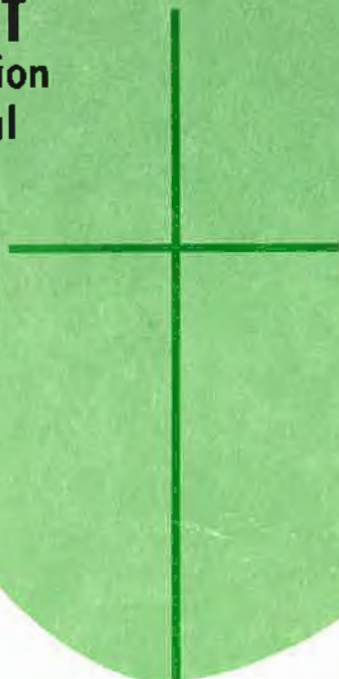


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W. C. Gullixson, Secretary**

**Held at
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CONVENTION OPENING

The 55th Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod opened with a festival service held in the Bethany College Auditorium-Gymnasium, Sunday, June 18, 1972, 10:30 a.m. A Norwegian service was held at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church at 9:30 a.m.

The Liturgist of the Norwegian Service was Prof. Rudolph Honsey, Mankato, Minn. The Rev. Adolph M. Harstad of Madison, Wisconsin, brought the message. Miss Nancy Branstad, Mankato, Minnesota was the organist.

Missionary Theo. Kuster was the featured speaker of the festival service in the Gymnasium. He spoke on "What is God Doing to Save People?" based on Acts 2, 17-21. God is pouring out His Spirit in the preaching of the Gospel and is giving us a sense of urgency because there is not much time left according to the signs He has given us; the simple truth is that God saves all who call upon Him in Jesus. This is the task of the church and the purpose of God—that all men be shown the way unto salvation.

Pastor Robert Moldstad of Hillman, Michigan, was the liturgist. The worship service was beautified by the singing of the Mt. Olive and Norseland choirs, under the direction of Pres. R. Branstad, and the singing of the combined children's choir of Mt. Olive and Norseland Lutheran Schools under the direction of Mrs. C. Swartz. Mrs. John Moldstad served as organist. Bouquets of flowers and minor festival paraments and an artistic presentation of the theme of the Convention "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit," Zech. 4, 6, enhanced the setting for the worshipping assembly, which numbered more than five hundred.

Pastor Rodger Dale of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church welcomed the members and guests of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod on behalf of the congregation.

Pres. R. Branstad spoke on behalf of Bethany Lutheran College welcoming all to use the facilities of the college.

President G. Orvick responded with thanks to both Pastor Dale and President Branstad for the gracious invitations to enjoy the comfortable and attractive surroundings of the church and college. He also expressed the wish that this convention would prove to be another enjoyable renewing of acquaintances in the fellowship of believers.

The temporary Credentials Committee was announced by Chairman Orvick. The committee is composed of Pastors Paul Haugen, David Nelson, Prof. M. Otto, Messrs. E. Storlie and T. Skaaland.

A Mission Program was conducted in the afternoon of Synod Sunday at 3 p.m. Pastor Norman Madson, Foreign Mission Secretary of the Mission Board conducted devotions and served as emcee. Pastor T. Kuster, who has served as missionary and

founder of our mission work in Lima, Peru, spoke and showed colored-slides. Spanish hymns were sung also by the assembly. President G. Orvick reported on his visit to the mission field. Mr. and Mrs. Myrlie and family, who also served our mission in Peru from the beginning, joined the family of Pastor and Mrs. Theo. Kuster in singing a hymn in Spanish, accompanied by Mrs. Kuster on the guitar.

On Monday morning, June 19, the first session of the convention was called to order by the chairman, President George Orvick. 37 Permanent Members responded to the roll call by the Secretary, (later 47 of the 48 Pastors serving member congregations). 9 Permanent Advisory Members responded to the roll call, (later 19 of the 22 Pastors serving non-member congregations, Pastors Emeriti, Professors, and Teachers).

The Rev. Paul Haugen read the report of the Credentials Committee. 47 representatives of member congregations were seated (by Friday 88 delegates were seated), and the Chairman declared the 55th Regular Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the 16th Annual Meeting of the Bethany Lutheran College Corporation to be in session, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Roll Call

A. PERMANENT MEMBERS (Pastors serving Member Congregations)

Present at this convention:

T. Aaberg, P. Anderson, D. Christopherson, R. Dale, R. Falk, W. Frick, W. Granke, G. Guldberg, G. Gullixson, W. Gullixson, W. Halvorson, H. Handberg, A. Harstad, P. Haugen, P. Jecklin, A. Kuster, S. Lee, D. Lillegard, J. Lillo, N. Madson, P. Madson, R. Mathison, W. McMurdie, A. Merseth, R. Moldstad, D. Nelson, R. Newgard, G. Orvick, P. Petersen, W. Petersen, S. Quist, J. Schmidt, T. Skaaland, J. Smith, A. Strand, E. Teigen, M. Teigen, F. Theiste, H. Theiste, V. Theiste, N. Tjernagel, M. Tweit, E. Unseth, L. Vangen, W. Werling, F. Weyland, and C. Wosje.
Absent: H Larson

B. PERMANENT ADVISORY MEMBERS (Not eligible to vote)

Present at this convention:

Pastors serving non-member congregations or groups: E. Buhr, J. Krueger, Theo. Kuster, P. Lehenbauer, J. Petersen, E. Stubenvoll.
Absent: J. Olsen

Pastors Emeriti: H. Preus and P. Ylvisaker. Absent: N. Harstad

Professors: R. Branstad, R. Honsey, Thom. Kuster, J. Madson, J. Moldstad, M. Otto, G. Reichwald and B. Teigen

Teachers: L. Jaechs, C. Zitzmann. Absent: A. Bilich, S. Born

Congregation Admitted Into Membership

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, West Bend, Wisconsin

Pastors Admitted Into Permanent Membership

The Rev. Tosten Skaaland, Belview, Minnesota

The Rev. Martin Teigen, Thornton, Iowa

Pastors Admitted Into Permanent Advisory Membership

The Rev. El Roy E. Buhr, Parkersburg, Iowa

The Rev. John Alan Krueger, Weston, Ohio

The Rev. Paul M. Lehenbauer, Deshler, Ohio



Trinity Lutheran, West Bend, Wisconsin



The Rev. Tosten Skaaland



The Rev. Martin Teigen



The Rev. El Roy E. Buhr



The Rev. John Alan Krueger

Teachers Admitted Into Permanent Advisory Membership

Mr. Charles Zitzmann, West Bend, Wisconsin

Mr. Silas Born, Madison, Wisconsin



Mr. Silas Born

Excused for Late Arrival

Pastors: W. Granke, D. Nelson, A. Strand

Excused for Early Departure

Pastors: G. Guldberg, J. Krueger, P. Jecklin, C. Wosje, R. Falk, E. Unseth, N. Tjernagel, F. Weyland

Delegates:

Emil Peterson and Raymond Hylland of Scarville, Iowa;
 Stanley Reinholtz and Donald Peterson, Madison, Wisconsin;
 Warren Krug and Paul Manthei of E. Jordan, Michigan;
 Cletus Anderson and Harvey Roberson of Jerico, Iowa;
 Ed Beiswenger and Henry Meyer of Crookston, Minnesota;
 Dr. Huebner, Austin, Minnesota;
 Clarence Woelm, of West Bend, Wisconsin;
 George Florhaug, of Mayville, North Dakota.

Excused for Part-Time Absence

Pastor: L. Vangen

Excused for Absence

Pastor: H. Larson

1972 Representatives Eligible To Vote

PASTOR	ADDRESS	CONGREGATION	DELEGATE
T. Aaberg	St. Peter, Minn.	Norseland	Willis Anthony R. C. Zimmerman
P. Anderson	West Bend, Wis.	Trinity	Clarence Woelm Wayne Gessner
D. Christopherson	Holton, Mich.	Holton	Excused
	Muskegon, Mich.	Faith	Excused
R. Dale	Mankato, Minn.	Mt. Olive	Lowell Creel J. B. Madson
R. Falk	Mayville, N.D.	First American	George Florhaug
W. Frick	Fertile, Minn.	First Evanger	Excused
	Ulen, Minn.	Calvary	Excused
W. Granke	Bloomer, Wis.	Good Shepherd	Leon Ehrenberg
	Eau Claire, Wis.	Ascension	Robert Jackson
G. Gulberg	Audubon, Minn.	Immanuel	Tosten Skaaland William Ulrich
	Hawley, Minn.		Excused
G. Gullixson	Lawler, Iowa	Our Savior's Saude	Odell Natvig Harris Vaale
	New Hampton, Iowa	Jerico	Harvey Roberson Cletus Anderson
W. Gullixson	Princeton, Minn.	Bethany	Clarence Cook
	Princeton, Minn.	Our Savior's	Kenneth Camp
W. Halvorson	Crookston, Minn.	Grace	Edwin Beiswenger Henry Meyer
	E. Grand Forks, Minn.	River Heights	
H. Handberg	Tacoma, Wash.	Parkland Center	Larry Joecks Emil Peterson
P. Haugen	Scarville, Iowa	Scarville	Raymond Hylland Reuben Escherich
	Scarville, Iowa		Nels D. Faugstad Einar Engebretson
P. Jecklin	Chicago, Ill.	St. Paul's	Paul Staff Al Voight
A. Kuster	Madison, Wis.	Our Saviour's	Kenwood Arvold C. C. Lowry
H. Larson	Calmar, Iowa	Trinity	
	New Hampton, Iowa	Redeemer	
S. Lee	Portage, Wis.	St. Paul's	Chester Grossman
	Wisconsin Dells, Wis.	Newport	
D. Lillegard	Suttons Bay, Mich.	First	
	Traverse City, Mich.	Concordia	
J. Lillo	Forest City, Iowa	Forest	Allen Green
	Thompson, Iowa	Zion	Adron Tinderholt Norman Skogen
N. Madson	Cottage Grove, Wis.	W. Koshkonong	Harvey Schwartzlow
P. Madson	Cambridge, Mass.	Harvard St.	John Dahl

