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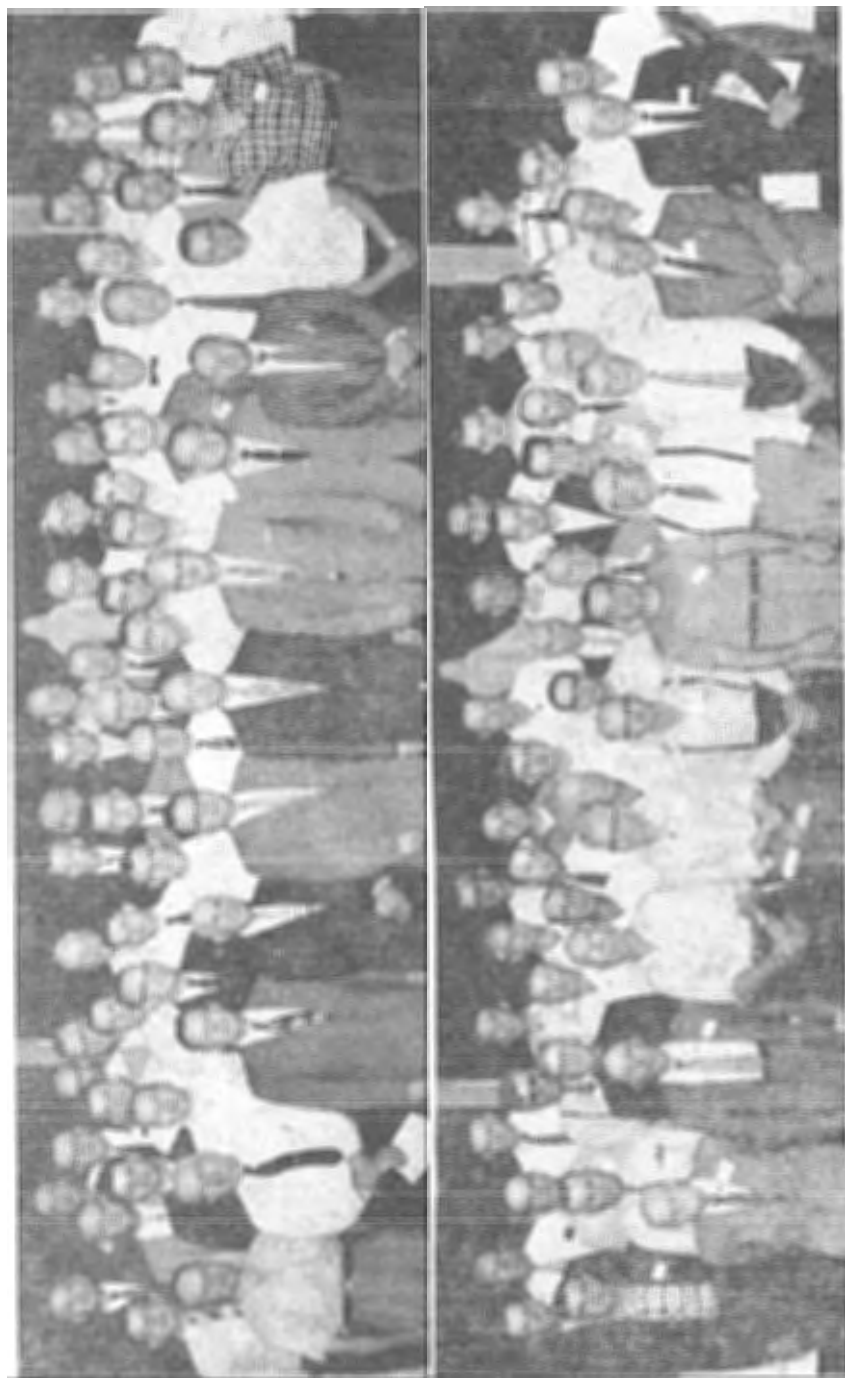
ESSAY

THE REV. G. A. R. GULLIXSON
"TRUTH, THE TOUCHSTONE OF THE CHURCH"

42nd REPORT REGULAR CONVENTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

**Compiled by
W. C. GULLIXSON, Secretary**

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Some Pastors, Professors and Delegates at the 1959 Synod Convention

THE OPENING AND ORGANIZATION OF THE CONVENTION

The 42nd Annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod opened with a worship service in the chapel of Bethany Lutheran College and Seminary, Mankato, Minnesota. The Rev. Juul Madson of Tacoma, Washington, delivered the sermon; the Rev. W. C. Gullixson served as liturgist. The Synodical Order of Service was followed and the assembly sang the following hymns: "We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost," "Jesus' Thy Boundless Love to Me," and "If God Himself Be For Me." (See Summary under Convention Notes).

In behalf of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, the Rev. C. M. Gullerud, pastor, and of Bethany Lutheran College and Seminary, President B. W. Teigen extended a welcome to the assembled pastors, delegates and friends of the synod. Chairman M. E. Tweit responded and extended thanks to the congregation and to the staff of our college for their hospitality.

Before the convention was declared to be in session the secretary read the roll of Permanent and Permanent Advisory Members. There were 40 of the 46 pastors who serve member congregations present (later 46 out of 48). Ten Permanent Advisory Members responded (later 11 were present; 2 pastors, 2 pastors emeriti and 7 professors). A total of 57 were registered, 6 were absent.

Thirty-seven delegates representing various congregations of the Synod were seated by the convention. (Later the total numbered 70 delegates and 6 alternates).

President Tweit declared the 42nd Regular Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the 3rd Annual Convention of the Bethany Lutheran College and Seminary corporation to be in session in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

The annual Message and Report by the President was presented to the convention; working committees were elected and the convention committee work assigned.

Roll Call

A. PERMANENT MEMBERS

Pastors Serving Member Congregations: T. Aaberg, J. Anderson, P. Anderson, G. Becker, R. Branstad, H. Bremer, D. Dale, Sr., M. Dale, S. Dorr, G. Guldberg, A. Gullerud, M. Gullerud, G. Gullixson, W. Gullixson, H. Handberg, N. Harstad, N. Hilton, D. Johnson, H. Larson, S. Lee, J. Madson, N. Madson, Jr., A. Merseth, J. Moldstad, R. Moldstad, R. Newgard, N. Oesleby, K. Olmanson, J. Petersen, P. Petersen, W. Petersen, D. Pfeiffer, H. Preus, G. Quill, A. Schulz, G. Schweikert, A. Strand, T. Teigen, H. Theiste, V. Theiste, M. Tweit, E. Unseth, L. Vangen, G. Weseloh, F. Weyland, P. Ylvisaker

B. PERMANENT ADVISORY MEMBERS (Not eligible to vote.)

Pastors serving Non-Member Congregations or Groups: A. Harstad, R. Ude.
Pastors Emeriti: H. Ingebritson, J. Unseth.

Professors: C. Faye, R. Honsey, G. Lillegard, N. Madson, D.D., M. Otto, G. Reichwald, B. Teigen, Pres.

Pastor Admitted Into Membership With The Synod

The Rev. Norman A. Madson, Jr., Trail, Minnesota.

Congregations Admitted Into Membership With The Synod

Clearwater Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, Oklee, Minnesota, the Rev. Wilhelm Petersen, Pastor.

Holton Lutheran Church, Holton, Michigan, the Rev. Morris Dale, Pastor.

Excused For Full Time Absence From The Convention

Prof. Iver Johnson

Excused For Part-Time Absence

Prof. Glenn Reichwald, Pastor G. Weseloh, Pres. M. E. Tweet.

Excused For Late Arrival

Pastors Paul Anderson, D. Dale, G. Gullixson, W. Petersen.

Visitors Recognized By The Chairman

The Rev. E. Schaller, Nicollet, Minn.

The Rev. M. J. Lenz, Delano, Minn., Pres. Minnesota District of the Wisconsin Synod.

The Rev. W. A. Schuman, Jr., Watertown, S. D., Pres. of the Dakota-Montana District of the Wisconsin Synod.

The Rev. Luther Bajus, Lakefield, Minn., Slovak Synod.

Messrs. Merlyn Gehrls and Lloyd Preuss of Okabena, Minnesota.

Representatives Present Eligible to Vote

PASTOR	ADDRESS	CONGREGATION	DELEGATE
1. T. Aaberg	Scarville, Ia.	1. Scarville	1. C. Dale
	Scarville, Ia.	2. Center	2. N. Faugstad, Sr.
	Story City, Ia.	3. Bethany	3. E. Branstad
2. J. Anderson	Chicago, Ill.	4. St. Paul's	4. P. Olson
3. P. Anderson	Rochester, N. Y.	5. Indian Landing	5. W. Meyer
4. G. Becker	Lake Mills, Ia.	6. Lake Mills	6. E. Engebretson
	Lake Mills, Ia.	7. Lime Creek	7. B. Schnitzler
5. R. Branstad	Minneapolis, Minn.	8. Fairview	8. R. Beckman
6. H. Bremer	Ellsworth, Minn.	9. Bethlehem	9. O. Anderson
7. D. Dale, Sr.	St. Paul, Minn.	10. Edgecumbe Hills	10. O. Honsey
8. M. Dale	Holton, Michigan	11. Holton	11. N. Werner
9. S. Dorr	Princeton, Minn.	12. Our Savior's	12. S. Fennstad
	Princeton, Minn.	13. Bethany	13. M. Johnson
10. G. Guldberg	Bagley, Minn.	14. Concordia	Excused
	Bagley, Minn.	15. Our Savior's	14. T. Tellefson
11. A. Gullerud	Eau Claire, Wis.	16. Pinehurst	15. S. Abrahamson
12. M. Gullerud	Mankato, Minn.	17. Mt. Olive	16. E. Merseth
	Eagle Lake, Minn.	18. Salem	17. E. Williams
13. G. Gullixson	Cottage Grove, Wis.	19. W. Koshkonong	18. N. Holte
14. W. Gullixson	Waterville, Ia.	20. E. Paint Creek	19. M. J. Ingebritson
	Waukon, Ia.	21. W. Paint Creek	20. I. Iverson
15. H. Handberg	Mayville, N. D.	22. First American	21. O. Fruechte
	Shenoyne, N. D.	23. Holy Cross	22. G. Hougou
16. N. Harstad	Belview, Minn.	24. Our Savior's	23. O. Shager
	Belview, Minn.	25. Rock Dell	24. C. Sorum
	Delhi, Minn.	26. First	25. T. Gjeffe
17. N. Hilton	Sutton's Bay, Mich.	27. First	Excused
	Elk Rapids, Mich.	28. Grace	Excused

18. D. Johnson	Canoga Park, Cal.	29. Our Redeemer's	26. A. Hackman
19. J. Jungemann	Volga, S. D.	30. Oslo	27. L. Hoff
20. H. Larson	Amherst Jct., Wis.	31. Our Savior's	28. L. Hoyord
21. S. Lee	Hawley, Minn.	32. Our Savior's	29. F. Golkowski
			30. W. Boeff
22. J. Madson	Audubon, Minn.	33. Immanuel	
23. N. Madson, Jr.	Tacoma, Wash.	34. Lakewood	
	Fosston, Minn.	35. Cross Lake	
	Trail, Minn.	36. Mt. Olive	
24. A. Merseth	Ulen, Minn.	37. First S. Wild Rice	Excused
	Fertile, Minn.	38. First Evangeler	31. L. Fosse
25. J. Moldstad	Thornton, Ia.	39. Richland	32. L. Hiller
26. R. Moldstad	Lombard, Ill.	40. St. Timothy	33. Dr. W. Langreder
27. R. Newgard	Northwood, Ia.	41. First Shell Rock	34. M. Halvorson
	Northwood, Ia.	42. Somber	35. E. Holt
			G. Radichel, Alt.
28. N. Oesleby	Madison, Wis.	43. Our Savior's	36. L. Halvorson
			37. Dr. O. E. Overn
29. K. Ohlmanson	Eau Claire, Wis.	44. Ascension	38. O. M. Wilson
30. G. Orvick	Madison, Wis.	45. Holy Cross	39. L. Borgwardt
31. J. Petersen	St. Peter, Minn.	46. Norseland	40. G. Hoyord
			41. C. Anthony
32. P. Petersen	Luverne, Minn.	47. Bethany	42. E. Wolle
	Jasper, Minn.	48. Trefoldighed	43. A. Oldre
			44. W. Halvorson
			45. R. Jorgenson
			46. H. Ausen
33. W. Petersen	Oklee, Minn.	49. Clearwater	
34. D. Pfeiffer	Cambridge, Mass.	50. Harvard St.	
35. H. Preus	Calmar, Ia.	51. Trinity	
36. G. Quill	Granada Hills, Cal.	52. Our Savior's	
37. A. Schulz	Tracy, Minn.	53. Zion	47. J. Werner
			48. W. Skelton
38. G. Schweikert	E. Grand Forks, Minn.	54. River Heights	49. R. Sorenson
39. A. Strand	Chicago, Ill.	55. St. Mark's	50. H. Ziebarth
40. T. Teigen	Minneapolis, Minn.	56. Hiawatha	51. T. Kuster
			52. W. Overn
41. H. Theiste	Tacoma, Wash.	57. Parkland	53. A. Langseth
42. V. Theiste	Sioux Falls, S. D.	58. Bethel	54. A. Ordal
			55. G. Ordal
43. M. Tweit	New Hampton, Ia.	59. Jerico	56. A. Knutson
	Lawler, Ia.	60. Saude	57. J. Natvig
44. E. Unseth	Albert Lea, Minn.	61. Our Savior's	58. O. Huso
			59. A. Jordahl
45. L. Vangen	Eau Claire, Wis.	62. Concordia	60. C. Bergum
46. G. Weseloh	Cottonwood, Minn.	63. English	61. A. Lund
			62. H. Frank
			N. Grunde, Alt.
47. F. Weyland	Minneapolis, Minn.	64. Emmaus	63. E. Fratzke
			64. R. Keske
48. P. Ylvisaker	Manchester, Minn.	65. Manchester	65. J. Tobias
	Hartland, Minn.	66. Hartland	66. A. Emrud
			67. A. Harum
			K. Pederson, Alt.
			68. S. Gulbrandson
			M. Hendrickson, Alt
Vacant	Forest City, Ia.	67. Forest City	
	Thompson, Ia.	68. Zion	69. A. Brandt
Vacant	New Hampton, Ia.	69. Redeemer	70. C. Kloppen

1959 Convention Committees

1. *President's Message and Report:* Pastors: F. Weyland, R. Moldstad, N. Harstad. Delegates: N. Faugstad, Sr., T. Tellefson.
2. *Nominations:* Pastors: T. Aaberg, D. Johnson, H. Theiste, L. Vangen. Delegates: R. Sorenson, A. Jordahl, S. Fernstad, O. M. Wilson.
3. *Credentials:* Pastors: E. G. Unseth, G. Guldberg, H. Larson. Delegates: O. Freuchte, J. Honsey, E. Fratzke.
4. *Program:* Pastors: Prof. M. Otto, Ruben Ude. Delegates: O. Shager, M. Halvorson.
5. *Press:* Public: Dean N. A. Madson. *Convention Sentinel:* Pastors: G. Schweikert, H. Larson.
6. *Doctrinal:* Pastors: J. Madson, N. Hilton, H. Handberg, J. Petersen, T.

- Teigen. Delegates: N. Holte, G. Hoyord, J. Munson, A. J. Langseth, J. Werner, R. Jorgenson, N. Faugstad, Sr.
7. *Missions*: Pastors: J. Anderson, R. Branstad, W. Petersen, L. Vangen, N. Harstad. Delegates: N. Werner, E. Wolle, L. Borgwardt, C. Sorum.
 8. *Higher Education*: Pastors: S. E. Lee, P. Petersen, J. Moldstad, A. Merseth. Delegates: G. Anthony, Dr. W. Langreder, C. Dale, W. Halverson, Dr. O. Overn.
 9. *Elementary Education*: Pastors: Prof. M. Otto, N. Oesleby, A. Strand, R. Newgard. Delegates: C. Bergum, O. Anderson, Prof. M. J. Ingebretson, W. Meyer.
 10. *Youth Work*: Pastors: A. Gullerud, N. Madson, Jr., V. Theiste. Delegates: E. Holt, T. Kuster.
 11. *Publications*: Pastors: Prof. B. W. Teigen, H. A. Theiste, D. Johnson. Delegates: I. Iverson, W. Boeff, L. Hoyord, E. Engebretson.
 12. *Finances*: Pastors: T. Aaberg, M. O. Dale, S. A. Dorr, G. Quill. Delegates: A. Hackman, H. Ziebarth, O. Huso, J. Natvig, A. Oldre, H. Frank, F. Golkowski, O. M. Wilson.
 13. *Charities and Support*: Pastors: D. Pfeiffer, G. Weseloh, K. Olmanson, A. Harstad. Delegates: E. Merseth, A. Brandt, S. Gulbrandson.
 14. *Armed Services*: Pastors: G. Becker, P. Anderson.
 15. *Miscellaneous Matters*: Pastors: P. Ylvisaker, C. M. Gullerud, G. Gullixson, H. A. Preus, Prof. G. Lillegard. Delegates: A. Jordahl, A. Knutson, T. Tellefson.
 16. *Pastoral Conference Records*: Pastors: Prof. C. U. Faye, A. Schulz, H. Bremer.
 17. *Resolutions*: Pastors: Prof. G. Lillegard, P. Anderson.
 18. *Tellers*: Pastor: G. Becker. Candidates: D. Gullerud, G. Staalsett.
 19. *Chaplain*: Pastor: Paul Petersen.
 20. *Equalization*: Pastor: K. Olmanson. Delegates: Prof. N. Holte, S. Ingebretson.
 21. *Head Usher*: Pastor: R. Moldstad.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To the Honorable Evangelical Lutheran Synod:

Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Dear Fellow-servants of the Lord:

In Jesus' Name we welcome you brother pastors and representatives of our congregations. May God strengthen and help us in our most important work. May we never forget our high calling and the great responsibility we have toward our Lord and Savior and toward His church of believers.

We pray our dear Heavenly Father in the name of Jesus, our Savior, to pour forth His grace upon us so that we may be filled with His Spirit and the true and fervent love and faithfulness to Him and His Holy Word. May He also fill our hearts with fervent love to our people, on whose behalf we shall meet in the coming days so that we shall be watchful and careful for their true welfare. We need the grace and mercy of God to keep us in His ways, lest by sin and unfaithfulness to His Word we bring down the judgment of God upon ourselves.

Our help is in the name of the Lord. Hence we flee to Him who is the God of all Grace for help and stand united in prayer before His throne of Mercy, beseeching Him to bless all our words and actions to the glory of His name and the salvation of blood-bought souls.

With the Psalmist we pray and confess:

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth and even for evermore."—Psalm 121.

—Pastor M. E. Tweit, President

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ordinations and Installations

Candidate of Theology Norman Madson, Jr., was ordained by his father, Dean Norman A. Madson, on August 10, 1958, at Trail, Minnesota. At the same service he was installed as pastor of the parish which includes the following congregations: Mt. Olive, Trail; Cross Lake Lutheran, Foston, Minn. (rural); and Clearwater Lutheran, Plummer, Minn. (rural).



Rev. Norman Madson, Jr.

Rev. Glenn Reichwald was installed as professor at our Bethany Lutheran College at the opening services of the school year, September 2, 1958. The undersigned officiated.

Mr. Dalton Wolfrath was installed as teacher of the Parkland Lutheran Elementary school on September 5, 1958, Rev. H. A. Theiste officiating.

Rev. T. N. Teigen was installed as pastor of Hiawatha Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on November 2, 1958. The undersigned officiated.

Rev. H. L. Bremer was installed as pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Ellsworth, Minnesota, March 8, 1959. The Rev. Ruben Ude officiated.

Rev. Victor Theiste was installed as pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Rev. Paul Petersen officiating, on June 7, 1959.

In each case neighboring pastors took part in the services; and where the President was not present, proper authorization was always given.

Visitors' Activities

Our Synod's Visitors conducted numerous call meetings in those congregations where there were vacancies during the past year. There were no regular visitations in any of our Synod's congregations this past year; and our pastors and delegates are hereby reminded that regular visitations are highly recommended and are a source of rich blessing to both pastor and congregation. Those desiring to have such a visitation during this next year are asked to contact their Visitor at once.

Deaths

Prof. John C. B. F. Monich, former professor at Bethany and a close friend of the College, died on December 26, 1958.

Pastor Emeritus Christian Anderson died on January 10, 1959.



Rev. Christian Anderson

Funeral services were held from Mt. Olive and Fairview Lutheran churches. Rev. C. M. Gullerud and Rev. R. Branstad officiated. Speaking on behalf of Bethany College was Pres. B. W. Teigen, and on behalf of the Synod the undersigned. Rev. Christian Anderson was along in reorganizing our Synod after the split from the old Norwegian Synod in 1917. He served as Synod President and in many other capacities. He also served as Chairman of the Board of Regents of Bethany Lutheran College for many years.

Mr. John Nerison, faithful custodian at Bethany College, died on March 8, 1959. Funeral services were conducted from the Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Mankato, Rev. C. M. Gullerud officiating.



Dr. C. S. Ylvisaker

Dr. S. C. Ylvisaker died at Bryan, Texas, April 26, 1959. Funeral services were conducted at Minneapolis on April 29th, with Rev. T. N. Teigen in charge. Pres. B. W. Teigen spoke on behalf of Bethany and, since the undersigned could not be present, Rev. S. E. Lee spoke on behalf of the Synod. Dr. Ylvisaker served for many years as president of Bethany College, and was very instrumental in building up our school. He also served our Synod in other capacities.

Applications for Membership

The Clearwater Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of rural Oklee, Minnesota, the Rev. W. Petersen, pastor, is applying for membership in our Synod. The documents and resolutions are at hand for the consideration of this application.

Holton Lutheran Church of Holton, Michigan, the Rev. Morris Dale, pastor, is applying for membership in our Synod. The documents and resolutions are at hand for the consideration of this application. (Reorganized from Immanuel and Scandinavian Churches).

The Rev. Norman Madson, Jr., is applying for membership in our Synod. His statement is at hand for your consideration.

Release

Prof. J. A. O. Preus, at his own request, was given a release from our Synod. He is now teaching at Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Illinois.

Anniversaries and Dedications

On the same day that Rev. Julian Anderson was installed as pastor the St. Paul's congregation in Chicago, Illinois, celebrated its 85th anniversary. The festival speaker was the Rev. G. A. R. Gullixson, former pastor.

The Oslo Lutheran Church, Volga, So. Dak., celebrated its 70th anniversary on September 21, 1958. Taking part in the services were two former pastors, Rev. C. M. Gullerud and Rev. N. Oesleby.

The 75th anniversary and dedication of the remodeled and enlarged Richland Lutheran Church, Thornton, Iowa, was observed on September 28, 1958. Rev. Paul Petersen was the festival speaker.

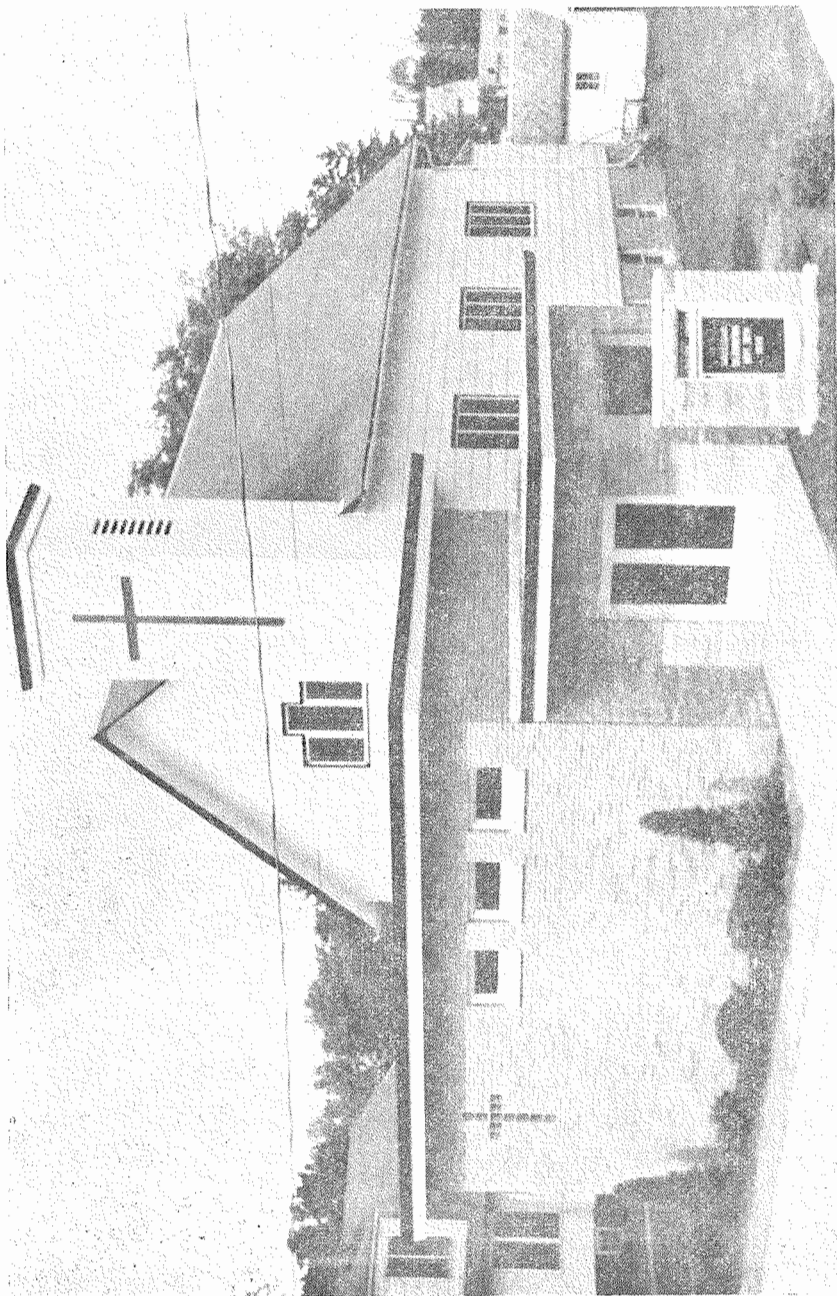
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, Minn., celebrated its 40th anniversary with an afternoon service on October 12, 1958. The undersigned preached.

Trefoldighed Congregation of Jasper, Minnesota, observed the 80th anniversary of its founding on November 16, 1958. The Rev. J. A. O. Preus, former pastor, was the festival speaker.

The 10th anniversary of Grace Lutheran Church of Elk Rapids, Michigan, was observed on June 7, 1959, with Rev. Raymond Branstad preaching at the festival service.

Harvard Street Lutheran Church, Cambridge, Mass., celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary on June 7th. Festival preachers were Rev. C. A. Moldstad and Prof. G. O. Lillegard.

