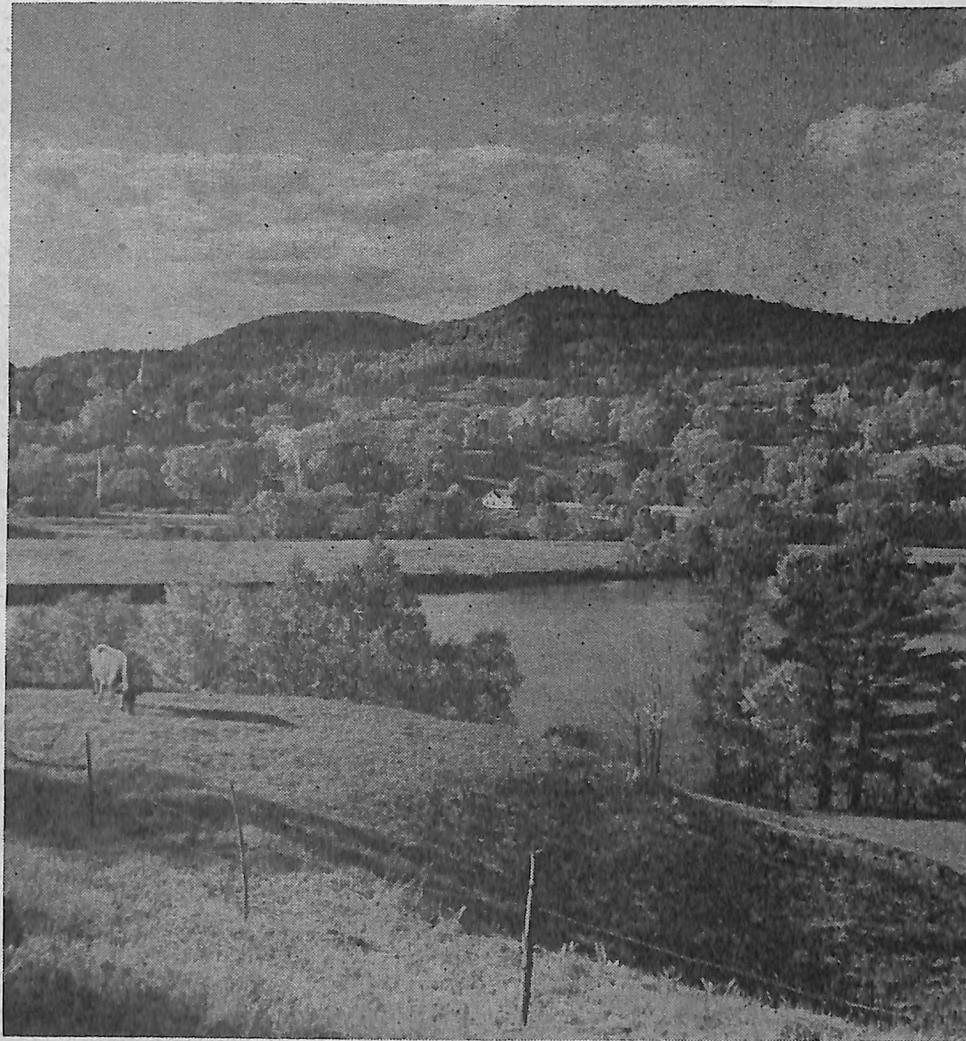


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Autumn loveliness....

**"Needs not the foreign aid of ornament
But is when unadorned, adorned
the most."**

—James Thomsen, 1700-1748

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The President's Corner

The constituting conventions of the various synods in the Lutheran Church in America are being held throughout the land during the month of September. The congregations of the AELC are gradually being re-aligned and by the end of the year the AELC as an organization will cease to function.

In the meantime however, we must and will carry on with the tasks that are ours and which we have freely assumed. One of these is the ingathering of a special fund to help in the financing of a history of our church. Letters have been sent to the pastors and church councils alerting them to this decision of our church — taken at our 84th convention. Lutheran Tidings has carried articles from time to time about this fund and the appeal will soon reach out to all our homes as you receive the envelopes for your gift.

Is this just another appeal — or does it really merit my serious attention? So you may well ask — for there are so many appeals from all imaginable corners. And they all have very high and lofty reasons for their appearance. But this, I dare say, has a special relevance for the AELC.

There was a time when I thought that the commandment, "Honor your father and your mother!" referred only to my parents in the flesh. And so it certainly does. But through them the whole past history of the race comes to you — and expresses itself in your existence as a person. This has led me to broaden the application of the commandment to include all to whom we are indebted for our spiritual heritage. Not in the sense that we are bound by and to the past — but rather in a sense of gratefulness to God for what this "host of witnesses" has brought to our own day and time.

It has been said that the past is prologue. This it is but let us not thereby mean "merely" prologue. It is much more. For somehow each of us living in the present is in effect the sum and substance of all that has passed before us — of our ancestors, both physical, cultural and spiritual. Tomorrow becomes richer when we bring the best from the past with us and cherish and share it. The Bible reminds us that children will ask "Whence came we?" They deserve intelligent and meaningful answers. And he who disregards, or thinks light of, his own particular past can never really understand anything about the past, or learn the lessons of history.

The story of the AELC deals not with great multitudes or great mass movements — but it is a saga,

unpretentious and unimposing, of men and women who have struggled, prayed and worked together that the Church of their fathers might follow them into the new land. They needed it for their own survival, but they had in mind also — the best of them — the needs of their children and the new land which they had adopted as their own.

Throughout the years this story has unfolded and there is many a heroic chapter in it. Also many a tragedy and defeat. Lest this vanish into the dark past we have felt that we should plan so that it might be written up and shared with others. True this project can not be completed in a year or two. It will take time to find the right man. For him to do the research — and there is a wealth of material in our archives at Grand View College, as well as other places — time and money will have to be spent. But the project will be carried on by the Danish Special Interest Conference of the Lutheran Church in America. The Church will keep the fund we now gather in trust until it is needed.

May I lay this appeal upon your hearts and minds — you who are the members of the congregations. Will you give liberally and heartily when the appeal is made in your congregation. When the envelopes are distributed don't let them slide into that waste paper basket where so many other things tend — and deservingly so — to land. We hope to hear from the churches by the middle of October.

A. E. Farstrup.

I believe that every Christian, whether minister or layman, by the fact of being a Christian, must instinctively have sympathy for the disadvantaged and the weak, and therefore will always be concerned to promote equal justice and to use such influence as he possesses to assure for all men the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness which are our declared American ideal. Only a cheap timidity would make a man hide such beliefs, or do nothing to advance them, because they might be falsely alleged to represent what subversive interests want.....I abominate the Communist ideology and any Communist subversion in individual action or in public affairs. But nothing could serve the ends of communism more completely than the stupid hysteria which calls any sincere and generous humanitarianism subversive if some Communist also advocates it, and calls stand-pattism patriotic provided the Communists oppose it.

—**Dr. Walter Russell Bowie**, professor of homiletics, retired, Union Theological Seminary, New York.

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Fifty Years Ago

by: Dr. Johannes Knudsen

That summer I was not yet ten years old, and when someone asked me: "Is it true that you are moving to Des Moines?", a childhood paradise started to dissolve in my startled boyish mind. I could truthfully answer that I knew nothing about it. I was not even aware that father had been called down to the convention at Des Moines, from which he had purposely stayed away. I only knew that he was away on one of his many trips. But I soon found out that it was only too true. The excitement of moving undoubtedly dulled some of the pangs, and when we found out that our horse, Billy, and the surrey with the fringe on the top were to be taken along, reconciliation was not too difficult. In order to give the freight car, which also contained Billy, time to get there we were to spend a week in the big city of Omaha, visiting O. C. Olsens. This was an added incentive. Perhaps the pain of leaving was furthermore counterbalanced by physical pain, for I left Tyler with jaws still swollen from a mild case of mumps. The first leg of the journey was by buggy to Ruthton where we slept overnight so that we could catch the Great Northern early in the morning for Sioux City.

Omaha was an impressive place for a country boy, although we had been through Chicago and New York on the journey to Denmark a year or two earlier. I know we came to Olsens in a taxi, for the legend long remained among us boys that someone had been sick in the cab, but what impressed a late-arriving sleepy-head most was the electric lights.