R. Mathison	Austin, Minn. Hartland, Minn.	Faith Hartland	Roger Huebner (Alt.: Art Newgard) Harvey Bell Helmer Handrickson Edwin C. Solberg Darrell Mundschenk Craig Owings Ingvald Leverson Lars Petersen Obert Harmon Odis Holstad Warren Krug Paul Manthei Marlin Goebel
W. McMurdie	Manchester, Minn. Tacoma, Wash.	Manchester Lakewood	
A. Merseth	Lake Mills, Iowa Lake Mills, Iowa Northwood, Iowa Northwood, Iowa East Jordan, Mich.	Lake Mills Lime Creek First Shell Rock Somber Faith	
R. Moldstad			
D. Nelson	Hillman, Mich. Bagley, Minn. Clearbrook, Minn. Fosston, Minn. Lengby, Minn.	Faith Our Savior's Concordia Cross Lake St. Paul	Edwin Merseth
R. Newgard	Albert Lea, Minn.	Our Savior's	(Alt.: Richard Bjelland) Clarence Myhre Al Pieper Dwelton Peterson Harry Seifert
G. Orvick	Madison, Wis.	Holy Cross	
P. Petersen	Waterloo, Iowa	Pilgrim	
W. Petersen	Madison, Wis.	Grace	Stanley Reinholtz Donald Peterson Harold Viste Charles Getchell Elmer Warmke Vernell Addison (Alt.: Simon Sanderson) Robert Knott John Enger Henry Knutson
S. Quist	Golden Valley, Minn.	King of Grace	
J. Schmidt	Cottonwood, Minn.	English	
	Tracy, Minn.	Zion	
T. Skaaland	Belview, Minn. Belview, Minn. Delhi, Minn.	Our Savior's Rock Dell First	
J. Smith	Waterville, Iowa Waukon, Iowa	E. Paint Creek W. Paint Creek	Robert Larson Nennor Sorum Wilbur Anderson E. Randolph Zielke William Overn Luther Younge Alt.: Marion Schoeneman Lavern Hiller Alfred Tjernagel Adolph Jungemann Paul Helland, Sr. Excused
A. Strand	Chicago, Ill.	St. Mark's	
E. Teigen	Burnsville, Minn.	Heritage	
M. Teigen	Thomton, Iowa	Richland	
F. Theiste	Ames, Iowa	Bethany	
V. Theiste	Sioux Falls, S.D.	Bethel	
N. Tjernagel	Volga, S.D.	Olso	
M. Tweit	Rochester, N.Y. Jasper, Minn. Luverne, Minn.	Indian Landing Rose Dell Trinity Bethany	Holger Ausen James Hoiland Leroy Meyer Nanian Thompson Ellert Storlie Elmer List Lenwick Hoyord Roger Butterfield Excused Excused
E. Unseth	Lombard, Ill.	St. Timothy	
L. Vangen	Eau Claire, Wis.	Concordia	
W. Werling	Clintonville, Wis.	St. Paul's	
F. Weyland	Amherst Junction, Wis.	Our Savior's	
C. Wosje	Minneapolis, Minn. Oklee, Minn. Trail, Minn. Trail, Minn.	Hiawatha Clearwater Mt. Olive Nazareth	
Vacancies	Mason City, Iowa Eau Claire, Wis.	Central Heights Pinehurst	Robert Browning Leonard Julson Robert Heidenreich

Convention Committees

1. **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AND REPORT:**
Pastors—P. Anderson, Dr. N. Tjernagel, H. Handberg
Delegates—Prof. J. Madson (Mount Olive), Charles Getchell (King of Grace), Odis Holstad (Somber)
2. **NOMINATIONS:**
Pastors—D. Lillegard, M. Tweit, T. Kuster, A. Harstad
Delegates—Tosten Skaaland (Immanuel, Audubon), Ellert Storlie (Concordia, Eau Claire), Harold Viste (King of Grace), Chester Grossman (St. Paul's, Portage)
3. **CREDENTIALS:**
Pastors—P. Haugen, R. Moldstad, Prof. M. H. Otto
Delegates—Ellert Storlie (Concordia, Eau Claire), Tosten Skaaland (Immanuel, Audubon)
4. **PROGRAM:**
Pastors—W. Halvorson, D. Lillegard
5. **PUBLIC PRESS AND CONVENTION SENTINEL:**
Pastors—S. Quist, R. Dale, W. Halvorson
6. **DOCTRINAL COMMITTEE:**
Pastors—A. V. Kuster, E. Teigen, Prof. R. Honsey, Dr. N. Tjernagel, J. Schmidt
Delegates—Craig Owings (Lakewood), Adolph Jungemann (Sioux Falls), Elmer List (Clintonville), Edwin Merseth (Clearbrook), Darrell Mundschenk (Lakewood), A. Pieper (Albert Lea)
7. **MISSIONS:**
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Delegates—Henry Meyer (Crookston), Emil Petersen (Center), Roger Butterfield (Hiawatha), Dwelton Peterson (Holy Cross, Madison), James Hoiland (Luverne), S. Reinholdt (Grace, Madison), Kenneth Camp (Our Saviors, Princeton), Marlin Goebel (Hillman), Harvey Roberson (Jerico)
8. **HIGHER EDUCATION:**
Pastors—P. Madson, N. Madson, P. Petersen, Theo. Kuster, D. Lillegard
Delegates—Lenwick Hoyord (Amherst Jct.), Allen Green (Forest City), Paul Staff (St. Paul's Chicago), Nels Faugstad (Scarville), Robert Heidenreich (Pinehurst, Eau Claire), Ray Browning (Madison City), Leroy Meyer (Lombard)
9. **ELEMENTARY EDUCATION:**
Pastors—W. McMurdie, G. Gullixson, Prof. J. Moldstad, J. Smith
Delegates—Harry Seifert (Holy Cross, Madison), Harvey Bell (Hartland), Paul Helland (Sioux Falls), Robert Larson (East Paint Creek), Larry Joecks (Parkland), Harris Vaale (Saude), Lowell Creel (Mankato), Lars Peterson (Lime Creek), Warren Krug (East Jordan)
10. **YOUTH WORK:**
Pastors—R. Falk, M. D. Christopherson, R. Mathison, Prof. G. Reichwald
Delegates—Luther Younge (Thornton), Ed. Beiswenger (Crookston), Ken Arvold (Our Saviour's, Madison), Charles Getchell (King of Grace)
11. **PUBLICATIONS:**
Pastors—R. Moldstad, F. Theiste, E. Unseth, C. Wosje
Delegates—Einar Engebretson (St. Paul's, Chicago), Helmer Hendrickson (Hartland), Robert Knott (Tracy), Raymond Hylland (Center), Warren Krug (East Jordan), Simon Sanderson (Tracy)
12. **FINANCES:**
Pastors—W. Petersen, H. Handberg, R. Dale, H. Theiste, W. Werling, L. Vangen

Delegates—Ruben Escherich (Scarville), George Florhaug (Mayville), E. R. Zielke (St. Mark's, Chicago), Obert Harmon (Northwood), Willis Anthony (Norseland), Elmer Warnke (Cottonwood), Al Voight (Our Saviour's, Madison), Don Peterson (Grace, Madison), Paul Manthei (East Jordon), Cletus Anderson (Jerico), W. Krug (East Jordon)

13. **CHARITIES AND SUPPORT:**

Pastors—P. Anderson, A. Harstad, W. Frick, G. Guldberg

Delegates—Leonard Julson (Pinehurst, Eau Claire), Nennor Sorum (West Paint Creek), Harvey Schwartzlow (W. Koshkonong), William Ulrich (Audubon), Clarence Myhre (Forest City), Harold Viste (King of Grace)

14. **SECONDARY EDUCATION:**

Pastors—W. Halvorson, Dr. Thomas Kuster, J. Lillo, P. Haugen

Delegates—Henry Kuntson (Rock Dell)

15. **MISCELLANEOUS:**

Pastors—R. Newgard, J. Petersen, Profs. R. Branstad, B. W. Teigen

Delegates—Prof. J. Madson (Mount Olive), LeRoy Meyer (Lombard), R. Zimmerman (Norseland), Nanian Thompson (Concordia, Eau Claire), Clarence Myhre (Albert Lea), Chester Grossman (Portage), C. F. Woelm (West Bend), B. Bjelland (Albert Lea).

16. **SYNODICAL MEMBERSHIP:**

Pastors—V. Theiste, Prof. M. H. Otto, F. Weyland, Prof. B. W. Teigen

Delegates—Vernell Addison (Cottonwood), John Dahl (W. Koshkonong), Edwin Solberg (Manchester)

17. **PASTORAL CONFERENCE RECORDS:**

Pastors—Prof. J. Moldstad, Prof. J. B. Madson

18. **RESOLUTIONS:**

Pastors—A. M. Harstad, P. Ylvisaker, Prof. G. Reichwald

19. **TELLERS:**

Pastors—W. Granke, R. Mathison, J. Smith, F. Theiste, M. D. Christopherson

20. **CHAPLAIN:**

Pastor R. Newgard

21. **HEAD USHER:**

Pastor W. Granke

22. **PARLIAMENTARIAN:**

Pastor M. E. Tweit

23. **ORGANIST:**

Pastor G. A. R. Gullixson

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June 19, 1972

Esteemed Members and Friends of our Evangelical Lutheran Synod, Fellow Redeemed in Christ: Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," writes the Psalmist. We, too, can echo his words as we gather for the 55th annual convention of our Evangelical Lutheran Synod. It is truly "good and pleasant" for us to meet together here to strengthen, comfort, and encourage one another. Pastors and laymen enjoy renewing old acquaintances, discussing their mutual joys and sorrows, and above all, planning to carry out the wonderful work of spreading the Gospel. The fellowship which we enjoy in our Evangelical Lutheran Synod is and ought to be a cherished possession. We can see all around us the agony and heartbreak suffered by those who see their fellowship broken. May the Lord preserve us from the intrusion of error and anything else that might destroy that relationship which can only be produced by the power of the Holy Spirit. The hymnwriter has expressed it very well in the words of the hymn:

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

We share our mutual woes
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one
Our comforts and our cares.

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

The theme of this convention is set forth in these words of the angel of the Lord to the Prophet Zechariah: "NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS." Zech. 4, 6. Our devotional speakers will treat fully and inspirationally of the wonderful works of the blessed Spirit of our God. But permit me also to draw some applications from our convention theme.

It is very evident that the existence of our Evangelical Lutheran Synod is due to the power of the Spirit and not to that of man. When that small band of pastors and laymen met at Lime Creek in 1918 for the reorganization of our Synod there was nothing, humanly speaking, that would have given them any hope of establishing a new church body and winning souls for Christ. A speaker at that convention, the Rev. Bjug Harstad, described the situation as follows: "We are, as it were, clustering around the old building site which is storm swept and waste. A destructive hurricane has swept away the dear old mansion, even taking with it most of them that dwelt there. Discouraged, looking around, we discover only the bare ground with wreckage and dangerous crossroads." There was then no might of millions of followers, no might of money or wealth, no might of large institutions. There was also no power. No power of prestige, no power of the pocketbook, no power of prestigious personalities. What was there then? There was the Spirit of God! "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." The preacher

mentioned above realized that power and went on to proclaim, "Yet let us not be too much alarmed nor discouraged. Worse things have repeatedly happened to the church before this, without its being destroyed. Let us remember and follow those words of Jeremiah the prophet: "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.