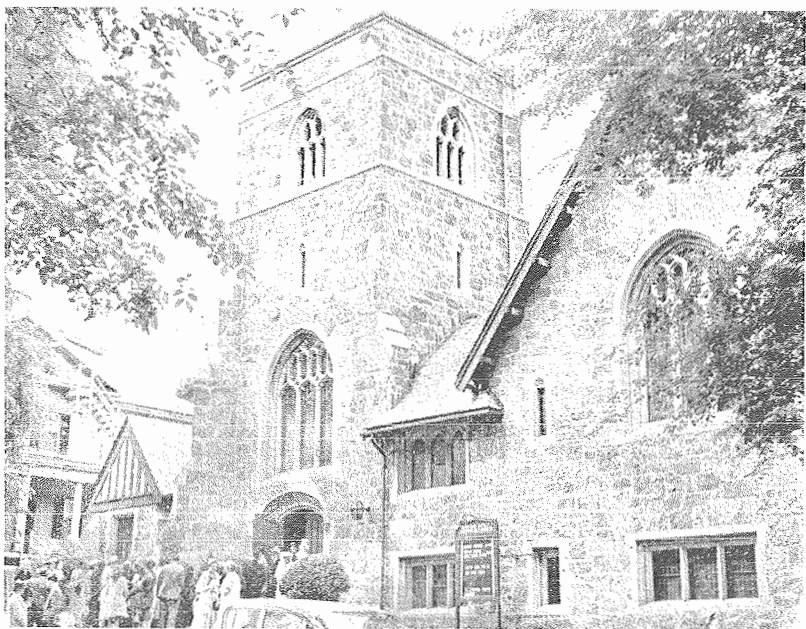
Hiawatha Lutheran Church of Minneapolis, Minn., celebrated



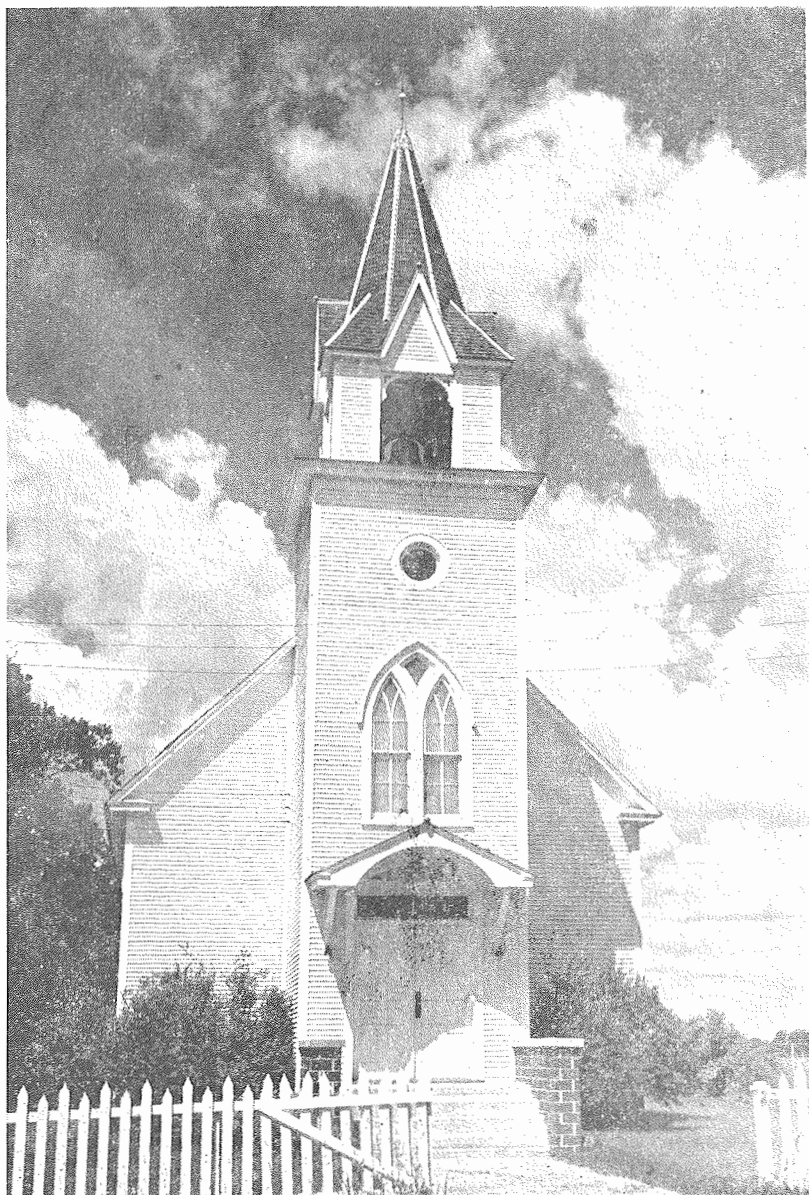
Richland Lutheran Church, Thornton, Iowa



Bethany Lutheran Church, Princeton, Minnesota



Harvard Street Lutheran Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts



Somber Lutheran Church, Lake Mills, Iowa

its 10th anniversary on June 21, 1959, with the Rev. Julian Anderson as the festival speaker.

On Sunday, June 21, 1959, the Somber congregation of Lake Mills, Iowa, observed its centennial with special services. Former pastor J. B. Madson preached the festival sermon and the afternoon speakers were: Henry Ingebritson, Dr. N. A. Madson, J. B. Madson, and the former pastor Martin Galstad.

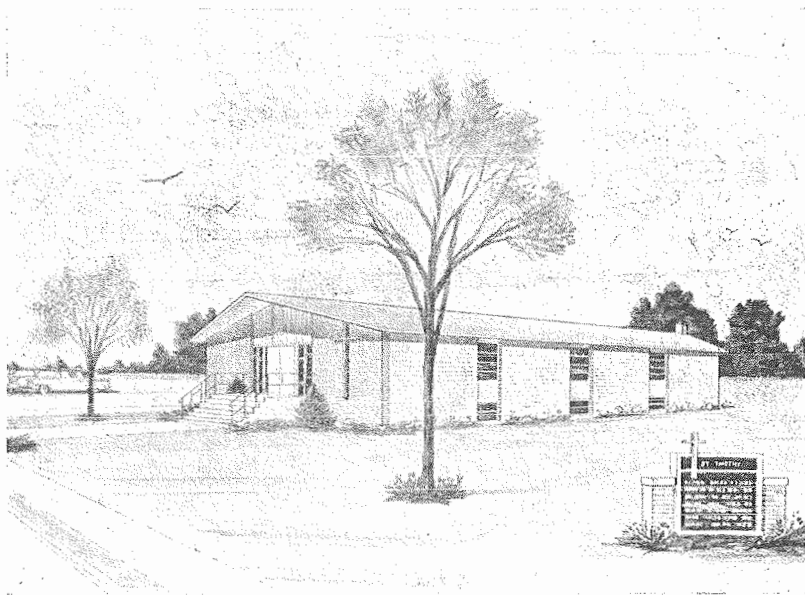
On February 8, 1959, the new church building of the Bethany Lutheran Congregation of Princeton, Minnesota, was dedicated. The pastor of the congregation, the Rev. S. A. Dorr, officiated.

On May 24, 1959, the new church building in our mission in Lombard, Illinois, St. Timothy Lutheran Church, was dedicated. Visitor N. Oesleby officiated.

The new parsonage of Parkland Lutheran Church, Parkland, Washington, was dedicated on March 15, 1959. The local pastor, Rev. H. A. Theiste, officiated.

Groundbreaking

On March 6, 1959, groundbreaking ceremonies for our new Auditorium-Gymnasium were held at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota. We hope that this is only the first of several new buildings that will be erected at our Bethany College in the coming years. May the Lord bless our College and its work so that it shall prosper in its service of the Lord. God willing, there will be Cornerstone-laying ceremonies on Synod Sunday, June 28th.



St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Lombard, Illinois

Finances

As you will note from the Treasurer's Report, we ended up our fiscal year with a deficit of almost \$15,000. This makes it necessary that this convention give most serious consideration to our finances. We do not believe that our people are unwilling to bring in the money needed and voted. It must be that we who are charged with making known the needs failed to do that as we ought. We ask all of you to cooperate in this matter so more than enough be given to do the work of our Synod in the coming fiscal year.

Regrouping of Circuits

The Pastoral Conference of the Eastern (Lake Michigan) Circuit requests a reconsideration of the regrouping of circuits resolved upon at the last convention (Cf. 1958 Report) with a view to keeping the Circuit intact.

Constitutional Matter

The Rev. Geo. Schweikert requested your President to rule on the meaning of our Constitution, Chap IV, Par. 2. I did not make a ruling. Instead, I suggest that this matter be turned over to the Floor Committee on Miscellaneous Matters for study, and that they bring a ruling to the convention as early as possible, so that we may be governed by it for our voting at this convention.

National Lutheran Council Invitation

Your President received an invitation from the Executive Director of the National Lutheran Council to attend a meeting with representatives of other Lutheran bodies. The nature of this meeting is best explained by quoting the resolution dealing with this matter as adopted by the National Lutheran Council.

"That the National Lutheran Council request the participating bodies to approve an exploratory meeting of the executive committee of the Council with representatives of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and other Lutheran bodies in the United States of America, in order to examine present cooperative activities in American Lutheranism and the possibility for extension of such activities; and upon receipt of notices of favorable action by participating bodies that the National Lutheran Council authorize its Executive Committee to invite all other Lutheran bodies in the United States to appoint representatives for such a meeting and at its discretion to proceed to convene this meeting."

Believing that taking part in such meetings is contrary to our principles, I declined the invitation. This invitation was also declined by the other members of the Synodical Conference; although it must be mentioned that Dr. Behnken of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod withdrew certain statements of his first letter. Those letters are available for reading.

Synodical Conference Matters

Your President, together with the voting and advisory delegates attended the 45th Convention of the Synodical Conference held at

SS. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church, Lakewood, Ohio, August 5-8, 1958. Besides conducting the regular business in which we are doing joint work with the other members of the Synodical Conference, the convention considered the statement of Scripture drawn up by the joint Doctrinal Unity Committee of the Synodical Conference. This statement was adopted with some minor changes suggested to the Unity Committee.

Since there have been additions and other changes made in the Constitution of the Synodical Conference, it is well that a floor committee of our Synod study these changes and report to our Convention this year.

As to our relationship in the Synodical Conference, it is well to note that there are several Memorials requesting that we leave the Synodical Conference. The substitute proposal brought to the last Convention (cf. 1958 Report, page 46, #4) was referred to the Union Committee for study. See their report for evaluation. The Union Committee recommends that we do not as yet break with the other members of the Synodical Conference. Since there are two opposite recommendations in this matter, we ask that these Memorials, as well as the recommendation of the Union Committee, be given thorough and prayerful consideration. Let us approach this matter in a spirit of humble obedience to the Truth, with the purpose of coming to an action which shall be pleasing to our Savior and for the best interests of His Kingdom. Let us always keep in mind that our Savior has charged us with preaching the Gospel of Christ crucified as well as preserving the Truth. May the Lord preserve us in both.

General

It was the privilege of your President to spend four weeks on the West Coast last November representing the Synod and various boards of the Synod at our West Coast congregations. Besides preaching at each of the four congregations, I met with various officers and boards of the congregations and addressed other meetings as well. I also visited our Parkland and Granada Hills Day Schools. After looking over the fields, especially in Los Angeles, it is evident that we should start more missions on the West Coast. May we soon be able to do that. It might interest you to know that your President spent the equivalent of 3½ months away from his parish in doing the work of President, besides also the time for correspondence and the like.

The work was made pleasant and easy by the fine help and co-operation of the other officers as well as all board members of our Synod.

M. E. Tweit, President

Action of the Synod:

1. *RESOLVED, That the President's message and report be adopted as prepared for publication.*

Constitutional Interpretation

WHEREAS, Pastor George Schweikert has brought a question regarding an interpretation of Chapter V, par. 2, of the Constitution of the Synod, which reads:

“Questions of doctrine and conscience cannot be decided by a majority vote, but only in accordance with the Word of God and the Symbolical Books of our church”;
therefore be it

2. RESOLVED, That the Synod declare that the paragraph in question is a clear statement of principle and is therefore in no need of interpretation.

Cf. Dr. Pieper's *Christian Dogmatics*, Volume III, p. 430:

“Attention may here be drawn to the fact that the voting or balloting in the meetings of orthodox congregations has a different significance when it concerns Christian doctrine than when it concerns indifferent matters. The only purpose of voting in matters of doctrine is to see whether all now understand the teaching of the divine Word and agree to it; the purpose of the vote is not to decide the correctness of a doctrine by majority vote or even by unanimous vote. The orthodox Christian Church remains aware of the fact that it cannot by resolution make or give birth to Christian doctrines, but must always merely set forth from Scripture and profess over against the prevailing error the doctrines submitted and settled in Scripture.”

Circuits

WHEREAS, The Eastern District has requested the Synod to reconsider the regrouping of circuits resolved upon at the last convention (cf. Convention Report, p. 8, par. 2) with a view to keeping the Eastern District intact; be it

3. RESOLVED, To grant their request.

WHEREAS, It would serve to make it a “larger and more workable circuit by including the Eau Claire congregations and pastors in this Circuit; be it

4. RESOLVED, That they remain in the Eastern District.

National Lutheran Council Invitation

5. RESOLVED, That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod endorse the action of its president declining the National Lutheran Council invitation.

"TRUTH, THE TOUCHSTONE OF THE CHURCH"

By The Rev. G. A. R. Gullixson

Man, in his search for knowledge, has uncovered some truly remarkable things. It has been the privilege of most of us here to live in an age unprecedented in the annals of history. Truths in nature have been discovered that have brought about marvels that our fathers never dared even dream about for fear of being accused of virtual insanity. The development of steam power, of electricity, and now atomic power has been possible only by the unfolding and application of one truth in nature after another. Flight was limited to the fowl of the air less than a century ago, and now we have lived to witness not only super-sonic flight, but flight into outer space. Electronic developments have brought us not only the telegraph and the telephone, marvels of the last century, but radio, radar, and television, yes, even color television. Atomic power has been harnessed not only for instruments of destruction, but, and how thankful we should be for this, for useful and peaceful purposes as well.

Mankind is constantly searching for new truths in nature. Who would dare to say what our God will permit to be uncovered next and what its purpose will be? For all of these wonders in nature are subject to good and evil use. Our fervent prayer must be that God will keep these powers in the hands of responsible people for the welfare of all and prevent them from falling into the hands of irresponsible and selfish individuals who have no regard for the truth or the welfare of mankind.

That this progress should be made at a time in world history when the Gospel of Jesus Christ is also given free course is not surprising. For the so-called "academic freedom" to search for the truths of nature is an indirect result of that liberty which the Word of God brings. It is included in the "truth that makes us free" as John states, John 8, 32: "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed, and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." It is, of course, freedom from the curse and guilt of sin that our Lord Jesus means here. However, it is not wrong to think about this so-called "academic freedom" as a by-product of the proclamation of the Gospel. What was it that hindered progress in years and centuries past, if it wasn't the slavish fears and superstitions that bound men's minds and souls?

Much of what we have seen develop in our generation is by many attributed to the discovery of the principle of relativity. In the "Adventures of the Mind" series currently being published in the *Saturday Evening Post*, an article by James R. Newman, May 16, 1959, explained "Einstein's Great Idea." He writes: "Since the rise of science in the seventeenth century, only two other men, Newton and Darwin, have produced a comparable upheaval in thought."

We would have our grave doubts in according Darwin such a high position, although in scientific circles the statement would most likely remain true. "Einstein, as everyone knows, did something remarkable, but what exactly did he do? Even among educated men and women, few can answer. We are resigned to the importance of his theory but we do not comprehend it." To quote just a bit more: "But relativity is radically new. It forces us to change deeply rooted habits of thought. It requires that we free ourselves from a provincial perspective. It demands that we relinquish convictions so long held that they are synonymous with common sense, that we abandon a picture of the world which seems as natural and as obvious as that the stars are overhead. It may be that in time Einstein's ideas will seem easy; but our generation has the severe task of being the first to lay the old aside and try the new. Anyone who seeks to understand the world of the twentieth century must make this effort."

Now true science has no real argument with true religion. They both deal with the truth. But when we read headlines such as appeared in last Sunday's *Wisconsin State Journal*: "Soviet Union Old People Go To Church" and the reporter, a Mr. Robert Bjorklund who is currently touring Russia, quotes an inscription of a statement made by Lenin that says: "Science and religion are incompatible," and reports: "On the streets you could meet persons like the 21 year old who practically sneered as she posed the question of how a person could believe in God in this atomic age;" then you can readily see the danger to the world, to the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to the Christian Church in the world when this type of searching for the truth is applied to things spiritual. For while we may admire and wonder at the results when but one little corner of the material truths that blanket our universe is lifted, as regards things spiritual natural man still remains in the dark; and what the Apostle Paul writes I Corinthians 2, 14, remains true: "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

In reality this explains why Pontius Pilate—standing face to face with our Lord Jesus who in answer to his direct question, "Art thou a king then?" told him: "Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Everyone that is of the truth heareth my voice"—answered with the cynicism typical of the unbeliever: "What is truth?" Thus it is not hard to understand why the criminal lawyer Clarence Darrow says of the subject, truth: "None of us knows what the truth is. Truth is a chameleon. Just as you think you have sprinkled salt on its tail, it changes. We can never fully grasp it or settle it for all time." (cf. *Readers Digest*, April 1959, p. 87).

But if such cynics wish to continue to grope in the dark and fail to recognize the Truth when it is revealed to them, they shall have to go their way.

Consider the contrast depicted by the poet Cowper who penned some of our well-beloved hymns as he contemplates this:

The Frenchman, first in literary fame,
(Mention him, if you please, Voltaire? The same,)
With spirit, genius, eloquence supplied,
Lived long, wrote much, laugh'd heartily and died;
The Scripture was his jest-book, whence he drew
Bon-mots to gall the Christian and the Jew;
An infidel in health, but what when sick?
Oh—then a text would touch him to the quick;
View him at Paris in his last career,
Surrounding throngs the demigod revere;
Exalted on his pedestal of pride,
And fumed with frankincense on every side,
He begs their flattery with his latest breath,
And smother'd in't at last, is praised to death.

Yon cottager, who weaves at her own door,
Pillow and bobbins all her little store;
Content though mean, and cheerful if not gay,
Shuffling her threads about the livelong day,
Just earns a scanty pittance, and at night
Lies down secure, her heart and pocket light;
Has little understanding and no wit;
Receives no praise, but though her lot be such
(Toilsome and indigent,) she renders much;
Just knows and knows no more, her Bible true—
A truth the brilliant Frenchman never knew;
And in that Charter reads, with sparkling eyes,
Her title to a treasure in the skies."

"O happy peasant! O unhappy bard!" he goes on,
His the mere tinsel, hers the rich reward;
He praised perhaps for ages yet to come,
She never heard of half a mile from home:
He lost in errors his vain heart prefers,
She safe in the simplicity of hers.

How rich then the heritage that is ours to whom the Lord God has revealed His truth! Ours is no chameleon that changes with every new discovery in nature or whim of man. Ours is the truth of God, not just a corner of it, but all of it, full and free that brings blessing to all who will but accept and believe it. How highly our God regards it. He even identifies Himself with it. Moses addresses Him as "a God of truth" Deut. 32, 4; Jesus says of Himself, "I am the way, THE TRUTH, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me," John 14, 6. He tells us that the third person in the Godhead is the Spirit of Truth Who shall guide us into all truth, John 16, 13. Thus we see He leads mankind into the truth that man cannot find of himself. He has set His truth as a touchstone for His Church.

What is a touchstone, you ask? The dictionary defines it as "a finegrained stone, as jasper, formerly used to test the fineness of gold by the streak made by the metal on the stone." The second definition given is "any standard of merit or value." So that we rightly understand our theme, "TRUTH, THE TOUCHSTONE OF THE CHURCH," we mean by this simply that Truth, the Truth

of God, is the standard of the Church by which we must judge the value of all things.

I. Truth Is Synonymous With the Word of God

Is there, really then, a standard by which we can know and be certain that what a church teaches is true or false? Contrary to the unionistic tendencies of our day which would minimize these matters, or regard them as mere misunderstandings or disputes about words, the truth is that we do have such an authority, such a touchstone. It is that standard through which our dear Lord Jesus in His high-priestly prayer prays His heavenly Father to make us holy. "Sanctify them through Thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17, 17. Truth and the Word of God are then synonymous. They are one and the same thing.

One of the things that troubles many Christians is the many Church denominations. "Why are there so many Church denominations?" is a question asked in our Explanation. The answer is so simple yet so true that perhaps that is the reason many do not remember it and permit themselves to be unduly troubled. It is simply this: "There are so many Church denominations because not all Christians have remained true to the Word of God." Yes, take this standard then, the Word of God, which is the truth, and apply it to the doctrines of the various denominations and you will soon see how true this is. The art of applying the Touchstone is called in theological terminology "Comparative Symbolics." Actually we learned very early in our Explanation this fundamental truth when we learned the answer to the question: "How are we to use the Word of God as a light on our way?" "The Word of God is the only sure and perfect rule of our faith and life." It is this because it is the Truth.

It was the discovery of this basic truth by the sainted Reformer Luther that restored the Bible to its rightful place in the Church. The far-reaching effect of that discovery is to this day a blessing in all the world. It sets our Lutheran Church in a class of its own. The Lutheran Church is the Bible Church. "The Holy Scriptures alone remain the only judge, rule, and standard, according to which, as the only test-stone, all dogmas shall and must be discerned and judged." Formula of Concord. Ep. Sum. Con. 7.

The Catholic Churches supplement and supplant the authority of Scripture with the *authority of the church*. The liberal bodies have set up *reason* and *science* as the sole authority. Pleading the right of private judgment, they assume the right to reject so much of Scripture as does not accord with their sense of religion.

Our founding fathers adhered to the Scriptures, the touchstone of faith and life, implicitly. They were not fanatics. They were lovers of the TRUTH and all that that truth brings to this sin-cursed and sin-lost world. Thus when the first draft of the constitution was found to contain another seemingly harmless standard added to the source of doctrine that should guide the Norwegian Synod, namely the Grundtvigian error that the Apostle's Creed was inspired and was to be regarded as "a Living Word" according to which the writ-

ten word of Scripture must be interpreted, they rejected the same. When again in 1917 the two forms of the doctrine of election were placed on equal footing, and truth and error equated as in Article I of the Madison Agreement, our fathers showed their love for the truth, as being above every other consideration. Their confidence in the promises of God contained in that Book of Truth gave them the courage and zeal to reorganize and once again to build upon the old foundations. Thus we learn that this Truth, the Touchstone of the Church, reveals

II. The Lutheran Church as the True Visible Church on Earth.

In the measure that she uses the Truth of God as the only rule and norm of her faith and life, it is not idle boasting to make the above claim. She is not the universal Church, not the only saving Church, not the only Christian Church, but the true visible Church; that is to say, the Church of the pure Word and Sacraments. To quote "Popular Symbolics" (C.P.H. 1945, p. 6), "The invisible Church is built solely and exclusively upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets (Ephesians 2, 20), and the visible Church may not forsake this foundation. The Christians, uniting for the common confession of their faith and the hearing and preaching of God's Word must preach and confess the pure Word. It is the only form of the visible Church that conforms to God's will. A union of any other kind is not countenanced by God. The disciples of Christ must continue in His Word (John 8, 31), teach all things Christ has commanded them (Matt. 28, 20), hold fast the form of sound words (II Tim. 1, 13); et al. That is a true visible Church which 'continues steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine' (Acts 2, 42). The Lutheran Church does so. Deriving all her doctrines from Scripture (formal principle) and coordinating them with the cardinal doctrine of Scripture, justification by faith (material principle), she confesses and teaches the full Christian truth. The life of the Lutheran Christians is far from perfect, but the DOCTRINE of the Lutheran Confessions is absolutely pure."

III. Truth, the Touchstone of the Church is the Implacable Foe of Untruth

"Buy the truth and sell it not," wrote Solomon in the Book of Proverbs. Satan, the father of lies has ever had as his chief goal the objective of seeking to rob man of the truth. He stoops to every trick in seeking to accomplish this, from creating doubt with his, "Yea hath God said?" to bold assertions: "Ye shall not surely die." The history of God's people is but the tale of the struggle of truth against falsehood. But truth and error, like oil and water do not mix. Truth cannot endure error. Error can. Hence the Church must ever be on its guard against all falsehood, whether from within or without. Scripture demands it. It is surprising how much the Scriptures have to say about the truth. The very first weapon Paul mentions in the "whole armour of God" which he exhorts the Christian to put on is "truth"—"Having your loins girded about with truth." Isaiah describes the cause of Israel's plight, the source

of her iniquity in these words: "For truth is fallen in the street." Our confessions are the story of the defense of this truth against all error. "The Church is originally a fellowship of faith and of the Holy Ghost in hearts, . . . which fellowship nevertheless has outward marks so that it can be recognized, namely, the pure doctrine of the Gospel, and the administration of the Sacraments in accordance with the Gospel of Christ." (Apology VII and VIII, 5).

"Church-fellowship without the fellowship of faith and confession is not expressive of the unity of the only holy Christian Church (Eph. 4, 3-7), but a caricature of it, a sham. And it is a curse. Ignoring and condoning the error, it confirms the errorist in his delusion and blunts the unionist's sense of truth. To belittle the denial of any truth is to belittle that very truth. And that breeds indifference to the whole body of truth (Gal. 5, 9). The false teacher brings untold harm upon the Church, the unionist more." (Pop. Sym., p. 17).

But in this point there is no lack of emphasis in our circles. It needs to be repeated again and again to be sure. Permit one further word from the pen of the venerable Dr. Walther who writes in his Epistle-postil, p. 77, "The unionistic bodies imperil the Church more than the worst sect; for the worst sect at least acknowledges that nothing but the pure doctrine *ought* to be preached in a Church; but unionism stands for the pernicious principle that man can never find and possess the pure truth and that, consequently, contending for the truth is wrong." God preserve us from sinful unionism!

IV. With Truth as the Touchstone, the Church is not Only Polemic (Militant) But is Also Irenic (Peaceful), and Loves True Unity

We have the command of our Lord in Ephesians 4, 3: Endeavor "to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." There is a plan for healing the breach among churches. A God-pleasing plan. This plan does not gloss over error, but denounces it for what it is and presents the powerful truth of Scripture in the "not uncertain hope that . . . good and well-disposed men would be attracted by this renewed and repeated confession of ours." (Book of Concord, Preface, Triglotta, pp. 11, 19).

Dr. Walther wrote (Lehre und Wehre, 14, 109): "The time for breaking off fraternal relations with those also who err in non-fundamental doctrines arrives then only when they stubbornly refuse to accept the convincing testimony of Scripture." The whole purpose of the Formula of Concord was to iron out such serious difficulties as had arisen in the Church especially among the Lutherans after the death of Luther. We need to remember that "God, the discernor of all men's hearts, is our witness that we do not delight and have no joy in this awful disunion." (Conclusion of the Apology, Triglotta, p. 451). Our confessions also state: "We are prepared to confer amiably concerning all possible ways and means, in order that we may come together." (A. C. Pref. 10. Formula of Concord. Thorough Declaration XI, 96).

The aim of war is peace. "Every simple Christian . . . can perceive what is right or wrong" when "not only the pure doctrine has been stated, but also the erroneous contrary doctrine has been repudiated and rejected, and thus the offensive divisions that have occurred are thoroughly settled." (Form. of Con., Epitome. XI, 22).

Is not this purpose of the truth expressly stated by the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Ephesians when he states: "And he gave some apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." Eph. 4, 11-17.

And so we must also remember that

V. Truth, the Touchstone of the Church, is Not Only a Defensive Weapon, But Also an Offensive Weapon and Tool by Which We Build the Kingdom of God.

The prophet Zechariah through whom the Lord spoke and gave some of the most comforting promises encouraged Israel with these words that are in reality a picture of the New Testament Church (Ch. 8, v. 3-8): "Thus saith the Lord; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the Lord of hosts the holy mountain. Thus saith the Lord of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for every age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof. Thus saith the Lord of hosts; If it be marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvelous in Mine eyes? saith the Lord of hosts. Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Behold I will save My people from the east country, and from the west country; And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness."

Through whom will He bring them, if not through those who possess this truth? You and me. What a joyful, inspiring task is ours! How beautifully the Lord sets forth this task of building through the example of Israel on her return to the promised land after the Babylonian captivity. With ridicule and the army of Samaria, Sanballat sought to prevent them from rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. But Nehemiah writes: "They which builded on

the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon. For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded." Nehemiah 4, 17. 18.

Let us then continue to fight with the sword of the Spirit, the eternal Word of Truth, but let us also build with that same Word of Truth which is "the power of God unto salvation unto everyone that believeth." This is that very truth by which God operates on the stony hearts of men and gives them hearts of flesh. Perhaps we could think of the Truth of God in that sense, too. Mightier than the atomic power of our age is the power God has given into our hands in this Truth. "The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." John 1, 17. It is this truth that blesses. It is ours to give to all the world.

What a challenge to everyone of us here. To everyone at home. To our beloved Synod. May our contemplation of this most glorious possession inspire us to ever greater heights in spreading it from age to age. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

REPORT OF THE UNION COMMITTEE

A. Meetings since last Synod convention

Your Union Committee has held many meetings during the past year in order to carry out the synodical and inter-synodical tasks assigned to it.

The members of your committee attended the Synodical Conference convention in Lakewood, Ohio, last August. A report on this is to be found in the September 11, 1958, issue of *Lutheran Sentinel*. At this meeting the Synodical Conference adopted the Statement on Scripture presented by the Joint Union Committee, with a few suggested changes referred to the same committee again. This statement has been referred to the several synods of the Synodical Conference for study and action. We have had the statement before us for some time. It is to be found in the 1958 Synod Report. A recommendation to the Synod regarding this statement is to be found in another report.

The Union Committee met twice with Mr. Loren Borgwardt of Ascension congregation, Eau Claire, Wis. The first meeting was for the purpose of resolving a question regarding the reporting in the Synod Report of his substitute motion in the matter of our membership in the Synodical Conference. The second meeting was to hear and discuss his presentation of reasons for this motion. Your committee later discussed this report thoroughly and its recommendation on the matter of our Synodical Conference membership is to be found at the close of this report.