When I woke up at 6 o'clock in a strange bedroom I just had to try the lights. I got up in the bed and turned the "switch" on the fixture. To my disappointment nothing happened, so I lay down to sleep. Fortunately Marie Olsen came into the room in time to open the windows, for I had turned the gas jet on the gas-electric fixture and filled the room with gas.

Fifty years later the hospitality of the Olsens still overwhelms me. Mrs. Olsen was the sweetest woman one could imagine, and she filled the ice box with bananas and blue

grapes every day so that we could eat to our heart's content. Herluf, the Dartmouth Dean, was the vaunted athlete who taught us tricks on the bars and swings in the back yard, and Arild won my unbounded admiration by being chased off the Bull Durham sign at the ball park by a policeman. It was a week that came to a close all too quickly, and before we knew it, we were sleeping in newly painted rooms readied in the main building at Grand View for the new "Forstander" who wanted to live in the building so that he could make a Folk School home for the students. Thirty-three years later I reluctantly broke that concept finally by moving away from the same apartment. School had not yet started; in fact, the building was filled with state fair visitors, and we were awakened the first day by curious fair guests who barged into our bedroom. So I got up to explore out of my own curiosity, and the one great wonder which I remember was that there were fire escapes all over the back of the building; not just fire-ropes as we had had them at Danebod. And, of course, there was electricity.

Thus started a new childhood paradise which lasted a short time but which left its indelible mark. For what an excitement it was to live at Grand View College during those years! We were there only three years and I was only a boy, but even a child could sense that significant things were happening. Later experience and study have given body and character to what was immediate and naive experience, and I would like to testify a little about that life. For us children those years at Grand View were packed full of events into which we very often entered wholeheartedly. We didn't sense all of the underlying motives and forces, but we had enough participation to allow a penetration to the real developments later on.

It is most often said that the Folk School spirit moved into Grand View at that time and that this was symbolized by the policy that the president should live at the college and preside at all functions from daily meals and devotions to selected lecture series and festive events. It was expressed also in the personal factor that the college life was family life on a large scale, and that regular effort was given to the personal communication of values and knowledge in the class rooms and in the common lectures. The latter were usually given on literary and historical subjects whose purpose was both that of awakening and of the inculcation of knowledge. If this is the Folk School spirit, then it certainly existed at Grand View at that time. It was there to stay and I am certain that all succeeding decades of leaders and students will bear testimony to this. I rather believe that this spirit existed at Grand View also before 1912, even though there had been a strong polemic about this very thing in the church papers. The move in 1912 was probably an accentuation of certain fea-



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tures, but the spirit was not entirely new and different. I say this because I believe this, but also because I do not wish to be argumentative about the issue.

What I would like to point out in addition to the emphasis on the Folk School spirit is that there was also a strong emphasis upon academic competence and development. It is not a contradiction to say that the two existed side by side, and it is incorrect to say that the academic emphasis only came later. The emphasis in 1912 was primarily an emphasis upon forms of education and a faculty that were centered in Danish life and Danish thought, and this is probably the reason that the emphasis seems non-academic in retrospect to some interpreters. It must be mentioned, however, that these same years saw the establishment of an accredited academy, and this academy, which formed the backbone of the academic effort for a number of post-war years, was the forerunner for the Junior College. It faded in the Thirties when it had served its purpose.

What corresponded in those days to junior college in years and content was the Danish Teacher's Program. This was just what the name implies, an education for teachers in parochial schools. It was also a pre-seminary schooling and it was conducted according to an academic pattern with requirements, examinations, grades, etc. It was Danish, to be sure, but it maintained a standard of content and method that was probably above even the present day junior col-

lege level. Most of the students were older than our junior college level, and although they may not have had the same academic prerequisites, they made up for this in experience and maturity. The greatest asset of this educational venture was not the quality of the students, however. It was the quality of the faculty, and this is true also of the seminary faculty which was built up. A number of very competent, even brilliant, teachers were secured during those years. Most of them were from Denmark, but their qualifications were high, academically as well as personally. When, therefore, it is implied that academic emphasis was a later innovation and that it was neglected in favor of the Folk School spirit, this is not the case. Both were strongly present, and when Grand View moved into an indigenously American academic program later on, this did not come as a break with the pre-war emphasis. It was in many and good ways a continuation of the earlier program.

It would be tempting to relate many an event of the three glorious years, glorious for a growing boy but also, I am sure, for many, many others. This would try the patience of the reader too much, I am afraid, so I shall conclude the reminiscing testimony simply by saying that I was just as heart-broken to move away from Grand View in 1915 as I had been to move away from Tyler in 1912. Fortunately, we moved back to Tyler again, so we picked up where we had left off.

Living in Another World

Pastor and Mrs. Kildegaard Report on Their Summer in Oberbayeren

Culturally, economically, religiously, and in countless other ways, the southeast corner of Germany is another world from any that we have known. Our family spent all summer in the little village of Inzell on the edge of the Bavarian Alps where we were the only Americans. Thus our "peculiarity" was the more obvious, our ignorance of the usual way to do this and that was more noticeable. And the constant and aggravating barrier of language persisted despite the most energetic handwaving, pointing and grunting indulged in by the six of us all summer long. The almost physical relief when one's halting German finally came through to the listener is an experience not soon to be forgotten!

Everyone knows that West Germany has made an amazing economic recovery since the war — again reminding us that "winning a war" has many implications. The most obvious evidence of prosperity is the vast variety of new cars that crowd the roads so that time and again on the four lane autobahns we could not go more than 30 to 40 miles per hour. The motorcycles and bicycles which were so commonplace only five years ago are now in distinct minority. The

German driving also testifies to the newness of this situation and is frequently a frightening experience. Nevertheless, in the rural area where we lived, we were also impressed by the old and more primitive ways that persist. A neighbor lady did our laundry for us, white as snow, but all by hand in a big wash tub. The small fields of hay, virtually the only agricultural product of this area, are cut most skillfully by hand with large scythes. The hay is then stacked on small forked stakes and these "haymen" stood in neat rows as small armies in field after field. Against the new home in which we lived, leaned a new ladder which, as so many other things, was handcrafted.

Culturally, the differences are also marked, but more elusive. The radio and the television carried the same general run of popular music and drama which Americans are subjected to, but with good music always available, and a great many lectures. The few people that we came to know were much more familiar with American literature, especially contemporary American literature, than we are with contemporary European literature. They are also willing and ready to discuss historical and cultural art at any time. This church is pure baroque, that one has traces of the Renaissance, while here is a blending in which remnants of the Gothic are still to be found. Of course, they have been surrounded by these evi-

Axel Kildegaard, Grand View Seminary Liaison Professor of Functional Theology at Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary, is at present on a year of sabbatical study in Europe.

dences throughout their lives. We walked a mile or so one day on an old path high on a nearby hill and remarked later to our hostess how well built it was although it was obviously not in use. She told us that it was a piece of an old Roman road, built more than 2,000 years ago. From our balcony we could see a farm house across the field built 200 years before the Reformation. Homes, public buildings, and particularly churches are much adorned with the art forms that have lived for centuries. Where we have read about and seen pictures of some of this, these people have lived with these deposits of history within their reach and touch all of their days.

But the most obvious contrast is cultural-religious. Except for a tiny sprinkling of evangelicals, most of whom are refugees from the east and having been here less than 20 years are still considered transients, the people in Upper Bavaria are Roman Catholic. There were signs of this wherever we turned. Not only are the churches, which are so grotesquely beautiful, the dominant buildings of the villages, but through the countryside there are countless roadside shrines with crucifixes and often fresh flowers. Many homes have large colorful biblical murals painted on the exteriors, and an overwhelming portion of the art within is also religious. The gasthauses or restaurants are also their taverns, and more often than not there was also a large elaborate crucifix hanging there on the wall. To an American whose own makeup inevitably carries some traces of the puritan influence, the combination is quite incongruous. There is an impression of casual piety, or to use words that to us are almost incompatible yet fitting — a piety which is "gemutlich," even gay. To be sure, there is a great deal of superficiality in these evidences of their piety, but there is also a strong impression that their faith has roots planted deep in history and that it has permeated their culture to an enviable degree. If the word piety simply reflects the ways in which man's faith is evident in his life, then one must say that though the contrasts are sharp, the impression is one of genuineness.