Therefore without human might and without human power the Spirit went to work. The Spirit worked through the preaching of those humble servants of the Lord. The Word of God which they proclaimed was His vehicle. Hearts were won for the Gospel. Lives were changed. Mission work was carried on. Education in the Word of Life was brought about in the establishment of schools. The Spirit worked quietly. The heaven began to spread throughout the dough. The tiny mustard seed developed into a flourishing tree. The feathers grew back on the chicken. Oh, let us today give praise and thanks to the Holy Spirit of God for the wonderful way in which He has blessed the preaching of the Word and preserved and guided our Evangelical Lutheran Synod throughout the fifty-four years of our existence.

As we look back and see how the Spirit has blessed us in the past we ought to be given new courage and zeal for the future. We have a tremendous challenge facing us in this darkened and sin-cursed world, the challenge of holding high the lamp of the Gospel to give saving light to souls lost in darkness. We live in a time when the philosophy of despair, brought on by the forces of atheism, existentialism, and evolutionism, is rapidly gaining ground. The philosophy of despair, as a view of life, comes out strongly in the writings of philosophers and play writers today. One man who is widely read and has a great influence over the young is Jean-Paul Sartre. This is what he has to say about life: "Man can count on no one but himself; he is alone, abandoned on earth in the midst of his infinite responsibilities, without help, with no other aim than the one he sets for himself, with no other destiny than the one that he forges for himself on this earth." He has also written a play which brings out this thought of hopelessness very clearly. The play is entitled, "No Exit." He pictures three people in a room. There is no door to the room and no windows. There is no way of escape. All three of the people hate each other. They are trapped. Finally they discover they are really in hell. We see thus how this influential writer and philosopher pictures life. And many young people are taking on this view. What difference does it make therefore how one lives? Life is meaningless. There is no hope. Man is caught in a terrible trap.

We would like to set forth one more example of this view of life. Another man by the name of Thomas Bernhard wrote a play that opened recently in Hamburg, Germany. It was called "A Birthday Party for Boris." Everyone in the play is a cripple. Boris doesn't have any legs, his wife doesn't have any legs, and thirteen other people in the play are helpless cripples without legs. Throughout the play they are greedily devouring the birthday cake and all the time discussing ways of committing suicide and helping each other die. In all the commotion Boris dies while beating a drum and the rest hardly notice that he is dead. The play brings out that death is his best birthday present. At the end of the play Boris' wife is alone with the corpse of her dead husband. She breaks into hysterical sobbing laughter as the curtain falls.

What a terrible and tragic view of life such writers are portraying. And yet, what did the audience do at the end of the play? They rose to their feet and gave an 18 minute ovation. Evidently it corresponded with the way they felt about life also.

Dear friends, no wonder we have so much drug addiction, so much immorality, so many dropouts from society, so much indifference amongst so many in the world. Surely the influence of this kind of philosophy leads men to despair and to conclude that the only way out is death. And let us not think that we are far removed from such influences. Our

young people are exposed to such writers all the time and men and women in all walks of life cannot escape coming into contact with the thought patterns of the world we live in.

Our challenge therefore as messengers of the Gospel and bearers of the truth should be very clear. We are to proclaim far and wide from pulpit and workbench, to assembled congregations and to the people next door, that there is hope in this world, that man is not caught in a trap, that man is not a helpless victim of blind fate, and that his life is not a meaningless tragedy. We are to testify that there is a loving personal heavenly Father who watches over us and causes all things to work for our good. We are to lead people to confess with David, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures." Life does not end in a room with no exit, but that our lives are going to go on through all eternity in a blissful and happy existence with God in heaven as our Saviour has promised, "In my Father's house are many mansions, I go to prepare a place for you." And how do we know that this is true? How do we have the assurance that we shall be eligible for such an existence, seeing that we are frail children of dust who sin much every day and deserve nothing but punishment? Oh, the answer lies in the person of our wonderful Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. His incarnation, His perfect life, his death and resurrection give us the blessed assurance that His Word is THE TRUTH and that His atonement on Calvary has washed and cleansed us from sin. We are now the children of God and heirs of His wondrous salvation.

Jesus, in Thy cross are centered
All the marvels of Thy grace;
Thou, my Saviour, once hast entered
Though Thy blood the holy place:
Thy sacrifice holy there wrought my redemption,
From Satan's dominion I now have exemption;
The way is now free to the Father's high throne,
Where I may approach Him, in Thy name alone.

The challenge to us and to all those who possess the truth of the Gospel is very clear. We must share it with others before it is too late. We are involved in a race which is a matter of life and death. In the year 427 B.C. an army from Athens had put down a revolt on the island of Lesbos. Sometime afterwards the people of Athens voted to severely punish the rebel islanders. So they sent a ship full of soldiers to the island with orders to kill all the rebel men and to sell the women and children as slaves. The next day, however, the people of Athens were sorry they had sentenced the islanders to such terrible punishment. So they quickly sent a second ship with orders to pardon the rebels. But the first ship had a full day's head start. The sailors on the second ship knew that they were in a race with death. Day and night they rowed, straining every muscle at the oars. Fortunately they caught up with the first ship and so saved the islanders from destruction.

Each day life and death races are going on all around us. Many people do not believe in the Saviour. Others have never heard of His love and goodness. Each day these people are getting closer to the time of their death. When they die it will be too late.

But we have the wonderful message of pardon through our Lord Jesus Christ. We therefore must strain every muscle to bring that message of salvation to them.

The Holy Spirit of God has helped us in the past to preserve the Word in its truth and purity. But have we been as zealous about sharing the Good News with others as we should have been? The power is there. There is no weakness on the part of the Spirit. But have we hindered the Spirit by being too reticent, too shy, too timid, too bashful to share our faith with others? Thank God there is a revival of interest in Evangelism in our country and also in our Synod. Let each congregation, each pastor, each member take more seriously the Lord's command, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me." Acts 1,8. As soldiers need training be-

fore going into battle, so we need more adequate training and leadership in preparing ourselves to be witnesses for Jesus. We would encourage therefore the systematic study of methods and techniques of sharing our faith with others. Oh, how the Holy Spirit could work through us if we would give Him the opportunity. Let the years ahead bring a real revival of interest in personal soul-winning and enthusiasm for the spreading of the glorious Gospel.

May this convention be, therefore, an inspiration to each one of us, helping us to realize the tremendous challenge that is ours as instruments of the Spirit in this dark world. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5,16. In Jesus Name. Amen.

The Rev. George M. Orvick



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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Ordinations and Installations

The Rev. G. F. Guldberg was installed as pastor of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Audubon, Minnesota and of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Hawley, Minnesota on Sunday, July 25, 1971. The rite of installation was conducted by the Rev. W. Halvorson, the Rev. W. Frick was the liturgist, and the Rev. D. Nelson preached the sermon.

The Rev. Handberg was installed as pastor of the Parkland Lutheran Congregation at Tacoma, Washington on August 1, 1971. The Rev. W. F. McMurdie preached the sermon and performed the rite of installation.

Western Koshkonong Lutheran Church of Cottage Grove, Wisconsin welcomed its new pastor, the Rev. Norman Madson, on Sunday, August 8, 1971. Circuit Visitor, the Rev. Wilhelm Petersen, preached the sermon and the synodical president performed the rite of installation.

Mr. Silas V. Born, Mrs. Howard Hougan, and Mrs. James Bosse were installed as teachers in the new Holy Cross Lutheran School, Madison, Wisconsin, on August 8, 1971. The pastor of the congregation, the Rev. George M. Orvick, performed the rite of installation.

Dr. Thomas Kuster was installed as professor at Doctor Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota in August, 1971.

Miss Alice Sumrall and Mrs. Dorothy Swalling were installed as teachers in the Lakewood Lutheran School, Tacoma, Washington, in August 1971.

The Rev. H. A. Theiste was installed as Visitation Pastor of King of Grace Lutheran Church, Golden Valley, Minnesota, on August 29, 1971. The alternate visitor, The Rev. W. C. Gullixson preached the sermon and officiated.

The Bethany Congregation of Luverne, Minnesota, and Rose Dell Trinity Congregation of Jasper, Minnesota welcomed their new pastor, the Rev. M. E. Tweit, on November 7th, 1971. Circuit Visitor Paul Anderson performed the rite of installation and the Rev. Victor Theiste preached the sermon.

The Rev. Paul G. Anderson was installed as pastor of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of West Bend, Wisconsin, on December 5, 1971. Your synodical president preached the sermon and performed the rite of installation.

Candidate of Theology Tosten D. Skaaland was ordained and installed as pastor of the Belview, Minnesota parish on December 12, 1971. The liturgy was conducted by Rev. M. E. Tweit, the sermon was preached by Prof. M. H. Otto, and the rite of ordination was conducted by Rev. Victor Theiste.

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota, welcomed its new pastor, the Rev. Rodger Dale, on January 9, 1972. The Rev. Theo. Aaberg, circuit visitor, preached the sermon and performed the rite of installation. Prof. John Moldstad, interim pastor, conducted the liturgy.

The Rev. G. A. R. Gullixson was installed as pastor of the Saude and Perico Lutheran Churches at Lawler, Iowa, on February 6, 1972. Your synodical president preached the sermon and performed the rite of installation.

The Rev. John Krueger was installed as associate pastor in the Deshler-Weston-Bowling Green, Ohio parish on February 13, 1972. The Rev. Paul Lehenbauer, pastor of the parish, served as liturgist and your synodical president preached the sermon and performed the rite of installation.

The Rev. W. Werling was installed as pastor of Our Savior's Congregation at New Hope and Our Savior's Elderon, Wisconsin, on April 9th, 1972. Circuit Visitor, W. Petersen preached the sermon and performed the rite of installation.

Candidate of Theology Martin Teigen was ordained and installed as pastor of the Richland Lutheran Church, Thornton, Iowa on June 11, 1972.

The Rev. Alf Merseth conducted the rite of ordination and installation and the sermon was preached by Prof. J. B. Madson. The Rev. G. A. R. Gullixson read the vita.

Mr. Clinton Swartz was installed as teacher in Mt. Olive Lutheran School, Mankato, Minnesota, on August 15, 1971. Professor John Moldstad, vacancy pastor, performed the rite of installation.