The Joint Doctrinal Unity Committee of the Synodical Conference has held three meetings since our last convention, each meeting lasting three days. Your committee attended and participated in all three meetings and in the discussions sincerely tried to present faithfully our Synod's position in all kindness and charity. At the October, 1958, meeting in Chicago the agenda included final discussion and adoption of the Statement on Anti-Christ, and a study of the doctrine of the Church and Ministry. The January, 1959, meeting in St. Louis was taken up almost entirely with two matters: Church and Ministry, and the matter of the National Lutheran Council invitation to exploratory talks with a view to greater co-operation in externals. While our committee did not especially favor spending so much time now on the matter of Church and Ministry, the Wisconsin Synod committee felt the matter important for later discussion on Church Fellowship, and we did not want to hinder them in this matter. The meeting in April, 1959, in Chicago was devoted mainly to a study of the Church Fellowship problem, especially as it concerns Prayer Fellowship, as well as to the National Lutheran Council invitation, developments which are at the present time far from being settled one way or the other.

Regarding this last meeting of the Joint Unity Committee we must in all honesty say that we on our committee were greatly discouraged by positions expressed by Missouri Synod men in the matter of Church Fellowship. We view this situation very gravely for we are now at one of the very fundamental points of difference between our synod and the Missouri Synod. We dare not give a rosy picture of the situation at present in this matter. At the same time we must also declare that we have not completed our discussion of this subject. While the statements presented by all the synods on this matter have been read, only that of the Wisconsin Synod has been thoroughly discussed, and even that not to the end. In all fairness to the Missouri Synod we feel we must discuss this subject more thoroughly on the basis of all four synodical presentations of the doctrine.

One meeting remains before our Synod convention in June, that of the Conference of Theologians at Oakland, California, June 10-12. This is a meeting of representatives not only from the Synodical Con-

ference but also from groups in other parts of the world who are affiliated with the Synodical Conference. Our Synod gave its approval to such a meeting in 1956: "Resolved, that our Synod express its desire to take part in the proposed international conference of conservative Lutheran theologians, affiliated with the Synodical Conference." (S.R. 1956, p. 47) Your Union Committee will have two members in our Synod's delegation to this meeting and will report on the same at our forthcoming convention.

B. Question of Synodical Discipline

The question has arisen whether we have been faithful in insisting upon the need for discipline in the Missouri Synod. Let it be said that we have done so repeatedly, and in connection with many items, such as the Romanizing tendencies, summer theologians' conferences where professors of various Lutheran church bodies meet to discuss general spiritual matters, the matter of a Missouri Synod pastor being an associate editor of the modernistic *Christian Century* magazine, and many other things. We have not always gotten the action desired, but it is heartening when one hears that a theological professor is being dealt with and that the pastor who is an associate editor of the *Christian Century* is under discipline.

C. Our own problem.

On the one hand, we must be ever so careful that in seeking to help the Missouri Synod back on the old paths where we walked together for so long, we ourselves do not go astray. In all meekness and earnest supplication we must ask our heavenly Father to keep us in the old paths, as Jeremiah writes, "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." (Jer. 6, 16)

On the other hand, we must also be on guard that we do not become possessed of a false zeal for the Word of God which causes us to have a spirit like that of Jonah outside of Nineveh. Jonah's example is also given in Scripture for our warning.

D. Developments since 1955.

It will be necessary to review the historical developments within the Synodical Conference during recent years to appreciate the conclusions reached and the recommendations made in this report.

Our Synod suspended fellowship relations with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in June, 1955. In the light of the conditions prevailing in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod at that time, particularly as evidenced by the unyielding spirit in the discussions on the matters in controversy at the 1954 conventions of the Synodical Conference, our Synod felt that further discussions or negotiations by committees would be fruitless and that it therefore had no choice except to withdraw the hand of fellowship from said body. The chief point of controversy revolved about Unionism in one form or another. However, our Synod at the same time also declared that it was not suspending fellowship with those (whether in the Missouri Synod or elsewhere in the Synodical Conference) who shared our convictions and who with us were testifying against the aberrations in doctrine and practice that were disturbing us. We still have not broken fellowship with such.

At its convention in June, 1956, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod passed a number of resolutions (notably on membership in the LWF, on the Brief Statement, on future doctrinal statements) with a seeming earnest concern for working out the problems of the Synodical Conference in a God-pleasing way. This indicated a change in her attitude towards the things that were troubling us; two of her leaders, appearing at our convention in August, maintained that there was a note of repentance intended and manifested at their convention. On the basis of this development our Synod resolved "to meet with

the other synods of the Synodical Conference to determine whether or not the constituent synods of the Synodical Conference are now in doctrinal agreement." (S.R. 1956, p. 46)

When the Synodical Conference convention later that year resolved to follow the very program our Union Committee had proposed for a thorough study of the matters in controversy, and in view of the fact that our Synod's resolution called for establishing whether there was doctrinal agreement between the constituent synods, your Union Committee felt that it could take part in these joint doctrinal discussions.

After two such doctrinal discussion meetings had been held with the representatives from the other synods early in 1957, our Union Committee recommended that our Synod continue to participate in those discussions within the framework of the Synodical Conference, "until it becomes clear that they are bearing no good fruit." (S.R. 1957, p. 52) The Synod itself expressed its appreciation to the 1956 convention of the Synodical Conference for "providing machinery for supporting our Synod's resolution of 1956 to meet with the constituent synods of the Synodical Conference to determine whether or not we are now in doctrinal agreement." (ibid, p. 56) And the Synod furthermore resolved to "continue to support vigorously those brethren in the Synodical Conference who still adhere to its original platform in the hope that the Synodical Conference may still be preserved as a bulwark of sound Lutheranism in America and may also spread its influence throughout the world." (ibid, p. 56, #2) In 1958 our Synod again voted to continue with this study as long as we are still in the Synodical Conference, "unless the union committee recommends or the Synod resolves to withdraw membership from the Synodical Conference." (S.R. 1958, p. 46) Because it cannot be denied that these doctrinal discussions have borne fruit, your Union Committee cannot with a good conscience recommend leaving the Synodical Conference at this time.

We again call the Synod's attention to the four premises adopted by the Joint Doctrinal Unity Committee as the basis for these joint doctrinal discussions:

"1) That in drawing up a joint confession we proceed from the conviction, born of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, that Scripture is the absolute and final authority on all matters on which it speaks and that through the Scripture God speaks clearly to us on all matters of faith and life;

"2) that we declare our willingness without equivocation and evasion to come to grips with all the issues that have arisen between us;

"3) that we declare our firm intention to expose and condemn all matters contrary to the Word of God in doctrine and life with the purpose of removing what is not in keeping with the Word of God;

"4) in this connection, and for the foregoing reasons, we declare our conviction that a joint doctrinal statement needs to aim at nothing less than full agreement in all matters of doctrine and in the practice which is based on such doctrine." (Minutes, Jan. 24 and Oct. 9, '57)

To date the committee members of the respective synods have faithfully abided by those Scripturally correct principles. And since our testimony has been heard and the discussions have borne fruit, our Synod has only been true to itself and to the resolutions it adopted in the fear of God when it continued to participate in these doctrinal discussions which are aimed at restoring the harmony and unity that once prevailed in the Synodical Conference.

E. Specifically your committee RECOMMENDS:

- 1) That our Synod continue to take part in these Synodical Con-

ference doctrinal discussions on the same basis as in the past two years;

2) That our suspension of fellowship relations with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod be continued;

3) That we carefully review the recent developments within the Wisconsin Synod in order to determine what course to follow with respect to that body;

4) That we follow a uniform policy in the matter of fellowship and avoid entangling alliances with anyone whom our Synod has not recognized as being in fellowship with us;

5) That the Statement on Anti-Christ, prepared by the Joint Doctrinal Unity Committee of the Synodical Conference, be referred to the General Pastoral Conference and all other pastoral conferences, as well as to the congregations, for study during the coming year.

We believe the prayers of our people for the welfare of our Church are being heard and answered. Our lay people will continue to stand behind us if we are fair, reasonable, and evangelical in our dealings, at the same time as we strive to be firm and faithful to the Lord of the Church. May we not grow weary in contending for the faith which was once delivered to the saints, so that, by the grace of God, the hurt of our Lutheran Zion may yet be healed.

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Dr. P. Randolph

S. Ingebretson

F. Report on Theological Conference at Oakland, Calif.

In accordance with our Synod's resolution of 1956 favoring such a meeting our President and Vice-President and two members of your Union Committee attended the exploratory theological conference at Concordia College in Oakland, California, from June 10 to 12th. There were 46 delegates and a number of visitors in attendance, representing, besides the four synods of the Synodical Conference, separate churches, or districts of the Missouri Synod, from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, England, Germany, India and Japan. Dr. Sasse from the UELC of Australia was also present as a guest of the Missouri Synod.

The theme of the conference was OUR FELLOWSHIP UNDER SCRIPTURE IN THE CONFESSIONS. There were six papers read and discussed under three main heads: Our Fellowship Under Scripture, Our Common Heritage, and Our Common Task. With one exception they were thoroughly Lutheran and Scriptural; the exception found little support amongst those present, and if time had allowed it might have been possible to pinpoint the exact point of divergence and to remove it through frank and fraternal discussion.

This conference did bring out that we have many brethren throughout the world who share our convictions, some of them with perhaps even more fervency than we find here in the States. With respect to the Missouri Synod, it seemed that the daughter churches or districts have in a number of cases been holding to a more orthodox position than the parent body. In that connection this meeting should have served to strengthen the position for which we are contending and to encourage the Missouri Synod to return to a more consistent orthodox stand. One thing was quite clear: there was no sympathy shown for joining the Lutheran World Federation. Rather it was brought out that we who have so much in common should strive for the establishing of a closer bond for our mutual edification and strengthening as the sands of time with respect to God's grace are to all appearances fast running out for the world.

The papers read at this conference and a resume of the minutes

will be published and distributed to the clergy of the entire Synodical Conference.

An executive committee was elected from the membership of the Synodical Conference to arrange a program for a similar meeting just prior to the Synodical Conference's convention next year. Upon the invitation of President Naumann of the Wisconsin Synod, it is to be held at the Thiensville Seminary and may be scheduled to run for as long as about ten days. There will then be sufficient time to consider whether to expand the existing Synodical Conference or whether to establish a different organization that will include the brethren from other lands.

By way of summary it can be said that this was a conference that was well worth our attending. It served to bring out the fact that we are not alone in our battles and it also helped the representatives from the churches of other lands to see that the struggle for the preservation of sound Lutheranism is still being carried on. Yes, with our Synodical Conference and its affiliates being about the last group on earth that still believes in an inspired and infallible Scripture we may even be able to render many inquiring and disturbed souls outside our communion a valuable service.

Your representatives at this first Conference therefore RECOMMEND:

that our Synod support and participate in the second and more thorough conference scheduled for next year.

Pastors: M. E. Tweit
J. G. Anderson
M. H. Otto
T. Aaberg

STATEMENT ON THE ANTICHRIST

Adopted by Joint Committees of the Synodical Conference, Oct. 15, 1958

I.

Scripture speaks of many forces and powers which are actively hostile to Christ and His church and uses the term "antichrist" with reference to some of them.

Dan. 11: 36-38; Matt. 24: 22-25; 1 Tim. 4: 1-3; 2 Tim. 3: 1-9, 13; 1 John 2: 18-22—compare the whole passage, 18-23; 1 John 4: 1-6; 2 John 7; 2 Thess. 2: 1-12, compare also 13-17.

These and similar passages reveal to the church that antichristian forces will appear in various recurrent forms until the end of time.

II.

Scripture, however, speaks also of a particular personal embodiment of the antichristian power in which the iniquity of false teaching finds its climax, 2 Thess. 2: 1-12:

Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and by our gathering together unto Him,

That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit nor by word nor by letter as from us, as that the Day of Christ is at hand.

Let no man deceive you by any means; for that Day shall not come except there come a falling away first and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition,

Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped, so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

Remember ye not that when I was yet with you I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

For the mystery of iniquity doth already work; only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming,

Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish, because they received not the love of the truth that they might be saved.

And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie,

That they all might be damned who believed not the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

It is with this aspect of the antichristian power that the Lutheran Confessions deal under the term "Antichrist" and we in a reaffirmation of the Lutheran faith are so using the term.

Passages from the Lutheran Confessions dealing with the subject of the Antichrist: Apology XV 18, 19

And what need is there of words on a subject so manifest? If the adversaries defend these human services as meriting justification, grace, and the remission of sins, they simply establish the kingdom of Antichrist. For the kingdom of Antichrist is a new service of God, devised by human authority rejecting Christ, just as the kingdom of Mahomet has services and works through which it wishes to be justified before God; nor does it hold that men are gratuitously justified before God by faith, for Christ's sake.

Thus the papacy also will be a part of the kingdom of Antichrist if it thus defends human services as justifying. For the honor is taken away from Christ when they teach that we are not justified gratuitously by faith, for Christ's sake, but by such services; especially when they teach that such services are not only useful for justification but are also necessary, as they hold above in Art. VII, where they condemn us for saying that unto true unity of the church it is not necessary that rites instituted by men should everywhere be alike.

Daniel 11:38 indicates that new human services will be the very form and constitution of the kingdom of Antichrist. For he says thus: "But in his estate shall he honor the god of forces; and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honor with gold and silver and precious stones."

Apology XXIV 97, 98

Carnal men cannot endure that alone to the sacrifice of Christ the honor is ascribed that it is a propitiation, because they do not understand the righteousness of faith but ascribe equal honor to the rest of the services and sacrifices.

Just as, therefore, in Judah among the godless priests a false opinion concerning sacrifices inhered; just as in Israel Baalitic services continued, and nevertheless a church of God was there which disapproved of godless services, so Baalitic worship inheres in the domain of the pope, namely, the abuse of the mass, which they apply that by it they may merit for the unrighteous the remission of guilt and punishment. (And yet, as God still kept His church, i.e., some saints, in Israel and Judah, so God still preserved His church, i.e., some saints, under the papacy, so that the Christian church has not entirely perished.) And it seems that this Baalitic worship will endure as long as the reign of the pope, until Christ will come to judge and by the glory of His advent destroy the reign of Antichrist. Smalcald Articles II ii 25

The invocation of saints is also one of the abuses of Antichrist conflicting with the chief article and destroys the knowledge of Christ. Neither is it commanded nor counseled nor has it any example (or testimony) in Scripture, and even though it were a precious thing, as it is not (while, on the contrary, it is a most harmful thing), in Christ we have everything a thousandfold better (and surer, so that we are not in need of calling upon the saints).

Smalcald Articles II iv 10-14

This teaching shows forcefully that the pope is the very Antichrist, who

has exalted himself above and opposed himself against Christ, because he will not permit Christians to be saved without his power, which, nevertheless, is nothing and is neither ordained nor commanded by God.

This is, properly speaking, to exalt himself above all that is called God, as Paul says, 2 Thess. 2:4. Even the Turks or the Tartars, great enemies of Christians as they are, do not do this, but they allow whoever wishes to believe in Christ, and take bodily tribute and obedience from Christians.

The pope, however, prohibits this faith, saying that to be saved a person must obey him. This we are unwilling to do, even though on this account we must die in God's name.

This all proceeds from the fact that the pope has wished to be called the supreme head of the Christian church by divine right. Accordingly he had to make himself equal and superior to Christ and had to cause himself to be proclaimed the head and then the lord of the church and finally of the whole world and simply God on earth, until he has dared to issue commands even to the angels in heaven.

And when we distinguish the pope's teaching from, or measure and hold it against, Holy Scripture, it is found (it appears plainly) that the pope's teaching, where it is best, has been taken from the imperial and heathen law and treats of political matters and decisions or rights, as the decretals show; furthermore, it teaches of ceremonies concerning churches, garments, food, persons, and (similar) puerile, theatrical, and comical things without measure, but in all these things nothing at all of Christ, faith, and the commandments of God.

Lastly, it is nothing else than the devil himself, because above and against God he urges (and disseminates) his (papal) falsehoods concerning masses, purgatory, the monastic life, one's own works and (fictitious) divine worship [for this is the very papacy (upon each of which the papacy is altogether founded and is standing)], and condemns, murders, and tortures all Christians who do not exalt and honor these abominations (of the pope) above all things.

Therefore, just as little as we can worship the devil himself as Lord and God, we can endure his apostle, the pope, or Antichrist, in his rule as head or lord. For to lie and to kill and to destroy body and soul eternally, that is wherein his papal government really consists, as I have very clearly shown in many books.

Compare also Formula of Concord, Thorough Declaration X 20.
Tractate 39-41

Now, it is manifest that the Roman pontiffs, with their adherents, defend (and practice) godless doctrines and godless services. And the marks (all the vices) of Antichrist plainly agree with the kingdom of the pope and his adherents. For Paul, 2 Epistle 2:3, in describing to the Thessalonians Antichrist, calls him "an adversary of Christ, who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God." He speaks therefore of one ruling in the church, not of heathen kings, and he calls this one the adversary of Christ, because he will devise doctrine conflicting with the Gospel and will assume to himself divine authority.

Moreover, it is manifest, in the first place, that the pope rules in the church and by the pretext of ecclesiastical authority and of the ministry has established for himself this kingdom. For he assigns as a pretext these words: "I will give to thee the keys."

Secondly, the doctrine of the pope conflicts in many ways with the Gospel, and (thirdly) the pope assumes to himself divine authority in a threefold manner. First, because he takes to himself the right to change the doctrine of Christ and services instituted by God and wants his own doctrine and his own services to be observed as divine; secondly, because he takes to himself the power not only of binding and loosing in this life but also the jurisdiction over souls after this life; thirdly, because the pope does not want to be judged by the church or by anyone and puts his own authority ahead of the decision of councils and the entire church.

But to be unwilling to be judged by the church or by anyone is to make oneself God.

Lastly, these errors so horrible, and this impiety, he defends with the greatest cruelty and puts to death those dissenting.

This being the case, all Christians ought to beware of becoming partakers of the godless doctrine, blasphemies, and unjust cruelty of the pope. On this account they ought to desert and execrate the pope with his adherents as the kingdom of Antichrist; just as Christ has commanded, Matt. 7:15: "Beware of false prophets." And Paul commands that godless teachers should be avoided and execrated as cursed, Gal. 1:8; Titus 3:10. And 2 Cor. 6:14 he says: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what communion hath light with darkness?"

Tractate 57

Therefore, even though the bishop of Rome had the primacy by divine right, yet since he defends godless services and doctrine conflicting with the Gospel, obedience is not due him; yea, it is necessary to resist him as Antichrist. The errors of the pope are manifest and not trifling.

III.

This passage (2 Thess. 2: 1-12) promises that God will reveal the "man of sin" and states the tokens, or marks, by means of which God will reveal him to the eyes of faith.

Among these marks are:

1. He "as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God" (2 Thess. 2: 4). He is a religious power demanding religious allegiance, usurping authority in the church, and tyrannizing Christian consciences. (Compare Smalcald Articles II iv 10-14, as quoted above)
2. He is an embodiment of satanic power. This is manifested—
 - a) in the fact that he appears as the one "who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God" (2 Thess. 2:4); he is God's adversary;
 - b) and in the fact that his opposition to God is an opposition of disguise and deceit. He opposes God by usurping the place and name of God (2 Thess. 2: 4). The satanic appears, characteristically, in religious form: the "coming" of Antichrist is pitted against the "coming" of Christ, his signs and lying wonders against the miracles of Christ, faith in his lie against faith in the truth of Christ. (2 Thess. 2: 9-11)

IV.

Therefore on the basis of a renewed study of the pertinent Scriptures we reaffirm the statement of the Lutheran Confessions that "the pope is the very Antichrist" (cf. Section II), especially since he anathematizes the doctrine of justification by faith alone and sets himself up as the infallible head of the church.

We thereby affirm that we identify this "Antichrist" with the papacy as it is known to us today, which shall, as 2 Thess. 2:8 states, continue to the end of time, whatever form or guise it may take. This neither means nor implies a blanket condemnation of all members of the Roman Catholic Church, for despite all the errors taught in that church the Word of God is still heard there, and that Word is an effectual Word. (Is. 55: 10, 11; compare Apology XXIV 98, cited above under II)

We make this confession in the confidence of faith. The Antichrist cannot deceive us if we remain under the revelation given us in the apostolic Word (2 Thess. 2: 13-17), for in God's gracious governance of history the Antichrist can deceive only those who "receive not the love of the truth." (2 Thess. 2: 10-12).

And we make this confession in the confidence of hope. The Antichrist shall not destroy us but shall himself be destroyed—"whom the Lord will consume with the spirit of His mouth and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming." (2 Thess. 2: 8).

We reject the idea that the fulfillment of this prophecy is to be sought in the workings of any merely secular political power. (2 Thess. 2:4; cf. Tractate 39).

We reject the idea that the teaching that the papacy is the Antichrist rests on a merely human interpretation of history or is an open question. We hold rather that this teaching rests on the revelation of God in Scripture which finds its fulfillment in history. The Holy Spirit reveals this fulfillment to the eyes of faith (compare The Abiding Word, II, 764). Since Scripture teaches that the Antichrist would be revealed (2 Thess. 2: 6, 8) and this prophecy has been clearly fulfilled in the history and development of the Roman papacy, it is Scripture which reveals that the papacy is the Antichrist.

OVERTURES TO WITHDRAW FROM THE SYNODICAL CONFERENCE

Since Romans 16, 17 tells us to avoid those who cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which we have learned,

Since God's command "to avoid" does not permit us to do joint church work (missionary, educational etc.) or to have joint worship and joint prayer with those who cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which we have learned;

And since membership in the Synodical Conference involves us in joint mission work and in joint prayer (for instance, at Conventions and in committee meetings) with those who cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which we have learned,

Therefore we call upon the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, in obedience to God's Word, to withdraw its membership in the Synodical Conference.

Signed: Orville Fruechte
C. M. Gullerud

To the 42nd Regular Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in Convention assembled June 23-28, 1959.

Dear Brethren:

WHEREAS, Scripture warns us clearly and emphatically against the entanglements with errorists, Romans 16:17,18—"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple." Also Titus 3:10—"A man that is an heretic after the first and second admonition reject." And I Timothy 6:3-5—"If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness; from such withdraw thyself." And

WHEREAS, any reluctance to heed these warnings and commands of Scripture is unionism already conceived in the heart, which if allowed to develop, will result in full fledged unionism, as history also attests, and

WHEREAS, further negotiations will only serve to divide us as a Synod and weaken our position scripturally, and

WHEREAS, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod will benefit by a complete break with the Synodical Conference by a new alignment of conservative orthodox Lutherans.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ELS sever relations with the Synodical Conference in this year of our Lord 1959 and take a stand of unadulterated doctrine that will benefit our children and their heirs for generations.

Respectfully submitted,

Passed unanimously by 26 voters at its regular quarterly meeting of the Pinehurst Ev. Lutheran Church of Eau Claire, Wis. May 3, 1959.

Signed: Arnold F. Carlson, President
Robert O. Hoff, Secretary

PASTORAL CONFERENCE REPORT ON "SCRIPTURE"

This is to inform you that the General Pastoral Conference studied the Union Committee Statement on Scripture as directed by the 1958 Synod Convention, p. 46, #4 but the conference did not conclude its consideration.

R. H. Ude, Secretary

Action of the Synod:

Joint Unity Committee of the Synodical Conference

WHEREAS, Our Union Committee, reporting on its participation in the Joint Doctrinal Unity Committee discussions, says, "our testimony has been heard and the discussions have borne fruit;" and

WHEREAS, Our Committee also reports that these discussions have taken place in a spirit of frankness and willingness to abide by the Scriptures; and

WHEREAS, The recent Oakland, California, meeting for conservative Lutheran theologians indicated that we are not alone in our concern for conditions in the Synodical Conference and the cause of confessional Lutheranism; therefore be it

1. RESOLVED, That we continue to participate in the Joint Doctrinal Unity Committee discussions; and be it

2. RESOLVED, That we send representatives to the proposed meeting of theologians at Thiensville in 1960.

Re/Suspension

WHEREAS, The causes of our 1955 resolution for suspension of fellowship relations with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have not been removed; be it

3. RESOLVED, That our suspension of fellowship relations with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod be continued.

Union Committee

WHEREAS, The distressing conditions in the Synodical Conference are viewed with ever-increasing alarm by our own people; and

WHEREAS, These conditions are a serious threat to the fellowship within our own Synod; therefore be it

4. RESOLVED, That our Union Committee complete its work in the Joint Doctrinal Unity Committee and present a finished report to our next convention; and to this end be it

5. RESOLVED, That we respectfully urge the other constituents of the Joint Doctrinal Unity Committee to lend every assistance to our Committee.

Statement on Scripture

WHEREAS, The Joint Union Committee's statement on Scripture was presented to the General Pastoral Conference for discussion; and

WHEREAS, The Conference did not conclude its discussion; be it

6. RESOLVED, That the General Pastoral Conference continue its study of the Statement on Scripture and report to the next Synod meeting.

Statement on the Anti-Christ

WHEREAS, The Statement on the Anti-Christ, prepared by the

Joint Doctrinal Unity Committee, is now complete; be it

7. **RESOLVED**, *That the General Pastoral Conference, together with other conferences and congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, study the Statement and report their decision to the next Synod Convention.*

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The following registered their protest to the adoption of resolutions No. 1 and No. 2 (except for one as noted):

Pastors: A. B. Gullerud, C. M. Gullerud, N. Hilton, J. Moldstad, G. Schweikert, D. L. Pfeiffer (to Resolution No. 1 only)

Delegates: Loren Borgwardt, G. Radichel, E. Williams, and O. Freuchte.

(The majority report of the Convention Committee on Doctrinal Matters, which the convention adopted, was signed by the following: Pastors: J. B. Madson, H. Handberg, J. Petersen, T. N. Teigen; Delegates: Messrs. N. Holte, G. Hoyord, J. Werner, N. Faugstad, Sr.

Minority Report

(The following was discussed and tabled by the Convention)

I.

God says in His Holy Word: "Mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine ye have learned and avoid them." Rom. 16, 17. In 1955 our Synod applied this passage to the Missouri Synod because of the Missouri Synod's

- a. Adoption of the 1938 Union resolutions,*
- b. Adoption of the Saginaw Resolutions on Prayer Fellowship in 1944,*
- c. Toleration of the signers of the Chicago Statement,*
- d. Communion agreement with the National Lutheran Council,*
- e. Adoption of the Common Confession.*

Since 1955 the Missouri Synod has not retracted its position on these points.

Both the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the Missouri Synod are members in good standing of the Lutheran Synodical Conference, working together, and nevertheless, the fellowship relations of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the Missouri Synod are officially in a state of suspension. This situation is a contradiction; therefore be it

RESOLVED, *That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod terminate its membership in the Lutheran Synodical Conference.*

II.

Since the Union Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, which has been meeting with the other committees of the Synodical Conference, desires to continue the discussions on church fellowship and prayer fellowship; be it

RESOLVED, *That the Union Committee be authorized to continue discussions during the coming year, if the joint committee of the Synodical Conference is willing to meet with them;*

RESOLVED, *That the Synod instruct its Union Committee not to pray with those with whom we have suspended fellowship, lest their testimony on prayer fellowship be contradicted by their actions; and*

RESOLVED, *That they bring in their completed report to the next convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod.*

*Convention Com. Minority Report
Pastor N. Hilton*

The following resolution was discussed and tabled by the convention:

RESOLVED, *That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod refrain from participation in inter-synodical union meetings until our next convention.*

REPORT OF THE MISSION BOARD

The fields are white unto the harvest; the laborers are few and the costs are great. But the Lord has always found willing hearts and hands to do His work. The funds may have been low at times, yet the Lord's work went on. And we have no doubts that the Lord will again find cheerful givers for the cause of Missions. While we cannot save all men, one thing is certain beyond any doubt, one by one, little by little, we shall gather all the sheep of Christ's flock into His Fold, and finally it will be one Shepherd and one flock "a great multitude which no man could number, of all nations, kindreds and people and tongues," everyone of them having "washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Every one of His elect will at last be gathered. Should not that assurance inspire us to do His work with all energy and love?

It is not a small work that we are doing on our Home Mission fields. We are at present subsidizing 17 parishes with a total of 18 congregations plus 2 preaching stations. Seventeen missionaries are serving more than 2200 souls. In the past year 2 new fields were added, namely, Bethlehem Lutheran congregation at Ellsworth, Minn., and Whiting Lutheran Mission, Whiting, Wisconsin. One field became self-supporting, namely the parish at Hawley, Minnesota, S. E. Lee, pastor.

We ask you to come with us as we make a hurried tour of our various and far flung mission stations. Our fields extend as far East as Rochester, New York, and as far West as California and Washington. We begin with our Eastern-most congregation.