The war and the regime of Hitler are long since past. All the tourist brochures that described the villages, cities and other sites in which we were interested made only casual reference to the war as they pointed to some of the restoration necessary after the bombing. But the church of the town of Inzell, too small to be mentioned on most maps, had a small chapel dedicated to the fallen heroes of World War II. We counted the names on the plaque, and from this small parish 175 died, ranging in age from 14 to 60 years. Our hostess, herself a war widow, told us much about those years of horror. We also visited Dachau, but the mind is incapable of comprehending such terror and bestiality. We will long remember the small memorial statue there of the forlorn Jew. In the midst of the color, gaiety and piety of Bavaria, this figure haunted us. For here Nazism had its beginning.

Worshipping in German churches, we found that the language barrier was there the least in evidence. The service brought us home and the hymns were mostly familiar. Even the sermons were more easily understood than most of the German we heard. But most of all the liturgy. When the congregation together prayed the Lord's Prayer, we noticed that Arne, not yet three, had joined with them in English. The rhythm and cadence were familiar and he managed to end the doxology at the same time as the congregation, oblivious to the fact that they were speaking another language. For us it was a moving symbol of our unity in faith. Another quite different testimony of unity was announced on the village bulletin board. Inzell had no evangelical church, but a neighboring pastor conducted services there Sunday evenings, and these services were held in the Roman Church.

We have a recurring feeling of isolation from our life and friends of so short a time past. Especially did we feel so during those climactic days when our church old and new was meeting in Detroit. We have received letters from friends describing some of those events and were grateful for these. We had not seen a copy of LUTHERAN TIDINGS since May; they awaited us here in Denmark and took precedence over all else. It is difficult to realize that LUTHERAN TIDINGS is now in its closing months and will no longer be part of our life when we return.

We are now settled in our home in Denmark for the coming year. The children are going to Gentofte Skole every day from 8 to 2, even Saturdays. "Forelæsning" has begun at the University of Copenhagen, and routine has again come back to our lives. We send this greeting with the hope that the fall season of increased activity in church and home will find you refreshed and eager to resume old tasks and begin new ones.

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People on Venus?

by: **Erwin L. McDonald**

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By Christmas we may know whether we have distant relatives on Venus.

Mariner 2, a spaceship launched the other day from Cape Canaveral, is hurtling along at a clip calculated to take it to the vicinity of Venus — perhaps to within 10,000 miles — by December. And one of the objects of the 180,000,000-mile foray is to

determine if "life as we know it" exists on Venus.

It makes you a little nervous to realize that if there are people on Venus and we find out about them, they are liable to find out about us. What Venus thinks of Earth might be more of a shock than anything we can find out about Venus.

If a communications breakthrough ever comes between Earth and Venus, it will doubtless be by radio and television. Just think what a bad foot we'd be off on if the first thing the Venus dwellers tune in on should be the "commercial." They might conclude

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From Two Districts to Five Synods ——— merger in Districts Five and Six ——— sixth in a series

District Five - Drawn and Quartered

by: Pastor Beryl Knudsen, District President

At one of the recent numerous merger meetings here in Wisconsin, someone ventured the thought that in the new church for a time at least some of us are going to feel that we are being "drawn and quartered," meaning that our loyalties will be turned in new and different directions than in the past. It is true. We here in District V of the AELC will experience this "quartering" process rather literally as the congregations of our District will be moving into no less than four different Synods.

The above being true, it has been impossible for me to be personally involved in all the merger negotiations affecting the congregations of our District. I cannot, therefore, write from personal experience, but rather from what I have gleaned from various reports. I will mention each congregation of our District and indicate something about the Synod in which it will have its life in the Lutheran Church in America.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Dalum, in Wayne, Alberta, Canada, will be a part of the Western Canada Synod, consisting of the Alberta, British Columbia and Yukon provinces of Canada. This Synod will consist of 83 congregations, 16,608 baptized and 10,554 confirmed members as it begins its life. It will help support Camrose Lutheran College and Waterloo Lutheran University and also a Lutheran Seminary. It will own and operate the Wetaskiwin Lutheran Home for the Aged.

Nathanael Lutheran Church and Vollmer Lutheran



Pastor Knudsen

Church of Dagmar, Montana, will become a part of the Pacific-Northwest Synod. The report from District IX will present information about this Synod.

Bethlehem Lutheran of Askov, St. Peder's Lutheran of Minneapolis, First Lutheran of Alden, and St. Mark Lutheran of Circle Pines, Minnesota, are the four churches of District V which will become a part of the Minnesota Synod. In this group,

they will be joined by some of our AELC churches which are presently a part of District VI.

Nazareth Lutheran of Withee, West Denmark Lutheran, and Bone Lake Lutheran of Luck, Wisconsin, will be the District V AELC congregations which will become a part of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Synod of the LCA. Bethania Lutheran of Racine will also be a part of this Synod. This Synod will have an approximate numerical strength of 270 congregations, 200 pastors, 100,000 confirmed and 150,000 baptized members. It will be composed of 103 Augustana congregations, 99 which are ULCA, 58 which are Suomi, and 4 AELC. It will be divided into eight

districts. It will help support the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and Carthage College at Kenosha, Wisconsin. Suomi Junior College at Hancock, Michigan and Augustana College at Rock Island, Illinois.

It will own and operate three camps: Green Lake at Waupaca, Wisconsin; Camp Manikiki at Manistique Lake in upper Michigan; and Fortune Lake Camp near Iron Mountain, Michigan.

It will own and operate a 70-bed hospital at Ashland, Wisconsin and several Homes for the Aged throughout Wisconsin.

The Constituting Convention of this Synod will be held September 14-15 at Neenah, Wisconsin, which is a place of some historical interest for the AELC.

I am grateful to Pastor Robert Hermansen, Pastor Calvin Rossman and Mr. Folmer Rasmussen who have graciously supplied me with information for this article.



Stewardship Directors for 1962 for the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Synod. Standing, fourth from left, is Pastor Beryl Knudsen, of Withee, Wisconsin. Pastor Knudsen also represents the AELC on the little JCLU for Wisconsin-Upper Michigan.

on the AELC in the LCA

District Six - Minnesota and the Red River Valley

by: Pastor Calvin Rossman, District President



Pastor Rossman

The Minnesota congregations from Districts V and VI will all be included in the Minnesota Synod. Headquarters will be in Minneapolis at the present Augustana headquarters, 2445 Park Avenue. The Synod will directly own and control Old People's Homes located in Chisago City, Duluth, Mankato and Minneapolis, and Bethesda Hospital, Nurses' Home, Infirmary and Invalids' Home in St. Paul. The final relationship of Tyler and Askov Homes

has not yet been decided. Young people's camps at New London and Chisago City will also belong to the Synod. Gustavus Adolphus College and Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary will be supported jointly by the Minnesota and Red River Valley Synods.

The three Minnesota districts of the ALC, the two Minnesota districts of the Red River Valley



Gustavus Adolphus College Chapel, St. Peter, Minnesota, dedicated in 1962.

Synod, and the Minnesota Synod are forming the Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota to perform services to children and families. It will have the following units: adoption-child care, unwed mothers, family counseling, chaplaincy, mentally retarded and emotionally disturbed. It will have strategically located service centers. This is a merger of the Augustana Board of Christian Services to Children and the Lutheran Welfare Society.

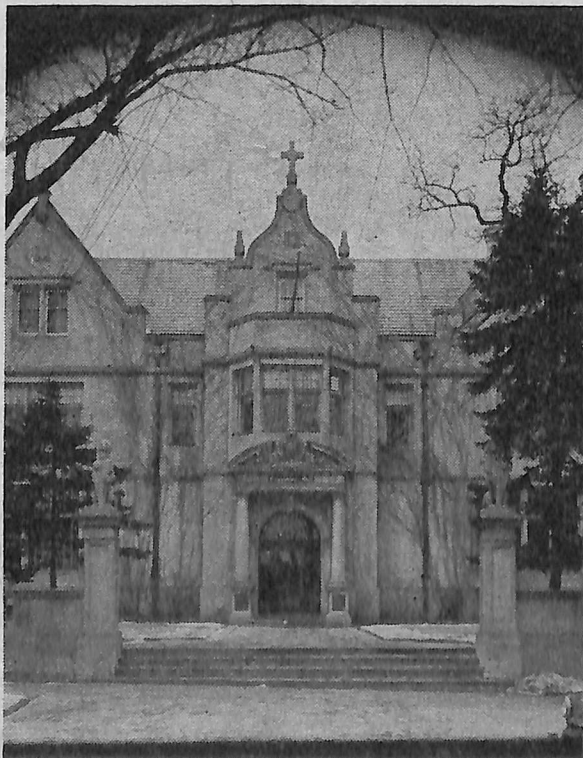
The size and operation of this Synod are large when compared to the present AELC. Its institutions are valued at more than \$2 million dollars; its college, with an enrollment of 1,500, has just dedicated an \$800,000 chapel and it will have a full-time staff of at least five. The total budget for synod and LCA will be close to \$3 million. Five congregations have over 3,000 baptized members.