Dedication

Forest Lutheran Congregation, Forest City, Iowa, dedicated its new addition to the church building on November 22, 1971. Your synodical president preached the sermon and performed the rite of dedication.

Ground Breaking

On Sunday, May 7, 1972, Concordia Congregation of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, held a ground breaking service at its new site in the south-east area of the city. The pastor, the Rev. Luther Vangen, conducted the service.

Anniversaries

The Rev. Alf Merseth was honored on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his ordination into the holy ministry at a special service and reception held at the Lime Creek Lutheran Church of Lake Mills, Iowa, on August 22, 1971. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. M. E. Tweit and local pastors participated.

On October 10, 1971 St. Mark's Congregation of Chicago, Illinois, observed the 25th anniversary of the Rev. Ahlert Strand's pastorate of the congregation. Chairman Alberg Hammer delivered the anniversary address. Secretary Ernest Larson served as master of ceremonies and a generous gift was presented to Pastor and Mrs. Strand.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Madison, Wisconsin, the Rev. A. V. Kuster, pastor, observed the 85th anniversary of its founding with special services on March 12, 1972. The Rev. A. M. Harstad and the Rev. Dr. Thomas Kuster were guest speakers at the two services.

At this convention we shall also observe the 25th anniversary of the



The Rev. Alf Merseth



Professor R. Honsey



The Rev. G. A. R. Gullixson

teaching and preaching ministry of Prof. Rudolph Honsey. Prof. Honsey was installed as a professor at Bethany College on February 2, 1947. In 1962 he became pastor of Harvard Street Lutheran Church in Cambridge, Mass., and later returned to Bethany to resume his position as professor.

The Rev. G. A. R. Gullixson observed the 40th anniversary of his ordination on July 19, 1971. The anniversary will be commemorated at this convention.

Membership Applications

Pastor ElRoy E. Buhr, Faith Lutheran Church, Parkersburg, Iowa, makes application for permanent advisory membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. His letter of request is on file. The colloquy committee recommends that he be accepted.

Pastor Tosten D. Skaaland, newly-ordained and installed pastor of Rock Dell and Our Saviour's Lutheran Churches of Belview, Minnesota, and First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Delhi, Minnesota, has made preliminary request for permanent membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. His letter of request is on file.

The Rev. John Alan Krueger, newly installed as associate pastor of the Deshler-Weston-Bowling Green, Ohio parish, makes application for permanent advisory membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. His letter of request is on file. The colloquy committee recommends that he be accepted.

The Rev. Paul M. Lehenbauer, pastor of the Deshler-Weston-Bowling Green, Ohio parish, makes application for permanent advisory membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. His letter of request is on file. The colloquy committee recommends that he be accepted.

The Rev. Martin Teigen, newly-ordained and installed pastor of Richland Lutheran Church, Thornton, Iowa, has made preliminary request for permanent membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. His letter of request is on file.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Town of Jackson, West Bend,

Wisconsin, makes application for membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The Rev. Paul Anderson is the pastor. The proper documents are on file.

Mr. Charles Zitzmann, principal of Trinity Lutheran School, West Bend, Wisconsin, makes application for permanent advisory membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. His letter of request is on file.

Mr. Silas Born, principal of Holy Cross Lutheran School, Madison, Wisconsin, makes application for permanent advisory membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. His letter of request is on file.

Resignations and Appointments

Rev. M. E. Tweit, upon acceptance of a call to Luverne, Minnesota, resigned as visitor of the Southern Circuit of the ELS. Alternate Visitor, the Rev. G. A. R. Gullixson, was appointed to fill the position of visitor until this convention.

The Rev. Alf Merseth was appointed to fill the position of Alternate Visitor of the Southern Circuit until this convention.

The Rev. N. A. Madson resigned from the Publications Board. The Rev. Rodger Dale was appointed to fill that position until this convention.

The Rev. H. Handberg resigned from the Synod Self-Study Committee. The Rev. John Schmidt was appointed to fill that position until this convention.

Mr. Ralph Olson resigned from the Youth Board. No appointment was made. The position should be filled at this convention.

Mr. Eugene Dexter resigned from the Board of Secondary Education. Mr. George Cooper was appointed to fill that position until this convention.

Mr. Bruno Wilinski resigned from the Youth Board. No appointment was made. The position should be filled at this convention.

The Rev. Frank Miller, formerly of First Lutheran Church, Ashland, Wisconsin, has resigned from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and has accepted a call to Glenwood, Minnesota where he serves a parish in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

The Rev. Paul Anderson, upon accepting a call to Trinity Congregation of West Bend, Wisconsin, resigned as visitor of the Southwestern Circuit. The Rev. Victor Theiste, formerly alternate visitor, was appointed to the office of visitor until this convention. The Rev. M. E. Tweit was appointed to fill the position of alternate visitor of the Southwestern Circuit until this convention.

In accordance with the action of the Synod (cp. Res. No. 3, page 68, 1971 S.R.) a Catechism Revision Committee has been appointed. They are Prof. J. B. Madson, temporary chairman; the Rev. Theo Aaberg; Mr. Julian Olson; Prof. M. H. Otto; and the Rev. John Schmidt.

Mr. Al Schwan has resigned from the Mission Board. No appointment was made. The position should be filled by election.

Retirement

The Rev. Dr. N. Tjernagel retired as of May 1, 1972. He will continue to serve the Indian Landing Lutheran Congregation at Rochester, N.Y.

Deaths

The Rev. Christian A. Moldstad of Brewster, Mass., was called to his eternal rest on February 24, 1972 at the age of 89 years. He had served as a pastor in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Chicago, Ill., Norwegian Lutheran Church, Boston, Mass., Fairview Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn., and as a professor at Bethany College. After his retirement in 1946 he continued to conduct services in his home in Brewster, Mass., and kept on preaching the Gospel until the age of 88. He had served our Synod in many ways: as synodical president, editor of the "**Lutheran Sentinel**," and various other board memberships. He was a faithful servant of the Lord throughout his long ministry and was especially zealous for the preservation of the pure doctrine. Christian burial services were



The Rev. Christian A. Moldstad



The Rev. Nils C. Oesleby

conducted in Brewster by Vicar Martin Teigen. A memorial service will be conducted at this convention.

The Rev. Nils C. Oesleby of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, entered the church triumphant on May 19, 1972 at the age of 62 years. He had served pastorates in New Hampton, Iowa; Sioux Falls, S.D.; Madison, Wisconsin and for the past 11 years had served as pastor of Pinehurst Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Pastor Oesleby had served our Synod on various boards and committees including the Board of Regents. He had done much research on the catechism and on Biblical manuscripts. He had published a book entitled "Your Neighbor's Place" which was an in depth study of the ninth and tenth commandments. Christian burial services were conducted at Pinehurst on May 22, 1972, with the Rev. Luther Vangen officiating. Your synodical president spoke on behalf of the Synod. Interment was at Scarville, Iowa. A memorial service will be conducted at this convention.

Colloquies

During the past year your Synodical Colloquy Committee met with the Rev. El Roy Buhr on August 16, 1971. Rev. Buhr was found to be in doctrinal agreement with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The committee recommends that he be given permanent advisory membership in our Synod. He is presently serving Faith Lutheran Church in Parkersburg, Iowa.

On January 17, 1972 your committee met with the Rev. John Alan Krueger. Pastor Krueger was also found to be in doctrinal agreement with the Synod and is hereby recommended for permanent advisory membership. The Rev. Krueger is associate pastor in the Deshler-Weston-Bowling Green, Ohio parish.

The Rev. Paul Lehenbauer met with the committee on April 25, 1972 and was likewise found to be in agreement with the doctrinal position of our Synod. The committee recommends that he be given permanent advisory membership. The Rev. Lehenbauer is pastor of the Deshler-Weston-Bowling Green, Ohio parish.

Visitors' Activities

The visitors and alternates of the various circuits have been very busy conducting call meetings, taking care of vacancies, directing vicars, speaking about stewardship, conducting installations and ordinations, etc. Their work is very much appreciated by the president and their attention to various administrative tasks in their circuits contributes a great deal to the harmonious operation of the Synod.

Intersynodical

The Evangelical Lutheran Confessional Forum met for the sixth time at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Madison, Wisconsin, on October 25-26, 1971. Representing the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, as appointed by your president, were the following: Administration Division—G. M. Orvick, W. C. Gullixson, L. Vangen; Doctrinal Division—M. H. Otto, B. W. Teigen, A. M. Harstad; Mission Division—N. A. Madson, E. G. Unseth, L. H. Miller; Education Division—R. M. Branstad, W. Petersen, M. Tweit.

A paper on the Doctrine of the Church and Ministry was presented by Prof. B. W. Teigen and a discussion followed. The various essays delivered in the respective Synods were reviewed. Pastor Kurt Eggert reviewed the essay presented at our last convention entitled, "I Believed, Therefore Have I Spoken" by Prof. J. Moldstad. Pastor W. Petersen reviewed the essay presented to the 41th biennial convention of the WELS entitled, "We Believe—The Theology of Evangelism" by Prof. Armin Schuetze. A second essay prepared for the 41st WELS convention entitled, "Therefore We Speak—Evangelism in Practice" by Prof. Daniel Malchow was reviewed by Pastor E. G. Unseth.

The following resolutions on doctrinal matters were adopted:

RESOLVED, (a) that, in view of WELS's more direct involvement and concern relative to recent developments in Germany, specifically, the proposed merger of the Federated Lutheran Free Churches of Germany and its effect on the WELS's mission program in Germany, we encourage the WELS's Commission on Doctrinal Matters to proceed with its contemplated communication to the pertinent European churches, and be it further

RESOLVED, (b) that the ELS Doctrinal Committee be encouraged to make further study of the recent developments in Germany, in order that it might gain a more detailed knowledge of the German developments and thereupon determine its own relationship with regard to the forthcoming merger of the Federated Lutheran Free Churches in Germany.

The following resolutions concerning administration matters were adopted:

RESOLUTION (1) IT IS RECOMMENDED that each Synod be encouraged to establish a committee to plan appropriate ways for observing the 400th anniversary of Luther's Catechisms, and of the Augsburg Confession, and that the two committees confer with each other. (Pres. Naumann suggested, for instance, the production of an anniversary edition containing Luther's two catechisms, the Augsburg Confession, and possibly also the Formula of Concord-Epitome. He suggested also publication of biographies of authors of the Formula of Concord.)

