellowship in the League. The Leaguers and Friends of Youth sponsored a picnic for the new confirmands and their parents. Devotions, recreation, lunch and business meetings were all covered.

On July 2 and 3, the Luther League sponsored the Youth Caravan, which was headed by Keith Davis. The caravaners met with the congregation, Luther Leaguers, officers, and the Friends of Youth. Time periods were set to meet with each designated group to plan a better League by following five main steps:

1. Worship 2. Learning 3. Service 4. Recreation 5. Evangelism. The caravaners also aided the League in planning a program and presenting it to the congregation. Programs were also made for two of the coming months.

**Editor's Note:** We'd appreciate more reports from LYFs where the caravan has been, with some evaluations of what was accomplished. Quick, quick!

### This is Answer No. 1

Mr. Hypo Thetic  
LYFville, U. S. A.

Dear Hypo:

Excited? Man am I! When I saw your message (DJ — Wait for the Day) in the last PAGING YOUTH, I knew everything must be all set. Man, is she beautiful! There she was set against a deep blue Iowa sky, all dressed in green and brown. The lines of the silhouette she made were perfect. Next November she'll be as warm as toast, even though there may be a little snow in the air. And neat? Man, they don't come any neater.

What? You don't understand what I'm talking about? A girl? Of course not! A new convertible? Naw — much better than that. Man, I'm talking about the site. Yeah, you know, what everybody's been wondering about. The site for the AELYF Workshop-Convention, November 3-5. Camp Wesley Woods is without a doubt the sharpest AELYF Convention site I've seen. But gee, I've got to sign off for now (cause I have to go and find some kids to go there along with me). Sure, it's only August, but November will be here in no time at all, and I don't want to miss seeing that beauty again! See ya there!

D. J.

## EN -- Watch His Pen

### Northern Lights Convention

by Lois Shriver

The Northern Lights District Convention was held July 15 at Luck, Wisconsin. The meeting got under way with the treasurer's, secretary's and president's reports, followed by Dick Jessen's National President report given by Keith Davis. Four youths and one advisor were selected to attend the Leadership Training School August 31 and September 1, and a committee was set up to investigate the possibilities of sponsoring an ICYE student.

Elections for officers were as follows: President: Harry Johansen (Ardele Hansen, retiring); vice president: Asta Petersen (Sonja Hansen, retiring); secretary: Lois Shriver, continuing; treasurer: Ralph Johansen (Harley Johansen, retiring); advisors: Rev. Beryl Knudsen and Rev. Jerome Nilssen (Rev. Robert Hermansen and Rev. Calvin Rossman, retiring).

The meeting was adjourned that afternoon, and everyone traveled home the next day after spending five wonderful days at camp.

### Our Living Past

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Thence he moved to the neighboring parish to look at pulpit and altar,

Where three generations of forebears, without intrusion by others, had served the Word beyond both limits of a century;

And he felt that it was good to have roots that went down deep, Better still, however, to have a home to call one's own!

May the good Lord bless you and keep you!

And may you keep that with which He has blessed you!

Dr. Johannes Knudsen.



## OPINION AND COMMENT



WE EXPECT the convention at Tyler this year to be a kind of anticlimax to last year's convention at Waterloo. The big issue will still be the final vote on merger but it is hardly a live issue any more. The vote last year was so overwhelming in favor of merger that there can hardly be any question as to the outcome this year. There will, of course, be other business before the convention including a vote on the proposed merger of the seminary and the adoption of a budget to see the AELC through its last year of life. But, in view of the decision last year and indeed of the trend during the last few years, all of these actions become more or less perfunctory. The convention becomes, in a sense, a kind of glorified rubber stamp on the inevitable. This is not to say that the inevitable is bad. What it does mean is, that, unless we are mistaken, the business sessions of the convention will not be very spirited. But, spirited or not, this last regular convention of the church will be an important one. We must still move forward. The church must never be at rest and there is a danger that we just sit back and wait for the merger to be consummated. Though there are many areas where the course will not be clear until the merger becomes effective, we must move on where we can. Much as we love the AELC and difficult as it may be for us to make the transition to the new church, the coming convention must not initiate a period of mourning to be terminated only by the consummation of the merger. Certainly one would have to be devoid of feeling if he did not feel a twinge of sadness at the forth-coming convention. Actually, we feel sorry for those who do not. An attachment to the AELC that has grown through the years is not to be lightly severed. And, if one has taken a detached view of the AELC we suspect he will inevitably take just such a view of the new church. Thus the sadness we may feel at Tyler is not bad in itself. It is only when it becomes nostalgia and comes to stand in the way of the future that it is harmful. With this in mind we look forward to a good convention at Tyler, a convention where we meet in gratitude to God for the good things we have shared together in the AELC and with a prayer that we may go forward together into the new church in His name.