There are 340 congregations, 244 Augustana, 27 Suomi, 62 ULCA, 7 AELC; 221,500 baptized, 142,300 confirmed. The Synod will be divided into 12 districts.

The District VI congregations located in South Dakota will become a part of the Red River Valley Synod, which will cover North and South Dakota and the northwest corner of Minnesota. The headquarters for this synod will be located in Moorhead, Minnesota.

Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota, and Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary, Minneapolis, Minnesota, will receive joint support from the Red River Valley and Minnesota Synods.

In the Red River Valley Synod we have the following Old People's Homes (all supported by the Augustana Lutheran Church): Bethany Home, Sioux



Passavant Hall, an administration and classroom building at Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Falls, South Dakota; Bethany Home, Alexandria, Minnesota; Warren Hospital and Emmaus Home, Warren, Minnesota. These Homes have room for 198 guests. Plans are being made for a Home at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.

The White Earth Camp located near Waubun, Minnesota, and complete with dorms, dining hall, athletic field, lake front and 250 acres of heavily wooded land, has recently been purchased for \$115,000.

In the Red River Valley Synod there are 162 congregations: 9 Suomi, 18 ULCA, 5 AELC, 130 Augustana; 44,000 baptized, 29,000 confirmed, 79 pastors. The Synod will be divided into five districts.



Bethesda Hospital, St. Paul, Minnesota, on the left. In the right foreground is the infirmary with the nurses' home in the background.

Constituting Convention of the Lutheran Church Men of the Lutheran Church in America

The Constituting Convention of Lutheran Church Men of the LCA was held on the campus of Lenoir Rhyne College in Hickory, North Carolina, on August 30 through September 1, 1962.

Approximately 300 delegates and visitors were in attendance. The AELC was permitted 20 delegates with two attending, the Suomi was permitted 30 delegates with 5 attending, the Augustana Synod was permitted 80 delegates with 42 attending, and the ULCA Synod was permitted 170 delegates with 106 attending. The AELC was the only Synod which had no former national men's organization.

On Thursday evening, August 30, our own Rev. Enok Mortensen from Des Moines was the speaker. He addressed the assembly on the topic of "Who are we, what are we and where are we going during this age?"

The joint planning group for LCM presented the official documents of Lutheran Church Men to be adopted by the delegates. The documents were adopted. They included the national constitution, by-laws and standing rules of Lutheran Church Men. Also, an approved constitution and by-laws for Synodical and congregational units of Lutheran Church Men.

A budget of \$106,000 for 1963-64 was approved by the convention, to carry out our administrative and program projects. There will be two full-time executive secretaries and three full-time stenographers. A monthly magazine entitled "Lutheran Church Men" will be published to keep us well informed. It is anticipated that a yearly minimum contribution of \$5.00 from all Lutheran Church Men will be required to effectively promote our program projects.

I urge all of you to attend your local synodical conventions. The dates of these conventions were sent in a letter to your pastor. We certainly hope you can find time to attend your convention. You will find the experience and fellowship rewarding. There will be plenty of opportunities for you to become an integral part of Lutheran Laymen in action, to perform in every day life as a better Christian and to help fulfill the national need for Christian living in home and community.

The following men were elected to the executive board during the convention:

	Former Affiliation	Term
PRESIDENT		
Dr. Earl Freese	ULCA	3 years
VICE PRESIDENT		
Mr. Earl High	Augustana	3 years
SECRETARY		
Sen. John Olson	Augustana	3 years
TREASURER		
Mr. Eugene Kelchner	ULCA	3 years

Among the 13 directors chosen were two AELC men: Mr. Eilif Johansen of Tyler, Minnesota, and Mr. Paul Hansen of Detroit, Michigan. They were elected for two and three year terms, respectively.

If you have any questions concerning LCM, or would like additional information, please feel free to write me, we will be happy to assist you if at all possible.

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American Evangelical Luth.
Youth Fellowship

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Inez Eyes the Convention

Dear Luther Leaguers:

Just got back from the Luther League Constituting Convention in San Francisco and decided I must share the excitement with all of you. It was really great! From the opening plenary session on Monday until the Holy Communion service on Sunday, there was one thrilling experience after the next!

San Francisco seemed to open its arms to us. Clerks, bus and taxi drivers, waitresses — everyone was so friendly and willing to help. I loved the city of hills with a million dollar view in every direction. California is beautiful and the weather ideal. And oh the ocean! (It's really salty. I tasted it.)

The Whitcomb was a very nice hotel. As we entered Dick Jessen greeted us and handled all the problems of registration. Pastor Clair Hoijfeld, the convention counselor, smiled and, believe it or not, he was still smiling at the end of the week.

The convention began with the convocation by Dr. Franklin Clark Fry. I was very impressed by his greeting from the Lutheran Church in America. Then the business began. With Pastor Earl Eliason as chairman, Pastor Arnold Tiemeyer as secretary, and Bob Menges as parliamentarian, things really went smoothly. I marveled at the work the Joint Planning Group had done in preparing the documents. They were really a tremendous piece of work! The convention discussed each article thoroughly. We moved, seconded, debated, asked for points of information, moved the previous question, "Ayed," "No'ed," and finally passed or defeated motion after motion. The JPG explained anything the convention questioned. We rose with thunderous applause when the new constitution was approved. The by-laws, approved constitution for synodical Luther League unit, and the one for congregational leagues were also approved, and all other official business was conducted.

Officers were elected. I was really excited when I saw Karen Knudsen from AELC was a candidate for secretary. She wasn't elected but I was thrilled with the large number of votes she received. After all, AELC only had 22 delegates. When the members-at-large were elected, Karen was up again and someone from ULCA nominated Keith Davis from AELC. We were only allowed one member according to the ratio and here we had two running. Wow!!! Keith Davis was officially elected.

The convention wasn't all business though. There were morning suffrages conducted by Pastor Howard Christensen, Bible study, workshops, hymn sings, and evening prayer. The singing and devotions were

really inspiring. Can you imagine 500 of the young leaders from each church singing "The Church's One Foundation" or praying the Lord's Prayer? Chills run down my spine just thinking about it.

After meetings each night and during free time, we went sight-seeing. San Francisco is the ideal city for tourists — so much to see! There was Chinatown, the cable cars, Fishermen's Wharf, North Beach, Golden Gate Park, the Tea Garden, Top of the Mark, Fremont Hotel, Telegraph Hill, and the magnificent bridges. AELC met in Chinatown for a meal and once again at Fishermen's Wharf for a sea food dinner.

The weekend rally was fabulous! Five hundred more joined us. The fun fest Friday night was really fun! At one point in the program the leader asked all of the AELC youth to stand. Then the whole audience sang "Happy Danes Are Here Again" to the tune of "Happy Days Are Here Again." A collection of only pennies was taken in a rusty old bucket to feed Dick Jessen's starving kids! We just roared. There were so many funny things I couldn't repeat them all.

Saturday night the drama, "Cry, the Beloved Country" was presented. Then there was a huge hymn sing in Union Square before all San Francisco.

The Holy Communion service Sunday morning ended one of the most exciting weeks in my entire life. It was a really wonderful experience. I'm looking forward to a great program in our new Luther League!

Sincerely,

A Delegate,

—Inez Busse.

"Editorial" Comments

Once again "Paging Youth" is enlivened with the bubbling, enthusiastic writing of our friend, Inez Busse of Chicago, Illinois, who was a delegate to the Luther League Convention at San Francisco. You may recall reading her account of the last national convention of AELC last November at Indianola, Iowa.

Inez received the Lutheran Brotherhood Youth Leadership Award last spring. The award money is to be applied to her expenses at Grand View College in Des Moines where she will be a freshman this fall.

If you readers wish to read further reporting on the convention, pick up the September 5 and 12 copies of "The Lutheran," the magazine which is issued by LCA.