RESOLUTION (2) Concerning plans to form a synodical conference on the confessional principles of the former Conference, IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Evangelical Lutheran Confessional Forum encourage the presidents of the two synods to seek, through the services of the respective doctrinal commissions, to arrange for exploratory meetings with leaders of other confessionally-minded Lutheran churches to discuss a doctrinal basis for the possible establishment of a federation similar to the former Synodical Conference.

The following resolutions regarding education were adopted:

1) Christian Education

Whereas the need for Christian education on all levels is intensified by the present world situation, and

Whereas there is a growing lack of concern for parochial education, especially in Lutheran bodies not in fellowship with us, therefore

We recommend that we strongly encourage mutual use of Christian educational facilities on all levels in our synods; and be it further

Recommended that we ask the presidents of our synods to do all possible to publicize this recommendation.

2) Recruitment

Whereas there is a place on the junior college level where our youth may be strengthened in their Christian faith and conviction, therefore

We recommend that the use of Bethany Lutheran College be encouraged and that Bethany Lutheran College consider the door open to recruitment in WELS congregations and schools.

3) Division Name

Whereas the WELS membership on the Education Division of the Evangelical Lutheran Confessional Forum represents all levels of education, but the membership of the ELS represents only the area of higher education, therefore,

We recommend that the name of our division be changed to THE EDUCATION AND YOUTH DIVISION.

The following resolutions regarding missions were adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that our two synods collaborate in the publishing of books and tracts in the Spanish language, in particular a reprinting of Mueller's Dogmatics.

RE IT RESOLVED that the WELS Board for World Missions invite and encourage the ELS Mission Board to send a representative to their next World Missions Seminary Conference to be held in Lusaka, Zambia, scheduled for the late spring of 1972.

RESOLVED, to urge our respective synods to continue to make use of Lutheran Collegians in synodical mission projects.

Mission Guidelines

WHEREAS, The fellowship of faith calls for mutual consideration between sister synods, and

WHEREAS, Good stewardship demands that money given for Missions be spent wisely, and

WHEREAS, Our manpower should not be wasted by duplication of effort,

BE IT RESOLVED: That when a new mission is contemplated in an area already served by a sister synod the initiating group consult the local congregation and with the responsible mission board of the sister synod.

The motion prevailed that we recommend the mission guidelines above be adopted by the respective synods as guidelines for the establishment of new missions.

The next meeting of the Forum will be held at the ELS headquarters building in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on October 23-24, 1972.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of France and Belgium

A communication has been received from President Jean Bricka of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of France and Belgium which also contained resolutions of that Synod regarding its present status with the LC-MS. The Resolution pointed out the positive factors from the Milwaukee Convention, but at the same time it pointed out the ambiguous and unsatisfactory actions of the Milwaukee Convention. The Synod also resolved that it could not rescind for conscience sake its 1969 resolution which placed it in a vigorously protesting position over against the LC-MS. It also resolved that if "two years hence the LC-MS has not removed altar and pulpit fellowship with the ALC and its cooperation with LCUSA, and has not practiced the ecclesiastical discipline mentioned above, our altar and pulpit fellowship with her will be terminated."

The following response was sent to President Bricka:
Dear President Bricka:

On behalf of our Evangelical Lutheran Synod I wish to thank you for your recent letter and for the copy of the resolution adopted by your

church body relative to your relationship with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Your letter and the resolutions were presented to our Doctrinal Committee for discussion. The Committee wishes to convey to you the following response:

To the President, Pastor Jean Bricka, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church - The Synod of France and Belgium:

This will acknowledge receipt of Pastor Bricka's letter dated February 16, 1972, and also receipt of the resolutions regarding your relations with sister churches passed at the October 30-November 1, 1971 Synod Convention. We express our thanks to the Synod for sending to us these serious and far-reaching resolutions.

We take cognizance of the fact that through these resolutions you have come to recognize that the same hindrances to fellowship, on account of which we felt constrained to sever our fellowship with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, prompted you to take the action that you did.

We pray that a God-pleasing solution to these tragic problems will be reached. May the Holy Spirit open the hearts of all that they may confess the one truth in Christ without ambiguity.

We welcome some type of international meetings whereby a new doctrinal statement can be drawn up to which all Lutherans the world-over may subscribe. There is need for a new Formula of Concord thoroughly worked out to help orthodox Lutheranism avoid the errors of Modern Theology.

We also look forward to the day when all confessional Lutherans throughout the world can establish a closer fellowship. We are grateful for our fellowship with you but earnestly desire that this fellowship may be more actively practiced among us for the mutual strengthening of one another.

Please extend the sincere greetings of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod to the members of your church body. May the Lord of the Church preserve us in the confession of the true faith in these dangerous and troubled times. May He also give us strength and zeal to labor for the spreading of the Good News of salvation in our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Sincerely in Christ,
George M. Orvick, President
Evangelical Lutheran Synod

The Federation for Authentic Lutheranism

It has been my privilege through the past year to work with a very staunch group of pastors and congregations who have left the LC-MS and have formed the new church body known as the Federation for Authentic Lutheranism. The constituting convention of this church body was held at Libertyville, Illinois, on Nov. 1-2, 1971, and we were pleased to give encouragement to them. The body now numbers about 14 congregations and approximately 10,000 souls. Our doctrinal committee has met with them and recognizes the fact that we are in doctrinal agreement. The committee is proposing to this convention that we go on record as recognizing the FAL as confessional brethren and that it makes known its readiness to practice fellowship in every way with them. The officers of the FAL have been informed of our convention and have been invited to attend.

An Invitation From Lutherans Alert-National

The following communications were received from Lutherans Alert-National in which they propose the establishment of a Forum to "speak with a common voice and united front against the liberalism" in so many Lutheran bodies. The letter and proposed resolution together with my reply are herewith reported to the Synod:

Dear Pastor Orvick:

LUTHERANS ALERT-NATIONAL is holding its 7th Annual Convention in Central Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Washington, June 27th through the 29th.

On Wednesday, June 28th, at our afternoon session the convention will turn its attention to the possibility of establishing a Forum made up of individuals and/or churches and/or synods who uphold the inerrancy of Scripture. The purpose of such a Forum is to attempt to speak with a common voice and united front against the liberalism which is rampant in our major Lutheran bodies. The Forum would have no power given it other than the power given by those who desire to form this loosely organized body of concerned Lutherans.

I am writing to ask whether you could be present to give a ten or fifteen minute observation—pro or con—on this contemplated venture. If you personally cannot attend, would it be possible for you to send a representative or an observer? We would appreciate an early reply to this invitation.

Due to the distances involved, LUTHERANS ALERT National cannot assume any monetary obligation.

Enclosed please find the Resolution that will be presented at the conclusion of the afternoon session for vote by those present at our convention.

Sincerely in Christ,
R. H. Redal, President
LUTHERANS ALERT-National

RESOLUTION

(Subject to revision or correction at the convention)

WHEREAS: We recognize the need for a conservative inter-Lutheran Forum because we sense very keenly a continual eroding of our Lutheran heritage which is evident in major Lutheran Synods;

WHEREAS: We individually and jointly hold in confession the Lutheran Confessions;

WHEREAS: We desire to bring others to a personal, living, and saving faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, and we desire to serve Him through this broader fellowship so that we might be strengthened in our faith as well as in our witness and outreach to others;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

to support an inter-Lutheran forum with LUTHERANS ALERT-National

to serve as a vehicle to coordinate said forum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

to recommend that a committee be elected to serve in an advisory capacity to the board of LUTHERANS ALERT-National in planning the function and structure of this forum.

Dear President Redal:

Thank you for your letter of April 14th regarding the possibility of establishing a Forum made up of individuals and/or churches and/or synods who uphold the inerrancy of Scripture. We of the ELS certainly are in sympathy with all who wish to abide by the old confessional principles of sound Lutheranism and who wish to defend the inerrancy and inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. We appreciate the fact that the members of Lutherans Alert are making an effort to testify against the liberalism which is having such a devastating effect on so many Lutheran bodies today.

For years members of our Evangelical Lutheran Synod took part in the Lutheran Free Conferences which were also attended by members of Lutherans Alert. We felt that these conferences served a good purpose in that they provided a forum through which conservatives could speak and could also get to know one another. It is our feeling now, however, that such conferences have served their purpose and that it is now time for those who wish to remain faithful to the Word to sever their connections with false teaching church bodies and come out from among them. This has been done by the members of the Federation for Authentic Lutheranism, a group of pastors and congregations which left the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Some hold to the conviction that they should stay within their liberal

bodies and continue to fight from within. We certainly respect their right to do so. It is our position, however, that the time comes when congregations and individuals who realize that their church body is allowing error to be taught should leave those bodies and seek the fellowship of orthodox Lutherans. We believe that passages such as Romans 16, 17 require this of Christians.

We have established the Evangelical Lutheran Confessional Forum together with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. We have also established fellowship relations with the new body, the FAL. We are interested in maintaining and establishing fellowship with all Lutheran bodies who are remaining faithful to the Word. We feel that the time has come for the establishment of an international conference of orthodox Lutherans, and possibly the drawing up of a new "Formula of Concord" to which these bodies would subscribe.

We do not at this time see the value of establishing a Forum such as you propose, since we already are bearing such witness through our association with the WELS and with FAL. We would rather urge all true Lutherans to sever their connections with false teaching church bodies and to work for the establishment of a church fellowship which could be completely united in doctrine and practice.

I will not be able to attend the convention of Lutherans Alert-National and am therefore taking this opportunity to express my opinions by mail. It is possible that I may ask one of our Tacoma pastors to attend as an observer.

Thank you very much for writing. May the Lord give us strength and courage to confess the truth of His Word in these difficult days.

Sincerely in Christ,
George M. Orvick, President
Evangelical Lutheran Synod

The German Free Churches

The Doctrinal Committee report contains a summary of the present state of affairs in regard to the merger of the three German Free Churches. According to the latest report this merger is to take place on June 25, 1972. President Naumann and representatives of the WELS are in discussion with these church bodies concerning their relationship to the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and concerning their forthcoming union. Our committee is studying these matters in order to advise the Synod on what our future relationship to the new German body should be.

Conventions and Meetings Attended

On July 12-16, 1971, your synodical president, together with other ELS representatives, attended the convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Milwaukee in order to observe the course which this body would take. It was readily apparent that the cleavage between the "moderates" and the "conservatives" continues to widen and that any apparent hope of the restoration of doctrinal unity in that body has vanished.

On August 9-10 we attended the 41st. biennial convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod at Watertown, Wisconsin and brought a message of greeting to that body on behalf of the ELS. The convention of our sister synod demonstrated its determination to remain faithful to the Word and at the same time to do everything possible to continue to spread the Gospel. It was striking to note that both the WELS Convention and the ELS Convention of last year stressed the topic of Evangelism.