INDIAN LANDING BIBLE LUTHERAN CHURCH,

Rochester, New York

Paul Anderson, Pastor

We were directed to this field some years ago because a group of Christians there wanted the Word of God preached to them in its truth and purity. Through our Sentinel and other contacts they found that our Synod could supply them with this important prerequisite. Their love for the pure Gospel is further shown by the fact that 63 souls of which 32 are communicants last year raised over \$5000.00 for the Lord's work at home and abroad. Their pastor has also established a preaching station at Sodus Point on the St. Lawrence Seaway. While the results there are slow, Pastor Anderson is of the opinion that Sodus Point may in time develop into a good sized inland seaport and then we will be there as the people begin to move in.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, New Hope, Wisconsin

WHITING LUTHERAN MISSION, Whiting, Wisconsin

Herbert Larson, Pastor

While we have become accustomed to the address of Amherst Junction for this congregation, it is to be noted that the village recently changed its name to New Hope, Wisconsin. In a sense new hope has come to a community nearby through the efforts of Pastor Larson. Seventeen miles from New Hope is a suburb of Stevens Point by the name of Whiting. There is no church in this area. The Mission Board has purchased a trailer chapel for our beginning at Whiting. Here services and Sunday School can be conducted until such a time when a large enough group can organize and build its own permanent church. This chapel will remain the property of the Synod and can be used for beginnings in other areas where a meeting place cannot be had. We pray that the Lord will bless our efforts at Whiting, and that new hope will come to many who are living without God and without hope.

HOLTON LUTHERAN CHURCH, Holton, Michigan

M. O. Dale, pastor

Instead of reporting this parish under the names of Scandinavian and Immanuel Lutheran congregations, we this year report it under the name of Holton Lutheran Church. At the annual meetings of these two congregations it was resolved to merge and form a new congregation. This is a milestone in this parish and means for more efficient work in their corner of the Lord's Vineyard. The Holton congregation numbers 156 souls, 90 communicants.

ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Lombard, Illinois

R. A. Moldstad, Pastor

This is one of our new mission fields. In 1956 missionary Robert Moldstad began preliminary work in Lombard, assisted by St. Paul's and St. Mark's Lutheran Churches of our Synod. On Trinity Sunday, May 24, 1959, St. Timothy dedicated a very churchly building to the glory of the Triune God. St. Timothy's membership today numbers 108 souls, 63 communicants. Again we wish to call attention to the love and gratitude for the Gospel expressed by these people as exemplified in the many hours of donated labor in the building of their church and also by the fact that the average communicant contribution this past year was \$130.00. As the young preacher Timothy had learned from a child the Gospel of Jesus Christ which had made him wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus, so also St. Timothy congregation is nurturing 70 children with the Gospel of Christ in its Sunday School.

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

K. Olmanson, Pastor

This congregation now numbers 300 souls with 167 communicants. Thirty-nine souls were added to Ascension in the last year. The Sunday School has a total enrollment of 106. The history of all our missions is linked somewhat to Ascension—we don't mean just the members of the Ascension congregation, but those eleven men on Olivet mountain who stood there, gazing up into heaven. Though suddenly left alone, though they were looked upon as a sorry lot, yet one thing they had, they lived, and they proclaimed: Jesus, the Savior, will return. Looking to that day Ascension is working together with two sister congregations in establishing a Christian Day School for the lambs of God. This school will begin in September of this year. May the Lord bless this nursery of Christ.

We now take you to the West Coast. This fall all three of our mission stations there will have the privilege of sending their little ones to a school where Jesus is behind the door.

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN, Canoga Park, California

Daniel Johnson, Pastor

This newest of our California missions now numbers 92 souls, 52 communicants, with 98 in Sunday School. The house of worship is so made that it very easily can be converted into a school room during the week and a house of worship for Sunday Services. God willing its Christian Day School will open in the fall. All this means a little added work of arranging and rearranging, but the end results are worth it.

Not far down the San Fernando Valley we find:

OUR SAVIOR'S FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH,

Granada Hills, Calif.

Grant C. J. Quill, Pastor

Here we can see the fruits of starting a mission with a school. The Christian Day School has played no small part in the external and internal growth of this growing flock. It has a school enrollment

of nearly 100 with four teachers in charge. Of the 338 souls in this flock, 169 are communicants. The Sunday School numbers 289. The school is used for worship services, but the members look forward to the day when they will be able to build a church. In the past year 102 souls were gained and brought under the influence of the Gospel which is able to save them that hear.

LAKEWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH, Tacoma, Washington

Juul B. Madson, Pastor

This congregation in the Northwest corner of our country numbers 90 souls and 53 communicants with 80 in Sunday School. Lakewood makes use of the Parkland Lutheran School of our Synod. The average contribution per communicant member is \$112.00. We who support these various mission stations might very well learn from those whom we have nurtured a lesson in Christian giving. We all need to get back to our "first love," then only will our love-gifts become a true reflection of our faith in Christ.

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, Sioux Falls, So. Dakota

Victor Theiste, Pastor

In this city of 70,000 people our Synod has an active and growing congregation of 250 souls and 165 communicants with a Sunday School of 70. It is of interest to note that in the statistical report for last year 23 infant baptisms were performed, 3 adult baptisms; 9 children and 15 adults were confirmed. Bethel recently purchased a very fine parsonage for its pastor and his family. With a long vacancy it now rejoices in having a shepherd to lead the flock.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Calmar, Iowa

H. A. Preus, Pastor

This flock of 135 souls and 83 communicants recently completed payments on its church and parsonage debt. It is looking forward to the day when it can become self-supporting.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, New Hampton, Iowa

Vacant

At the present time this congregation of 150 souls and 100 communicants is the only mission station vacant. It is being served by Pastors M. E. Tweit and S. Holt from the mother parish of Jerico and Saude. May the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls soon provide this flock with a pastor.

CENTRAL HEIGHTS LUTHERAN, Mason City, Iowa

John Moldstad, Pastor

This mission is the result of the mission-mindedness of the Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa Circuit. At present Pastor John Moldstad is spear-heading this mission. The worshipers have had to meet in a nearby gymnasium for worship, but this summer they will dedicate their new house of worship. This group has made use of the Butler Building system to very good effect and will have a churchly building at a nominal cost. Currently the pastor is instructing a class of 9 adults. With a church building this group of 37 souls and 10 communicants is bound to grow.

EDGE CUMBE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH, St. Paul, Minn.

David Dale, Sr., Pastor

Not all the news that comes from a mission field is good news. Any missionary will agree to that. Our Lord Himself states that at times we have to "shake the dust" off our feet when dealing with the unchurched. The hindrances which our Edgumbe Hills mission has run up against has been the concern of members, pastor, and mission board for some time. Since our moving into this area the population has become increasingly Jewish. We also find our-

selves not far away from two large liberal Lutheran Churches, both with impressive and spacious church edifices. Sandwiched in between these churches, with the Protestant population shifting out, instead of in, the Mission Board has resolved that we withdraw from the Edgecumbe Hills field because after repeated investigations the Mission Board is convinced that the field is unproductive and that continued work here would not be good stewardship for our Synod.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, Ellsworth, Minn.

H. L. Bremer, Pastor

This congregation was started from the Luverne—Rose Dell parish. It is the only Lutheran congregation in town. Recently Bethlehem completely remodeled its house of worship and has displayed a fine Christian spirit in this work and also in calling a full time pastor into its midst. The Luverne and Rose Dell congregations have agreed to pay \$1280.00 a year toward helping its sister congregation. As the manger at Bethlehem became the first resting place of our Lord here upon earth, may this congregation and its pastor, who is the first resident Lutheran pastor in this town, be a blessing in the land.

RIVER HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH, East Grand Forks, Minn.

G. Schweikert, Pastor

Here we have an example of a Christian congregation transplanting itself at its own expense. The former Bygland congregation moved from its rural location into a growing area of East Grand Forks and built a beautiful chapel-parsonage. The only expense to Synod is the salary subsidy. The \$130.00 average per communicant member giving also speaks well of their love for the Savior. One by one, little by little, River Heights is growing. The April report shows a gain of 7 souls and 5 communicants. We find that conservative Lutherans who are concerned about hearing the Word of God preached are referred to us and find their way to us and thus the Lord in His time and His way adds to the Church such as believe.

HIAWATHA LUTHERAN CHURCH, Minneapolis, Minn.

T. N. Teigen, Pastor

Because of several circumstances which brought about financial difficulties the Hiawatha congregation came to the Mission Board for help. The Board resolved to grant the Hiawatha congregation a temporary subsidy.

MT. OLIVE, CLEARWATER AND CROSS LAKE CONGREGATIONS, Trail, Minn.

Norman A. Madson, Jr., Pastor

The little Trail congregation is quite happy over the obtaining of pews and a new altar for its church. Regular reduction in its subsidy shows the desire and willingness of this parish to become self-supporting as soon as possible. Recently it acquired a very fine parsonage in the village of Trail.

SUMMARY

Seventeen of our stations reported a total of 117 infant and 11 adult baptisms. There were 52 children confirmed and 42 adults confirmed. "Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6,9.

LOOKING AHEAD

We dare not stand still in our mission program! As the Lord gives us opportunity we must, we will bring the life-saving Gospel to as many as we can reach. As to future expansion the Mission Board

has specifically three fields in mind: North Minneapolis or North St. Paul, in Minnesota; Madison in Wisconsin, and another mission in the state of California. May the Lord show us the way we should go, and we are confident that he will give us the men and the means. May we soon put up another sign: "The Future Sight of Faith Lutheran Church." We say Faith, because regardless of its name, mission work must be a work of faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The future of our old as well as new mission stations depends on you who make up the membership of our Synod. May the love of your Savior move you to help through your regular and generous Mission offerings. "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy, and for Thy Truth's sake."

Respectfully submitted, Arvid G. W. Gullerud,
Field Secretary of Home Missions

CORNWALL

A vacancy has existed in Cornwall for some time in view of the fact that Pastor Desmond Jose accepted a call to serve an ELCE mission in Grindon, Co. Durham. Since that time work has come to a standstill in Cornwall. The Board felt that the people should be served, so it asked the ELCE, headquartered in London, to contact Cornwall and conduct services whenever possible. They agreed to do this until our Synod convenes, at which time a definite decision would be made regarding the future of Cornwall.

The Mission Board feels that it is not in a position to send another man from America to labor in Cornwall. Neither does it feel in a position to finance buildings.

The Board, therefore, recommends to the Synod that our work in Cornwall be terminated. It also recommends that we ask the ELCE to take over the work in Cornwall. It is believed that the ELCE would be willing to do this.

J. Petersen

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY BOARD OF THE LUTHERAN SYNODICAL CONFERENCE UNITED STATES

The domestic mission setup of the Synodical Conference was completely revamped by a resolution of the Conference at its convention in 1946, which in essence appealed to the Constituent Synods of the Conference to assume the responsibility of mission work among the Negroes of the U.S.A. in their territorial areas.

Practically all the constituent synods and their respective districts have now merged Negro Missions with their own mission departments, with most districts assuming full supervision and current financial obligations; including capital investments.

The Missionary Board for the past year has carried on negotiations with the southern District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod for an eventual merger of Negro missions in the Deep South, embracing the states of Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

REGIONAL MISSION COMMITTEES

Two Regional Mission Committees are at present functioning effectively in the Southern Mission fields. One committee is known as the Alabama, and the other as the Louisiana Regional Mission Committee. Both committees are bi-racial. Each Committee scrutinized carefully the needs of its field and its development. Members of each committee are in close touch with the workers in their area, and the committees serve as a liaison between the field and the Missionary Board.

A.L.C. MISSIONS

On April 23, 1958, pastors of the Alabama Conference of the American Lutheran Church petitioned the Board of American Missions, A.L.C., in a special communication, to permit the Conference "to seek membership in the Synodical Conference" since "the Alabama Conference with its five remaining congregations needs more fellowship in order to reach more effectively men and women in the Southern Negro communities" and since "the Board of American Missions of the A.L.C. has recognized these facts and has encouraged the Conference to make this appeal to the Synodical Conference."

The principles governing the execution of the A.L.C. Board action regarding Alabama Conference Congregations were stipulated in a special document. The financial arrangement was pointedly stated. The amount involved in such a transaction was indicated as \$57,000 property loans, plus assumption of a subsidization of the congregations affected in the amount of approximately \$7,500 per annum.

The Synodical Conference at its 1958 Cleveland Convention, through its special committee, made the following suggestions if the Missionary Board finds the proposals of the Alabama Lutheran Conference of the American Lutheran Church and the transfer of congregations involved feasible:

1. That under no circumstances shall the Synodical Conference Missionary Board commit itself to any covenant clauses which would not convey merchantable title to the properties in question.

2. Should any pastors of the Alabama Lutheran Conference of the American Lutheran Church be willing to continue their work in the Negro Mission field under auspices of the Synodical Conference, that they be received by colloquy through one of the Synods of the Synodical Conference.

3. Should negotiations be fruitful, we suggest that the Synodical Conference Missionary Board be empowered to liquidate the Church Extension Fund loans which these five congregations have received from the American Lutheran Church, up to an amount mutually satisfactory to all concerned.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

The Synodical Conference operates two educational institutions, one at Selma, Alabama, known as Alabama Lutheran Academy-College, and the other at Greensboro, North Carolina, known as Immanuel Lutheran College. The latter college also embraces a theological department.

Under God's blessings our graduates at both institutions have proved their worth and their capabilities in the ministry, and as teachers of the lambs of Christ. In pursuance of the policies enunciated by the Synodical Conference, our two colleges aim to develop and sustain in their students a sound Christian faith by daily instruction in God's Word.

STUDY COMMISSION

At its 1958 Convention, the Synodical Conference established a Study Commission on ministerial and teacher training. The Conference was prompted to inaugurate such a procedure, since "successive conventions of the Conference have been confronted with memorials pertaining to the training institutions at Greensboro and Selma."

The scope of the Study Commission's investigations embraces "all areas relevant to the educational, organizational, and financial problems and policies of training, recruitment, and placement of an increasing supply of qualified pastors and teachers for the specific

mission and educational work of the Conference and of its constituent synods." The work of the Commission is to be completed by the 1960 Convention of the Synodical Conference.

NEW CAMPUS AT SELMA

The Synodical Conference at its 1958 Convention, after due study of the present campus at Selma, which is overcrowded and handicapped for future expansion, resolved to authorize and the Board of Trustees (the Missionary Board) "to acquire a new tract of land consisting of 60 acres on the N.E. corner of the intersection of Range Street and Highway 14, at Selma, Alabama." This tract of 60 acres was purchased for the sum of \$60,000.00 and funds necessary were advanced by the Church Extension Fund of the Synodical Conference. The Convention decided "that this loan is to be repaid by an annual allocation in the Budget of the Missionary Board." The Conference authorized the Missionary Board to proceed immediately with the preparation of a master plan for the long-range development of the new campus and to begin the erection of two buildings viz., an administration and library building and a Residence Hall for girls (funds for these two buildings have been assured and partly collected), after the approval of the master plan by the constituent synods.

In order to provide for three additional buildings on the new campus, viz., a boys' dormitory, a dining hall, and an assembly Hall (which will serve in the beginning as a students' worship center and recreational building), it is necessary to find means and ways for additional funds to complete the five essential buildings. It is estimated that the sum of approximately \$450,000.00 is needed for these three required structures.

FINANCES

A. Church Extension

Mr. Russell Rolling, treasurer of the Missionary Board, reported to the Convention in 1958, that the total capital of the Church Extension Fund amounts to \$403,883.46. Loans outstanding were listed as \$282,059.69. The treasurer stated that "these loans are being repaid with regularity. The few cases of delinquency seem to be due to the unfavorable economic conditions in industrial areas."

B. Salary

At the 1958 Convention salary increases of workers were recommended. The Missionary Board was urged to strive "to attain the salary levels prevailing in the various geographical areas." The Missionary Board complied with this suggestion of the Conference. Naturally, this action accounts for an increase in budgetary requirements.

C. Subsidization of Some Districts.

Not all districts which have assumed supervision of Negro Missions are taking care of all financial obligations connected with such an arrangement, hence the Missionary Board is assisting such districts with subsidies as requested.

D. Budget Needs

The operating budget needs for our Negro Mission Work in the U.S.A. for the fiscal year 1959-1960 amounts to \$334,450.00 (tentative figure) for the four synods of the Synodical Conference. Missouri Synod's share is indicated as \$284,282.50.

AFRICA

The Synodical Conference, after giving due consideration to an appeal which had come to it from groups of Ibesikpo people in Calabar Province, West Africa, to bring the "Good News into their land", inaugurated a mission program twenty-three years ago in Nigeria, the populous British Protectorate of over 30 million people.

This spiritual enterprise was blessed by God in a marked degree. Today we have a church setup which embraces 10 geographical districts with 29,868 baptized and 11,323 communicant members, 174 congregations and 50 preaching stations. According to the latest statistical report we have 714 workers, listed as follows:

American Pastors.....	18
African Pastors.....	15
American Teachers.....	3
African Teachers.....	603
American Lay Workers.....	2
American Medical Personnel Doctors.....	2
American Registered Nurses.....	4
African Hospital Personnel.....	67
Number of Elementary Schools.....	85
Enrollment	16,606

SEMINARY

In order to produce an African Ministry, a Seminary was established in 1949. This seminary has furnished thus far 15 African Pastors. The present enrollment numbers 27. A few months ago an African Pastor, Ekanem, was called as the first African instructor. Two students from Northern Rhodesia and one from Ghana are now enrolled in the Seminary.

NORMAL SCHOOL

This school was established in 1951 and is now producing certificated and well indoctrinated teachers to carry on the work in our Lutheran Elementary Schools. Students enrolled: 104. A new dormitory and a new tutor's home were constructed during the past year and the dining hall was enlarged.

HIGH SCHOOL

Here we have an enrollment of 218. This school provides students for our Seminary and Normal School and it is proving itself a valuable adjunct to the future development of African pastors and teachers. Unfortunately, there is a shortage of staff houses. A permanent dormitory is needed for girl students.

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL

Our Lutheran Hospital was dedicated to the service of the Triune God in 1953. It has functioned well and has really served as a mission arm to our Nigerian Church. During 1958, 28,323 out-patients were treated. There were 2,826 in-patients served in the wards and private rooms. 267 births were registered.

The TB Ward, which was dedicated in April, 1958, is now almost filled to capacity. We are grateful to the Wheat Ridge Foundation which has generously contributed toward the establishment of this additional service institution. New homes were built for both American and African nurses. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League has made available sufficient funds for the erection of a chapel which is sorely needed for our patients and personnel.

BIBLE INSTITUTE

A Bible Institute will be established in the near future for the training of African laymen who are to assist the pastors, both American and African, in the promulgation of the Gospel.

RADIO

The broadcasting of the Gospel in the Efik language was begun in July, 1958 over Radio Station ELWA, Monrovia, Liberia. Twice a week our two African pastors, Idiong and Ekanem, deliver appropriate sermons in the language of the people.

CONVENTION ITEMS

A. Missions

At the Convention of the Akwa Esop (our Lutheran Church body of Nigeria-Synod) which was held at Obot Idim, our home compound, on January 15-16, 1959, it was resolved that a Mission Board be established in each district to aid the Board of Directors in the dissemination of the Gospel in each area through evangelistic programs. Pastors and congregations were encouraged to implement this program of evangelism.

B. Self-supporting Churches

The Convention encouraged congregations to emulate the example of three congregations that have merged to become one parish to call a pastor of their own, assuming all financial obligations toward his support.

C. Church Extension

The Convention appointed a Church Extension Fund Committee from the Board of Directors. This committee will grant loans to churches in need of financial assistance. The maximum amount of any one loan is to be 1,200 (\$3,360 U.S. Currency). Loans shall extend over a period of 20 years, and repayments shall be made in equal quarterly installments.

D. The Matter of Giving

The Convention urged congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Nigeria to give according to their income, freely, cheerfully, regularly, both to their individual church and the work at large. All congregations shall be visited by a group of church leaders and congregations shall be urged to assume full support of their pastors.

E. Ogoja Province

Pastor H. M. Ottemoeller, a pioneer leader in the development of our latest mission field in Nigeria, reported to the Convention "that the work so far has proved that this area has been a very open door into which the Lord has led us. Work is being carried on in six areas. The total number of languages used is eleven. Our African pastor Etim alone is working with people who speak six languages. So far 302 have been baptized. As some of the areas are about 55 miles from the nearest hospital, two dispensaries are being operated by us."

Ghana (formerly the Gold Coast) is our newest mission field on the Dark Continent. Since 1957, Ghana has been a free member of the British Commonwealth. It has an area of more than 91,000 square miles, and a population of an estimated eight million.

The Missionary Board, in conformity with a resolution that work in Ghana be inaugurated as speedily as possible, sent the former superintendent of our Nigerian field, the Rev. William Schweppe, to Ghana in the fall of 1958 to establish a mission in conjunction with the Rev. Samuel K. Asante, who had previously gathered peoples together for the establishment of a Lutheran Church in Accra. Dr. Schweppe, upon his arrival in Accra, made provisions for a place of worship and a home for Rev. Asante. Our Nigerian Church was urged to merge the Ghana work with its own. However, the Ghana Mission at present is in need of financial aid from the Synodical Conference in order to establish it properly. The sum of \$9,464.00 has been requested by our superintendent for the year 1959. This does not include a church building and a parsonage. The cost of two such buildings would amount to approximately \$42,000.00. Undoubtedly, it will be necessary to continue the rental of a place of worship and a suitable home for our missionary for the time being.

The work in Ghana is being blessed by the Lord. Our superintendent writes: "Every effort possible should be made to exploit the

tremendous opportunities which lie before us in this new land. How necessary that we put forth every effort to bring Africa to Christ."

BUDGET

The operating budget requirements for our Nigerian Mission for the fiscal year 1959-1960 are listed as \$281,930.00 of which Missouri Synod's share amounts to \$239,640.00. The needs for the Ghana Mission are indicated as \$10,060, of which Missouri Synod's share amounts to \$8,551.00.

The Missionary Board of the
Lutheran Synodical Conference
Karl Kurth, Executive Secretary

Action of the Synod:

The Synod appreciates the informative, detailed report presented by the Home Mission Board at this Convention. A review of this report in consultation with the Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board revealed further fine progress in the Synod's Home Mission work as indicated by decreased subsidy requests and by the exemplary stewardship of a number of the subsidized congregations, one of which this year was able to become self-supporting. The Synod notes with satisfaction the needed salary raises effected this year for its home missionaries.

Edgecumbe Hills

WHEREAS, Our Home Mission Board, after repeated investigations, has become convinced that the Edgecumbe Hills area is no longer a productive mission field, despite the untiring efforts of Pastor David Dale; and

WHEREAS, A consultation at this convention with the pastor and the secretary of the Edgecumbe Hills Congregation has further substantiated the findings of the Home Mission Board; therefore be it

1. RESOLVED, That our Synod discontinue its Home Mission work in the Edgecumbe Hills field; and be it further

2. RESOLVED, That the Home Mission Board and the Board of Trustees work out the details of such withdrawal.

Cornwall

WHEREAS, A vacancy now exists in our Cornwall Mission; and

WHEREAS, Our Synod is not in a position to send another man from America to labor in Cornwall nor to finance buildings there; therefore be it

3. RESOLVED, That our Synod's work in Cornwall be terminated; and

WHEREAS, Our Synod is concerned about the future spiritual welfare of our people in Cornwall; be it further

4. RESOLVED, That our Synod ask the Evangelical Lutheran Church of England (ELCE) to take over our work in Cornwall; and be it further

5. RESOLVED, That our Home Mission Board and Board of Trustees effect this transfer and arrange for the sale of our Synod's property in Cornwall.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS AND THE PRESIDENT OF BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE AND SEMINARY

(Approved and Adopted by the Board of Regents, May 5, 1959)

Dear Brethren:

We herewith submit for your study and action Bethany's annual report, covering the period of time from July 1, 1958 to June 30, 1959. It is a summary of the activities of what is, for our Synod a large and significant enterprise. It is an effort to give to you an account of our stewardship, so that you can make intelligent and God-pleasing decisions with regard to the future of this work of our Synod.

Bethany exists for a purpose on which we are all agreed; namely, to promulgate the truth of the Gospel which alone can make us free, to train both minds and hearts to know our Savior "and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection from the dead." (Phil. 3, 10. 11). Therefore, in planning for the needs of our school we cannot possibly look at our operations with a cold profit-and-loss point of view. But we must remember we are also dealing with the "substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11, 1). And yet, constrained by our Savior's observation that it is necessary for a Christian to count "the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it" (Luke 14, 28), we should not hesitate to study our past operations and plan for the future of our school with all the collective acumen and insight the Lord has given us. Hence, in this report it is our earnest purpose to set forth the operation of our school in considerable detail and to call attention to some of the future problems facing it. We trust that you will examine carefully the detailed reports which follow.

Students

The enrollment statistics for the 1958-59 school year are as follows:

HIGH SCHOOL: Grade 9-10; Grade 10-28; Grade 11-17; Grade 12-19; total-74.

JUNIOR COLLEGE: Grade 13-60; Grade 14-43; Third-Year Teacher Training-3; Special-1; Total-107.

SEMINARY: 1st year-3; 2nd year-3; 3rd year-2; total-8.

TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL, JUNIOR COLLEGE,
AND SEMINARY: 187.

You will note that there was a modest increase in our enrollment in the junior college over last year. This is in keeping with the gradual increase in the number of college-age youth in our country. Our seminary enrollment has remained rather constant for the last few years, and we have been able to supply the demands of our Synod for pastors. We should also state that we have been able to provide enough Christian Day School teachers to take care of the vacancies in our Synod's Christian Day Schools, although sister congregations from other Synods have not very often had their requests filled.

It is quite evident, however, that the attendance in our high school department is down. This is not the first year that we have recorded a decrease in our high school enrollment. With the exception of the 1957-58 school year, the high school enrollment has been steadily dropping since 1948, when it reached a peak of 125.

There are several reasons for this decline: public school consolidation, with school buses combing the countryside; the breakdown in the Synodical Conference; the imposing public high schools re-

cently built, with their elaborate shop and home economic departments financed by Federal aid; the gradual but steadily increasing cost of attending a private high school such as Bethany's; and the feeling on the part of many parents that high school students (especially those in the first two years) are too immature and delicate to leave the parental home for a Christian high school conducted away from home. Bethany, of course, has much to compensate for this: the Christian philosophy of education, strong faculty, Christian environment, more pressure on the students to study through personal attention, supervised study hours in the evening, etc.

These are, we believe, persuasive reasons for conducting a Christian high school. Yet the fact remains that a decision will soon have to be made as to whether to continue the high school department, and if not, just when to discontinue it. Whatever the decision will be, there will be some profound changes involved, such as the housing of students, the staffing of the faculty with secondary teaching or college teaching background, library purchases, the purchases of laboratory equipment, etc.

Faculty

Our faculty for this year was composed of the following members: Miss Ella Anderson (English, library); Miss Sophia Anderson (business manager); Miss Edna Busekist (English, home economics); Mr. C. U. Faye (theological library); Mr. Norman Harms (men's dormitory counselor); Mr. N. S. Holte (registrar, dean of students, high school principal); Mr. Rudolph Honsey (religion, humanities, Norse, German); Mr. M. J. Ingebritson (education, English, psychology, religion); Mr. Iver C. Johnson (biology, education, religion, choir); Miss Karen Johnson (practice teaching); Mr. Dale Kain (mathematics, physics); Miss Mildred Larson (nurse, dean of women); Mr. George Lillegard (seminary); Mr. Norman A. Madson, Sr. (seminary); Mr. Harold Meske (music); Mr. Marvin Meyer (men's dormitory counselor); Mr. Calvin Minke (business education); Mrs. Marlene Minke (business education); Mr. Dwain Mintz (physical education, health); Mr. Milton Otto (German, religion, seminary); Mr. Glenn Reichwald (social science, Greek, religion); Mr. B. W. Teigen (president, English, religion); Mr. Norman Theiste (chemistry, mathematics); Miss Eleanor Wilson (Latin, English).

The Board of Regents has accepted the resignations of two faculty members: Mr. Norman Theiste, who has been an instructor since 1955 in the fields of chemistry and mathematics; and Mr. Harold Meske, who has served as instructor in piano, organ and theory during the past year.

At the time of this writing, we have found a replacement for the position filled by Mr. Theiste in the person of Mr. Calvin Johnson of Wabasso, Minnesota, a 1955 Bethany graduate who has a B.A. from Mankato State College with a major in chemistry and minors in physics and mathematics, and who is currently doing graduate work in chemistry at South Dakota State College. He will serve as instructor in the fields of chemistry and physics. At the time of this writing, we have no replacement for Mr. Meske in the music department.