A PARADE which we saw recently contained a float entered by a church. The theme of the float was "Our Most Precious Heritage." The focal point on the float was a Bible — wrapped in plastic. Obviously, there are good reasons why a Bible might be wrapped in plastic for use in a parade. But it did set us to thinking a bit about how we so often tend to, as it were, wrap our most precious heritage in plastic. Elaborate means are surely often employed to protect the scriptures not only from physical damage but from probing minds. But by our heritage, as we conceive it here, we mean more than scriptures. Whatever man's heritage may be, he so often feels compelled to protect it. In so doing, he invariably destroys it. Witness the elaborate efforts some would make to protect our heritage of freedom and democracy and in consequence make a mockery of them. Or, to come closer to home, the heritage we have as a synod was valued so highly by some that they would have sealed it off by erecting a language barrier around it. In the process they came close to destroying it. Fortunately this effort did not succeed. Consequently we still have a real and valuable heritage as a church. As we go into the merger we feel that one of our primary tasks is to, more and more, strip the plastic wrappings from our heritage that we may make a worthy contribution to the new Lutheran Church in America.

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WE ARE INCLINED to agree with Pastor V. S. Jensen that it would not be wise to move the archives to the seminary at Maywood as proposed in the resolution submitted by Pastor Holger Nielsen. We realize that there is much to be said for having the records of life in our church available to students. But, aside from the question of which students, there is some question in our minds as to the wisdom of such action at this time. Pastor Jensen's reasons for wanting to retain the archives in Des Moines (See LT for July 20, page 14) are, it seems to us, quite valid. For the present there is good reason why the archives should be accessible to those who are most likely to make use of them. There is also a question in our minds as to whether or not it would be wise to move the archives to Maywood before the proposed new seminary in Chicago becomes a reality. Our main objection to this resolution which will come before the convention is, therefore, that it is quite premature. For the present we'd say that the archives should remain in Des Moines. We are confident that the new church will, in time, determine the most logical location for these. The resolution in the synod president's report (Report to the 84th Annual Convention, page 24) says essentially this and covers the matter well. We do not feel it should be displaced by the resolution submitted by Pastor Holger Nielsen.

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SPEAKING OF ARCHIVES, a recommendation of the synod president which deserves serious attention is that definite action be taken in the direction of insuring that a history of the AELC be written. Naturally there is more involved than providing funds but this is surely a necessary first step. It is a step that can and must be taken now and we may then begin to hope that further definite action will follow. We do future generations a disservice if we fail to provide them with a record of the life of our church.



# Our Women's Work

MRS. AAGE PAULSEN, EDITOR

Beaver Crossing, Nebraska



## WMS Convention, Saturday, August 19

Address: Adventures in Living. Mrs. Howard S. Bechtolt, speaker, of 8246 S. Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, Ill., a member of the United Lutheran Church Women will address the WMS meeting at the convention. Mrs. Bechtolt, a graduate of Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, and a former high school teacher, has served in many capacities of leadership within the United Lutheran Church Women and in ecumenical activities. She is past president of her local "Women of the Church," of the Chicago Conference, ULCW, and of Illinois ULCW. For nine years she was a member of the national board, ULCW, serving as first vice president and chairman of the Personnel Committee. Mrs. Bechtolt has the distinction of being the first woman delegate to sit in the biennial convention of the United Lutheran Church, Cleveland, 1946. Presently, she is an elected member of the national board of Deaconess Work, ULCA.