Speaking of "The Lutheran," we just happened to be leafing through the pages of the August 29 issue and found an article on the work camp at a mental hospital in Norristown, Pa. A list of the campers included an AELC girl, Virginia (Ginger) Bresin of Askov, Minnesota.

We had just received news of her participation this month and hope to print her experiences and personal reactions to work camping in the near future.

Our Women's Work

MRS. AAGE PAULSEN, Editor

CORDOVA, NEBRASKA



I received the following from Women's Planning Committee, Japan International Christian University Foundation, Room 1220, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y., and thought perhaps some of the women of our Synod might be interested. E. P.

International Christian University in Japan

The International Christian University in Japan (ICU) is an outstanding example of what can be accomplished when Protestant churches work together. Founded in 1949 and opened in 1953, it has fulfilled the dream of Christian missionaries and scholars in Japan, who, over the years, have recognized the urgent need for Christian higher education in that land.

This pioneering institution in a very real sense was born of the ashes of World War II. Its main administration building, intended for military production, was converted to academic use. Contributions were received from people on both sides of the Pacific in all walks of life, eager to bind the wounds of war and to find new solutions of the problems that beset mankind.

Now less than a decade since its opening, what do we find? A miracle, it would seem. Already in this short time ICU has attained a position of prominence unprecedented for such a young institution, especially in the tradition-ridden Orient. It took the first step in Japan towards several modern educational policies, such as —

- * an all-Christian faculty and board of trustees
- * co-education (40% of its students are women)
- * small classes and personalized instruction
- * the free-access method in the University library
- * a church house and student union building
- * courses in both English and Japanese
- * housing of faculty and students on campus
- * encouragement of an international faculty and student body (one-third of the faculty are non-Japanese, and one-eighth of the students).

These features not only have proved most successful at the University but already have been imitated by other schools in Japan.

As Dr. Nobushige Ukai, the president of ICU, has said, "ICU is something infinitely more than a school. It is a movement. As a practical effort toward meeting the problems of mankind — today and tomorrow — it calls upon the concerned people of the whole world." We are sure these concerned people will continue to respond generously to the challenge.

Project Planned

Blessed with the largest acreage of any university campus in Japan south of Hokkaido, and with that land located on the outskirts of Tokyo, the Interna-

tional Christian University now faces the problem of future development and building. With the most pressing university needs met in the present array of campus structures, attention is now being focused on completion of adequate facilities for physical education for the 800 ICU students.

For the thirteen years of ICU's existence, this facet of student life has had to be almost completely neglected while more urgent needs were being met. This was done despite the fact that at the time plans were presented to the Japanese Ministry of Education for a charter to operate as an accredited institution of higher education, plans for year-round physical education facilities were included. Now, with this area remaining incomplete, ICU cannot approach the Ministry for recognition of any new department until this long-standing obligation is met.

Completion of a year-round physical education plant, including a gymnasium, an outdoor baseball diamond and outdoor tennis and handball courts, will sharply alter the lives of ICU's 800 students who, like most Japanese, are ardent sports enthusiasts. For one thing, the gymnasium building will provide for participation in sports and team activities the year round. In addition, the athletic facilities will be made easily available to visitors from the surrounding community. In keeping with the ICU principle of service to others, it is planned to permit use of the facilities by the neighboring communities.

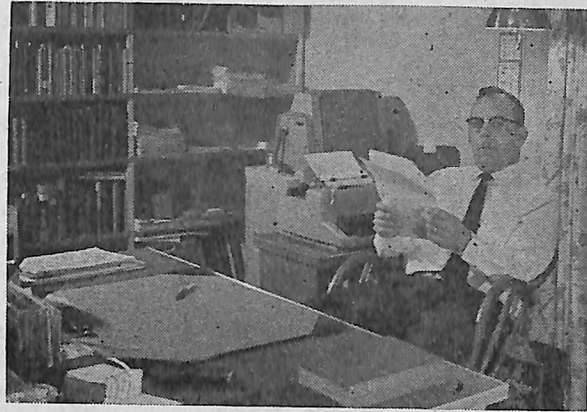
Proper physical education facilities will also increase training of prospective physical education teachers among the student body. Since ICU's establishment, interested students have had to depend for most of their training on a brief five-day period at the beginning of the summer holiday when about 80 students accompanied by a few faculty journey to the YMCA camp at Lake Nojiri, where they sleep in huts during their brief period of recreation and training.

At this point in ICU's development, as the school enters its second decade of existence and as a new administration takes over, it is felt by many that no need is more pressing than that for adequate physical education facilities. Probably no future addition to the University's physical plant will ever bring greater return in heightened student morale.

Know therefore this day,
And consider it in thine heart,
That the Lord he is God
In heaven above,
And upon the earth beneath:
There is none else.

(Deut. 4:39)

opinion and comment



AFTER USING IT for nine months we are by no means sold on the new Service Book and Hymnal. We could go into great detail in documenting our complaints and calling into question some of its so-called improvements. We are, however, quite pleased with the collects or prayers for the day in the new book. They are a distinct improvement over the collects in the Hymnal for Church and Home. We had long since taken the liberty of altering some of these latter. Many were, in our opinion, full of ideas and phrases that are quite foreign to a 20th century understanding of the Christian faith. Some contained thoughts that were quite out of order in Christian worship. The collect for the tenth Sunday after Trinity, for example, with its plea that we may not be like the "unbelieving Jews," at once brings to mind the story of the Pharisee and the Publican. There is not only no need but there is no room in prayer for comparisons of this sort or for reminding God that others have not acted as He would wish. Thus far we have discovered none of this sort of thing in the new hymnal. Indeed, we have discovered nothing in any of the collects to which we would take serious exception. The collects are, we believe, an improvement and constitute a significant contribution to our worship. To the extent that it has made these collects available to us we are pleased with the new hymnal.

PATIENCE IS NOT one of our virtues. Neither is it, we believe, an American virtue. Here in our land we have become accustomed to doing things "right now." As a people, we are activists, we are not inclined to sit and wait. We are determined and we are impatient. There are probably many factors that have shaped us thus. For generations the frontier beckoned whenever men became impatient with life as they knew it. A supply of natural resources that appeared inexhaustible as well as a spirit of independence have surely also been factors that have contributed to our impatience. Psychologists could probably point to many others. This impatience has

gone a long way toward making us the strong and progressive and free nation that we are. It has its hazards, however. There are times when impatience is very much in order but there are also times when it may be disastrous. It is somewhat ironic that, in this world of the 1960's, when the emphasis seems to be on speed, we may have to begin to learn something about patience. We need to learn that we cannot rush headlong into anything we wish. We need to know that it may no longer be so easy to undo hasty action as it once was. Specifically, there are few things in American history that have been such a blow to our pride as the state of affairs in Cuba today. The temptation, therefore, is to do something about it right now. Fortunately, this attitude does not seem to prevail in quarters where it counts most. We hope that cooler heads and patience will continue to prevail in those quarters and also that we Americans may learn to restrain the temptation to act. Patience, by our definition at least, does not mean sitting by and doing nothing. It does mean preparing and waiting for the right time to do the right thing — and we are not at all sure that means using force on the Cubans or anyone else. Patience is a virtue we covet for our nation in these troubled times. The whole course of the future, indeed the future itself, may well depend on our exercise of it in and with the present.

WE SAW A postcard the other day that bore this inscription across its face — "Peace by 1980 — with or without people." There was a time when we would have thought that was simply funny.

A SMALL BOY reported that fried chicken had been on the menu for the hot lunch program at school that day.

"Was it better than mother's?" asked the father. "No," said the boy, "it was worse."

LCA News

LCA LAYS DOWN PRINCIPLES FOR INTER-CHURCH RELATIONS

New York—(PRT)—Standards which will serve as "sound principles" to govern its interdenominational and inter-Lutheran relationships have been laid down by the new 3,200,000-member Lutheran Church in America.

The church's Executive Council, at a three-day meeting here, approved a statement which will serve as "the criteria for measuring all proposed inter-church relationships of the LCA."

In its action, the council affirmed both "the evangelical principle and the representative principle" as the basis on which it will evaluate all interdenominational relationships. The statement follows:

"The evangelical principle means that official relationship with interdenominational agencies will be established only with such agencies as are composed exclusively of churches which confess Jesus Christ as Divine Lord and Saviour.

"The representative principle means that in interdenominational associations the official representatives of churches should never be expected to sit on a parity with individuals who represent only themselves or at most with organizations which are less than churches."