One of our great problems is to find qualified teachers for our faculty. We do not have a large number from which to choose; yet we must secure teachers who are qualified spiritually and also academically. It is necessary that they be desirous to share our spiritual viewpoints and be willing to work for their promulgation. With the gradual raising of academic standards in all colleges, it is necessary that our teachers have master's degrees in their subject matter fields or be able to earn them very soon. Younger pastors who are situated near graduate schools could well be encouraged to further their training by doing part-time graduate work. There is in this area, we feel, a real challenge for our church.

Finances

At the time of our convention (June 23), we shall present to you a preliminary financial statement for the current year. As soon as our fiscal year is completed (June 30), our auditors, H. Steenerson & Company of St. Paul, Minnesota, will prepare an official audit to be printed in our Synod's annual report.

On October 17, 1958, H. Steenerson & Company, Public Accountants, presented to the Board of Regents a complete audit of the College's books from July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1958. They found the books in good shape, and, after allowing for depreciation and other expenses, they reported a total net gain for the eight years of \$83,-377.86. Copies of the audit have been filed with the secretary of the Board of Regents, the College treasurer, and the College president, so they are available for inspection to the working committee on higher education and all others who might be interested. An audit of the Lutheran Synod Book Company is also available for the interval from July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1958.

We are grateful that through the generous subsidy from the Synod and the support of the College's friends we have not run up a large deficit in our current expense fund. It has been a tight squeeze, especially since our budget was originally austere and we have had a few more additional expenses than we had anticipated (e.g., extra cost of heating during extremely cold winter, auditing expense, incidental repairs, etc.). But by cutting a little here and there and postponing certain projects that could wait a little longer before completion, we are quite confident that we can end the fiscal year in the black.

It is difficult to enumerate all who have been helpful in bringing about this happy state of affairs, but we would like to mention the work of our Bethany auxiliaries and all the good women of our church. There are at the present time ten such auxiliaries, and their concerted efforts have been helpful in renovating and modernizing our dormitories. Our Alumni Association has also turned over about \$12,000.00 towards the auditorium-gymnasium construction.

We should also mention that our student loan funds were materially increased during the past year. Bethany participated in the National Defense Student Loan Fund, receiving \$799.00. To this fund we allocated from our old loan funds, \$81.00 to meet our matching obligations. All of this money has been lent to needy and worthy students. We shall receive another allotment in September '59. Loans against this fund can be made by students who qualify academically for up to eleven years after they cease going to an institution of higher education. No interest on the student loan accrues prior to the beginning of the repayment schedule, and interest thereafter is to be paid at the rate of three percent per year.

The terms for Bethany's private loan fund were revised during the past year. The basic stipulations are that students pay no interest on these loans while they are attending a college and during the first year after leaving college. Then an interest charge of three per cent applies against the loan, and the student must repay the loan in four year's time or less after the interest begins. This new system will make it easier for our students to repay the loans without any undue burden placed upon them. It will, however, spread the College's loans thinner, and therefore it would be helpful if our people would remember our loan fund.

In this connection, we would like to call attention to the fact that our loan fund did receive a considerable lift during the past year. The College's faithful friends, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Neubert of Mankato, Minnesota, gave \$3,000.00 to help 'needy students', and this has been put into the loan fund. And Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Dempsey of Mankato, Minnesota, desirous to help young students get the advantage of a college training, something denied them in their youth, gave to the college forty-four shares of Standard Oil stock

(present market value \$52.00 per share). This gift is to be used as loans for college students, with the stipulation that the amount loaned each year shall be limited to \$500.00. Under the new terms of our loan program, we should always have \$500.00 available for needy students from this fund.

The College's budget for the 1959-60 fiscal year has been presented to the Committee of Committees and will no doubt also be reviewed by the Synod Convention's working committee on finance. We regret to state that we find it impossible to reduce our requests for current operations.

With regard to the policy for receiving of gifts, "it has been Bethany Lutheran College's policy in the past, and continues to be so now, to receive gifts also from people outside our fellowship" (see 1958 ANNUAL REPORT, page 62). It should be reported that outside of the Michael J. Dempsey gift to the loan fund, there have virtually been no gifts received. This may well be because of the fact that our policy of being willing to receive such gifts has not been made known effectively enough. It may well be that we ought to present our cause for private education more widely than we have.

Auditorium-Gymnasium

It will be recalled that the last two or three Synod Conventions devoted a great deal of time and discussion to the matter of constructing an auditorium-gymnasium. All this culminated last year in a set of three resolutions authorizing the erection of such a building, the financing to be arranged jointly by the Board of Regents and the Synod's Board of Trustees, and setting a ceiling of \$200,000.00 on the building (See 1958 ANNUAL REPORT, page 61). On December 18, 1958, contracts for the general construction, the mechanical construction and the electrical construction were let for a total cost of \$199,567.26, including the architect's fee. In addition, in order to preserve the present low gas rate afforded by our contract with the gas company, an additional \$8,056 (including architect's fee) was spent. The engineers and architects have stated that the expenditure of this money will result in a 60 percent gas rate saving, so that this additional outlay will be saved in only a few years.

Ground was broken for the building on March 6. The corner stone will be laid on Synod Sunday, June 28, and the building will be dedicated on Bethany Day, November 8. The contractor has promised a completion date of December 1. It is our hope that the balance of the cost can be met through legacies, gifts from alumni and friends of the College. The response of many of the College's friends has been magnificent, but much still remains to be done. The Convention can well consider whether it would not be fitting that a Synod-wide offering be made on or before the date of dedication, November 8, 1959.

Plans for equipping the building have not been completely worked out. It is the hope that our auxiliaries will provide curtains and other stage equipment. The present student body has gathered enough money to purchase a score board. Two large items still remaining to be financed are the purchase of movable bleachers and locker equipment.

Seminary

The Dean of the Seminary will bring a separate report with regard to the operations of the seminary department. The Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Regents has, together with the seminary faculty, been studying the problem of finding a satisfactory time for the seminary students to vicar. At the present time, with the limited enrollment our seminary has, and with the small faculty, it seems impossible to have the seminary students vicar

after two years attendance, since this plan would increase the number of classes in the seminary by one-third. There is evidence, however, that a year's vicarage under the guidance of an experienced pastor is of invaluable help to the seminary student in preparing him for serving in his first parish. To date no solution has been found that would change our present practice of having the seminary students vicar after three years attendance at the seminary.

The Academic Affairs Committee has also been studying with the theological faculty the entire seminary curriculum, with the view of ascertaining whether the present curriculum is the best possible one for us at this time. This is a continuing study and no report is as yet ready.

We were not able to live within the budget certified by the Synod for the seminary, namely of \$10,000.00. We exceeded it by \$1950.00. All cuts possible were made, but it became simply a matter of paying the professors' salaries or not.

Professor C. U. Faye, our seminary librarian, in his annual report, calls attention to several items of interest and concern. Since this library is a depository library for our Synod, he not only endeavors to keep several bound copies of the LUTHERAN SENTINEL and the synodical reports, but also of the Bethany Bulletins, the YPA Quarterly, the Christian Day School Bulletin, the Bethany SCROLL, the Service Message to the men in the Armed Forces, and the Bethany College Daily Bulletin. The librarian finds that he is becoming more cramped for space, and before too many years pass, something on a large scale will have to be done to alleviate this condition. In cooperation with the Lutheran Synod Book Company, the librarian is arranging for the sale of duplicate copies of sound, standard theological works. Both pastors and laymen of our Synod may well be interested in getting some of these valuable books for their private libraries.

On June 2nd, our librarian became 73 years old. He does, in his annual report, raise the question as to whether it is not the proper time to make provision for another librarian to succeed him.

Lutheran Synod Book Company

Our Book Store is continuing to evidence a slow but steady growth. The manager, Mr. Stanley Ingebretson, reports that our gross sales for this year will be about \$6,000.00 more than last year. Mrs. Justin Petersen retired last summer, and Mr. Lyle Faulken of Fertile, Iowa, has been hired as a full-time assistant.

In this department we are also plagued with the problem of securing enough space in which to operate efficiently and serve the needs of our customers. When the new auditorium-gymnasium is completed, our Book Store will get a little relief by taking over the athletic director's office and the athletic training room, but this will be only a temporary solution to the problem of more space.

Long-Range Planning

Previous annual reports to our Synod Convention have outlined in detail how the president together with the Board have devoted no small portion of their time in analyzing the needs of Bethany and the educational direction the institution will take in the future. A topographical map and a projected campus plan for the next years were some of the first fruits. By way of fruits of further planning during the past year, we point to the construction of the auditorium-gymnasium, the tuckpointing and weatherproofing of the old buildings, the installation of new steel doors and door frames in the men's dormitory, and the installation of permanent type stormwindings in the classroom building.

In the area of future physical improvements, we would like to

call your attention to the following problems that call for a solution in the not too distant future: Our boilers are over 45 years old; the automatic equipment for the gas fired boiler needs immediate replacement; the stoker for the coal fired boiler is over 25 years old and that also needs replacement. The engineer's recommendation is to put gas-oil burners on both boilers with new automatic controls. This may cost around \$5,000.00. But before we spend this amount of money, we must determine the number of years of usefulness remaining in the old boilers. If the usefulness is just about over, it would be poor stewardship to put in new controls. As soon as our heating season is over in June, boiler inspectors will make a thorough inspection, and it is our hope that at the time of the convention we will have something more definite to report.

Other problems pressing for immediate solution are those of modernizing the administration offices, renovating the rooms in the women's dormitory, improving the front entrance to the College, remodeling the old gymnasium, and securing adequate parking space.

Then we have two large problems that will ultimately need to be solved—a new library building to house both libraries, which at the present time are taxed to their capacity; and the erection of a new dormitory so that the present dormitories can be combined into one, for either men or women, as the original plans of the school intended it to be.

Looking into the academic future, we have already taken note of the problems in connection with the development of the high school. We have also looked towards the eventual possibility of having a four-year college, but it should be noted that the increasing trend towards specialization in the third and fourth years of college work is making it difficult for the present four-year colleges to avoid scattering and enfeebling their present four-year programs. Our present needs are to strengthen the academic program we are currently offering by securing more qualified students, faculty, and the finances to carry out more completely what we have already begun.

Future planning is also concerned with the alumni: what the college can do for the alumni and the alumni for the college. When Prof. Preus accepted the call to Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Illinois, we were left without a Director of Alumni Relations. The new president of the Alumni Association, the Rev. J. A. Moldstad, has been very active, together with his executive committee, in seeking to improve the functions and the organization of the Alumni Association. Prof. Glenn Reichwald of the College staff, was chosen executive secretary of the Alumni Association for the current year. The Board of Regents was pleased that the Rev. Hugo Handberg was chosen by the Alumni Executive Committee to work with the alumni and that his congregations graciously gave him a two months leave of absence so that he could call on a large number in the interest of the College, and more specifically, the auditorium-gymnasium project. The Rev. Norman A. Madson, Jr., of Trail, Minnesota, has also spent some time carrying on the work which Pastor Handberg began, and he will try to complete the work this summer. On the West Coast, Mr. Sigurd Lee is taking time from his busy position as principal of the Granada Hills Day School to call upon the forty-five or fifty alumni that now live in California. The Board of Regents will no doubt very carefully analyze the findings and the recommendations of these men with regard to future work among alumni. One suggestion that has already come out of this is that the College undertake a publication of an alumni directory. There is a crying need for this. To help serve the alumni more effectively, the College also purchased a new addressing machine during the past year.

Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws

With regard to the By-Laws, the Synod is reminded that they are up for adoption at this convention. See the 1958 ANNUAL REPORT, page 62, Resolution No. 7.

In closing, it would be only proper to make mention of the passing of four men, who in the past have been actively in the service of Bethany and whose hearts and minds were devoted to the school and its causes. On December 25, John F. Monich passed away. His name will be familiar to the early generations of Bethany students. He taught classics here at Bethany until 1929. On January 10, 1959, the Rev. Christian Anderson passed away. He had been an active member of the Board of Regents from 1929-1953, and an advisory member since that time. On March 8, 1959, John Nerison passed away. He had been a faithful caretaker at our College since 1946.

Then on April 26, we heard that Dr. S. C. Ylvisaker had passed away at Bryan, Texas. He was president of our college from 1930 to 1950, and professor in the Seminary from 1950-52. These men are representative of a host of Christian men and women who have dedicated their lives for the cause of bringing the pure Gospel to the youth of the church. Our hearts are filled with gratitude to God that He continues to send us such men and women, even as He takes some of them to Himself in heaven.

B. W. Teigen

BETHANY LUTHERAN SEMINARY

Another year has come to its close for our "school of the prophets." And it is naturally expected that the responsible head of the school give at least a brief report to the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. This shall be done forthwith.

Though we are but a small school, we serve a most vital function in the work committed to our care as a synod. To quote from our 1959-61 catalog: "There was never a time when the training of our own pastors was more urgent than now in the mid-twentieth century. There are evidences at hand to show that certain sacred principles which guided the founding fathers of our synod are no longer respected in other Lutheran Church bodies. The Scriptural doctrine of the most fundamental of our articles of faith (objective justification) is being undermined; reconciliation is being made a matter of change in **man's heart** instead of letting it remain where God's Word places it, in the **Father's heart**; the constantly recurring evidences of '**Romanizing tendencies**' within the very fold of the Church of the Reformation, which would cause every true Lutheran to exclaim: 'Vestigia Terrent;' the questioning of the time-honored 'verbal inspiration;' the tendency of wanting to make Christianity itself no longer a kingdom of the cross, but a religion which can adjust itself to the natural man's earth-bound inclination." Opposition to these aberrations ought to be inscribed over the very portals of our humble institution. There is a valid reason for our existence.

It is self-evident, then, that with but a limited enrollment we could not continue to function as we ought, had it not been for the true Christian charity on the part of many of our members, who have left sizable amounts of money for our seminary's support in their last will and testament. For this we are truly grateful, and we trust the seminary will thus continue to be remembered in years to come.

The enrollment this past year has been eight students. There were two in the graduating class, two in the 2nd year, and the rest in the beginners' class.

In our graduating class was Gunnar Staalsett, who had taken two years of theological work at Oslo University, Norway, before entering our seminary in the fall of 1957. He was well prepared in the various languages we require of our theologicals, and had no

difficulty in making the adjustment from Oslo to Mankato. He now returns to his homeland, where he hopes to proclaim an unconditioned Gospel, than which there is none other. Our prayers go with him as he returns to a country which has suffered spiritual losses greater than many realize. He has of course the promise that God's word shall not return void, but shall prosper in the thing whereunto it was sent. While we have for more than a generation entertained hopes of being able to return to Norway with the same pure Gospel which our forebears brought with them when they came as immigrants to America, the difficulties to be overcome in a more or less regimented state-church are greater than had originally been envisioned.

The other graduate is David Gullerud, eldest son of our local pastor, who, aside from the two years he spent at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wis., has had all of his training through high school and junior college here at Bethany. When this is being written he has not as yet been assigned the field in which he is to work during his term of vicarage. But our prayers go with him also as he enters upon his chosen life-work.

It is our concern as a training school for those who are to go out as ambassadors for Christ to have them so vitally interested in their sacred calling that they shall present their bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is their reasonable service, as Paul tells the Romans. We want them to be consecrated men also when they are preparing for the ministry. No church is going to be blessed by such as have taken it lightly during their years of seminary training. And no church is going to flourish under ministers of Christ who are more concerned about their own comfort and convenience than about the blood-bought souls they have been called to shepherd. It is still true in the words of Martin Luther: "It is impossible that an arrogant, proud, presumptuous person should be able to preach Christ; for He wants only bruised, sorrowing hearts and humbled spirits." And were Luther living he would no doubt counsel the churches as he did back in the 16th century: "In your choice of a preacher you should look chiefly for this, that he is a God-fearing, sensible, earnest, honest man." Above all, there must be present in the pastor's heart that "mother-love" of which our dear Luther says that if it be not present the lambs will be poorly shepherded. Our prayer shall ever be for each and every young man whose heart's desire is to live and preach a crucified Christ:

"Preserve this ministry
While harvest days are keeping;
And since the fields are white
And hands are few for reaping,
Send workers forth, O Lord,
The sheaves to gather in
That not a soul be lost
Which Thou art come to win."

Bethany Lutheran Seminary, Mankato, Minnesota, May 22, 1959.
Norman A. Madson Sr., Dean

BALANCE SHEET

Bethany Lutheran College & Seminary, Inc.
Mankato, Minnesota
As of June 30, 1959

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash on Hand	\$ 1,132.01
Cash in College Checking Account	2,492.12
Cash in Savings Account	10,000.00
Cash in Bank—National Defense Loan	4,754.00

Notes Receivable—Students	3,531.36	
Due from Synod for Seminary	1,933.41	
Accounts Receivable	36,597.82	
Securities (Market Value \$3,716.00)	3,174.00	
Total Current Assets		\$ 63,614.72
Fixed Assets		
Land	\$ 24,480.25	
Buildings	\$377,240.11	
Less: Depr. Allowance	80,489.31	
Net		\$296,750.80
Furnishings & Equipment	114,789.61	
Less: Depr. Allowance	58,093.70	
Net		\$ 56,695.91
Automobile	\$ 1,620.00	
Less: Depr. Allowance	843.75	
Net		\$ 776.25
New Gymnasium (Cost to Date)	83,428.38	
(Building Fund Receipts Amounted to \$81,550.21)		
Library	5,643.00	
Total Fixed Assets		\$467,774.59
Deferred Charges		
Unexpired Insurance	1,264.82	
Total Assets		\$532,654.13

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 3,583.48	
Payroll Taxes Payable	820.91	
Student Activities Account	396.98	
Notes Payable	12,196.65	
Organ Fund—Bethany Development Association	1,538.16	
Scholarship Funds	2,250.25	
National Defense Loans Payable	5,077.00	
Total Current Liabilities		\$ 25,863.43
Funds Reserved		
Student Loan Fund	\$ 4,768.77	
Restricted Funds	2,824.90	
Total Funds Reserved		\$ 7,593.67
Surplus		
Invested in Fixed Assets	\$467,774.59	
Unreserved Surplus	31,422.44	
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Surplus		\$532,654.13

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Bethany Lutheran College & Seminary, Inc.

Mankato, Minnesota

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1959

Income from Operations		
Tuition	\$ 42,223.24	
Board	40,694.25	

Room	15,325.03
Music Department	5,511.92
Athletic & Gym Revenue	2,793.44
Student Health Service Receipts	4,783.43
Various Fees	4,420.15
Book Store Rent	2,400.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	1,556.15
Total Operating Income	\$119,707.61
Expenses of Operations	
Teaching Expense	\$ 64,827.61
Administrative Expense	9,775.31
Direct Boarding Expense	28,379.89
Direct Dormitory Expense	352.80
Choir & Music Dept. Expense	4,023.92
Heat, Light & Water	7,066.91
Plant Maintenance & Repair	10,835.27
Library Expense	1,115.29
Miscellaneous Expense	2,503.43
Special Discounts & Grants	2,020.50
Insurance	2,364.53
Interest & Bank Charges	108.30
Athletic Dept. Expense	3,057.62
Communications Service	3,187.95
Social Security Expense	1,516.08
Laboratory Expense	614.74
Student Health Service Disbursements	4,300.26
Depreciation	13,689.28
Total Operating Expense	\$159,739.69
Deficit from Operations	(\$ 40,032.08)
Non-operating Revenue	
Regular Subsidy from Synod	\$ 41,200.00
Additional Subsidy for Tuckpointing & Windows	12,873.90
Gifts	7,698.71
Book Store Dividend (to purchase addressograph)	957.40
Total Non-operating Revenue	\$ 62,730.01
Net Income	\$ 22,697.93

To the Board of Regents
Bethany Lutheran College & Seminary, Inc.
Mankato, Minnesota
Gentlemen:

In accordance with your instructions we have examined the books and records of Bethany Lutheran College and Seminary, Incorporated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959.

In our examination, we made such tests of the records as we deemed necessary, making adjusting entries upon the books wherever, in our judgment, such entries would most truly reflect the results of operations and the financial position of the corporation. In this connection, it should be noted that contributions to the gymnasium building fund have not been included in the Statement of Operations, but are shown on the Balance Sheet along with the cost of the building to date.

In our opinion the accompanying Balance Sheet and the Statement

of Operations present fairly the position of the corporation as of June 30, 1959 and the results of its operations for the fiscal year.
July 3, 1959

Ray Pofert
H. Steenerson & Co.,
Public Accountants

JOINT REPORT OF TRUSTEES AND REGENTS

1) Pursuant to paragraph 6 and 7, page 62, 1958 "Synod Report", the Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents recommend that the amendment therein referred to be dropped entirely and that, instead, paragraph E, 3, of Article II, of the revised By-Laws of Bethany Lutheran College and Seminary, Inc., be followed ("In this connection the Board is specifically authorized to acquire from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod by lease or otherwise, the necessary capital assets and physical plant for the proper conduct of the College and Seminary").

2) We further recommend the adoption of the revised By-Laws of Bethany Lutheran College and Seminary, Inc., as herewith submitted.
Alf Merseeth, Secretary, Board of Trustees
Stuart A. Dorr, Secretary, Board of Regents

BY-LAWS OF BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE AND SEMINARY, INC.

ARTICLE I.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

1. The annual meeting of this corporation shall be held at such time as the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, a Minnesota corporation, holds its annual meeting. The secretary shall give written notice thereof to each congregation from which the membership of this corporation is drawn stating the time and place of the meeting, which notice may either be mailed and addressed according to the last available corporate records not less than ten (10) or more than thirty (30) days before the date of said meeting, or published in an official publication of the Synod which is regularly circulated to all such congregations within sixty (60) days of the date of the meeting.
2. Special meetings of the corporation may be called by a majority vote of the Board of Regents or upon the written petition of twenty-five (25) per cent of the participating members of the previous annual meeting. In such cases the secretary of the Board shall give written notice thereof to each participating member as defined in the Articles of Incorporation stating the time, place, and purpose thereof, which notice shall be mailed and addressed according to the last available corporate records not less than thirty (30) days or more than ninety (90) days before the date of said meeting.
3. Meetings may be held at any place specified in the notice thereof.
4. The quorum necessary to transact business at any regular or special membership meeting of the corporation shall be twenty-five (25) per cent of the participating membership.
5. *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern the conduct of all meetings.
6. The right to vote in the affairs of this corporation shall be limited to participating members as defined in Article IX of the Articles of Incorporation. Each participating member shall have one (1) vote.
7. A member must be personally present at a meeting to validly cast his vote. Neither proxy voting nor voting by mail shall be permitted.
8. Cumulative voting shall not be permitted.

ARTICE II. BOARD OF REGENTS

A. PERSONNEL.

1. The business of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Regents consisting of nine (9) members, of whom not more than five (5) or less than three (3) shall be pastors.
2. Each member of the Board of Regents shall be a member in good standing of the corporation according to Articles VI and IX of the Articles of Incorporation. Upon termination of membership in said corporation his membership in the Board of Regents shall automatically cease.

B. ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE.

Members of the Board of Regents shall be elected by the participating members of the corporation at an annual meeting for a term of three (3) years as the term of the initial Regents described in Article VI of the Articles of Incorporation expire.

C. MEETINGS.

1. The Board of Regents shall meet at such times and places as determined by the Board, or at the request of the Chairman of the Board. However, the Board shall not meet on less than two (2) days notice, oral or written, without the unanimous consent of the Board.
2. A majority of the voting members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.
3. *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern the conduct of all meetings.

D. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Board of Regents may designate an Executive Committee of two (2) or more Regents who may, in the interval between the meetings of the Board, exercise such authority as the Board shall designate in a resolution appointing such Executive Committee.

E. FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES.

The Board of Regents shall manage the affairs of the corporation. The authority of the Board resides only in the Board as a whole, and an individual Board member, as such, shall have no authority in the affairs of the corporation except as such authority may have been specifically delegated to him by the Board. The following, among others, shall be the functions of the Board of Regents:

1. To establish the general policies for the corporation and for the administration and operation of the College and Seminary.
2. To interpret the needs and desires of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod with regard to the College and Seminary and to bring to the attention of the Synod the problems, needs, accomplishments, and objectives of the College and Seminary.
3. To manage and care for the physical properties of the College and Seminary. In this connection the Board is specifically authorized to acquire from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod by lease or otherwise, the necessary capital assets and physical plant for the proper conduct of the College and Seminary.
4. To approve the annual budget for the operation of the College and Seminary. A copy of the budget together with a summary of the financial condition of the corporation shall be presented to the annual budget meeting of the synodical Finance Committee for consideration in its support of the College and Seminary and in integrating the overall financial operation of the Synod.
5. To control the current assets of the corporation and to secure funds for the proper operation of the College and Seminary within the limits authorized by law and by the Articles and By-Laws of this corporation.
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7. To appoint faculty and staff members upon the recommendation of the president of the College and Seminary.
8. Upon the recommendation of the president of the College and Seminary to suspend or remove from office any member of the faculty or staff whose case has been properly presented to the Board for hearing and who, despite due admonition, has been found guilty of false doctrine, offensive life, or wilful neglect of official duties. Whenever the Board is convinced that a member of the faculty is not able to fulfill the duties of his office, either because he lacks the necessary knowledge and ability to teach, or because he can not exercise proper discipline, or for other valid reasons, it shall be authorized to remove him.
9. To authorize the granting of degrees to candidates certified by the faculty, Registrar, and President.
10. To act as a Court of Appeal in all matters which are properly referred to it.
11. To bear the final responsibility and authority in all aspects of the institution's operation. The Board shall pass upon the scales of tuition, fees, requirements for admission, schedule of studies and curricula, matters of accreditation, extra-curricular activities, standards of discipline, standards and requirements for graduation, salary scales, promotions and retirements, plans for the physical development of the institutional plant, and all other matters incident to the proper operation of an institution of learning.

F. VACANCIES.

In the event of vacancies on the Board of Regents, the President of the corporation shall appoint a successor to serve until the next annual meeting of the corporation.

G. REMOVAL OF THE BOARD.

Participating members of the corporation may, by a majority vote at any meeting, remove a Regent or the entire Board from office, provided that notice of the meeting shall state that such action is to be considered.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

- A. The following, and such other officers as the corporation or the Board of Regents may from time to time create, shall be officers of this corporation:
 1. General.
 - a. President.
The President of the corporation shall be the President of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod.
 - b. Vice-President.
The Vice-President of the corporation shall be the Vice-President of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod.
 - c. Secretary.
The Secretary of the corporation shall be the Secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod.
 2. Executive.
 - a. Chairman.
Chairman of the Board, to be elected annually from its own members.
 - b. Vice-Chairman.
Vice-Chairman of the Board, to be elected annually from its own members.
 - c. Secretary.
Secretary of the Board, to be elected annually from its own members.
 3. Administrative.
 - a. President.
President of the College and Seminary, to be elected by the Board of Regents as provided in these By-Laws.
 - b. Treasurer.

Treasurer, to be elected as the Board sees fit and to serve as official treasurer of the corporations as well as of the College as such.

c. Registrar.

Registrar, to be elected as the Board sees fit.

d. Dean.

Dean of the Seminary, to be elected by the Board.

e. High School Principal.

High School Principal, to be elected as the Board sees fit.

Any of the foregoing offices, except those of the General Officers, the President of the College and Seminary, the Secretary of the Board, and the Treasurer of the corporation, may be altered or abolished at the pleasure of the Board or the corporation as a whole.

B. All Executive and Administrative officers of the corporation shall be elected by the Board of Regents and shall serve at their pleasure. All officers of the corporation shall be associate or participating members thereof as defined in Article IX of the Articles of Incorporation. They shall have, in addition to such others as may be assigned to them, the following duties:

1. General.

a. The President of the corporation shall preside at all meetings of the corporation.

b. The Vice-President of the corporation shall perform the duties of the President in his absence.

c. The Secretary of the Corporation shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the corporation and shall supply the Executive Secretary with an exact duplicate copy of the same.

2. Executive.

a. The Chairman of the Board shall preside at meetings of the Board and cause notices of these meetings to be given as herein provided. He shall have a vote in all matters before the Board. He shall represent the Board of Regents on ceremonial occasions.

b. The Vice-Chairman of the Board shall perform the duties of the Chairman in his absence.

c. The Secretary of the Board shall keep the records of the corporation in good order and shall carefully record all resolutions of the Board of Regents and make such notes as may be pertinent to the business of the Board. He shall further supply copies of the minutes to the members of the Board and to the officers of the Synod, and to such others as may be resolved upon by the Board. He shall prepare and sign (together with the Chairman) all vouchers for Board expenses and present them to the Treasurer of the corporation for payment. He shall prepare the report of the Board for the annual meeting of the corporation and submit the same to the Board for ratification in time for said meeting.