Mrs. Bechtolt is an active member of the United Church Women of Greater Chicago, of which she is a past president. Presently she serves on the state and national boards of the United Church Women of America. During 1955-58 she was national chairman for the "Church Woman" and member of the Administrative Committee. In 1950 she was alternate delegate to the constituting convention of the National Council of Churches of Christ. She has served on the leadership training staff of many Lutheran and inter-denominational summer institutes.

## Escape to the Sun

When you live on a seacoast, you have to expect fog. But you don't have to like it. And sometimes day after day of grayness can get monotonous. If you're one of those people whose spirits react to weather, it can also be depressing. One year my husband and I found a solution. Each week on his day off, during the dank, foggy season, we would pack a lunch, jump into our car, and head for the nearest mountains. Fortunately, ours are only 30 minutes or so away, and to drive to their tops requires at most an hour.

I still remember, with a shiver of sheer delight, our first escape to the sun. The feet of the mountains, as we began to climb upward, where shrouded and dripping. It was a cold wet world hung with slowly moving wraiths. We drove on, sometimes hardly able to see the road ahead for the grayness, yet stolidly following the white line in the middle of the road.

Then gradually the mist became thinner and the sky overhead showed a muted blue. The landscape vaguely appeared and the air grew softly luminous

with impending light. Our spirits at the same time began to brighten.

Suddenly it happened! One minute we were driving through a clinging mist. The next moment we emerged, as by magic, into the clear sunny morning! The sky was the brightest azure imaginable! The sun was brilliant. The mountain shrubs were green and filled with bird-song. We felt like released prisoners.

You know, life is often like that fogged-over city. Circumstances can get pretty dark and monotonous. They can even bog us down physically, mentally and spiritually. The thing to remember is that these clouds have a ceiling. Above them is always the light. And we can get there if we are willing to make the effort.

When things get too dreary, then it's time to take the vehicle of faith up to the sunlight and the mountain-tops. Up there our vision will be cleared, our cares minimized, and our sense of values restored to their right proportions.

Our road winds upward through the swirling gray  
Of mists. Shunning the valley town's dim shape  
Closed in by sea-fog, shuttered for the day,  
Not looking down, we choose the sure escape.  
Vapor-phantoms whitely move before us,  
Somber in dripping veils. We tear them through  
To find the sun — a hallalujah chorus —  
Lighting the peaks of morning, clear and blue.

High on a sun-warm slope, we look below  
To where the fog lies like a frothy sea  
Surfing along the canyons. This we know:  
Whatever gloom that cloaks our days will be  
Transformed to miracle, when from a height  
We watch it fall below unclouded light.

— Esther Baldwin York.

From: Food for Thot.

## Promotional Material

Promotion skits are available, free, to local organizations for promotional purposes. There are three skits, why not put them on? They are not difficult and would be fun to work up. They are:

THE COFFEE BREAK by Mrs. Earl Jacobsen; IS SOMETHING MISSING? by Mrs. George Carlson; and STATION ALCW by James Kuhagen.

They are promotion skits for Lutheran Women. You can order them from: Lutheran Women, 3939 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago 13, Illinois.



## FINDINGS COMMITTEES FOR CONVENTION

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Rev. H. P. Jorgensen, Alden, Minnesota, Chairman  
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 Rev. Charles Terrell, Newell, Iowa  
 Mr. Anton M. Mose, West Hartford, Connecticut  
 Mr. Paul Hansen, Detroit, Michigan  
 Mr. Arthur Jensen, Gayville, South Dakota  
 Mr. Darrol Larsen, Cordova, Nebraska

### Findings Committee on General Matters:

Rev. Erik K. Moller, Danevang, Texas, Chairman  
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 Rev. Eilert C. Nielsen, Clinton, Iowa  
 Mr. Raymond Johnson, Circle Pines, Minnesota  
 Mr. Marvin Jessen, Des Moines, Iowa  
 Mr. James Jorgensen, Hampton, Iowa  
 Mr. William Eckstien, Viborg, South Dakota