"Formulation of these principles has such theological significance and far-reaching practical implications," the council statement said, "that it plainly ought to be reviewed by the 1964 convention of the church."

The policy is substantially the same as the one which has already been in force in two of the predecessor bodies of the LCA for many years, the United Lutheran Church in America and the Augustana Lutheran Church.

100 PASTORS, LAYMEN NAMED TO NEW CHURCH COMMISSIONS

New York—(PRT)—The Executive Council of the Lutheran Church in America has announced the names of 100 pastors and laymen elected to serve on the seven commissions of the new 3,200,000-member church body.

A total of 42 clergymen and 58 laymen and women were selected as members of the church's Commissions on Church Papers, Youth Activities, Stewardship, Evangelism, Worship, Church Architecture and Press, Radio and Television.

Most of the commissions will begin operations on or before January 1, 1963.

Seven pastors and laymen from the AELC were elected to membership on six of these commissions. The commissions to which AELC men were named, as well as the total membership of the commission and the AELC persons named, follows:

Commission on Youth Activities — (Six pastors, six laymen)

Rev. Arnold Tiemeyer, Waterloo, Iowa

Rev. Paul Nussle, Salinas, California

Commission on Evangelism — (Eleven pastors,

nine laymen)

Rev. W. Clayton Nielsen, Omaha, Nebraska

Commission on Stewardship — (15 laymen, five pastors)

Mr. Harry Jensen, Des Moines, Iowa

Commission on Press, Radio and Television—(Nine laymen, three pastors)

Rev. Howard Christensen, Detroit, Michigan

Commission on Church Papers — (Nine laymen, three pastors)

Rev. Thorvald Hansen, Viborg, South Dakota

Commission on Church Architecture — (Six laymen, six pastors)

Mr. Harry W. Gjelsteen, Menominee, Michigan

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHURCH UNITY APPOINTED

New York—(PRT)—The new Lutheran Church in America has appointed a ten-member Standing committee on Approaches to Unity to carry out its constitutional objective of "a more inclusive union of all Lutherans on this continent."

Members of the committee, selected for the 1962-64 biennium, were chosen from among those who had served on the Joint Commission on Lutheran Unity, as representatives of the church bodies which merged to form the Lutheran Church in America.

The committee includes the Rev. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, New York, LCA president; the Rev. Dr. Malvin H. Lundeen, secretary; the Rev. Carl Segerhammer, Los Angeles; the Rev. Dr. Edgar M. Carlson, St. Peter, Minn.; the Rev. Dr. Oscar W. Carlson, Baltimore; the Rev. Dr. Voight Cromer, Hickory, N C.; the Rev. Dr. Bernhard Hillila, Springfield, Ohio; the Rev. Dr. Johannes Knudsen, Chicago; the Rev. Dr. A. Howard Weeg, Allentown Pa., and Dr. Clarence W. Sorensen, Rock Island, Ill.

DELEGATION FOR LWF ASSEMBLY NAMED

New York—(PRT)—The Lutheran Church in America has selected its official delegation of 34 clergymen and laymen for the Fourth Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation at Helsinki, Finland, July 30 to August 11, 1963.

The LCA delegation will be led by its president, the Rev. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, New York, who is also president of the Lutheran World Federation.

Other delegates selected by the LCA's Executive Council at a three-day meeting here this week include the Rev. Dr. Malvin H. Lundeen, Minneapolis, church secretary; and Dr. Edmund F. Wagner, New York, treasurer.

The delegation also will include the Rev. Dr. Edmund A. Steimle, New York, professor at Union Theological Seminary, one of the assembly speakers; Mrs. E. G. Price, Pittsburgh, Pa., president of Lutheran Church Women, and Fred Berkobin, Nutley, N. J., president of the Luther League.

The delegation also will include the AELC president, the Rev. A. E. Farstrup, Des Moines, Iowa, and

Dr. Erling Jensen, Allentown, Pa., President of Muhlenberg College and for many years AELC convention chairman as well as chairman of the board of the Grand View College and Seminary Corporation.

DELEGATES FOR FAITH, ORDER CONFERENCE CHOSEN

New York—(PRT)—The Lutheran Church in America has accepted an invitation to send seven delegates to the Fourth World Conference on Faith and Order to be held at Montreal, Quebec, Canada, July 12 to 26, 1963.

The invitation to the LCA was sent not only because the church is a member of the World Council of Churches, but because it is a church "that accepts Jesus Christ as God and Saviour," LCA President Franklin Clark Fry told the Executive Council.

"As well as providing an opportunity to present and review studies carried out over the past decade," Dr. Fry said, the Montreal conference "will look to the future and try to discharge its responsibility to the churches at the time when demand for church unity finds many insistence forms of expression, and when resistance to such expression has arisen with fresh force and variety.

After accepting the invitation to send delegates to the Montreal conference, the LCA Executive Council selected as members of the LCA delegation: The Rev. Dr. Krister Stendahl, Cambridge, Mass.; Dr. Nils Ehrenstrom, Cambridge, Mass.; the Rev. Dr. Joseph Sittler, Chicago, Ill.; the Rev. Dr. William Lazareth, Philadelphia; Dr. Sidney Ahlstrom, New Haven, Conn.; the Rev. Dr. Conrad Bergendoff, Rock Island, Ill.; the Rev. Johannes Knudsen, Maywood, Ill., and the Rev. Dr. William Villaume, Waterloo, Ont., Canada.

LCA INVITES TWO OTHER LUTHERAN BODIES TO STUDY CONFIRMATION

New York—(PRT)—The Lutheran Church in America has formally invited two other major Lutheran church bodies to participate in a joint study of the theology of confirmation.

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and the American Lutheran Church were asked to join with the LCA in the creation of a Joint Commission on the Theology and Practice of Confirmation. The three church bodies represent more than 8,000,000 Lutherans in the United States.

Action of the LCA Executive Council, in approving the text of a letter to the ALC and Missouri Synod, followed action of the LCA at its constituting convention in June in Detroit, Mich., proposing the joint study of the theology of confirmation.

LUTHERAN MISSION BOARD SETS STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

Chicago—(PRT)—Six Lutheran clergymen who were elected staff officials of the Lutheran Church in America's Board of American Missions in July, today were assigned as regional secretaries in five states and Canada.

The Rev. Dr. Donald L. Houser, Chicago, board executive secretary, announced the following addi-

tional staff assignments during a three-day board meeting at the North Park Hotel:

The Rev. Gordon W. Loren, upper New York and New England; the Rev. Dr. Ralph A. Boyer, III, New York City and New Jersey; the Rev. David F. Johnson, North Carolina and Southeastern Synod; the Rev. A. E. Farstrup, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Rocky Mountain Synod; the Rev. Franklin H. Schott, northern California, Utah and Nevada; and the Rev. Donald W. Sjoberg, western Canada.

Previously, Dr. Houser announced the assignments of 12 other Lutheran ministers as board regional secretaries.

LCA MEMBERSHIPS IN WCC, LWF RECOGNIZED

New York—(PRT)—Membership of the new Lutheran Church in America in the World Council of Churches and the Lutheran World Federation has been recognized by both of the international church organizations, the LCA Executive Council has been informed.

The LWF executive secretary, Dr. Kurt Schmidt-Clausen, Geneva, Switzerland, certified on August 21 "that the Lutheran World Federation recognizes the Lutheran Church in America as a member of the Federation, in continuation of the membership therein of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church (Suomi Synod) and the United Lutheran Church in America."

"On behalf of the Lutheran World Federation," Dr. Schmidt-Clausen said, "I welcome the Lutheran Church in America as a member of our world-wide Lutheran family and pray God's blessings upon you and your congregation in His service."

The Rev. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, LCA president, who is also president of the Lutheran World Federation, and chairman of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, reported to the LCA Executive Council that "no vote of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches at its 1962 meeting in Paris (August 7-17) was accompanied by friendlier or more prolonged applause than the one formally recognizing the Lutheran Church in America as succeeding to the four-fold membership in the council previously held by the AELC, the Augustana Lutheran Church, the Suomi Synod and the ULCA."

A petition of the LCA constituting convention asking that the new church be recognized as a constituent member of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. has brought a reply from its general secretary, the Rev. Dr. Roy G. Ross, that he will "bring this request to the attention of our General Constituent Membership Committee in order that it may recommend formal action to the General Board at its meeting in December."