3. Administrative.

a. The President of the College and Seminary shall be the chief administrative officer of the school and of all its departments. He shall, under the supervision of the Board of Regents, cause reports to be submitted to the annual meeting of the corporation covering the corporation's operation for the previous fiscal year and showing the condition of the corporation at the close of the fiscal year.

b. The Treasurer shall have the custody of all moneys and securities of the corporation. He shall keep regular books. All moneys of the corporation shall be deposited in such depositories as the Board may select. In addition, the Treasurer shall perform all duties which usually pertain to that office.

c. The Registrar shall be responsible directly to the President. He shall keep the academic records of all the school's departments and perform such other duties as the President or the Board may from time to time direct.

d. The Dean of the Seminary shall be responsible directly to the President. He shall supervise the Seminary department and act as spiritual

- advisor to the Seminary students. He shall perform such other duties as the President or the Board may from time to time direct.
- e. The High School Principal shall be responsible directly to the President. He shall supervise the High School department and perform such other duties as the President or the Board may from time to time direct.
- C. Compensation of Administrative officers of this corporation shall be fixed by the Board of Regents. Compensation of the Board of Regents, if any, shall be fixed by the membership at the corporation's annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV

SEAL

This corporation shall have no corporate seal, but the College and Seminary may adopt and keep a seal for academic purposes.

ARTICLE V

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these By-Laws may be proposed by any participating member or by the Board of Regents for action at the annual meeting, or at a special meeting called for that purpose. The proposed amendment shall be presented in writing to each participating member, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting at which it is to be considered. The affirmative vote of a majority of the participating members present at such a meeting shall be necessary for adoption.

MEMORIAL RE ELECTIONS

To Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod:

We the undersigned, members of the Mt. Olive Lutheran congregation (C. M. Gullerud, pastor), Mankato, Minn., have studied the proposed BY-LAWS of BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE and SEMINARY in the light of the EXPLANATORY NOTES sent out by our synod's committee, and beg leave to come with the following memorial to Synod:

1. Since, under sec. II, E, 7,8,9, the proposed rules calls for the electing of permanent faculty members by the board of regents, that would mean that also the seminary professors would be elected directly by the board of regents.

It is our considered opinion that the synod's best interests would better be served by leaving the election of the seminary dean, as well as that of other seminary teachers, to the synod itself.

2. It is also our conviction that the election of the president of the college should be left in the hands of the synod.

The reasoning advanced in support of the change from our present procedure re the election of the college president is not convincing. Why speak of "removing it (election) from the air of convention politics," as though a smaller group of men would be less exposed to that particular danger? We have every reason to believe that there would be less danger of politics being played in an open convention of synod than in a closed committee room. Let but the names of the candidates be made known betimes (here the board would have the right to submit its name also), and let the qualifications be honestly presented, and we have reason to believe that synod will know how to make its own choice.

To argue that it is necessary to have a president who has been elected by the board of regents so that he will work in harmony with the very men who have chosen him, and to forget that it is the church body as a whole from which the support of the school must come, is also rather unconvincing.

3. The counsel given by Prof. Robert J. Keller may have its validity in the election of the president of a large university. But it will not apply with equal force to a small synodical body, where the mem-

bers of that body have a better opportunity to learn to know the men who are to serve it in the vital task of educating its youth.

If our overture prevails, changes would have to be made also in section III, A., 3a and 3d.

Chr. Anderson
Justin C. Petersen
Norman A. Madson Sr.

MEMORIAL

The Fairview Lutheran congregation, by resolution of the Voters Assembly at a meeting held April 7, 1959, recommends that the proposed By-Laws of the Bethany Lutheran College and Seminary Corporation be amended as follows:

1. Section II A part 1: The number of regents be changed to nine instead of eight, of whom not less than four nor more than five shall be pastors.
2. Section II C part 2: Five voting members shall constitute a quorum
3. Section II E part 9, paragraph d: The president of Bethany College and Seminary shall be elected by the corporation in convention assembled.
4. Section II E part 9, paragraph a: The Board shall publish in the official organs of the Synod the qualifications for this office and shall ask the congregations of the Synod with which the associate members are affiliated to submit nominations for this office to the President of the Corporation 120 days prior to the election. These names shall be published in the official organs of the Synod at least 60 days prior to the election. No nominations shall be made at the annual meeting of the corporation.
5. Section III E part 9, paragraph g: The term of office shall be six (6) years.

Yours in Christ,
Harold Theiste, secretary of
Fairview Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Action of the Synod:

Student Loan Funds

WHEREAS, Funds made available from the National Defense Student Loan Fund for Bethany College are greater than anticipated; be it

1. RESOLVED, That this fact be publicized and that our students who need financial assistance be encouraged to avail themselves of this means to further their education.

Solicitations

WHEREAS, It has been the policy of Bethany College in the past to receive gifts also from people outside our fellowship, provided that such gifts are not made with the stipulation that any of Bethany College's principles be waived or changed; be it

2. RESOLVED, That the Board of Regents make our needs known also among those outside our fellowship who indicate an interest in giving to the Gymnasium-Auditorium.

3. RESOLVED, That the Board of Regents use Christian dis-

cretion in contacting the corporations, foundations, businesses, and individuals who are interested in the cause of private education.

Bethany College and Seminary By-Laws

4. **RESOLVED**, That the proposed By-Laws of Bethany Lutheran College and Seminary, Inc., be adopted with the following exception:

That Act II, Section E, p. 6, be deleted with the stipulation that the President of the Synod appoint a Committee to study the feasibility of having the President of Bethany College serve as Public Relations Director, elected by the Synod; and that a dean be elected by the Board of Regents to be responsible for the internal operation of the College.

Election of Bethany President

5. **RESOLVED**, That the Board of Regents be authorized to elect a president of Bethany College and Seminary for a term of four years.

6. **RESOLVED**, That the Convention now ballot for nominees for the Office of President of Bethany Lutheran College and Seminary. Fourteen persons were nominated and the list given to the Board of Regents.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Meetings

During the past year the Christian Day School Board has held its two regular meetings at which elementary school affairs and progress of our Synod schools were discussed, and subsidy requests were granted.

Subsidies

The following subsidies were granted: Parkland, \$920; Hiawatha, \$704; Mt. Olive, \$400; Eau Claire, \$1600; Scarville-Center, \$350.

Superintendent

The superintendent has tried to visit all of the schools which were feasible for him to reach. Much correspondence is carried on regularly, and the achievement tests were again administered in most of our schools. Pres. Tweit was able to visit the schools on the West Coast during the fall of 1958 and reported on them to the Board.

Statistics

The following list will serve as the 1958-59 statistical report:

School	Attendance	Teacher
Lime Creek, Iowa	5	Lloyd Tiegs
Somber, Iowa	14	Merlyn Putz
Saude, Iowa	24	Earl Brassow
Jerico, Iowa	16	Rev. Stanley Holt
Scarville, Iowa	10	LaVonne Johnson
Princeton, Minn.	16	Ione Sundborn
Mt. Olive, Mankato, Minn.	31	Karen Johnson
Norseland, Minn.	26	Howard Schroeder
St. Mark's, Chicago, Ill.	21	Willis Clausen

Western Koshkonong, Wis.	19	Boyd Wermedal
Parkland, Wash.	46	Elisabeth Helland
		Dalton Wolfrath
Hiawatha, Minneapolis, Minn.	14	(jointly with Pilgrim School)
Our Savior's First, Granada Hills, Calif.	103	Sigurd Lee
		Irma Speerschnneider
		Mrs. James Shepherd
		Loraine Krahn
Madison Lutheran, Madison, Wis.	60	Gene Hoyord, Holy Cross
(total attendance, 315)	15	Our Savior's

New Schools

It is pleasant to report that the Scarville school has had a successful year after reopening their school in the fall of 1958. Members of the Synod will note the increased enrollment at our schools in various sections of our Synod. The Eau Claire School Association will open its new school in the fall of 1959; Miss Irma Speerschnneider has been called to this project. Another new school will be opened in Canoga Park, Calif.; Miss Norma Dodge has been called to this congregation. We pray that the Lord will favor these schools with His blessing. Let us all rejoice at this increased work for His "little ones."

Placement

The following graduates of Bethany were placed by the synodical placement committee this spring: Twilla Bieber (Granada Hills), Norma Dodge (Canoga Park), and Patricia Salomon (Lime Creek).

Activities

The annual Teacher's Conference was held at Madison Lutheran School in November 1958. An interesting program was provided and most of our teachers within distance, including Education students at Bethany, attended. Lloyd Tiegs was again elected as the editor of the Christian Day School Bulletin. Schools have again been requested to send materials for a display at this convention and this display will be in charge of Prof. Mervin J. Ingebritson.

Problems

There are no huge problems which beset the matter of elementary education which have not been present other years and were commented upon in last year's report. The only additional comment which might be made is that our congregations earnestly consider whether or not they can do better in the salaries they pay their teachers.

While we are doing other things to improve our churches, congregations and other matters, let us not forget to give our teachers that which is worthy of their labors for us. We must be very thankful that God has given our teachers the hearts of faith by which they serve so faithfully. May God grant us all the will to remember our schools and teachers in our prayers.

Iver C. Johnson, Supt.

Action of the Synod:

Teacher Salaries

WHEREAS, The Christian Day School teacher certainly is a laborer worthy of his hire;

WHEREAS, We should want to see our Christian elementary teachers receive a wage that will give them a respectable living;

WHEREAS, We want to attract more young men and women to make a career of such teaching; and

WHEREAS, We also want our teachers to continue their studies so that they may be better equipped for the important service they are rendering in the Lord's vineyard; be it

RESOLVED, That our congregations be encouraged to establish and maintain a salary that is comparable to the living scale of their members and that will make the aforementioned goals attainable.

(In this connection also see Report for 1957, p. 74, Resolution No. 2)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHARITIES AND SUPPORT

KASOTA VALLEY HOME FOR THE AGED

During the past year, the Board of Directors for Kasota Valley Home met four times to carry out the duties which the Synod has asked it to do. Nothing else can be said in retrospect than that under God's sustaining grace the past year was another year of blessing for our home. To all those who have supported the work of the home with their time and gifts, the Board extends a hearty "thank you." Donations this year toward the work of the home, both of money and food, were most generous.

The addition to the home, which was started last year, was completed before fall. It was completed at a final cost of \$6,011.05. This along with other improvements such as a new well and pump house and other minor improvements has added much to the value of the home and the comfort and convenience of the residents.

The number of residents stayed about the same during the year. At present there are 14 residents. Three of the residents died during the year. Again we must note that this is not a full house which is necessary to run the home without a deficit. Therefore, your Board urges all of you to encourage the aged of our Synod to make use of the home if at all possible.

Prof. M. H. Otto of Bethany College served as the chaplain for the home during the year. During the year, the chaplain conducted 53 Sunday services, two other services, one funeral, and a number of communion services with 58 attending the communion services. Besides these duties, he also made private calls among the residents. Lauritz Houg, the manager, conducted morning and evening devotions with the residents every day.

The Board has decided to bring a matter of special importance to the Synod with the request that the matter be given careful study and a recommendation be given. The matter is regarding the printing and distributing of the Christmas seals. The Board feels that the cost of printing and distributing the seals is getting too much for the return from them. As an example of what it costs, we can mention that in printing and distributing the 1958 seals the cost was \$937.15. In 1957 it was \$729.64. The 1958 seals were higher due to unusual things which would not happen in the future. But the cost of printing and distributing the seals would still run about \$750-\$800 in the future. The Board was thinking that perhaps an offering envelope with some advertising material (i.e. Sunday Bulletin in color) about the home would be more profitable. The Board looked into such a possibility and found that such a thing could be undertaken for less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of the cost of the seals. However, the

Board asks the Synod convention to make a recommendation as to which course to follow in the future.

To all those who have so untiringly labored at the home, especially to Mr. and Mrs. L. Houg, and to those who have so generously contributed to this charitable work, the Board extends its hearty thanks. May God continue to bless the home as He has done in the past. We commend the home to your prayers and liberal support.

Victor Theiste, Secretary

KASOTA VALLEY HOME

Financial Statement for 1958 — Audited

Receipts

Jan. 1, 1958 balance	\$ 3,808.69
Income from residents	13,733.62
Offerings	176.95
Received from Synod Kasota Valley Home account	3,300.00
Received from County funds for medical care	753.23
Gifts	407.00
Payment of loan to Synod	700.00
Miscellaneous, phone calls, refunds, etc.	64.96

Expenditures

Salaries	\$ 7,233.25
Utilities	741.35
Fuel	617.30
Groceries	3,887.04
Repairs and improvements	623.03
Supplies and bottled gas	430.19
New equipment	879.61
Seal expense	53.10
Treasurer's bond and license for Home	45.00
Board expense	48.75
Petty cash	250.00
Audit treasurer's books	70.00
Insurance	55.06
Medical expense and refunds to residents	1,233.73
Miscellaneous	78.50

\$16,245.91

New addition to Home

6,034.75

Furniture for new addition

520.80

Total expenditures

\$22,801.46

Jan. 1, 1959, balance

142.99

\$22,944.45

\$22,944.45

Statement of Money Assets, Jan. 1, 1959

Balance in bank in Mankato	\$ 142.99
Balance in Synod Treasury	862.16
Total	\$ 1,005.15
Average monthly income from residents	\$ 1,144.46
Average monthly expenditures	1,353.82

Respectfully submitted,
Kasota Valley Home Board
G. E. Solli, Treasurer

BOARD OF SUPPORT

The Board of Directors of Kasota Valley Home also functions as a Board of Support for the Synod and met four times during the past year.

At present there are three of our Synod's members who are receiving support from this fund. As was mentioned in our last year's report, the Board endeavored to seek out all those who might be in need of support. The survey of all the Synod's pastors and professors was completed, and a number of names were suggested. These were contacted with a special letter, but no one applied for support.

It might be stated also that your Board was not called upon to supply assistance of charity due to a catastrophic condition arising in any locality of our Synod. We thank God for such protection over His own. However, the Board is always ready to supply aid when it is needed.

Let us not forget the cause of charity and support. Your gifts and prayers are always needed to carry on the work.

Victor Theiste, Secretary

Action of the Synod:

ACCEPTED.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS

During the past year your board has met in two regular meetings, with much of its work also done by sub-committees. We wish, first, to report on the work specifically assigned to us by the 1958 convention. We were asked to study the "feasibility of printing a memorial card listing our synodical projects, including blank spaces for other purposes, for distribution in our congregations." Cards and envelopes would cost about \$350 for 5,000 plus the cost of art work. We feel that the synod is not ready to take on this additional expense at the present time. If, however, envelopes alone were printed, without the art work, the cost would be greatly reduced.

Last year's convention also resolved: "That the recommendation of the Committee of Committees to amalgamate the Youth Board and the Armed Services Commission be referred to the Publications Board." However, the Committee of Committees did NOT recommend that. It recommended that the work of the Christian Day School Board and the Youth Board be merged. And it also recommended that the Armed Service Board be discontinued and its work assumed by the Board of Publications. Because of this confusion, our board reports to the convention that we do not feel qualified to answer the question assigned to it by the convention, namely, whether or not the Youth Board and the Armed Services Commission should amalgamate.

We were also asked by the 1958 convention to study whether or not it would be of benefit to have the *Lutheran Sentinel*, the *Clergy Bulletin*, Armed Services literature, in addition to books and tracts, all supervised by the Publications Board. In answer, we recommend the following resolution for adoption by the synod: "The Board of Publications is to supervise and be directly responsible for all publications of the synod, which are not publications from the synod's other boards." And in the event this resolution is passed, our Board requests clarification from the synod as to which are the publications of the synod, which are not under the supervision of other boards.

This, then, places on the shoulders of the convention the question of whether the *Lutheran Sentinel*, the *Clergy Bulletin* and the Annual Report should be under our board.

Our board again had to request of the Committee of Committees a postponement in presenting Guidelines for our board to the convention. This was necessary because of the possibility that our board might have to assume many new responsibilities and avenues of work, pending the decision of the convention regarding amalgamating other boards with ours and placing new publications under our supervision.

The long-overdue book: "Liturgy and Agenda" is still "on the shelf." Our board is ready to publish it whenever the final copy is placed into our hands. However, the 1958 convention resolved: "That this book be published after final review by the general pastoral conference," and that review was not done.

Last year we offered the Annual Report to our congregations at greatly reduced rates for blanket subscription or bulk rate orders. Our offer increased the synod's subsidy of the Annual Report to \$347.27 (which is \$70 more than in the previous year.) However, 500 more copies were printed and SOLD. The same rates are again offered for this year's Annual Report.

Since last convention our board has requested the Mission Board to prepare material for a tract which can effectively be used in door to door canvassing. We have also asked the Committee of Committees to prepare material for a tract on the topic of "stewardship." We have also asked the President of the synod to provide us with a workable model constitution for mission congregations. And two of our clergy have been asked to prepare Christmas Programs. These and many more we hope to publish soon, in one form or other. However, even the publishing of tracts is a very costly venture in this "inflation" age of ours. Nevertheless, members of our synod are encouraged to write, or suggest, suitable articles for publication, and submit them to our board.

John A. Moldstad, Secretary

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Appointed to Review the New Liturgy and Agenda Manuscript

At the 1958 convention of the Synod it was resolved that a new Liturgy and Agenda be published after the manuscript prepared by the Synod Committee had been reviewed by the General Pastoral Conference. See 1958 Synod Report, page 70.

The chairman of the General Pastoral Conference appointed a committee to prepare a review of the manuscript for the conference. At the General Pastoral Conference, the committee, consisting of Prof. M. Otto, the Rev. T. Teigen, and the Rev. L. Vangen, reported that the review of the Liturgy and Agenda manuscript had not yet been completed. No action was taken by the conference.

L. Vangen

MEMORIAL FROM THE GENERAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

RESOLVED, That the General Pastoral Conference ask the Synod convention to consider electing a hymnal committee.

R. H. Ude, Secretary of the
General Pastoral Conference

Action of the Synod:

Memorial Cards—Tracts—Hymn Book

In view of the opportunities for increasing the Synod's income through memorial gifts; be it

1. **RESOLVED**, That the Synod instruct the Board of Publications to secure and distribute to all congregations appropriate memorial cards and envelopes.

2. **RESOLVED**, That the Synod Board of Publications be instructed to produce and publish suitable tracts and pamphlets for distribution within our Synod.

WHEREAS, The General Pastoral Conference has requested the Synod to consider electing a hymnal committee for the purpose of considering the possibility of producing a new hymn book;

WHEREAS, This is an item requiring further investigation both as to the need and feasibility of such a publication; therefore be it

3. **RESOLVED**, That the Synod instruct the President to appoint a Committee to investigate the need for and possibility of producing a hymn book suitable for our use, and report its findings to the 1960 Synod Convention.

Amalgamation

WHEREAS, There appears to have been some confusion concerning the amalgamation of several Boards, specifically 1) Christian Day School Board and the Youth Board, and 2) the Publications Board and the Armed Services Commission; and

WHEREAS, There is still need for the separate services of these Boards; therefore be it

4. **RESOLVED**, That these Boards retain their present status as separate Boards.

Publications

WHEREAS, Confusion has developed concerning the responsibility of publishing various Synod periodicals; therefore be it

5. **RESOLVED**, That the Board of Publications be directly responsible for the publishing, not editing, of all official publications. "Official Publications" shall be defined as all magazines, tracts, and books which have been authorized or approved by the Synod, such as *THE LUTHERAN SENTINEL*, Convention Report, Book of Reports and Memorials; and be it further

6. **RESOLVED**, That the Managing Editor of *THE LUTHERAN SENTINEL* be a standing member of the Board of Publications.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH BOARD

The Youth Board has met three times since the last convention of the Synod. A special meeting was devoted largely to a study of the organizational structure of youth work in our Synod. It is felt that more co-ordination is needed between the Youth Board and the "LYA Quarterly", the Lutheran Youth Association, local societies, etc. A sub-committee of the Board has been assigned the task of working out these details.

The problem of collecting the money for the purchase of choral union music is a perennial one. Although the Board intends to subsidize the choral union by offering the music at below cost, this subsidy becomes much greater because so many bills remain unpaid. The Board urges, first of all, that *congregations* include an amount for music in their budgets, or agree to assume the bills for choir music. Many choirs are discouraged simply for the lack of music. Secondly, we urge the members of our Synod to contribute generously to the offering at the choral union concert.

Two youth camps continue to be operated within the Synod. The northern Wisconsin camp was forced to change its location and this year will operate in St. Croix State Park, Hinckley, Minnesota. It is becoming increasingly difficult to secure camp sites available to us at a suitable time. The Board has spent some time considering the possibilities of purchasing a camp site or encouraging some group within the Synod to do so. For the moment this does not seem feasible. The Iowa camp has completed its session at Clear Lake and the northern camp will operate from Aug. 15 to 29.

The Lutheran Youth Association convention will be held in Mankato, Sept. 18-20, with the Mt. Olive society as the host. It is expected that this will be an unusually large convention as many of our young people are attending Bethany. Last year's convention at Albert Lea, Minnesota, repeated the success of the last few years, and the Pastor and society of Our Savior's are to be commended for their work.

R. M. Branstad, chairman

Action of the Synod:

WHEREAS, The Youth Board of the Synod has been strengthening the organizational structure of youth work in our Synod; therefore be it

- 1. RESOLVED, That they continue this assignment; and be it*
- 2. RESOLVED, That the Youth Board investigate the possibility of purchasing a camp site.*

REPORT OF THE ARMED SERVICES COMMISSION

The work of supplying our fellow-Christians in the Armed Forces with Christian reading material has continued uninterrupted since the preceding synodical convention. This material has consisted in the *Lutheran Sentinel*, *Meditations* (a booklet of daily devotional readings), and the *Service Message*, a monthly meditation written by the members of our clergy.

Armed Services Commission
D. L. Pfeiffer

Action of the Synod:

RESOLVED, That the Synod approve the work of the Armed Services Commission and continue to allow for possible inclusion of non-service personnel who are prevented by distance from receiving the services of a pastor of our faith.

PASTORAL CONFERENCE RECORDS

Your committee has inspected the minutes of the following pastoral conferences: General Pastoral Conference, Iowa-Southern Minnesota, Northwest, Eastern, and Southwestern Minnesota, and found them in order.

We call the attention of the Synod to the resolution adopted by the 1958 convention with regard to the Joint Union Committee's "Statement on Scripture": "Resolved, That this statement be submitted to our Pastoral Conferences for their study." (Synod Report, p. 46). The pastoral conferences heeded this request as follows: The Northwest and Eastern Conferences studied the matter. The General Conference studied the matter, but reached no conclusion. The Iowa-So. Minn. Conference discussed making several changes in wording. The Southwestern Minn. Conference resolved that the Statement on Scripture "is inadequate because the term 'content and fitting word' is not expressly rejected; and secondly it was resolved that since some church bodies equate the terms 'Verbal Inspiration' and 'Mechanical Inspiration,' therefore the purpose of the paragraph on 'Mechanical Inspiration' should be expressly stated."

Action of the Synod:

ADOPTED.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF COMMITTEES

The Committee of Committees met but three times during the past fiscal year due to the fact that a number of boards were slow in making their appointments to the Committee. Meetings were held in October, February and May. Most of the meeting time was spent working on matters of finance and the stewardship program.

Area meetings with pastors and laymen were conducted by members of the Committee during the month of November. At these meetings synodical giving was stressed. When President Tweit visited the West Coast congregations last fall, he also represented this Committee by conducting similar meetings out there. During the last months of the fiscal year, special church bulletin announcements regarding our financial status were provided all the Pastors.

In spite of these efforts on the part of your Committee, we failed to reach our certified budget. At the end of the fiscal year we were faced with a \$14,212.89 actual deficit. Fortunately not all the budget allocations were spent or the deficit would have been over \$1,000.00 more. Our certified budget was \$108,120.00. We spent \$107,090.80. However we received only \$92,877.91. The Committee wishes to remind the Synod that it had recommended a budget of \$100,000.00. To this the Synod Convention added another \$6,000.00. Therefore your Committee urges that the Convention be very careful about increasing the budget recommendations.

The Committee does not believe it feasible to amortize the entire

debt in one year. Therefore it recommends that it be amortized in a three year period. It also recommends that for this year the gymnasium-auditorium amortization be removed from the budget and that this amount (\$8,000.00) be raised in a special Dedication Day Thank-offering being proposed by the Board of Regents.

In the light of this past year's performance, the Committee feels strongly that it cannot recommend a budget any higher than the one it recommended last year, i.e., \$100,000.00.

The Committee recommends the budget be certified as follows:

	Requested	Recommended
Armed Services	400.00	400.00
Bethany College	56,120.22	41,200.00
Christian Day School	5,580.00	3,500.00
Colored Missions	3,497.00	3,500.00
Home Missions	30,120.00	27,500.00
Publications Board	900.00	500.00
Seminary	10,000.00	10,000.00
Support Fund	3,000.00	2,000.00
Synod Fund	7,000.00	6,000.00
Youth Board	700.00	400.00
Deficit	14,212.89	5,000.00
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	129,530.11	100,000.00
Church Extension		
(2%)	2,590.60	2,000.00
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	\$132,120.71	\$102,000.00

Since this reduced budget represents a considerable increase over the past year's income, it is evident that even greater effort must be made this year to achieve the goal. The Committee has begun work in this direction. In May all the Pastors of the Midwest were contacted personally by members of the Committee to discuss budget problems and to urge them to bring these matters before their congregations. By these means it is hoped that we can bring up our synodical contributions during the summer months. By last fall, you recall, we were over \$25,000.00 in debt. Such a handicap was too great for us to overcome. We must seek to prevent it this year.

There are two facts regarding the recommended budget which should be called to your attention. First, the college request includes a \$10,000.00 gym item. We have removed the item from the budget and reduced it to \$8,000.00, as the payments will not begin until August. Secondly, the treasurer has a \$1,000.00 legacy set aside for the Christian Day School Fund which it will receive this year and therefore we deducted their request also by that amount.

Unfortunately no more work has been done on the "guidelines". The Publication Board has not yet completed its work on the "guideline" referred to them by this Committee.

R. M. Branstad, Secretary

Action of the Synod:

Gymnasium—Auditorium

WHEREAS, The Synod authorized the construction of the gymnasium-auditorium, and is therefore responsible for the financial obligations incurred, whether these be listed in the annual budget or not; be it

1. RESOLVED, That the \$8,000.00 due this year on the repay-

ment of the loan be included in the certified budget in order to give a true picture of the Synod's financial obligation for the year.

WHEREAS, Our people in general have not been approached as yet for contributions to this building project; and

WHEREAS, The dedication of the building, set for November 8th, offers an opportune time for such contributions; be it

2. RESOLVED, That each congregation be asked to gather an offering at that time for the new building; and be it further

3. RESOLVED, That the proceeds of this offering be applied on the \$8,000.00 payment due this year; and

WHEREAS, The occasion calls for generous participation on the part of all our congregations; and

WHEREAS, Diligent planning is necessary for a generous offering; be it

4. RESOLVED, That the joint finance committee of Regents and Trustees offer assistance to the various congregations in this endeavor; and be it further

5. RESOLVED, That the expenses of this task be paid from the offerings received.

Budget

WHEREAS, There was a deficit of \$14,212.89 in the budget for last year; be it

6. RESOLVED, That this deficit be liquidated over a three year period by inclusion of \$5,000.00 per year in the budget.

7. RESOLVED, That we certify the following budget for the year:

Armed Services	\$ 400.00
Bethany College	49,200.00
Christian Day School	3,500.00
Colored Missions	3,500.00
Home Missions	27,500.00
Publications Board	500.00
Seminary	10,000.00
Support Fund	2,000.00
Synod Fund	6,000.00
Youth Board	400.00
Deficit	5,000.00
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	\$108,000.00
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Church Extension, 2%	2,160.00
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	\$110,160.00

WHEREAS, This budget is considerably less than the amount requested by the various boards to carry out our common tasks in the Lord's vineyard; and

WHEREAS, This budget is considerably more than the amount received by Synod the past fiscal year; be it

8. RESOLVED, That we exhort our various boards, the Com-

mittee of Committees, all our pastors and members to make continued, concentrated effort throughout the year to bring the offerings, for "The Lord hath need of them"; and

WHEREAS, This goal would be more easily attained if there were more information available to the members of our congregations regarding our Synod's financial needs; be it

9. RESOLVED, That each congregation be asked to elect or appoint a representative to serve as a contact man between the congregation and the Synod.