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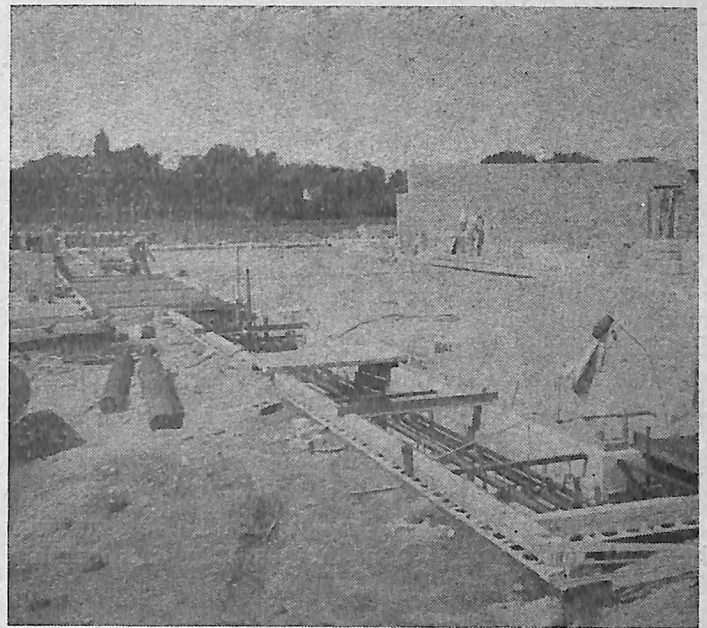
### Committee to Consider the Report of the Board of Directors of Grand View College and Grand View Seminary:

Rev. Gordon Miller, Ringsted, Iowa, Chairman  
 Rev. Lavern Larkowski, Hay Springs, Nebraska  
 Rev. Peter Thomsen, Chicago, Illinois  
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 Mrs. Arnold Rasmussen, Withee, Wisconsin  
 Mr. Henry Lee, Lake Benton, Minnesota  
 Mrs. Lillian Hansen, Muskegon, Michigan

## NEWS FROM GRAND VIEW COLLEGE

### Physical Education Building

The new Physical Education Building is beginning to be a reality as the builders are making excellent progress. The site has been graded and the foundations completed. As one looks over the former athletic field, a beehive of activity meets the eye. Masons are rapidly laying brick, while in another area the plumbers are installing the heating lines which will travel in a tunnel around the edge of the building. Today we watched the pouring of the cement floor which will lie under the gym floor. Progress! What was



once a dream will soon be a reality, and it is a promise of the fulfillment of more dreams in the future.

Only a short time ago the ground breaking ceremony took place and now an outline of the building is taking shape. The ground breaking ceremony was held as a regular student convocation May 25, at 11 a. m. The synod board was in Des Moines for a meeting and participated in the proceedings. Those turning a shovel and saying a few words included the Hon. Reinhold O. Carlson, mayor of the city of Des Moines, who is an active Augustana Lutheran; the Rev. E. A. Farstrup, president of the AELC; Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, member of the GVC board of directors; Mr. William Jacobson, president of the student body; Mr. Arlen Mortensen, president-elect of the student body; Dr. Ernest Nielsen, president; and Mr. Harry Jensen, business manager. Many others participated, as the Grand View A Cappella choir sang "We Are Building for Tomorrow" and opened the ceremony with the singing of the college anthem: "Gracious and Mighty God."

The college anthem is very fitting for such a ceremony charting progress and new horizons. What more fitting words can be found than those beautiful stanzas closing with:

"Bless those who sow the grain  
 Here for Eternal Gain!  
 Shed on young hearts the light of inspiration,  
 That all good seed strike root,  
 Grow up and bear much fruit  
 Worthy of Thee, our Homes, our Church, our Nation."