In addition to these conventions, as well as the previously reported FAL convention, there have been numerous meetings with congregations and pastors who are concerned about the present state of Lutheranism.

We have also attended several pastoral conferences. We arranged and attended a joint ELS-FAL pastoral conference in the Madison area and plans were made to continue these meetings twice each year.

Encouragement of Confessional Lutherans

At its last convention our Synod adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, That we request the officers of our Synod to continue to take the initiative in laboring for a realignment of Lutherans who wish to remain faithful to God's Word. (S. R. p. 46)

We have been trying to carry out this resolution to the best of our ability as we earnestly feel that there should be greater unity amongst Lutherans of the same doctrinal convictions. It is very important for the cause of confessional Lutheranism that the small portion of Lutherans who wish to remain faithful to the Word do everything possible to work together in harmony. We therefore earnestly pray that the Lord will continue to bless our relationship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the Federation for Authentic Lutheranism. These associations are deeply cherished by us. We also look forward to and labor for the day when many more pastors and congregations of a true confessionally Lutheran spirit will be reunited in fellowship and can work together for the upbuilding of the Lord's Kingdom.

A Visit to Our Peru Mission Field

It was our privilege to make a ten day visit to our mission field in Lima, Peru during the month of April. We were most inspired by the work that is being carried on there by our missionaries. Our Synod can be very thankful to God for the dedication of its workers and for the success which they have had on the field. The methods employed by our missionaries have proven to be wise indeed. They have not been afraid to work with the people where they are and as they are. Living in the *barriadas* and working in them has shown the people that we truly have their welfare at heart. As a result our mission in Lima has gained many more souls than some other missions which have been there longer. I am convinced that this is an area which is truly "ripe" for the Gospel and that we shall continue to win hundreds of souls there.

I was also greatly impressed at the efforts of our missionaries to teach the people that this is their church, a truly Peruvian church, and that they are responsible for its welfare. On October 31, 1971 the church there, known as "Centro Cristiano" installed its own officers. They are: Mr. Higidio Galban, president; Mr. Braulio Capulian, secretary; and Mr. Fidel



Left to right: Pedro Fidel Milla, Treasurer, President Orvick, Higidio Galban, president and Braulio Capulian, secretary.

Milla, treasurer. These are truly dedicated men. I have met them and have heard Mr. Galban and Mr. Capulian conduct services and explain the Scriptures. These men are studying for the ministry through our extension seminary and we hope that someday they will be pastors in our church there.

In addition to Missionaries Kuster and Olsen we also are deeply appreciative of the work done by the missionaries' wives in teaching and writing the Sunday School material and helping in so many ways. The 3½ years of faithful service given to our mission by Mr. and Mrs. Orlin Myrlie is also deeply appreciated as well as the work of Mr. and Mrs. William Krug and Mr. Ralph Mozach.

Another wonderful opportunity to expand our work has now come to us in Managua, Nicaragua. The Mission Board will report more fully on its actions there.

Let us continue to give our wholehearted support to our mission work, both at home and abroad, in the form of generous giving and fervent prayer.

Miscellaneous

It was with real joy that we noted the increase in giving for the Lord's work during the past fiscal year so that we were virtually able to meet our budget, taking care of all of our expenses and paying off a substantial sum on our past deficits. Many of our congregations have made commitments for the year. This is of great help for our Stewardship Committee in its planning. Many other congregations are sending in their contributions in 12 equal installments thus helping to avoid that "summer dry spell." Since the proposed budgets for the shortened fiscal year and for 1973 both represent substantial increases over the past year we would caution against increasing them. We need to make progress in our work and plan for new ventures but we also need to employ sound fiscal judgment.

In this regard I would like to address a word to the congregations of our Synod. I firmly believe that every congregation should consider the salary that its pastor is receiving. A nineteen year old boy in my congregation is earning more money this summer carrying bricks and cement than almost every pastor and professor in our Synod. Most of our pastors are grossly underpaid and if it were not for working wives and relatives it would be doubtful if they could continue in the ministry. It is not an easy matter for a pastor to come to his congregation and ask for a raise in salary. Most of them would rather suffer in silence than say anything. But is it right for a congregation of responsible members to ignore the yearly increase in the cost of living, the high cost of education, the necessity of providing for some type of retirement, etc.? We would earnestly implore the delegates at this convention to take it upon themselves to go home and speak to their finance committees or voters' assemblies about this important matter.

At this convention we shall be pleased to welcome several new pastors and teachers, and a new congregation into our midst. May God bless their membership in our Synod and may the service they render bring glory to His Name.

We pray the blessing and guidance of the Holy Spirit upon this convention. May that Spirit so fill us with zeal and love that we may continue to pray and to labor to the very utmost of our ability. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." I Cor. 15:58.

Soli Deo Gloria
George M. Orvick

ACTION OF THE SYNOD:

Resolution No. 1: Expression of Gratitude to God the Spirit

WHEREAS, The world ever desires to rob us of our finished salvation in Jesus Christ, a great, free gift of our gracious God through His Holy Spirit, and since many forces are at work in our day to confuse us and snatch from us that Spirit-given blessing of His grace, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, acknowledging its great unworthiness, declares its gratitude to the glorious Lord of Hosts alone for its preservation through fifty-four years, not by human might nor fleshly power of numbers, wealth or will, but, as our president has reminded us, because "the Spirit worked quietly."

Resolution No. 2: Personal Mission Work

WHEREAS, Christians should constantly seek to grow in zeal for telling other men about Christ and in the skill to do it, and

WHEREAS, The need for personal, one-to-one mission work has never been greater, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That each congregation be urged to institute its own program of evangelism with special emphasis on encouraging its members in the confession of Christ's name before men and on training them in methods of doing the same.

Resolution No. 3: President's Consultations

WHEREAS, President Orvick has faithfully carried out the duties of his office by representing the Evangelical Lutheran Synod at internal functions, such as installations, anniversaries, and the like, and

WHEREAS, He has also given generously of his time and strength to encourage concerned congregations and groups of congregations outside our Synod which desire to remain faithful to the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we endorse his participation in these endeavors and support him in his implementation of our desire to "extend the hand of fellowship to all those who share our confessional position" (S.R. 1963, p. 48 and to "labor for re-alignment of Lutherans faithful to the Lutheran confessions" (S.R. 1955, p. 46).

Resolution No. 4: Historic Anniversaries

WHEREAS, Luther's Catechisms and the Augsburg Confession have been of incomparable value to Christendom, and

WHEREAS, Our president has recommended the observance of the 450th anniversaries of the Catechisms and the Augsburg Confession, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That a committee of two laymen, one elementary teacher, and two pastors be appointed by the president, in accord with his recommendations, to plan appropriate ways of observing these anniversaries in 1979-80.

Resolution No. 5: Pastors' Salaries

WHEREAS, Our president has called attention to the fact that "most of our pastors are grossly underpaid," and

WHEREAS, It is not an easy matter for a pastor to ask a congregation for a raise, and

WHEREAS, The initiative in arranging for a pastor's salary ought to be with the responsible members of the congregation(s) to assure that the effectiveness of their pastor's ministry is not diminished because of inadequate provision for the material needs of their pastor and his family, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod accept the counsel of the president to consider and re-evaluate the salaries paid to their pastors.

Resolution No. 6: Printing of the President's Message

BE IT RESOLVED, That President Orvick's message to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod be printed in the 1972 Synod Report.

THE SYNODICAL CONFERENCE—A CHAMPION OF TRUE LUTHERANISM

By the Rev. J. N. Petersen

"But to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at My word" (Is. 66:2). These words of the prophet Isaiah could suitably serve as the epitaph inscribed on the tombs of the founding fathers of the Lutheran Synodical Conference. That the Synodical Conference proved to be such "a blessing in the midst of the land" for so many decades is attributed in a great degree to the fact that these men of God, under God, undertook the work of forming a genuine confessional federation in our beloved land with true repentance and in awe of God's inspired and inerrant Word. The spirit of the psalmist truly permeated their thoughts and actions: "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy and for Thy truth's sake" (Ps. 115:1).

We of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod would be guilty of ingratitude toward our gracious Lord and to the memory of many dedicated servants of the Lord, if we did not pause to commemorate the founding of an alliance, which proved to be a unique blessing for 90 years. Not only were the four constituent synods recipients of the blessings of a truly confessional federation, but also other Lutheran groups beyond the shores of North America. What shall we say on such an occasion, which would do justice to the principles and goals on which the Conference came into being? It is not easy to span almost a hundred years of church history in one paper. Even if time were allotted for a comprehensive history of this alliance, there would still be many things which could never be recorded or placed in writing: the many prayers, which ascended to the throne of Grace on its behalf, the many hopes and fears, the joys and sorrows, which the fathers experienced. The purpose, then, of this paper shall not be to present a detailed historical account of the Conference, profitable as this might be. Nor shall it be the purpose of this paper to present a detailed account of the steps which led to the dissolution of the Conference. Why our Synod, together with the Wisconsin Synod, was compelled to withdraw from it, is factually carried out in Pastor Theodore Aaberg's book, "A City Set on a Hill," published in 1968. This book brings before us the issues which caused disturbances among the various Synods, and records the results of many committee meetings, synodical conventions, and the final resolution of resignation. Rather the purpose of this paper shall be to bring out as clearly as possible the principles upon which the Lutheran Synodical Conference was founded, what it stood for and by which it labored and was guided for 90 years; the multiple blessings which accrued for Lutheranism through the Conference; and we shall make an appeal to those who wish to continue building on the same foundation, to hold fast to the same principles, ever "asking for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, that they may find rest for their souls" (Jer. 6:16).

CONCERN FOR A SOLID FOUNDATION

In opening the business sessions at the Jubilee Convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, April 27, 1872, Vice President Brohm recounted the manifold blessings which the Lord had bestowed upon that Synod during the first 25 years of its existence. Among the blessings he enumerated was the fact that "fraternal and harmonious cooperation with four like-minded Synods prevailed." A bond of faith and confession did exist between the Missouri Synod and some other synods, although there was no formal organization. They recognized, however, that they were of kindred spirits. Back in 1856, the Missouri Synod, under the able leadership of Dr. Walther, sought to form an American Lutheran Zion in this country with a solid confessional platform. To that end he proposed that

free conferences be held among interested Lutherans "with a view towards the final realization of one united Ev. Lutheran Church of North America."