Traveling Expense

10. RESOLVED, That the Committee of Committees study the present arrangement for reimbursement of Board members and officials of the Synod for traveling expense to determine whether or not adequate payment is being made.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod met five times during the fiscal year. The Board's officers have been Albin Levorson, Chairman; Herman Anderson, Vice-Chairman; Alf Merseth, Secretary, and L. Orvel Larson, Church Extension Secretary. The Board's representative on the Committee of Committees has been the Secretary.

Two meetings were held jointly with the Board of Regents to carry out the assignment of making the necessary financial arrangements for the erection of the Gymnasium-Auditorium at Bethany Lutheran College. A joint finance committee was elected on which Albin Levorson and Lauritz Houg of the Trustees serve.

We would like to report on the regular work of the Board as follows:

RE: RESIDENCES

The Board has approved improvements and repairs on our residences as they have become necessary. These are too numerous to list here. We state this merely to show that the Board is trying to keep our properties in good repair.

One residence was purchased:

Long Residence, 909 Marsh, was purchased for \$27,000.00.

Two residences were sold:

Anderson Residence, 9 Edgewood Rd., sold to Sophia and Ella Anderson for \$11,500.00.

Holte Residence, 10 Edgewood Rd., traded in on the purchase of the Long Residence. Trade in value was \$11,000.00.

RE: TREASURER'S BOOKS:

The Treasurer's books for the fiscal year, May 1, 1957, to April 30, 1958, were audited by Mr. M. R. Handberg and Mr. Norman J. Werner and were "found to be correct."

RE: SPECIAL GIFTS AND LEGACIES:

The Synod received \$7,044.86 in the final settlement of the estate of John Heggstad, Madison, Wisconsin. One half of this sum is for the Gymnasium Fund, the other half is invested in Synod property.

RE: NET WORTH OF SYNOD:

Assets:

Bethany Lutheran College.....\$ 750,000.00

15 Residences	225,000.00
Kasota Valley Home	25,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,000,000.00
Liabilities:	
Mortgages, notes and deficits	\$ 130,500.95
NET WORTH	\$ 869,499.05

RE: SYNOD'S CONSTITUTION:

MEMORIAL ON AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SYNOD—Synod Report, 1958, p. 84.

Having studied the memorial submitted to the 1958 convention and referred to the Board of Trustees by said convention, the Board recommends adoption of the following:

RESOLVED, that Chapter VIII of the Synod's Constitution "Concerning Amendments to the Constitution of the Synod" remain as is.

RE: OFFICERS OF THE SYNOD—Proposed Constitutional Amendment—Synod Report 1958, p. 84.

In order to clarify the status of the officers of Synod we recommend:

1. That the Synod reconsider its action re "Constitutional Matters" resolution (1) Synod Report 1958, p. 84.

2. We recommend that the Synod adopt the following:

RESOLVED, that Article V, paragraph 1a of the Constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, which now reads "a president of the Synod, a secretary and a treasurer and two auditors, as well as alternates for these offices." shall be amended to read, "a president of the Synod, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer, as well as alternates to the offices of secretary and treasurer." And that Article VI paragraph 1 which now reads "The officers of the Synod are: the president of the Synod, the secretary, the treasurer, and two auditors." shall be amended to read: "The officers of the Synod are: the president of the Synod, the vice-president, the secretary and the treasurer."

RE: CHURCH EXTENSION REPAYMENT AND INTEREST PLAN

The Board of Trustees has studied the plan which was submitted to the 1958 convention and "referred to the standing committee of Church Extension." Synod Report 1958, p. 85. It recommends as follows:

RESOLVED: that the Church Extension Loans shall continue to be administered according to the rules adopted by the Synod. Cf. Report 1957, p. 82-83.

Alf Merseth, Secretary

STATEMENT OF NET WORTH OF SYNOD'S RESIDENCES As of April 30, 1959

Residence:	Value	Mortgage	Balance on Mortgage	Notes	Cash Deficit
Electa	\$ 19,500.00	\$14,000.00	\$12,305.73	\$ 7,000.00	.....
130 Electa Blvd.					
Elliason	7,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
449 Division St.					
Jans	12,600.00	8,600.00	6,429.91	1,000.00	.....
1214 Marsh St.					
Knollcrest	24,000.00	15,000.00	14,453.47	.....	.....
101 Knollcrest Rd.					
Krogstad	11,000.00	.....	.....	5,350.00	.....
920 Marsh St.					

Long _____	29,300.00	17,000.00	16,834.83	_____	895.05
909 Marsh St.					
Meray _____	18,500.00	_____	_____	10,300.00	397.24
344 Meray Blvd.					
Mitchell _____	13,000.00	_____	_____	3,900.00	2,187.60
1115 E. Main					
Monich _____	7,000.00	_____	_____	_____	_____
On Campus					
Owen _____	16,000.00	11,000.00	8,996.63	_____	1,306.67
933 Marsh St.					
Plum _____	13,500.00	10,000.00	8,400.27	_____	_____
1004 Plum St.					
Popken _____	7,500.00	_____	_____	_____	_____
636 Marsh St.					
President's _____	17,000.00	_____	_____	_____	_____
On Campus					
Rollings _____	16,500.00	9,885.97	9,033.20	6,500.00	1,324.48
120 Long St.					
Schwartz _____	12,600.00	8,500.00	7,895.87	6,000.00	_____
411 6th St. N.					
SUMMARY:					
	\$225,000.00	\$93,985.97	\$84,339.91	\$40,050.00	\$6,111.04

Valuation: _____ \$225,000.00
 Liabilities: _____ 130,500.95
 Net Worth: _____ 94,499.05

Alf Merseth, Secretary

CHURCH EXTENSION REPORT

	Original Loan	Pd. Since 5/1/58	Total Paid	Balance Due	Date Due
Ascension—					
Eau Claire, Wis. \$	8,843.00	\$1,180.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 6,943.00	1963
Bethany, Princeton					
Minn. _____	3,000.00	_____	_____	3,000.00	1969
Bethel, Sioux Falls,					
So. Dak. _____	7,900.00	475.00	1,400.00	6,500.00	1963
Bethlehem, Ellsworth,					
Minn. _____	3,500.00	250.00	1,050.00	2,450.00	1964
Central Heights,					
Mason City, Ia. _____	3,000.00	_____	_____	3,000.00	1969
Concordia, Eau Claire,					
Wis. _____	5,260.00	385.00	1,045.00	4,215.00	1961
Edgecumbe Hills,					
St. Paul, Minn. _____	11,800.00	_____	_____	11,800.00	1966
English Luth. Church,					
Cottonwood,					
Minn. _____	5,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	3,500.00	1966
Grace Luth. Church,					
Elk Rapids, Mich. _____	2,000.00	200.00	800.00	1,200.00	1964
Harvard Street,					
Boston, Mass. _____	3,000.00	406.00	1,756.00	1,244.00	1964
Lakewood, Tacoma,					
Wash. _____	7,500.00	937.50	3,937.50	3,562.50	1964
Mt. Olive and					
Cross Lake Parish,					
Fosston, Minn. _____	2,000.00	250.00	400.00	1,600.00	1965
Mt. Olive,					
Trail, Minn. _____	500.00	100.00	500.00	_____	1964
Our Savior's,					
Amherst Jct., Wis. _____	400.00	40.00	360.00	40.00	1960

Our Savior's, Belview, Minn.	2,500.00	-----	2,000.00	500.00	1960
Our Savior's First, Granada Hills, Calif.	9,783.97	1,000.00	1,150.00	8,633.97	1968
Our Savior's, Bagley, Minn.	2,000.00	125.00	450.00	1,550.00	1963
Our Redeemer, Canoga Park, Calif.	19,189.40	-----	-----	19,189.40	1966
Parkland, Parkland, Wash.	4,500.00	500.00	4,000.00	500.00	1960
Pinehurst, Eau Claire, Wis. ...	9,670.00	997.26	1,917.26	7,752.74	1964
Redeemer, New Hampton, Iowa	4,700.00	470.00	2,281.35	2,418.65	1965
St. Timothy, Lombard, Ill.	5,000.00	-----	-----	5,000.00	1969
Somber, Northwood, Iowa	1,000.00	380.00	1,000.00	-----	1963
	\$122,046.37	\$8,695.76	\$27,447.11	\$94,599.26	

Church Extension Funds were made available to three new congregations this year.

Bethany, Princeton, Minnesota—\$3,000.00

Central Heights, Mason City, Iowa—\$3,000.00

St. Timothy, Lombard, Illinois—\$5,000.00

In addition, a further loan of \$2,400.00 was granted to Our Redeemer, Canoga Park, California.

We are pleased to report that Mount Olive, Trail, Minnesota, and Somber, Northwood, Iowa, both completed the repayments of their loans ahead of schedule.

We also appreciated the cooperation of our congregations in response to the appeal that was sent out last November, when urgent requests for new loans were received by the Board of Trustees.

L. Orvel Larson, Secr.

Action of the Synod:

Report of the Board

1. *RESOLVED, That we approve the report of the Board of Trustees.*

Church Extension Repayment and Interest Plan

2. *RESOLVED, That the Church Extension Loans shall continue to be administered according to the rules adopted by the Synod. (Cf. Report, 1957, p. 82-83).*

Amendments to the Constitution

WHEREAS, The action of the Synod concerning amending the Constitution was to be ratified at this Convention (Convention Report, 1958, p. 84); and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees in their Report re the Synod's constitution instead request consideration of this matter; be it

3. *RESOLVED, That the Synod reconsider the actions taken on these matters at the last Convention.*

4. *RESOLVED, To adopt the recommendation of the Board of Trustees, to-wit: That Article V, par. 1a, be amended to read, "a*

president of the Synod, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer, as well as an alternate to the office of secretary."

5. **RESOLVED**, That Article VI, par. 1, be amended to read: "The officers of the Synod are the president of the Synod, the vice-president, the secretary, and the treasurer."

6. **RESOLVED**, That these amendments be ratified at the 1960 Convention.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT—1958-59

(Subject to Audit)

ARMED SERVICE COMMISSION

Budget		\$	484.37
Printed Matter and Expense	\$	257.57	
Sentinel Subscriptions		226.80	
	\$	484.37	\$ 484.37

BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Budget		\$	40,764.00
Hanson Trust Fund Interest			436.00
Subsidy	\$	41,200.00	
	\$	41,200.00	\$ 41,200.00

BETHESDA HOME

Balance May 1, 1958		\$	15.50
Contributions			2,422.95
Paid to Bethesda Home		2,438.45	
	\$	2,438.45	\$ 2,438.45

BETHANY CONGREGATION

Princeton, Minn.

Loans for Congregation		\$	11,000.00
Repayment	\$	3,000.00	
Transfer to Church Extension		3,000.00	
Balance due on loan		5,000.00	
	\$	11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
Notes total \$5,000.00			

CENTRAL HEIGHTS

Mason City, Iowa

Loans for Congregation		\$	2,700.00
Balance due on Loan		2,700.00	
Notes total \$2,700.00			

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY

Minneapolis, Minn.

Contributions		\$	132.50
Paid to Children's Friend Society	\$	132.50	

BETHANY COLLEGE—SPECIAL COLLECTION

Balance May 1, 1958		\$ 7,127.62
Contributions		366.26
Budget		5,380.02
Tuckpointing	\$ 11,550.00	
New Windows	1,323.90	
	<u>\$ 12,873.90</u>	<u>\$ 12,873.90</u>

BUDGET OF THE SYNOD

Contributions		\$ 92,877.91
Loan		12,000.00
Armed Service Commission	\$ 484.37	
Bethany College	40,764.00	
Bethany College (Special Col.)	5,380.02	
Christian Day School	2,969.96	
Church Extension	2,120.00	
Colored Mission	2,620.31	
Cornwall	351.20	
Home Mission	31,912.71	
Seminary	10,000.00	
Support	2,242.00	
Synod	7,259.71	
Publication Board	95.90	
Youth Board	540.62	
Deficit from last year	350.00	
Deficit April 30, 1959		2,212.89
	<u>\$107,090.80</u>	<u>\$107,090.80</u>

Notes total \$12,000.00

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

Balance May 1, 1958		\$ 1,000.00
Budget		2,969.96
Mt. Olive, Mankato, Minn.	\$ 376.00	
Parkland, Parkland, Wash.	920.00	
Hiawatha, Minneapolis, Minn.	704.00	
Center, Scarville, Iowa	350.00	
Iowa Teachers' Training	100.00	
Educational Tests	31.57	
Board Meetings	133.50	
Supt. of Schools	64.50	
School Paper	29.54	
Coin Folders	260.85	
Balance April 30, 1959	1,000.00	
	<u>\$ 3,969.96</u>	<u>\$ 3,969.96</u>

CHURCH EXTENSION

Balance May 1, 1958		\$ 933.45
Budget		2,120.00
Loan Payments		*9,335.76
New Loans	\$ 13,400.00	
Deficit April 30, 1959		1,010.79
	<u>\$ 13,400.00</u>	<u>\$ 13,400.00</u>

* Includes payment of \$640.00 from Lamb of God, Swartz Creek, Mich.

CHURCH EXTENSION CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Balance May 1, 1958		\$ 89,895.02
New Loans:		
Our Redeemer, Canoga Park, Calif.		2,400.00
Bethany, Princeton, Minn.		3,000.00
Central Heights, Mason City, Iowa		3,000.00
St. Timothy, Lombard, Ill.		5,000.00
Loan Payments:		
Ascension, Eau Claire, Wisc.	\$ 1,180.00	
Bethel, Sioux Falls, So. Dak.	475.00	
Bethlehem, Ellsworth, Minn.	250.00	
Concordia, Eau Claire, Wisc.	385.00	
Cottonwood, Cottonwood, Minn.	1,000.00	
Grace, Elk Rapids, Mich.	200.00	
Harvard Street, Boston, Mass.	406.00	
Lakewood, Tacoma, Wash.	937.50	
Mt. Olive—Cross Lake Parish	250.00	
Mt. Olive, Trail, Minn.	100.00	
Our Savior's, Amherst Jct., Wisc.	40.00	
Our Savior's, Ebro Corner, Minn.	125.00	
Our Savior's, Granada Hills, Calif.	1,000.00	
Pinehurst, Eau Claire, Wisc.	997.26	
Redeemer, New Hampton, Iowa	470.00	
Somber, Northwood, Iowa	380.00	
Parkland, Parkland, Wash.	500.00	
Balance April 30, 1959	94,599.26	
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	\$103,295.02	\$103,295.02

CHURCH EXTENSION ACCOUNTS ITEMIZED

Notes Receivable	\$ 94,599.26	
Ascension, Eau Claire, Wisc.		\$ 6,943.00
Bethel, Sioux Falls, So. Dak.		6,500.00
Bethlehem, Ellsworth, Minn.		2,450.00
Concordia, Eau Claire, Wisc.		4,215.00
Cottonwood, Cottonwood, Minn.		3,500.00
Grace, Elk Rapids, Mich.		1,200.00
Edgecumbe Hills, St. Paul, Minn.		11,800.00
Harvard Street, Boston, Mass.		1,244.00
Lakewood, Tacoma, Wash.		3,562.00
Mt. Olive—Cross Lake Parish		1,600.00
Our Redeemer, Canoga Park, Calif.		19,189.40
Our Savior's First, Granada Hills, Calif.		8,633.97
Our Savior's, Amherst Jct., Wisc.		40.00
Our Savior's, Belview, Minn.		500.00
Our Savior's, Ebro Corner, Minn.		1,550.00
Parkland, Parkland, Wash.		500.00
Pinehurst, Eau Claire, Wisc.		7,752.74
Bethany, Princeton, Minn.		3,000.00
Central Heights, Mason City, Iowa		3,000.00
St. Timothy, Lombard, Ill.		5,000.00
Redeemer, New Hampton, Iowa		2,418.65
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	\$ 94,599.26	\$ 94,599.26

COLORED MISSION

Budget		\$ 2,620.31
Synodical Conf. Mission Bd.	\$ 2,620.31	

CORNWALL MISSION

Budget		\$	351.20
Sale of Car			562.00
Cornwall Mission	\$	68.20	
Salary, Rev. D. Jose		140.00	
Travel		705.00	
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	\$	913.20	\$ 913.20

EDGE CUMBE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH St. Paul, Minn.

Deficit May 1, 1958	\$	302.26	
Taxes		25.47	
Interest		200.00	
Loans Paid		800.00	
Deficit April 30, 1959			\$ 1,327.73
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	\$	1,327.73	\$ 1,327.73
Loan	\$	5,000.00	
Church Extension		11,800.00	
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Total Invested		\$16,800.00	
Notes Total		\$ 4,350.00	

FADNESS FUND

Balance May 1, 1958		\$	2,164.92
Interest from Synod Fund			120.00
Paid to Home for the Aged	\$	120.00	
Balance April 30, 1959		2,164.92	
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	\$	2,284.92	\$ 2,284.92

THOMAS AND LOUISE HANSON MEMORIAL FUND

Invested in property of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod		\$	10,900.00
Interest from Synod Fund			436.00
Bond			348.30
Paid to Bethany College	\$	436.00	
Invested		10,900.00	
Balance in cash May 1, 1958			457.18
Balance Cash and Bond		805.48	
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	\$	12,141.48	\$ 12,141.48

HOME MISSIONS

Budget		\$	31,912.71
Bethany, Luverne, Minn.			60.00
Rose Dell, Jasper, Minn.			20.00
Special for Central Heights			75.50
Ascension, Eau Claire, Wisc.		1,920.00	
Our Savior's, Amherst Jct., Wisc.		1,728.29	
Bethel, Sioux Falls, So. Dak.		630.00	
Our Savior's First, Granada Hills		2,050.00	
Immanuel, Holton, Mich.		300.00	
Lakewood, Tacoma, Wash.		1,320.00	
Redeemer, New Hampton, Iowa		486.00	
Trinity, Calmar, Iowa		900.00	
Indian Landing, Rochester, N. Y.		1,020.00	
Mt. Olive, Trail, Minn.		615.00	

Cross Lake, Fosston, Minn.	615.00	
Our Redeemer, Canoga Park, Calif.	3,219.96	
River Heights, East Grand Forks, Minn.	2,799.96	
St. Timothy, Lombard, Ill.	3,041.65	
Our Savior's, Hawley, Minn.	200.00	
Edgumbe Hills, St. Paul, Minn.	2,760.00	
Central Heights, Mason City, Ia.	1,200.00	
Bethlehem, Ellsworth, Minn.	185.55	
(Total Subsidies \$24,991.41)		
Lenten Folders	226.10	
Board Meetings	1,319.34	
Equalization	175.00	
Rev. H. Larson (mileage)	61.20	
Interest (Central Heights)	6.00	
Chapel, Whiting, Wisc.	4,329.50	
Electric Organ (Whiting)	895.00	
Supplies (Whiting)	64.26	
	\$ 32,068.21	\$ 32,068.21

ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH Lombard, Ill.

Deficit April 30, 1958	\$ 50.00	
Interest rec'd St. Timothy		\$ 125.00
Donations		200.00
Paid to St. Timothy	100.00	
Interest	87.50	
Balance April 30, 1959	87.50	
	\$ 325.00	\$ 325.00
Loan	\$ 5,000.00	
Ch. Extension	5,000.00	
Invested	\$10,000.00	
Notes total \$5,000.00		

SUPPORT FUND

Budget		\$ 2,242.00
Payments to:		
Mrs. E. Hansen	\$ 720.00	
Rev. A. J. Torgerson	300.00	
Mrs. Bergit Runholt	730.00	
Seal Expense	442.00	
	\$ 2,242.00	\$ 2,242.00

LAKEWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH Tacoma, Wash.

The Synod holds a deed to this property

MISCELLANEOUS

Balance May 1, 1958		\$ 1,075.09
Disbursements and Contributions:		
Central Heights, Mason City	\$ 564.38	75.50
Credit Home Mission (Central Heights)	75.50	
Equalization (Laymen)	10.00	
Home for Aged (T.V. Fund)	50.00	
School Assn. (Elau Claire, Wisc.)	50.00	50.00
New Gym	1,696.04	1,094.04

Loan for Gym		500.00
Bethany College Altar	57.00	57.00
Crestview, Minneapolis, Minn.	198.50	198.50
Lime Creek School, Lake Mills, Ia.	27.00	27.00
Our Savior's School, Princeton, Minn.	2.00	2.00
Brewster Mission, Cape Cod	5.00	5.00
Twin City Mission	77.00	77.00
Waldorf College, Forest City, Ia.	1.00	1.00
Ebenezer Home, Minneapolis, Minn.	2.00	2.00
Deaf Institute, Detroit, Mich.	51.00	51.00
Bethesda Home	10.00	10.00
Bethany College (Choir)	1.00	1.00
Bethany College (Bed)	100.00	100.00
Bethany College (Library)	5.00	5.00
Bethany College (Tournament) .....	.50	.50
Balances:		
European Relief	\$257.71	
Estonian Relief	10.00	
Jewish Mission	1.00	
Norway Mission	75.00	
Crippled Children	5.00	

Balance April 30, 1959 348.71

\$ 3,331.63 \$ 3,331.63

Notes Total \$500.00

HOME FOR THE AGED

Balance May 1, 1958		\$ 8,047.70
Contributions		2,256.72
Interest (Fadness)		120.00
Home for Aged	\$ 4,300.00	
Seal Expense	442.05	
Interest	120.00	
Balance April 30, 1959	5,562.37	

\$ 10,424.42 \$ 10,424.42

Notes Total \$4,000.00

OUR SAVIOR'S FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH Granada Hills, Calif.

Deficit May 1, 1958	\$ 388.45	
Interest rec'd.		\$ 267.96
Rec'd Payment on Principal		300.00
Donation		50.00
Interest Paid	253.00	
Deficit April 30, 1959		23.49

\$ 641.45 \$ 641.45

Original Loan	\$10,800.00
Paid	\$600.00
Special Gifts	978.22

1,578.22

Balance due	\$ 9,221.78
Church Extension Loan	\$ 9,783.97
Paid	1,150.00

Balance due \$ 8,633.97

Notes total \$7,100.00

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Canoga Park, Calif.

Deficit May 1, 1958	\$ 1,219.49	
New Loan		\$ 600.00
Chair Loan Paid		60.00
Interest	568.25	
Loan Paid	3,000.00	
Deficit April 30, 1959		4,127.74
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	\$ 4,787.74	\$ 4,787.74
Original Loan	\$30,000.00	
Church Extension	19,189.40	
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Total Invested	\$49,189.40	
Notes total \$24,750.00		

PINEHURST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Eau Claire, Wis.

Balance May 1, 1958		\$ 55.81
Payments rec'd		810.92
Interest	\$ 184.75	
Notes Paid	200.00	
Balance April 30, 1959	481.98	
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	\$ 866.73	\$ 866.73
Original Loan	\$6,950.00	
Total Paid	1,695.62	
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Balance due	\$5,254.38	
Church Extension Loan	9,670.00	
Paid	1,917.26	
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Balance due	\$7,752.74	

RADIO ACTIVITIES

Received		\$ 6.00
Paid to Lutheran Hour	\$ 6.00	

BETHANY COLLEGE RESIDENCES AT MANKATO, MINN.

Anderson Residence
(9 Edgewood Road)

This residence was sold for \$11,500.00. The assets of \$2,583.89 were credited to the Knollcrest Residence.

Jans Residence
(Prof. G. Lillegard—1214 Marsh St.)

Rent—College		\$ 1,245.36
Mortgage Payment	\$ 832.20	
Interest	30.00	
Repairs	249.47	
Insurance	133.69	
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	\$ 1,245.36	\$ 1,245.36
Mortgage	\$8,600.00	
Balance April 1, 1959	6,429.91	
Notes total	1,000.00	

\$4,000.00 of the Fadness Fund is invested in this residence.

(Note: All mortgages on residences are held by the Mankato Savings and Loan Association unless otherwise indicated.)

Electa Residence

(Prof. H. H. Meske—130 Electa Blvd.)

Deficit May 1, 1958	\$ 459.51	
Rent—College		\$ 1,691.34
Mortgage Payment	1,108.80	
Repairs	123.03	
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	\$ 1,691.34	\$ 1,691.34
Mortgage	\$14,000.00	
Balance due April 1, 1959	12,305.73	
Notes Total	7,000.00	

Elliason Residence

(449 Division Street—Entrance to Athletic Field)

Balance May 1, 1958		\$ 491.13
Rent—Tenant		300.00
Balance April 30, 1959	\$ 791.13	
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	\$ 791.13	\$ 791.13

Knollcrest Residence

(Prof. M. Otto—101 Knollcrest Road)

Deficit May 1, 1958	\$ 2,407.87	
Credit from Anderson Res.		\$ 2,583.89
Rent—College		1,430.83
Insurance	73.00	
Payment	1,289.64	
Repairs	94.21	
Interest	150.00	
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	\$ 4,014.72	\$ 4,014.72
Mortgage	\$15,000.00	
Balance April 1, 1959	14,453.47	

Holte Residence

(10 Edgewood Road)

Rent—College		\$ 215.88
Insurance Refund		43.97
Mortgage Payments	\$ 139.35	
Interest	120.50	
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	\$ 259.85	\$ 259.85

This residence was traded for the Long Residence, 909 Marsh St. Notes were transferred to the Krogstad residence.

Krogstad Residence

(Prof. M. J. Ingebritson—920 Marsh)

Rent—College		\$ 121.15
Repairs	\$ 121.15	
Notes Total \$5,350.00		

Long Residence
(Prof. N. Holte—909 Marsh Street)

Refund—Insurance		\$	57.49
Rent—College			782.28
Refund—Taxes			146.79
Refund			366.94
Garage	\$	1,300.00	
Legal Fees		67.10	
Insurance		62.80	
Mortgage Payment		818.65	
Deficit April 30, 1959			895.05
	\$	2,248.55	\$ 2,248.55

Purchase Price	\$27,000.00
Mortgage	17,000.00
Monthly Payments	116.95
Balance April 1, 1959	16,834.83

Meray Residence
(Prof. C. Minke—344 Meray Blvd.)

Loan		\$	1,000.00
Repairs	172.02		
Interest	171.50		
Insurance	53.72		
Loan Paid	1,000.00		
Deficit April 30, 1959			397.24
	\$	1,397.24	\$ 1,397.24

Notes total \$10,300.00

Mitchell Residence
(Prof. R. Honsey—1115 E. Main)

Deficit May 1, 1958	\$	2,046.67	
Loan			\$ 1,000.00
Repairs	63.14		
Interest	117.50		
Insurance	110.29		
Loan Paid	350.00		
Deficit April 30, 1959			2,187.60
	\$	3,187.60	\$ 3,187.60

Notes Total \$3,900.00

Monich Residence
(On Bethany Campus)

Owen Residence
(Dean N. A. Madson—933 Marsh St.)

Deficit May 1, 1958	\$	1,222.81	
Rent—College			\$ 1,075.00
Mortgage Payment	1,044.00		
Insurance	29.95		
Repairs	84.91		
Deficit April 30, 1959			1,306.67
	\$	2,381.67	\$ 2,381.67

Mortgage	\$11,000.00
Balance April 1, 1959	8,996.63

Plum Residence
(Prof. D. Mintz—1004 Plum)

Deficit May 1, 1958	\$ 1,039.74	
Insurance	70.50	
Repairs	125.00	
Mortgage Payment	957.60	
Deficit April 30, 1959		\$ 2,192.84
	\$ 2,192.84	\$ 2,192.84
Mortgage	\$10,000.00	
Balance April 1, 1959	8,400.27	

Popken Residence
(636 Marsh)

Payment on Contract		\$ 660.00
Interest	30.00	
Balance April 30, 1959	630.00	
	\$ 660.00	\$ 660.00

This residence was sold in January 1958 for \$7,000.00. Down payment was \$700.00. Balance to be paid in monthly payments of \$55.00. Total paid to date \$880.00. Knollcrest Res. has been credited with \$220.00.

Schwartz Residence
(Mr. H. Ingebritson—411 Sixth St. No.)

Deficit May 1, 1958	\$ 3,000.00	
Loan		\$ 6,000.00
Mortgage Payment	833.52	
Repairs	127.35	
Taxes	193.16	
Insurance	117.46	
Notes Paid	1,200.00	
Balance April 30, 1959	528.51	
	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Mortgage	\$8,500.00	
Balance April 1, 1959	7,895.87	

President's Residence
(Prof. B. W. Teigen—On Campus)

Rent—College		\$ 68.16
Repairs	\$ 68.16	

Rollings Residence
(Prof. I. Johnson—120 Long St.)