### Old Main Getting Dressed Up

The Old Main is getting a real face lifting this summer. All the outside windows and doors have a new beige paint job, and it has brightened up the whole building. In addition to this most of the rooms in the men's dormitory are being painted.

On first floor, the offices are in the process of being remodeled in order to use all space to full advantage. The lecture hall is also being remodeled with new partitions to the south to make rooms out of the present cubicles and it will have a new floor and new movable chairs to facilitate its use for both classroom and drama productions.

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# Church News From Around the World

## LUTHERANS TOTAL 8,456,863

New York—Membership of the Lutheran Churches in North America totaled 8,456,863 adults and children at the end of 1960.

The Lutheran bodies reported 8,188,289 baptized members in the United States and 268,574 members for their affiliated groups in Canada, according to the annual statistical summary issued here by the National Lutheran Council. The figures were compiled by Miss Helen M. Knubel, secretary of research and statistics in the Council's Division of Public Relations.

The total represents a gain of 143,015 members or 1.7 per cent during 1960 — 133,872 in the U. S. and 9,143 in Canada. The percentage of increase is considerably below the average gain of 3.1 per cent over the past ten years, when increases in membership ranged from 2.7 to 3.6 per cent.

Comprising the third largest Protestant denominational grouping in America, the Lutheran Churches are exceeded in numbers only by the Baptists and Methodists.

The NLC's summary is based on statistics supplied by 14 Lutheran church bodies, plus the Negro Missions conducted by four groups associated in the Lutheran Synodical Conference. Eight of the bodies recorded advances in membership, two reported no change, and four suffered losses. Summaries follow:

Church Body	Total	Increase Decrease	Per Cent of Change
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod....	2,469,036	+81,744	+3.4
American Lutheran Church .....	2,306,780	+49,611	+2.1
United Lutheran Church .....	2,495,009	+17,997	+0.7
Augustana Lutheran Church .....	618,103	+12,723	+2.1
Lutheran Free Church .....	87,250	+ 3,654	+4.4
Synodical Conference Negro Missions..	8,531	+ 532	+6.7
National Evangelical Lutheran Church..	11,397	+ 421	+3.8
Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches	20,372	+ 406	+2.0
American Evangelical Lutheran Church	24,201	+ 249	+1.03
Finnis Apostolic Church .....	8,001	(No New Census)	
Eilsen Synod .....	1,500	(No New Census)	
Evangelical Lutheran Synod .....	13,639	- 663	- 4.6
Suomi Synod .....	35,589	- 675	- 1.9
Church of Lutheran Brethren .....	4,892	- 1,114	-18.6
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod..	352,563	-21,870	- 5.8

## POAU URGED TO CEASE "BLATANT ANTI-CATHOLICISM"

New York—Leaders of an organization dedicated to preserve the American concept of the separation of church and state have been called upon to bring a halt to their "blatant anti-Catholicism."

The charge was made against Protestants and other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State (POAU) in the June 26 issue of CHRISTIANITY AND CRISIS, a weekly edited here by some leading Protestant theologians.

The journal charged in an editorial that POAU "insists on judging Catholicism by its worst examples," uses "inflammatory language," and constantly identifies "its own sectarian position as the 'American' position."

"We ask the leaders of POAU to cease and desist from their blatant anti-Catholicism," the editorial said, "and to move beyond the entrenched position of holy

war from which they impugn the patriotism of their adversaries and attack any understanding of the American tradition and Protestant Christianity that differs from their own."

## UNITED LUTHERANS SIGN AGREEMENT FOR MERGER

New York—The United Lutheran Church in America has formally completed action on merger with three other Lutheran church bodies in a step leading to creation of the new Lutheran Church in America.

In a historic ceremony, attended by members of the ULCA Executive Board, an Agreement of Consolidation was formally signed by the Rev. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president, and the Rev. Dr. George F. Harkins, secretary, on behalf of the United Lutheran Church.

The agreement will be sent to officers of the three other church bodies involved in the merger — the Augustana Lutheran Church, the American Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church — for their signatures.