Dr. Ross added that "I am sure the request will be met with enthusiastic approval."

"In view of the fact that three of your four merging groups are already members of the Council, it is the request of the president of the Council that you consider the new church as a member of the Council, in all of its relationships, pending formal action."

Church News From Around the World

PSYCHOLOGIST LISTS FACTORS FOR "SUCCESSFUL CLERGYMAN"

(NY) St. Louis, Mo.—(PRT)—Advance—A professor of psychology said here that emotional stability and intelligence are two of the several factors a clergyman must possess to conduct a successful ministry.

Speaking to a group of Lutheran psychologists in the Case Park Plaza Hotel, Dr. William U. Snyder, a clinical psychologist at Ohio University, declared:

"There is some present evidence to suggest that ministerial students today are considerably less bright than persons who go into other professions, and if this is true, they will not continue to command the respect of their communities which has traditionally been accorded their profession."

Dr. Snyder cited results of a recent survey which revealed that ministerial students were low men, scholastically speaking, among the professions.

The mean scores puts students of psychology at 71, while the lowest group — Lutheran ministerial students — scored 45. In between were biologists, educators, engineers and social scientists.

"The pre-theological student," the psychologist asserted, "should have a reasonably high level of intelligence. I don't mean that a genius level is required, but I should think that something like an I.Q. of 125 would seem to be the desirable minimum. Not only must the minister complete college and graduate school in a satisfying manner, but he should be able to challenge the thinking of his more educated and intelligent parishioners.

"It is not enough to be able to read a litany; the minister is a community leader in many areas of public thinking and behavior; he has to understand what is happening in his community and in the world, and to recognize some of the deeper implications of these events in terms of the future developments of society."

Turning to the minister's emotional health, Dr. Snyder said:

"The minister should be a person with a good emotional adjustment. He needs to demonstrate sufficient self-confidence without arrogance. He should have much tact, patience, controlled forcefulness, and the ability to lead people by example as well as by precept.

ULCA PENSION EXPERT TAKES POST WITH ALC

Minneapolis, Minn.—(NLC)—Dr. George H. Berkheimer of Philadelphia will become executive director of the Board of Pensions of the American Lutheran Church early next year.

Dr. Berkheimer, who has been executive secretary of the Board of Pensions of the United Lutheran Church in America since 1955, has accepted a call to succeed Harlan N. Rye, who has announced his intention to retire early in 1963.

Dr. Berkheimer had been named associate execu-

tive secretary of the Board of Pensions of the new Lutheran Church in America, but had not accepted his election to that post on the new board. The LCA elected L. Edwin Wang, pensions executive of the Augustana Lutheran Church, as executive secretary of the board.

In his new position Dr. Berkheimer will have administrative responsibilities for assets totaling more than \$35 million. Membership in the pension plan includes 4,260 pastors and the congregations which they serve, and 661 lay workers. The funds of three former church bodies which merged two years ago to form the present ALC were combined into the present organization.

In addition to the retirement of Mr. Rye, who also headed the pension department in the former Evangelical Lutheran Church since 1954, the ALC pensions organization will lose its chairman, Judge Henry N. Graven, Green, Iowa, because of the Church's compulsory retirement age provision. Judge Graven will not be eligible for re-election to the pension board at the ALC convention in Milwaukee, October 18-24.

NLC WELFARE HEAD ACCEPTS NATIONAL COUNCIL POST

New York — (NLC) — Dr. Henry J. Whiting, 52, executive secretary of the National Lutheran Council's Division of Welfare since 1955, has accepted an appointment as associate executive director of the Department of Social Welfare in the National Council of Churches.

He will assume the new position on October 1, with his headquarters in the Interchurch Center, 475 Riverside Drive, New York City. The appointment was announced here by Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the NCC.

In accepting the post, Dr. Whiting said he is "looking forward to the opportunity to work with other Protestant Churches as they seek to strengthen and extend their social ministry in our contemporary society."

"It has been deeply gratifying to have been so intimately involved in Lutheran social welfare work over the past 20 years," he said. "In this time we have witnessed significant developments in this field — the increase in volume of services, the strengthening of the quality of those services and the closer relationship between the agencies and the Church."

In the NCC's social welfare department, a unit of the Division of Christian Life and Work, Dr. Whiting will work in association with the Rev. Sheldon Rahn, department executive director, in a program designed to assist and coordinate cooperative activities of some 4,000 health and welfare agencies related to 38 National Council member denominations.

He also will serve as a NCC liaison representative to national voluntary standard-setting welfare organizations, federal governmental units and health and welfare branches of the World Council of Churches.

STUDENT CENTER COMPLETED BY CALIFORNIA COLLEGE

Thousand Oaks, Calif.—(NLC)—Formal dedication of The Centrum, a 12-acre student center and shopping complex in Mountclef Village on the campus of California Lutheran College here has been set for Sunday, November 11.

The complete and integrated community area, where town and gown meet, is a dramatic adaption of one of the oldest ideas in college education. The Centrum dedication marks, for the college, completion of the second phase of its building development.

The first phase, completed last year, furnished accommodations and academic facilities for faculty and 300 students. The Centrum expansion provides housing for an additional 200 students, in addition to administrative offices, a bank, shops and professional suites.

LOCAL LUTHERAN UNITY SOUGHT IN GREAT BRITAIN

London—(LWF)—Lutherans in Great Britain have adopted a development plan that stresses closer inter-relations on the local community level, the Lutheran World Federation's Commission on World Service heard here.

Attainment of grass-roots Lutheran unity is difficult in this country, because most of the 32,000 baptized church members who make up the Lutheran Council of Great Britain are products of 20th century population movements from diverse parts of the European continent who in their congregational life retain the language and customs of their respective country of origin.

Nevertheless, the commission was informed at its three-day meeting which closed on August 25, there is "a growing consciousness among Lutherans in this country that the general broad cooperation in the council should be reflected also on a local level."

NEW PRESIDENT NAMED FOR LUTHER COLLEGE

Thousand Oaks, Calif.—(NLC)—Dr. Edwin D. Farwell, dean of California Lutheran College here, has been named president of Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.

Dr. Farwell will assume the presidency next May 1, replacing Dr. J. W. Ylvisaker who resigned for health reasons. Luther college is a school of the American Lutheran Church.

In accepting his new post, Dr. Farwell said: "The opportunity to serve as President of Luther College is both an honor and a privilege. We are challenged by the task ahead of us and grateful for the experience we have shared in the founding of California Lutheran College. We leave Thousand Oaks knowing that in the near future this college will become one of the fine liberal arts colleges in California."

Dr. Farwell has been dean of California Lutheran College since February 1, 1961.

OUR CHURCH

Des Moines, Iowa: Pastor A. E. Farstrup, the synod president, has accepted the position of Regional Secretary of the LCA's Board of American Missions to which he was elected in July. Pastor Farstrup will serve Kansas, Nebraska and the Rocky Mountain Synod. He will probably make his residence in either Denver or Kansas City.

Cedar Falls, Iowa: Pastor Harold E. Olsen, of St. Paul's Lutheran Church here, was elected to the position of secretary for the new Iowa Synod of the LCA at the recent convention in Des Moines. Pastor Olsen will begin in this full-time position in January.

Chicago, Illinois: Pastor Peter D. Thomsen, of Trinity Lutheran Church here, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the St. Peder's Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. He will move in January.

Manistee, Michigan: Don Holm, the pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church here, has resigned his pastorate here and has accepted a call to serve Trinity Lutheran (ULCA) at Hillsdale, Michigan.

Assam, India: Pastor Harold N. Riber underwent surgery at the Vellore Christian Hospital on July 21st for a knee injury suffered a number of years ago. At last report he was resting with his family at Kodiakanal in the hills of South India.

Vita

Del Carstens was ordained at St. John's Lutheran Church, Cozad, Nebr., on Sunday, August 19th. He was installed as pastor of the St. John's congregation the same afternoon. We regret that a picture of Del Carstens is not available at this time. —Editor.

DEL CARSTENS

I was born in Beatrice, Nebr., in March 1931, being the oldest of three brothers. Later, in 1941, my family moved to Souix City, Iowa, which has been home since. I have always been a member of a Lutheran Church. While I was baptized and partially brought up in St. John's Lutheran Church in Beatrice, (ALC), I received two years of catechetical instruction from the Rev. E. T. Boe at Morning-side Lutheran, a Norwegian Lutheran Church in Sioux City. My family later became members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Sioux City (ULCA).