Insurance collected		\$ 91.30
Mortgage Payment	\$ 918.00	
Repairs	302.78	
Interest	195.00	
Deficit April 30, 1959		\$ 1,324.48
	\$ 1,415.78	\$ 1,415.78

Prudential Life Insurance Co. holds mortgage for \$9,885.97.
Balance May 1, 1959\$9,033.20
Notes total \$6,500.00

PUBLICATIONS

Budget		\$ 95.90
Board Meeting	\$ 95.90	

SEMINARY FUND

Budget		\$ 10,000.00
Seminary	\$ 10,000.00	

SENTINEL FUND

Subscriptions		\$ 5,347.18
Printing and Expense	\$ 4,958.38	
Synod Fund	388.80	
	\$ 5,347.18	\$ 5,347.18

STUDENT FUND

Balance May 1, 1958		\$ 775.34
Contributions		34.24
Loan Payments		200.00
Balance April 30, 1959	\$ 1,009.58	
	\$ 1,009.58	\$ 1,009.58

SYNOD FUND

Budget		\$ 7,259.71
Sentinel		388.80
Float	\$ 31.62	
Trustees	709.43	
Committee of Committees	664.48	
President's Office	406.20	
Union Committee	1,030.52	
Vicar for President	850.00	
Treasurer's Allowance	600.00	
Treasurer's Bond	25.00	
Visitor	28.00	
Postage	171.80	
Supplies	303.99	
Interest	241.39	
Insurance—Bethany College	486.87	
Equalization—Professors	304.00	
Convention Handbook	69.50	
Record Tape for Convention	50.09	
Annual Report	390.76	
Synodical Conf. Meeting	614.81	
Interest—Home for Aged	120.00	
Interest—Bethany College	436.00	
Miscellaneous	114.05	
	\$ 7,648.51	\$ 7,648.51

Notes Total \$1,000.00

TRUST FUNDS

John A. Moldstad Memorial		\$ 635.35
E. M. Hanson Memorial		500.00
Heggestad Estate		7,044.86
Nora Nelson Estate		8,369.75
Balance April 30, 1959	\$ 16,549.96	
	\$ 16,549.96	\$ 16,549.96

\$10,000.00 of the Nora Nelson Estate is invested in Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Canoga Park, Calif.

YOUTH BOARD

Budget		\$	540.62
Rec'd for Music			108.20
Music	\$	419.97	
Board Meetings		218.00	
Printing		10.85	
	\$	648.82	\$ 648.82

WEBSTER PROPERTY (Webster, Wisconsin)

Balance May 1, 1958		\$	208.15
Paid on Contract			20.00
Balance April 30, 1959	\$	228.15	
	\$	228.15	\$ 228.15

TREASURER'S SUMMARY BUDGETED FUNDS

Previous Balance		Income	Disbursements	Balance
		Armed Service Commission		
	Budget	\$ 484.37	\$ 484.37	\$
		Bethany College		
	Budget	40,764.00	41,200.00	
	Hanson Trust	436.00		
		Budget of Synod		
\$350.00 Def.	Contributions	92,877.91	106,740.80	14,212.89 Def.
		Christian Day School		
\$1,000.00	Budget	2,969.96	2,969.96	1,000.00
		Church Extension		
\$ 933.45	Budget	2,120.00	13,400.00	1,010.79 Def.
	Payments	9,335.76		
		Colored Mission		
	Budget	2,620.31	2,620.31	
		Cornwall Mission		
	Budget	351.20	913.20	
	Sale of Car	562.00		
		Home Mission		
	Budget	31,912.71	32,068.21	
	Other income	155.50		
		Support Fund		
	Budget	2,242.00	2,242.00	
		Seminary		
	Budget	10,000.00	10,000.00	
		Synod		
	Budget	7,259.71	7,648.51	
	Sentinel	388.80		
		Publications		
	Budget	95.90	95.90	
		Youth Board		
	Budget	540.62	648.82	
	Sale of Music	108.20		
		Bethany College Special Collection		
\$7,127.62	Budget	5,380.02	12,873.90	
	Contributions	366.26		

S. E. Lee, Treasurer

TABULATED LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONS

May 1, 1958, to April 30, 1959

Pastor	Congregation	Contribution
Aaberg, T.	Center	\$ 1,472.45
Aaberg, T.	Scarville	1,769.43
Aaberg, T.	Story City	1,257.79
Anderson, P.	Indian Landing	186.00
Anderson, J.	St. Paul's	1,589.01
Becker, G.	Lake Mills	1,136.22
Becker, G.	Lime Creek	190.32
Branstad, R.	Fairview	4,948.60
Bremer H.	Bethlehem (Ellsworth)	78.56
Dale, D.	Edgecumbe Hills	36.16
Dale, M.	Holton	782.18
Dorr, S.	Bethany	469.39
Dorr, S.	Our Savior's	2,302.16
Dorr, S.	Our Savior's (Special)	2,000.00
Guldborg, G.	Concordia	430.01
Guldborg, G.	Our Savior's	593.14
Guldborg, G.	St. Paul's	319.28
Gullerud, A.	Pinehurst	950.40
Gullerud, M.	Mt. Olive	3,133.68
Gullerud, M.	Salem	1,237.37
Gullixson, G.	Western Koshkonong	2,088.54
Gullixson, W.	East Paint Creek	1,223.16
Gullixson, W.	West Paint Creek	1,297.87
Handberg, H.	First American	1,401.35
Handberg, H.	Holy Cross	
Harstad, N.	Delhi	237.20
Harstad, N.	Our Savior's	470.78
Harstad, N.	Rock Dell	1,257.60
Hilton, N.	Grace	50.00
Hilton, N.	First	198.00
Johnson, D.	Our Redeemer	422.29
Jungemann, J.	Oslo	627.12
Larson, H.	Our Savior's	545.02
Lee, S.	Immanuel	720.46
Lee, S.	Our Savior's	917.71
Madson, J.	Lakewood	699.49
Madson, N. Jr.	Clearwater	194.25
Madson, N. Jr.	Cross Lake	82.24
Madson, N. Jr.	Mt. Olive	190.21
Merseth, A.	First Evanger	685.87
Merseth, A.	First South Wild Rice	593.85
Moldstad, J.	Richland	874.42
Moldstad, J.	Central Heights	39.55
Moldstad, R.	St. Timothy	1,025.74
Newgard, R.	First Shell Rock	1,368.18

Newgard, R.	Somber	551.11
Oesleby, N.	Our Savior's	3,468.07
Oesleby, N.	Our Savior's (Legacy)	7,044.86
Olmanson, K.	Ascension	761.70
Orvick, G.	Holy Cross	3,519.01
Petersen, J.	Norseland	3,916.19
Petersen, J.	Norwegian Grove	843.14
Petersen, P.	Bethany	4,638.14
Petersen, P.	Rose Dell	2,020.11
Petersen, W.	Clearwater	320.08
Petersen, W.	Nazareth	546.30
Petersen, W.	Oak Park	388.72
Pfeiffer, D.	Harvard Street	1,456.23
Preus, H.	Trinity	521.00
Quill, G.	Our Savior's First	2,283.53
Strand, A.	St. Mark's	2,627.06
Schweikert, G.	River Heights	736.88
Schulz, A.	Zion	1,404.10
Teigen, T.	Hiawatha	837.41
Theiste, H.	Parkland	676.33
Theiste, V.	Bethel	1,290.07
Tweit, M.	Jerico	7,170.52
Tweit, M.	Saude	2,438.68
Ude, R.	St. John's	2,475.10
Unseth, E.	Our Savior's	3,666.31
Vangen, L.	Concordia	1,288.20
Weseloh, G.	Cottonwood	1,065.02
Weyland, F.	Emmaus	497.37
Ylvisaker, P.	Hartland	900.80
Ylvisaker, P.	Manchester	310.72
Vacant	Forest City	957.90
Vacant	Zion (Thompson, Ia.)	954.17
Vacant	Redeemer (New Hampton)	349.80
Miscellaneous		4,144.31
Total		108,553.78

S. E. Lee, Treasurer

CONVENTION NOTES

Devotions

The 42nd Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod began at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 23, at the College chapel. The Rev. W. C. Gullixson, of Waterville, Iowa, served as liturgist, and the Rev. J. B. Madson, of Tacoma, Washington, preached the sermon.

Using Nehemiah 8, 10, "The joy of the Lord is your strength," as his text and theme, Pastor Madson spoke of the joy that is the Christian's. This joy consists in knowing the true God, whom we worship as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. There is joy in the redemption that Christ has won for us from sin. The preacher continued by showing that joy of the Lord also gives strength: "Without Me, ye can do nothing," God says. St. Paul says: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Our joy in the Lord teaches us to set our hope in the Lord; it gives us strength in temptation. Our task as a Christian is to give witness to the unconditional Gospel.

The morning devotions on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday followed the theme of the Convention: TRUTH, THE TOUCHSTONE OF THE CHURCH. Pastor Becker, basing his devotion on John 5, 39, "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me," pointed out that we should study the truths of the Bible in a spirit of humility. Its law makes us poor and humble by its truth, proving our will is corrupt, our flesh ungodly, and our sins are many. But God be thanked, the Gospel of the Scriptures, which tells us of the free salvation for us in Jesus Christ, is able to make us wise unto salvation through faith in Christ.

With II Tim. 3, 13-14 as his text, Pastor M. O. Dale spoke on the theme, "Continuing in the truths of God's Word." Since it is possible for a Christian to forsake the Lord, as the example of what happened in the Garden of Eden and other examples from Scripture show us, Paul urges Timothy to continue in the truths of God's Word. This admonition is timely for us, too. There are many today who do not want to hear the whole truth of God, but would rather hear a lot of smooth talk. Though there be some who preach a Christless, social gospel, we are to continue in the things that we have learned. Salvation is by faith alone in Christ Jesus. We should continue in the Scriptures because they alone can make us wise unto salvation.

Friday morning's devotion was conducted by Pastor E. G. Unseth. With Matt. 28, 18-20 as his text, the preacher spoke on the theme, "Spreading the truth of God's Word," pointing out that this commission of our Lord was given to all believers. It should be as normal for a Christian to be interested in mission work as it is for a bird to fly or a fish to swim. The nail-scarred hands of our crucified Lord are over us to guide us and lead us on. The task of mission work is not easy, but it is a glorious one. Our comfort is that Jesus is with us always. Let us be zealous in our work of telling the world about Jesus so that they may believe in Him and live forever.

The Saturday morning devotion took the form of a Memorial Service for two departed pastors of our Synod, namely, the Rev. Christian Anderson and Dr. S. C. Ylvisaker. Pastor T. N. Teigen was the preacher. He took Hebrews 6, 10-12 as his text and pointed out that God had given these men peculiar gifts, each different, to serve Him among us. God did not forget their labors nor are we to forget them. God wants us to be imitators, that is, followers, of them "who through faith and patience inherit the promise."

The afternoon sessions began with devotions conducted by Pastors N. Madson, Jr., H. Larson, K. Olmanson, H. Bremer, and G. Wese-

loh, who read portions of the Bible. Special music at two of these afternoon devotions was brought by Miss Karen Johnson, of Tracy, Minn., and a pastors' chorus. Miss Judy Anderson of Fisher, Minn., served as the convention organist.

The pastors' Communion Service was held at Mt. Olive Church on Wednesday evening. Pastor C. M. Gullerud was the liturgist and the Rev. H. A. Theiste was the preacher. On the basis of Psalm 100, 2-3, Pastor Theiste pointed out the blessings that God offers in the Sacrament. Pastors are no less guilty of sin than lay people and are as much in need of forgiveness as the people to whom they minister. How wonderful it is that our Savior instituted the Sacrament for us Christians to eat and to drink. Therefore "serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing." Ps. 110, 2.

Convention Chaplain, P. Petersen

Wednesday

The welcoming of one new pastor and two congregations (see page 4) into the Synod took place in the morning of the second day of the convention. Consideration of the essay, entitled "Truth, the Touchstone of the Church," by the Rev. G. A. R. Gullixson, was taken up each day before the morning recess. The essay elicited considerable discussion.

The Youth Board was directed to investigate the possibility of purchasing a camp site for youth work. Mr. Phil Teigen, president of Mt. Olive Lutheran Youth Society, spoke to the assembly inviting support for the Youth Convention which will be held September 18-20 at Mankato, Minn.

The Charities and Support Board is to continue the use of Christmas Seals. Pastor A. Harstad gave an interesting report of the work at Bethesda Lutheran Home, Watertown, Wisc. Twenty congregations of the Synod have contributed \$1,541.69 in 1958 toward the support of 2 patients from the Synod. Total enrollment at Bethesda is 528. The number on the waiting list is 151 (one from the E.L.S.)

The Synod directed the Publications Board to secure and distribute appropriate memorial cards, to print suitable tracts and pamphlets, and to be responsible for publishing the official publications of the Synod.

Thursday

On Thursday morning progress was reported in the field of missions, i.e., decreasing subsidies and the salary raises effected. Work at Edgcumbe Hills, St. Paul, Minn., and Cornwall, England, is being terminated . . . A proposal to amalgamate some of the Synod's boards was defeated . . . 65 delegates and 57 pastors and professors were present Thursday afternoon . . . Solicitation of gifts from corporations, businesses, etc., for Bethany's Gym-Auditorium was discussed . . . The Treasurer's report showed that contributions for budget purposes amounted to \$92,877.91, of which some \$25,000.00 was received in the month of April. A deficit of \$14,212.89 is to be amortized at the rate of \$5,000.00 a year in the budget . . . An open meeting on Doctrinal Matters was held on Thursday after sessions.

Friday

Friday morning after recess the report of the convention committee on finances was considered, and it was decided to ask the congregations of the Synod to bring an offering for Bethany's Gym-Auditorium on Nov. 8th, 1959 . . . By amending the constitution, the Synod is declaring the Vice-President an officer, dropping the position of alternate to the Treasurer, and taking the auditors off the list of officers . . . The Eau Claire congregations return to the

Eastern Circuit (Lake Michigan) . . . Doctrinal Matters were discussed; the minority report was considered first, point by point . . . Laymen's Equalization was \$13.90; the pastor's equalization amounted to \$24.00.

Elections were held as usual on Friday evening. New Trustees are Pastor J. Petersen and Mr. C. Bergum. To the Board of Regents Mr. Lenwick Hoyord, Pastors T. Aaberg and J. G. Anderson were elected for three years, and Mr. E. Zahl for the new position for one year. Pastor S. Dorr ended 15 years on the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents was authorized to elect the President of Bethany for a four year term. Other results are to be found under "Officers and Boards of the Synod." The new circuits now have visitors and alternates.

Saturday

Saturday the Bethany By-Laws were adopted . . . Prof. B. W. Teigen explained his reasons for declining the nomination as President of the college . . . The budget amounting to \$110,160.00 was adopted after thorough discussion.

Doctrinal Matters were discussed again Saturday morning and late afternoon. The minority report was tabled and the majority report discussed. The issue under discussion was whether the Synod, through its Union Committee, should continue meeting with the Joint Unity Committee of the Synodical Conference and whether our Synod should continue its membership in the Synodical Conference. It was shown from **Unity, Union and Unionism**, adopted in 1936 by our Synod, that if there is evidence of our testimony being heard and considered that committee work should continue in order to restore unity. (See the action of the Synod under Union Committee).

In closing the President, M. E. Tweit, spoke of his concern over the apparent disunity in our Synod. He read 1 Corinthians 13 and pleaded for its application, that all things be done in charity.

Prof. R. Honsey was in charge of housing and arrangements for the convention this year. Miss Edna Busekist supervised the preparation and serving of the excellent meals at the college. Miss Orla Anderson took care of the secretarial work during and after the convention.

Greetings were sent to Pastors Emeriti C. Moldstad, A. J. Torgerson, and H. Ingebritson; also to the presidents of the Slovak and Wisconsin Synods, in response to their greetings through representatives at the convention. Greetings were sent to the congregations which joined the Synod this year. The secretary prepared and mailed the Reports and Memorials, and Vice-President J. G. Anderson mimeographed the Convention Program. Coffee was served by organizations of Mt. Olive and Norseland Lutheran Churches.

W. C. Gullixson, Secretary

Synod Sunday Services

The Norwegian service on Sunday morning at 9:00, was held in Mt. Olive Church, with Dean Norman A. Madson serving as liturgist and Candidate of Theology, Gunnar Staalsett of Finmarken, Norway, preaching the sermon. His text was Eph. 2, 8-10, on the basis of which he had chosen as the theme: "Vor gave og opgave." We would have to render that in English as: "Our Gift and Our Responsibility." The preacher made plain that salvation was by grace and by grace alone. God had given us His Son as a gift of His unbounded grace. And by faith in the Christ of God and His merits won for us, we are now looked upon by our heavenly Father as though we had never sinned. But if we of a truth have accepted this divine gift, it will not result in indifference to the life we now will live, for it will mean that we will live unto Christ, as Luther has made abundantly clear in his explanation of the Second Article. Why has Christ

redeemed me? "That I might be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity." It must be a life wholly dedicated to Him who has bought us. And here he referred to the well-known lines from **Brand:**

"Det hvad du er fuldt og helt
Og ikke stykkevis og delt."

Dean N. A. Madson

"Do you stand for something?" was the theme of Pastor John Moldstad's message on Synod Sunday morning. The service was conducted in the chapel of Bethany College at the hour of 10:30. Prof. B. W. Teigen served as liturgist.

"Do you stand for something as a synod, as a congregation, as a Christian individual? As a Christian parent do you stand for something, in the Christian education of your children, in the disciplining of your children, in the example you give them? Do you stand for something as a Christian in your own congregation?"

Jesus asked the Twelve, "Will ye also go away?" Peter answered: "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life!" To stand for something means not only being against everything the Bible is against, but also being for all the things the Bible is for. May each say, "I stand for Christ." In Him we have forgiveness, in Him we have peace, in Him we have joy.

W.C.G.

Choral Union

The events of the afternoon rounded out a day of great festivities, and were a fitting close to the activities of our Synod at Bethany College. Beginning in mid-afternoon was a choral union program which from beginning to end was musically rewarding and spiritually uplifting. The choral union was composed of a large number of singers from various congregations in our Synod. Eleven numbers were sung by that group under the capable direction of the Rev. G. A. R. Gullixson of Cottage Grove, Wisconsin. Several of those numbers had organ accompaniment by Miss Judy Anderson of Fisher, Minnesota. Many fine voices were fused into one musical unit which sang remarkably well when one considers the limited amount of practice available to the group as a whole. The tone was brilliant throughout, and by the skillful direction of the conductor the crescendos and diminuendos and other types of musical shadings gave the music the desired contrasts to make it meaningful and appealing. From the singing of the choral union one could sense a love of the music and its meaning, which was evident from the opening selection, (Welsh-Williams') **Holy Lord of All**, to the glorious **Hallelujah Chorus** from Handel's **Messiah**, which closed the singing of the afternoon.

The second group of selections by the choral union featured Christmas songs. The opening number was of Flemish origin, and was followed by four Slovak Christmas songs. Of special interest was the last selection of the group, with words composed by Mrs. Walther C. Gullixson of Waterville, Iowa, and music composed by the sainted Dr. S. C. Ylvisaker, former president of Bethany Lutheran College. It proved to be a very appealing selection. In the final group by the large chorus there were Lenten and Easter numbers which preceded the **Hallelujah Chorus**. Lindeman-Sateren's **Easter Morning, Joyous Dawning**, was sung in a manner that well revealed its joyous message.

This year the special choir which was featured in one group of numbers was the St. Paul's Lutheran Choir of Chicago, Illinois. Solo passages in various numbers were capably handled by women singers of fine talent. The fourth and last number of the choir, George Vail's **King All Glorious**, brought their part of the program

to a fitting close. They were directed by the Rev. Gullixson, who substituted for their director, Roy Agdesteen.

As has been customary for years, a male chorus composed of members of the clergy in our Synod also sang. They sang Isaac's **O Bread of Life** and Astrom-Christianson's **In Heaven Above**.

During the offering, Miss Anderson played J. S. Bach's "Air from the D Major Suite, No. 3" as a voluntary. The offering was designated for the Choral Union.

The Lutheran Church is the singing church, and stresses congregational singing. Opportunity was also given for that. The whole assembly sang two stanzas of the hymn **Jehovah, Let Me Now Adore Thee**. Thus it was an afternoon of audience participation and not only listening to others who performed.

It is indeed a great privilege to be able to hear such music and such singing as we heard in the choral union program. To the Christian, singing is not only a musical activity, but is above all an expression of one's faith and a means of showing one's gratitude to God for His boundless grace to us poor sinners in bringing us salvation through Jesus Christ. We owe a debt of gratitude to the Choral Union and the other groups who performed so well for us, particularly to the Rev. Gullixson, who worked hard and long in preparation for the program and did very well in conducting all the vocal groups.

Cornerstone Laying

Immediately following the choral union concert, there were cornerstone-laying festivities. The new gymnasium-auditorium unit, now in the process of being built, reached that milestone in its existence. The assembly sang **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation**. Special music was offered by the Choral Union, who sang **To Thee We Sing** and by the Pastor's Chorus, who sang **Onward Christian Soldiers**. The Rev. Stuart A. Dorr, Secretary of the Board of Regents of Bethany College, read a portion of Scripture and laid the cornerstone. The Rev. Julian G. Anderson, Chairman of the Board of Regents, gave the address. He stated that this was the first building project at Bethany College since our Synod took possession of the school a third of a century ago, and that, with the blessing of God, we may look forward to more such projects. Good weather helped make the day an enjoyable one to all.

Prof. R. Honsey

THE SYNOD'S OFFICERS AND BOARDS

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These various types of gifts from its members are very acceptable to the Synod. However, the annuity type of gift is more desirable than a bequest or a legacy from the viewpoint of the donor, as it assures him a fixed annual income during his lifetime, and his wishes become operative immediately after his demise, without extraordinary administrative expense.

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2. I give and devise to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (a Minnesota and a Wisconsin Corporation), and to its assigns, forever, the following property, to wit: (here name and specify property to be transferred to the Synod).

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						MEMBERS			BAP- TIZED		CON- FIRMED								SERVICES				DAY SCHOOLS		SUNDAY SCHOOLS		OTHER SCHOOLS		STU- DENTS		CONTRIBUTIONS		VALUE OF PROPERTY	DEBT ON PROPERTY
	STATE	LOCATION	CONGREGATION		SUNDAY SERVICE	PASTORS	BAPTIZED	CONFIRMED	VOTERS	CHILDREN	ADULTS	CHILDREN	ADULTS	COMMUNED	MARRIAGES	BURIALS	SPECIAL	AV. ATTENDANCE	SUNDAY	AV. ATTENDANCE	ENROLLMENT	TEACHERS	ENROLLMENT	TEACHERS	DAYS TAUGHT	ENROLLMENT	IN SYNODICAL INSTITUTIONS	IN PUBLIC H. S. & COLLEGES	FOR HOME PURPOSES	FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES				
1.	CALIF.	CANOGA PARK	OUR REDEEMER	1	10:30	D. JOHNSON	92	52	12	11	4	3	4	263	1		12	46	52	53			98	11	10	103		8	\$ 3,654	\$ 343	\$ 70,000	\$ 60,000		
2.		GRANADA HILLS	OUR SAVIOR'S FIRST	1	8:30 & 11	G. QUILL	338	169	35	16	2	4	19	707		3	13	135	85	180	138	5	289	39	10	136		15	30,077	1,853	86,000	43,849		
3.	ILLINOIS	CHICAGO	ST. MARK'S	1	10:30	A. STRAND	320	270	65	11		5	8	872	3	7	60	125	53	135	24	14	85	15			9	20	13,447	2,923	60,000			
4.		CHICAGO	ST. PAUL'S	1	10:45	J. ANDERSON	178	133	20	13		3		352			11	77	52	80			75	8			4	17	8,954	1,222	89,500			
5.		LOMBARD	ST. TIMOTHY	1	10:30	R. MOLDSTAD	99	58	20	6	1	3	1	215			10	28	52	52			70	8			1	4	7,803	916	52,585	49,600		
6.	IOWA	CALMAR	TRINITY	1	10:30	H. PREUS	135	82	35	2				136		1	17	37	51	52			20	4	15	21	1	5	2,289	572	25,000			
7.		FOREST CITY	FOREST CITY	1	9:15	V. THEISTE	132	91	35	3	1	4	1	236	1	2	9	43	50	65			37	6	10	37	1	6	4,000	2,400	35,000			
8.		LAKE MILLS	LAKE MILLS	1	9:00	G. BECKER	102	64	16	4		2		218	2	4	7	29	51	51			19	4				4	3,000	1,000	40,000			
9.		LAKE MILLS, 4N1W	LIME CREEK	1	10:30	G. BECKER	91	50	17	1		4		141		1	7	12	51	41	5	1	4	1				3	3,693	515	20,000			
10.		LAWLER, 9N1W	SAUDE	1	*	M. TWEIT	140	109	37	3		3	1	485	3	3	13	102	50	89	22	1				4	8	7,159	1,907	32,000				
11.		MASON CITY, 2SW	CENTRAL HEIGHTS	3	9:00	J. MOLDSTAD	37	10	4	6				12				50	24				13	3			2	2	733	5	3,000			
12.		NEW HAMPTON, 9N2E	JERICO	1	*	M. TWEIT	288	234	61	3	1			880	1	1	10		49		16	1			37	16		16	9,833	2,819	55,000			
13.		NEW HAMPTON	REDEEMER	1	10:00	H. BREMER	146					4											28	5	12	32								
14.		NORTHWOOD	FIRST SHELL ROCK	1	*	R. NEWGARD	175	118	45	11		3		243	1	3	8		51	85			40	7	10	25	1	12	4,407	1,485	20,000			
15.		NORTHWOOD, 11W	SOMBER	1	*	R. NEWGARD	98	71	26	1		2		182	2		9	50	61		14	1			30	8	4	9	3,572	846	28,000			
16.		SCARVILLE, 5S	CENTER	1		T. AABERG	171	122	40	6	1	5	1	265		6	9	50	50	70	3		25	4	15	17		16	5,969	1,100	40,000			
17.		SCARVILLE	SCARVILLE	1		T. AABERG	103	64	31	1		2		229			9	80	49	80		14	2	15	16		6	5,455	1,819	40,000				
18.		STORY CITY, 4N	BETHANY	1		T. AABERG	18	12	5					28		2		24	15				5	2	6	5			1,125	1,200	10,000			
19.		THOMPSON	ZION	1	11:00	V. THEISTE	170	125	49	5			1	345	2	1	11	79	50	79			28	6	10	28		14	4,500	2,000	45,000			
20.		THORNTON	RICHLAND	1	10:30	J. MOLDSTAD	176	115	42	6	1			210	2		14	120	51	97			48	8	9	42	2	18	10,317	575	35,000			
21.		WATERVILLE	EAST PAINT CREEK	1	*	W. GULLIXSON	111	79	42	2		1		135	3	3	10	35	48	50			18	2	10	19		4	3,188	1,382	10,000			
22.		WAUKON	WEST PAINT CREEK	1	*	W. GULLIXSON	98	76	34	2				121		2	10	35	48	50			12	2	10	12	1	5	2,826	2,255	10,000			
23.	MASS.	BREWSTER	LUTHERAN MISSION	2	11:30	C. MOLDSTAD	23	16		2				64			2	15	52	15			6	2										
24.		CAMBRIDGE	BOSTON	1	*10:45	D. PFEIFFER	160	105	25	5				392		3	11	50	52	82			35	6				15	8,000	1,300	85,000	10,000		
25.	MICH.	ELK RAPIDS	GRACE	1	11:15	N. HILTON	55	39	10			4		180			10	15	49	30			20	4	10	20		8	1,500		5,000	2,000		
26.		HOLTON	HOLTON	1	11:00	M. DALE	141	91	26	7		6		264	4	2	6	32	52	49			34	5	10	34		17	3,548	665	30,000			
27.		SUTTONS BAY	FIRST	1	9:30	N. HILTON	104	73	17	2		3		230	2		11	20	49	45			29	4	10	15		7	5,264	170	15,000			
28.		ALBERT LEA	OUR SAVIOR'S	1	*10:45	E. UNSETH	625	396	149	15		10		1,057	10	5	16	145	52	221			182	18	10	90	1	35	21,400	4,450	65,000			
29.		AUDUBON	IMMANUEL	1	11:00	S. LEE	177	109	39	11				500	2	1	12		52				48	7	10	49		12	3,513	262	10,000			
30.		BAGLEY, 10NW	CONCORDIA	1	9:00	G. GULDBERG	75	44	14	4				166		2	2	65	53	40			14	4	10	10		5	1,081	453	12,000			
31.		BAGLEY, 6W	OUR SAVIOR'S	3	10:00	G. GULDBERG	131	85	22	2		3		205	3		6	75	53	70			41	5	10	49		12	1,310	582	9,000	1,550		
32.		BELVIEW	OUR SAVIOR'S	1		N. HARSTAD	180	120	49	5		6	1	168	2	1	12	100	50	70			40	7	10	30		14	3,756	460	35,000	500		
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