## SUOMI PRESIDENT ON TOUR THROUGH FINLAND, EUROPE

Helsinki—Dr. Raymond W. Wargelin, president of the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church or Suomi Synod, and his wife arrived here for a tour of churches in Finland and visits to several places in Scandinavia and Europe.

The Suomi president was invited to Finland by Archbishop Ilmari Salomies of the Finnish Lutheran Church. In addition to discussing the 1963 assembly of the Lutheran World Federation in Helsinki, he is viewing church life in many parts of the country.

Church leaders will be visited in Uppsala, Sweden; Copenhagen, Denmark; and Berlin, Cologne and Kaiserslautern in Germany. The Wargelins will return to the United States late in August after short stops in France and England.

## LWR FOOD SHIPMENTS SENT TO FAMINE-STRICKEN MASAI

New York—First shipments of powdered milk and cornmeal were sent in July by Lutheran World Relief to Tanganyika where conditions among the drought-plagued Masai tribesmen remain critical.

The Rev. Ove R. Nielsen, assistant executive secretary of LWR, reported 100,000 pounds of powdered milk left from Mobile, Ala., and 500,000 pounds of cornmeal was shipped from Philadelphia, Pa.

Shipments will continue over a six-month period, according to present plans, he reported.

The board of directors of LWR has authorized the shipment of up to 300,000 pounds of powdered milk and up to 3,000,000 pounds of degerminated cornmeal, which will not spoil in hot climates, to the starving Masai.

LWR in February made a \$5,000 emergency grant to the Lutheran Church of Northern Tanganyika to ease the situation. All the food now being shipped has been donated by the U. S. Government.



## AMERICAN LUTHERANS RESTUDY "GALESBURG RULE"

Northfield, Minnesota—The Church Council of the American Lutheran Church will restudy the so-called "Galesburg Rule" which limits the use of Lutheran pulpits to Lutheran pastors and Lutheran altars to Lutheran communicants.

In a report to the first annual convention of the ALC's southeastern Minnesota district here, Dr. Norman A. Menter, the denomination's vice president, said such a study had been requested by Wartburg Theological Seminary of Dubuque, Iowa, an ALC institution.

The rule takes its name from the place where it was formulated (Galesburg, Illinois) by the General Council in 1875. It is to apply except in cases where the pastor involved sees fit not to do so "for reasons of conscience."

## UNITED LUTHERANS TO PROBE CHURCH-STATE RELATIONSHIP

New York—The United Lutheran Church in America's Board of Social Missions has been authorized by the denomination's governing board to "undertake a study of church and state relations in a pluralistic society."

Commenting on the ULCA's executive board action, the Rev. Rufus Cornelsen, New Brunswick, N. J., director of the social mission board's Department of Social Action, declared that the issue of church and state has "many dimensions and is basic in the church's approach to many areas of social need and conflict."

"At the same time," he continued, "there is hardly a question on which the church has been a lesser light to its members, not to speak of society at large."

Pastor Cornelsen charged that "the general confusion among Protestants on this issue has often led to strange alliances with forces of militant secularism."

"It has driven many to interpret the separation of church and state to mean the abdication by religion of its responsibilities in large areas of public life, and the consequent abandonment of them to non- and anti-religious influence and control."

He said because of the confused thinking among Protestants and also among Roman Catholics, "there is a strong sense of need for some fundamental thinking and re-thinking" on the subject.

## DENVER PASTOR TO START COPENHAGEN CHURCH FOR ENGLISH-SPEAKING PERSONS

Minneapolis — A Denver, Colo., pastor with a Danish-American church heritage will go to Copenhagen, Denmark, this fall to establish a new congregation of the American Lutheran Church (ALC).

The Rev. William J. Hanson, 38, has accepted the call to start the new English-speaking congregation, said Dr. Philip S. Dybvig, director of the ALC's Division of American Missions.

Americans and other English-speaking persons such as diplomatic and military personnel, students, wives or husbands of Scandinavians, tourists and businessmen will be served.