At this time in America, however, there were already several Lutheran unions in existence. Back in 1820, the first federation of Lutherans was organized in Hagerstown, Maryland, known as the General Synod. Most of the synods comprising it were from the eastern states of America. There was considerable turmoil and confusion in the General Synod during its initial stages, and, but for the forceful leadership of Pastor Schmucker, it might not have survived as long as it did. Many smaller bodies were in and out of the federation for various reasons. Some of them later were instrumental in forming the General Council in 1866. Those five conservative-minded Lutheran groups, of which Vice President Brohm spoke, must have watched with keen interest the development and course of the General Synod. Despite their interest, why did they remain aloof and apart from this first federation? By the name Lutheran itself they had some things in common, and would not their membership in a larged federation have made quite an impression upon the German and Scandinavian immigrants pouring into the new land? Certainly it would not have taken eloquent rhetoric to rally people with the name Lutheran under one flag, surrounded as they were by all sorts of Reformed sects.

The action of the confessionally minded Lutherans to remain apart from existing alliances gained further impetus at a very important meeting of conservative Lutherans in Ft. Wayne, 1870. At this meeting Dr. Sihler delivered a long but clear and forthright paper, known as a Memorial (Denkschrift). In the paper he advanced valid reasons why they could not join either the General Synod or the General Council. According to the opinion of many, this meeting in Ft. Wayne really set up the platform and laid the foundation for the soon-to-be-established Synodical Conference. As the representatives gathered questions such as these pressed upon their hearts: Would a new union of Lutherans be in accord with the Lord's will? Were they striving to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3)? By thinking of forming a separate body of Lutherans were they making a real contribution toward strengthening Lutheranism in this country? These questions were answered by Dr. Sihler. He exposed the weaknesses and aberrations of the existing alliances and stressed forcefully the fact that full unity of doctrine and practice was essential in building a strong and God-pleasing Lutheran Zion in America. He pointed out that it is not always that which is said or recorded in a confessional statement or document which raises questions, doubts, or even suspicions, but that which is **not** said or recorded. He wanted a confessional statement which followed the procedure of the Lutheran Confessions: this we believe and accept, this we reject. To draw up a confessional statement, which could serve as an umbrella for all sorts of theological views and opinions, would not serve the cause of the Gospel nor of Lutheranism, but would rather prove to be a detriment, leading to more and more theological anarchy, if the issues were not faced squarely from the very onset.

Since this historic meeting in Ft. Wayne to a great extent laid the foundation for the soon-to-be-born Synodical Conference, it is time well spent to study the assessment and evaluation which Dr. Sihler and his followers placed upon both the General Synod and the General Council, formed in 1867. After the meeting in Ft. Wayne, it was clear that the confessionally minded were not prepared to enter into organic union with any group, of which there might be doubt regarding their orthodoxy. Psychologically, emotionally, practically, it would be comparatively simple to inculcate into the minds of many who bore the Lutheran name the grandeur of one united Lutheran church in America. While confessionally minded Lutherans desired this also, God raised up men to remind others of the words of the prophet Amos: "If two be not agreed, how can they walk together?" Before entering upon spiritual matrimony, it is necessary for the consent-

ing parties to know and understand each other thoroughly, in order to ward off possible misunderstandings and confusion later.

But was the confessional stand of the General Synod so questionable that such caution had to be exercised? What was uppermost in the minds of the forerunners of the Synodical Conference was not only the name Lutheran attached to a given body, but also the essence and character of the same body. A number of things disturbed the more perceptive Lutherans regarding the General Synod. For one thing, it required its member synods and candidates for ordination to pledge themselves to a confession which did not really come to grips with Calvinistic doctrine, that the "fundamental doctrines of the church are taught in a manner substantially correct" in the Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the Divine Word. Back of their declaration was the thought that the distinctive doctrines, the Means of Grace in particular, could be by-passed or dismissed as non-fundamental.

In 1845 this body sent an official document to Germany, which said among other things, "so far as our doctrinal views are concerned, we confess, unreluctantly, we confess it loudly and openly, that the great majority among us are not old Lutherans. Upon the whole, we stand in most of our churchly principles on common ground with the United Church of Germany. The distinctive doctrines between the Old-Lutheran and the Reformed churches we do not regard as essential; and the tendency of the so-called Old-Lutheran party we consider to be behind our age. . . . Luther's peculiar view as to the bodily presence of the Lord in the Supper has long since been abandoned by the great majority of our ministers." There was nothing subtle or ambiguous about such a declaration. Adding words like "unreluctantly, loudly, and openly" sent chills up the spines of those concerned about establishing a union on sound Lutheran principles. To boast about disassociation from the old Lutheran platform dampened the spirits of those whose avowed purpose was to establish an American Lutheran church on the shibboleth of the Reformation, the Word alone, Grace alone, Faith alone.

Those truly concerned about true Lutheranism could only look upon such a platform as treason against the Holy Scriptures. It was not strange, then, when the proceedings of their conventions manifested infidelity to the Lutheran Confessions. Requisites for membership into the body were vague and pretty much unconditional. There was virtually no doctrinal discipline exercised among them. Any voice of protest raised against their unionistic and rationalistic spirit was quickly silenced, the protester looked upon as one who stood in the way of Lutheran progress.

It was very clear that the confessionally minded could not endorse such an un-Lutheran course, knowing that building on a shaky foundation would lead to more disunity and departure from a truly Lutheran course. Furthermore, they were mindful of the many prohibitions in Scripture, which made it impossible for them with good conscience to fraternize with disloyal Lutherans: "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine, which ye have learned, and avoid them" (Rom. 16:17). Or, "a man that is a heretic, after the first and second admonition, reject" (Titus 3:10). They were fully aware of the grave sin of being "partakers of other men's sins." No, if the banner of true Lutheranism was to wave over beloved America, it would have to come about on a more solid basis.

In addition to the General Synod, two other unions bearing the name Lutheran came into being: the Southern General Synod and the General Council. The Southern General Synod withdrew from the old General Synod as a result of great political upheavals at the time of the Civil War. Its beginning was an improvement over the General Synod in this, that in their constitutional basis they sought to form a church body which had Scriptural and symbolic authority. Quite frequently individuals among them pleaded earnestly for loyalty to Lutheran doctrine. They seemed sincere and honest in their objectives. Doctrinal discipline, almost unheard of in the General Synod, was carried out against a number of pas-

tors. Despite the fact that some favorable semblances of Lutheranism were manifested among them, the conservative minders were reluctant to align themselves with the Southern General Synod for the following reasons: revival meetings were quite common among them and many pastors practiced open communion and unionism. They frowned, also, upon the "exclusive Lutheranism of the Formula of Concord," and did not always take kindly to the old Lutheran position of barring errorists from their pulpits. So the real Lutherans felt they should remain apart from the Southern General Synod for pretty much the same reasons as they stayed apart from the General Synod.

The third group or association of Lutherans in the 19th century was the General Council of the Lutheran Church in North America. It owed its existence to the general confusion and disruptions within the General Synod in 1866. When the General Synod admitted into membership the Melancthon Synod in 1859, a body committed to the notorious "Definite Platform," and, when they also admitted the Lutheran Franckean Synod in 1864, the delegates of the Pennsylvania Ministerium withdrew from the sessions of the General Synod for admitting the Franckean Synod. At the Ft. Wayne convention in 1866, the General Synod refused to seat the Pennsylvania delegation, after which Pennsylvania withdrew for good from the General Synod. Just a short time later the Pennsylvania delegates issued a call, written by Dr. Charles Krauth "to all synods which confess the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, for the purpose of organizing a new general body upon distinctively Lutheran principles." Thirteen synods, Pennsylvania Ministerium, New York Ministerium, Pittsburgh, Minnesota, English Ohio, Joint Ohio, English District Synod of Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa (German), Canada, Norwegian, and Missouri, responded to the invitation to attend a meeting at Reading, Pennsylvania, in December of 1866. At this meeting Dr. Krauth's "Fundamental Principle of Faith and Church Polity" was adopted and the various synods in attendance were asked to ratify them. At the organization meeting in Ft. Wayne, 1867, the following synods had adopted the confessional basis of the Reading convention: Pennsylvania, New York, Pittsburgh, English Ohio, Michigan, Swedish Augustana, Minnesota, Canada, Illinois, and Iowa (German). Ohio and Iowa desired a declaration from the convention on the so-called Four Points-Chiliasm, Altar-Fellowship, Pulpit-Fellowship and Secret Societies. Since the answers given to the Ohio and Iowa Synods were unsatisfactory to them, they did not become full-fledged members of the new body. Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Illinois withdrew later for the same reasons. They helped, however, to organize the Synodical Conference in 1872. But what was the doctrinal basis of the General Council? "The Unaltered Augsburg Confession, in its original sense, as throughout in conformity with the pure truth, of which God's Word is the only rule. The other confessions are, with the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, in the perfect harmony of one and the same Scriptural faith."

Most of the conservative theologians were satisfied with the Confession itself, but concluded there were other norms by which to judge and test the truly Lutheran character of a church body. To them there were other manifestations by which orthodoxy and loyalty to the Scriptures were to be determined. A confession of faith is not to be merely a dead letter or an empty formula, but a living power, a spirit which permeates the entire theological thinking of a group. Their fears were not without foundation in lieu of what followed in subsequent developments of the General Council. For example, it admitted the Synod of Iowa as an advisory body, knowing full well that it had adopted the Symbols with certain reservations and restrictions, also that it was clinging to its position on "open questions." The Council did not pass the test with reference to the exchange of pulpits and inter-communion with Calvinists and other bodies not in full agreement with old Lutheranism. The line of demarcation between orthodoxy and heterodoxy, between pure and false doctrine, was not clearly defined. The end result could only be opening the flood-gates

for all sorts of strange notions and practices out of step with true Lutheran practice.

The "five percenters" of that day found it impossible to unite organically with any of the above-mentioned communions, for in so doing they would be compromising their principles. But through it all they were drawn closer together. But even before the meeting at Ft. Wayne, at which Dr. Sihler was the chief essayist, serious attempts, led chiefly by Dr. Walther, were made to unite all confessing Lutherans into one truly Lutheran alliance, and, with the ultimate goal of one American Lutheran church in this country. In his Jubilee Book, **A Century of Grace**, Prof. W. Baepeler writes of this unity movement:

"In the foreword to **Lehre und Wehre**, Jan. 1856, Walther, briefly reviewing the state of the Lutheran church in America, closes the account with an invitation to all Lutherans in America, who unequivocally subscribe to the Augsburg Confession, to meet in free conferences for the promotion and realization of a united Lutheran church. For himself, his fellow theologians, and his laymen he promised to attend such free conferences wherever and whenever they might be held. Walther was prompted to issue this call by the appearance of the 'Definite Platform,' which had been published by a number of the leaders of the General Synod in the interest of 'American Lutheranism.' This 'Definite Platform' was an endeavor to adapt the Lutheran church to its American environment, and in order to do so, the document denied eight articles of the Augsburg Confession. The General Synod did not adopt the 'Definite Platform,' for at this time conservative Lutheranism was beginning to assert itself in too many quarters of the Lutheran church. Walther saw in this a cause for rejoicing and for hope in the establishing of a united Lutheran church.