I received my formal education in Sioux City, and shortly after graduation from high school, entered the USMC for two years of duty. Following the service I returned to Sioux City, where I met and married my wife, Judy, of Eau Claire, Wis. Our marriage has been blessed with a daughter, Wendy Jo, age four years. Together we finished four years at Midland College, Fremont, Nebr. Presently I am in my senior year at Central Lutheran Theological Seminary in Fremont.

I attribute the motive for my entering the ministry to God's divine guidance in

my life, and in the lives of such persons as a wonderful wife, Christian parents, and numerous sincere and devoted people.

Having accepted a call to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Cozad, Nebr., I am confident that beneath His guiding hand, we will be able to work together for the growth and glory of His kingdom, and I do hereby request that I be considered as a candidate for ordination in the AELC.

Del Carstens.

Fellowship Meeting

St. Peder's Church, Minneapolis, extends a cordial invitation to the congregations of District V and our neighboring congregations of Minnesota at Ruthton, Lake Benton and Tyler, to participate in a fellowship meeting October 12-14.

Guests will be housed in our homes. Many of you may have relatives or friends with whom you may wish to make your own arrangements for lodging, but please register anyway in order that we may plan accordingly for meals, etc.

There will be a registration fee of \$1 and \$4 will be the charge for meals for the entire meeting. Individual meal tickets will also be available for local guests and others.

Registration may be sent to Donald Hansen, 4600 East 42nd Street, Minneapolis 6, Minn.

For St. Peder's Church: Mrs. Lester Raymond, secretary; Ottar S. Jorgensen, pastor.

While this is not to be an official District meeting and no business will be conducted, the idea for it grew out of our District V convention last fall, and District V encourages participation in this fellowship gathering at St. Peder's Church in Minneapolis.

Beryl Knudsen, District V Pres.

PROGRAM

Place — St. Peder's Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Time — October 12, 13 and 14.

Program — Friday, October 12, Opening meeting, 8 p. m.; welcome, pastor of St. Peder's Church; lecture, Pastor Jerome Nilssen, Tyler, Minn.

Saturday, October 13, 9:30 a. m.; morning devotions, Pastor Micheal Mikkelsen, Minneapolis; panel discussion: Confirmation Practices and Customs of Today, directed by Pastor Harald A. Petersen, Luck, Wis.; and Pastor Harold Petersen, Askov Minn. 11:15 a. m., address. 2 p. m., address by Dr. George L. Lundquist, president of the synod of the northwest, ULC, Minneapolis. 4 p. m., song and music under the direction of Mrs. Richard Juhl. 7:30 p. m., address by Dr. Johannes Knudsen, Dean of graduate school, Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary, Maywood, Ill.

Sunday, October 14, 9:30 a. m., early morning worship, communion, sermon by Pastor Beryl Knudsen, Withee, Wis., District V President. 11 a. m., late morning worship, communion, sermon by Pastor Holger Jorgensen, Secretary District V, Alden, Minn. 2:30 p. m., address by Dr. Johannes Knudsen.

Acknowledgment of Receipts by the Synod Treasurer

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST) 1962

For the Synod Budget: (Unassigned)	
Omaha, Nebr.	\$ 200.00
St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill.	200.00
Dwight, Ill.	286.50
Minneapolis, Minn.	214.92
Roscommon, Mich.	20.85
Cozad, Nebr.	88.21
Edison, Township, N. J.	400.00
St. Peter's, Cedar Falls, Iowa	23.62
Racine, Wis.	415.85
Solvang, Calif.	616.90
Manistee, Mich.	100.00
Clinton, Iowa	225.00
Omaha, Nebr.	200.00
Danevang, Nebr.	605.72
President's Travel:	
Cozad, Nebr.	\$ 16.00
Santal Mission:	
Hampton, Iowa, In memory of Jens Miller, Pine City, Minn., from friends in Hampton and Coulter, Iowa	\$ 12.00
Luck, Wis., In memory of Mrs. John Densmore from Bone Lake Ladies' Aid	3.00
Minneapolis, Minn.	58.08
Des Moines, Iowa, In memory of Jens P. Miller from relatives and friends	23.00
Des Moines, Iowa, In memory of Gerda Damgaard from Carl Nielsen	2.00
Des Moines, Iowa, In memory of Mrs. M. Mikkelsen from Carl Ericksens	2.00
In memory of Mrs. Anna Nielsen from West Denmark, Wis.,	

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From Miss Dagmar Miller	5.00
Newell, Iowa, In memory of J. P. Miller, Pine City, Minn., from Mr. and Mrs. Victor Nielsen	1.00
Racine, Wis.	10.00
Chicago, Ill., In memory of Jens P. Miller, Pine City, Minn., from Nanna and Ragnhild Strandkov	2.00
Viborg, S. D., In memory of Arthur West from a friend	10.00
Enumclaw, Wash., from Nels Bakken	200.00
Ringsted, Iowa, In memory of August Sorensen	10.00

August, 1962, receipts from congregations	\$ 3,954.65
Previously acknowledged	50,569.09

Total to date\$54,523.74

Pastor's Contribution for Pension:

Harris, Jespersen	\$ 54.98
Ottar Jorgensen	9.75
Hans Nelson	42.00
V. Duus	7.00
Don Holm	21.00
Thorvald Hansen	33.80
T. Thuesen	24.00

Total for August	\$ 192.53
Previously acknowledged	2,455.53

Total budget receipts to date
8-31-62\$57,161.80

Lutheran World Action: (by congregation)

Byram, Conn.	\$ 36.25
Dannebrog, Nebr.	98.00
Dwight, Ill.	40.50
Minneapolis, Minn.	39.58
Kimballton, Iowa	100.00
Cozad, Nebr.	10.42
Cedar Falls, Iowa, St. Peter's	2.65
Racine, Wis.	10.00
Solvang, Calif.	100.00
Clinton Iowa	25.00
Tyler, Minn., In memory of Jorgen C. Larsen from relatives and friends	52.00

Total for August, 1962	514.40
Previously acknowledged	8,798.03

Total to date\$9,312.43

AELC History Fund:

Withee, Wis., in memory of Rev. L. C. Bundgaard from his wife..	20.00
Danevang, Texas, from	

People on Venus?

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that life on earth is hazardous, indeed, where eternal destinies seem to hinge on such awesome decisions as choosing the right brand of cigarettes, or drinking the proper beer, chewing gum that has the accepted symbol on its wrapper, using soap or soap powders that "science" has "proved" superior, and so on, ad infinitum.

What would give an even more dismal view of Earth's civilization would be the happenstance of the Venus brethren escaping the commercials only to be exposed to a typical Hollywood production, with its strong emphasis on illicit sex relations; gambling — in the underworld, in little and big business, in government; lying, cheating; stealing; raping, murdering.

Think how jolting it might be to folk of Venus to tune in on one of our news broadcasts and to hear the day-to-day statistics of death and mayhem on our streets and highways in so-called "accidents."

What will Venus think of us if the first ones they hear from are our Far Rights, who have found that most Americans, if not card-carrying Commies, have at least been "brainwashed" by the Communists and now constitute the "red" or "terribly pink" Mistaken.

And what'll they think if they find out somehow that just about every American has his name inscribed on the roll of some church, synagogue, or temple, but that this seems to make no difference in the mounting toll of broken homes and skyrocketing crime? Will they be impressed with religion that makes so little difference in the daily lives of the most of us?

What will they think of us if they find out that our highly touted "democracy" still has its cold-blooded political steamrollers that run roughshod over the will of the people? What will they think of a democracy that denies basic human rights to large classes and segments of its people? (And who said anything about "race relations?")

Let's give more attention to improving the quality of "life as we know it" on Planet Earth — just in case Earth is discovered by Venus.

Pastor Moller	10.00
Mrs. J. P. Olsen	10.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Juhl	5.00
Verner Petersen	20.00
Wilbur, Wash., from	
Pastor Enselmann	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Mickelsen	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Hans F. Christensen	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lauritzen..	20.00
Mrs. B. S. Hansen	10.00

Total\$ 125.00

Grand View Seminary Thank Offering:

Racine, Wis.	\$ 19.00
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District IV Home Mission:

Received from Dist. Treas.	\$ 240.00
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Respectfully submitted,

M. C. Miller, Treasurer.