Rev. Hanson, a native of Chicago, was graduated from Dana college at Blair, Nebr., and after attending Trinity Seminary there, was ordained by the former

United Evangelical Lutheran Church (UELCL) now a part of the American Lutheran Church.

Rev. Hanson interrupted his seminary training to enter the U. S. army in the late months of World War II. Commissioned an infantry officer, he served in Germany in 1946.

Rev. and Mrs. Hanson (the former Doris M. Peterson of Racine, Wis.) have four school-age children.

## ULCA TO PRODUCE 13 MORE 'DAVEY & GOLIATH' FILMS

New York—The United Lutheran Church in America will produce 13 more episodes of "Davey and Goliath," its popular religious television series for children.

The ULCA Executive Board voted unanimously on recommendation of the Consulting Committee of the Department of Press, Radio and Television, to allocate \$200,000 from reserve funds for production of an additional 13 programs, in color, to complete a unit of 39 programs.

Sixteen of the 15-minute programs in color animation are now being shown on nearly 200 television stations in the U. S., Canada, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Production is underway at the Glendora, Calif., studios of Clokey Productions, Inc., on ten additional programs. Production on the newly-authorized 13 episodes is scheduled to get under way in October.

## MISSION URGED TO TRAIN MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

A St. Paul surgeon, recently returned from the Augustana Lutheran Church mission field in Tanganyika, East Africa, yesterday called for a "crash program" for the training of native medical assistants to serve the medical needs in that area.

Dr. Frank W. Quattlebaum, who with his wife Dr. Jane Hodgson and Dr. Charles Galway, anesthetist at Ancker Hospital recently returned from Tanganyika, where they conducted a "pilot plan" to determine the feasibility of medical specialists going into this area on a limited basis to do specialized work and particularly to act as a morale booster and to teach on-the-spot refresher courses to the missionary doctors during their long time of service on the field.

Dr. Quattlebaum spoke before the Board of World Missions at the annual Board and Missionary Conference at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul.

Dr. Quattlebaum endorsed the proposal of Augustana's veteran medical missionary, Dr. Stanley Moris, who in a recent report recommended "the expansion of the present Medical Assistants Training School and upgrading its curriculum and its eventual products."

He recommended that the "proposed medical assistants school should be upgraded in several steps so that perhaps within 10 or 15 years reasonably sound and well trained doctors could be turned out to take care of the needs of these people."

"To the members of my group," he said, "this was the only possible solution to the medical problem in this area. It would seem much better to spend the monies of this Board in medical care in a way partly directed to educating African doctors rather than to exhaust the medical budget in a hopeless treatment of the unending medical needs of this community."



## Long-Term Planning is Essential

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on an annual basis. It makes for neither good planning nor execution of plans. It tends to become a patchwork operation with too little actually achieved.

A good foreign aid program requires highly skilled administrators and technicians. Not enough of these can be jarred loose from good positions in industry, business, and the universities for overseas assignments for the government when there is no guarantee of ongoing employment, at least for a reasonable period of time. We must bear in mind that going abroad to work often entails giving up job security at home; selling of the house; taking children out of school; as well as preparing the family for adjustment to a new and strange environment.

The Administration is now seeking legislation which will assure funds for the foreign aid program for a five-year period. Some people are telling their congressmen that we cannot afford to make such a long-term commitment. That argument is hardly valid at a time when so much of our production capacity in men and machines is not being used. The Soviet Union is helping twenty countries. Red China finds it necessary to provide foreign aid even at a time when millions of her own people are reported starving.

The whole foreign aid program of the United States has been under study in recent months by a highly competent task force. It will be fully cognizant of the mistakes, as well as the achievements, over the last fifteen years. That study is expected to result in reorganization calculated to provide greater efficiency of oper-

ation. Some time will be required before the desired improvements can be accomplished. They can really not be attained unless we Americans are willing to commit ourselves to the five-year program which is sought.

While so many people in the world suffer from illiteracy, poverty and disease, and we have the means to help them, may we appropriate funds generously and spend them wisely in assistance for international development, so that we can better help mold the events of the years ahead for millions of people in under-developed countries who rightfully look to us for help.

## OUR CHURCH

**District Four:** A concerted drive on the part of various groups within the congregations of the district has resulted in the purchase of some 100 copies of "A World of Song" which have been presented for use at the new Lakeside Lutheran Camp in Iowa.

**Seattle, Washington:** Dr. and Mrs. Jens Kjaer left on July 17 for a one month's trip to Europe.

**Des Moines, Iowa:** On July 31, Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Jensen returned by Jet to the United States after a stay of some three months in Denmark.

**Marlette, Michigan:** Peter Christian Appel, who was instrumental in reactivating the Juhl congregation in 1937 after 23 years without a resident pastor, died on May 31 and was buried in the Juhl cemetery on June 3. Peter Appel was well known throughout the AELC and was a familiar figure at synod conventions.

**Chicago, Illinois:** Mr. John Bang, a member of Trinity congregation here, has been appointed a Knight of the Order of Dannebrog by the King of Denmark in appreciation of his numerous activities through many years in Danish-American organizations.

## Mrs. Marie Hansen Knudsen

To the hundreds of people throughout our Synod, who called Mrs. K. Knudsen their faithful friend, news of her sudden death comes as a shock in spite of her 86 so very active, fruitful years.

For her helpfulness and good influence here in the Valborgsminde family we are thankful. In keeping with this spirit of service, the stroke which ended her day, occurred while she was performing one of her daily tasks of giving aid to a neighbor.

As Miss Marie Hansen, she was known for many years, teaching the young in various congregations, the last one being the school for the pioneer's children at Dagmar, Montana.

In Salinas, California, Marie Hansen took up the role of a pastor's wife. This role she filled equally well, having become Pastor K. Knudsen's helpmate, first in Salinas, then in Enumclaw, Washington, and later in Cozad, Nebraska, and finally in Granly, Mississippi. Here Pastor Knudsen was laid to rest. Upon requests by

the Granly people, Mrs. Knudsen continued the parish work as long as at all possible. Because of failing health, due mainly to arthritis, she came to Valborgsminde 10 years ago.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to visit Pastor and Mrs. Knudsen in their home would invariably admit an uplifting experience in quietness and in harmony and confidence. In Mrs. Knudsen's room here at Valborgsminde, I found this same spirit continuously prevalent.

Mrs. Knudsen's nimble fingers were ever making some gift for someone.

One single word of personal appreciation: All the years we have been friends, since our attendance at Grand View College 1905-06, the letters from Mrs. Marie Knudsen, particularly during the wonderful years I served among the Santals, were such an encouragement.

One would like to continue but to avoid saying too much, I do hope the life and service of Mrs. Knudsen may be a challenge to the young and active of today.

Dagmar Miller

## Grand View College

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### Summer School

The summer session closed on July 21 and was considered very successful. The enrollment numbered 105 and this was a marked increase over the summer of 1960. Nine faculty members participated and fourteen courses were offered. It is anticipated that the Summer School will continue to grow and plans are being made accordingly.

### Grand View College General Obligation Bonds

The bonds for the Grand View College Physical Education building have been very well accepted throughout the Synod and it is wonderful to be able to report that we are now within \$35,000 of selling out the \$300,000 issue. We are especially happy to report that better than 80% of the bonds sold to date have been purchased by members of the AELC. All of the \$1,000 bonds have been sold but many \$500 and \$100 bonds are still available.

Anyone interested in this investment should write to Mr. Harry C. Jensen Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa, for an order blank, and brochure giving full particulars.

## Gifts to Porto Novo Mission

Eline and Laura Jensen, Chicago ...	\$ 5.00
Marie Strandskov, Des Moines .....	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Anders Møller, Solvang .....	20.00
Bethlehem Lutheran Church Women, Askov .....	10.00
A Friend, Luck, Wis. ....	5.00
A Friend, Viborg, S. D. ....	4.00
Peter Molby, Seattle .....	10.00
Kristine Jensen, Solvang (In memory of Anne Marie Petersen) .....	5.00

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