"Reporting on the reaction to this call for free conferences in the March issue of **Lehre und Wehre**, Walther informed his readers that the **Lutheran Standard** of the Ohio Synod had reprinted his invitation and that individuals had written him their approval. Accordingly, the July issue of **Lehre und Wehre** contained the following invitation for a general conference of all Lutherans who acknowledged the Augsburg Confession as the profession of their faith: The undersigned, clergymen of the Ev. Lutheran Church in the United States, in the conviction that unity and the welfare of our Lutheran Zion may be effectively promoted through the free expression of views by brethren at one in the faith concerning the various interests of our Church in this country, herewith extend an invitation to all members of the Ev. Lutheran Church in the United States who accept the Unaltered Augsburg Confession as a true presentation of the doctrines of the divine Word to meet with them for free and brotherly conferences concerning the present situation and needs of the Church in America on Wednesday, Oct. 1, . . .

"The invitation was eventually signed by seventy-five clergymen and professors, among whom were the leaders of the Missouri and the Ohio Synods. The majority of signers preferred to meet in Columbus, Ohio. The first meeting was held from October 1 to 7. At Walther's suggestion the Augsburg Confession was discussed, article by article. Three further conferences were held, namely, at Pittsburgh, Oct. 29 to Nov. 4, 1857; at Cleveland, August 5 to 11, 1858; and at Ft. Wayne, July 14 to 20, 1859. The discussion of the Augustana continued, and at the four conferences Articles 1-14 and 28 were accepted. Walther was not present at the fourth meeting, because of impaired health. By 1861 the country was embroiled in the Civil War.

"After the Civil War the confessional trend which was growing in the older synods manifested itself in 1866 in a division of the General Synod, the more conservative groups forming the General Council in 1867. For a time it was hoped that the more orthodox Lutherans might all be united in this body, but this hope proved futile.

"It was only natural that the Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota,

and Illinois Synods, agreeing so much among themselves, should try to come to an understanding. At its convention at Woodville, Ohio, 1866, the Ohio Synod resolved to appoint a committee, which was to confer with a committee of the Missouri Synod to promote friendly relations. A colloquy was held at Columbus, March 4 to 6, 1868. While the Northern District of the Missouri Synod was in session at Milwaukee, the Wisconsin Synod requested that representatives of both bodies meet to establish doctrinal agreement. The meeting was held at Milwaukee, October 21 to 22, 1868. Pastor R. Knoll of Peoria, Illinois, President of the Illinois Synod, requested a colloquy between him and the Missouri Synod in a letter dated May 31, 1869, which was addressed to Walther. The colloquy was conducted on August 4 and 5, 1869.

"At the convention of the Missouri Synod in 1869 the agreement between the Wisconsin and Missouri Synods was ratified as well as the arrangement whereby Synod was to place a professor at the Watertown college, and Wisconsin a professor at St. Louis to train the respective students. With reference to the Ohio Synod the Missouri Synod was not prepared to accept the agreement of 1868, since it had become apparent that several members of this group did not share Missouri's doctrine of the office of the ministry. As to the Illinois Synod, Synod resolved that further conferences were necessary before fellowship could be declared." (A Century of Grace, pp. 155-158)

The Ohio Synod had further discussed the problems involved in the proposed church union and had reached definite conclusions favoring a union with the Missouri Synod. In an article in *Ebenezer*, Prof. A. W. Meyer writes: "The first incentive given to the organization of the Synodical Conference was an action taken by the Eastern District of the Joint Synod of Ohio, convening in Youngstown, Ohio, June, 1870. It was there **Resolved**, That we acknowledge the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States as an orthodox evangelical Lutheran synod; **Resolved**, That our Joint Synod be asked to take like action, and so inform the Missouri Synod officially; also, That Joint Synod be requested to appoint a committee to represent our Synod at the next session of the Missouri Body."

"Owing, undoubtedly, to this recommendation of the Eastern District, the Ohio Synod at its convention at Dayton, Ohio, October, 1870, appointed a committee with instructions to confer with similar committees to be appointed by synods of the same confession, looking to a closer union and co-operation in the work of the Lord." (*Ebenezer*, p. 326 f.)

With so many preliminary steps taken, the actual formation of the Synodical Conference was not far away. The synods approached were Missouri, Wisconsin, Illinois, which later became the Illinois District of the Missouri Synod, and the Norwegian Synod. Representatives from these synods met in Pastor J. P. Beyer's congregation in Chicago, January 11-13, 1871. Things proceeded smoothly and a draft was prepared for the proposed union. It was agreed to publish the draft in the various synodical church papers and to submit the draft to the synods at their next meetings for their reactions. The representatives resolved to meet again at Ft. Wayne in November of the same year to give a final form to the work done at the January meeting. This second meeting was held because the Joint Synod of Ohio and the Missouri Synods did not meet until 1872. The second meeting was not restricted to those attending the first one, but a general invitation was extended to all pastors of the synods interested. This was the important Ft. Wayne meeting, which prepared the way in a very tangible manner for the historic Milwaukee meeting in July of 1872.

We have already shown how Dr. Sihler at this meeting gave convincing reasons why they could not join any of the existing unions. But he also laid down some principles for solid confessionalism, principles which are just as "zeitgemasz" and instructive today as they were then. For the more things change in 1972, the more they remain the same. What he said is worthy of repetition:

"a) Teachers must be true in doctrine and be absolutely sure they are right. Our Lord says: 'Whosoever shall break one of these least commandments and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven' (Matt. 5:19). 'Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you' (Matt. 28:20). Paul uses strong words: 'Though we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.' In order that his words might not be misunderstood, he repeats: 'If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that which ye have received, let him be accursed' (Gal. 18:9; cf. I Tim. 4:16). Read the penalties which Moses imposes on false teachers (Deut. 13:6 ff.) and the threats which God utters against them by His Prophet Jeremiah (Jer. 23:28-32).

"b) In fact, false teachers are not to be tolerated. We are to beware of false prophets (Matt. 7:15) and to avoid them (Rom. 16:17). Such only as continue in His word are acknowledged by Him (John 8:31-34), for only they recognize His voice (John 10:27) and continue steadfastly in His doctrine (Acts 2:42). He that 'brings not this doctrine' should not be received into our house, nor should we bid him Godspeed (II John 10), but he is to be rejected as a heretic (Titus 3:10).

"c) Preachers are to be trustworthy guides. Not like children are they to be tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine (Eph. 4:14). Indeed, they are to 'speak as the oracles of God' (Pet. 4:11). Paul does not want to be classed with such as 'corrupt the Word of God'; he is conscious, when preaching, of speaking 'in the sight of God' (II Cor. 2:17).

"d) In view of the above, if we are 'all to speak the same thing,' if we are to be 'perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment,' how could we join hands with such as are at variance with us? Our Confessional Books fully harmonize with this view. The Seventh Article of the Augsburg Confession, often referred to in this connection, reads: 'Also they teach that one holy Church is to continue forever. But the Church is the congregation of saints (the assembly of all believers), in which the Gospel is rightly taught (purely preached) and the Sacraments are rightly administered (according to the Gospel). And unto the true unity of the Church, it is sufficient to agree concerning the doctrine of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments. Nor is it necessary that human traditions, rites, or ceremonies, instituted by men, should be alike everywhere: as St. Paul saith: 'There is one faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all (Jacobs' Edition). This is supplemented by the Tenth Article of the Formula of Concord: 'We believe, teach, and confess that no church should condemn another because one has less or more external ceremonies not commanded by God than the other, if otherwise there is agreement among them in doctrine and all its articles, as also in the right use of the holy sacraments, according to the well-known saying: Disagreement in fasting does not destroy agreement in faith.'

"The position which our Confessions take is clearly this: Ceremonies and institutions, originated by man, are matters of Christian liberty; in such there may be differences of opinion and divergence in practice. But the Gospel must be 'preached unanimously according to the pure understanding,' etc. Again, 'there must be agreement in doctrine and all its articles.' Hence in all doctrines, clearly taught in the Bible, unity must prevail. It is not agreeable to the flesh to be called a separatist. This our fathers of the Reformation also experienced; for, says the Book of Concord in the 'Treatise on the Power of the Pope': 'It is a hard thing to want to separate from so many countries and people and maintain a separate doctrine. But here stands God's command that everyone shall be separate from, and not be agreed with, those who teach falsely.'

We have quoted freely from Dr. Sihler's paper, which was adopted by those assembled in Ft. Wayne, 1871, because it points up the thoroughness of the thinking of those truly concerned with the establishment of a

truly confessional Lutheran church in this country. Furthermore, acceptance of this paper by the representatives there really laid the foundation for the principles upon which the Synodical Conference came into being and for which it labored so consistently. The formation of the Synodical Conference was only a short step away.

The synods concerned were asked to meet for the organization and first convention of the Synodical Conference in the church of Pastor Johannes Bading, Milwaukee, Wis., from July 10-16. Dr. C. F. W. Walther, who labored so tirelessly for a sound Lutheran Federation, preached the opening sermon on the basis of I Tim. 4:16, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt save thyself, and them that hear thee." Taking as his theme "How important it is to make the Saving of Souls the One Great Object of our Co-operative Work in the Kingdom of Christ," he emphasized three points: 1. Take heed unto ourselves, lest selfish motives enter into our common efforts. 2. Take heed unto the doctrine, lest we lack fidelity to the Word. 3. We shall continue in them (namely, in our efforts to save souls) and not grow weak in the time of trial.

It is to be noted that the Minnesota and the Wisconsin Synods had established fraternal relations in 1871. Through careful and patient efforts by leaders of the calibre of Pres. Streissguth, Pres. Bading, and Prof. Adolph Hoenecke, the problem of religious unionism was settled between the two bodies in a God-pleasing manner. When the Synodical Conference was formed, the two synods walked hand in hand for many years and labored zealously for the preservation of true doctrine.

Since the founding of the Synodical Conference was such a historic step in the history of American Lutheranism, we shall mention the names of the clerical delegates from the respective synods: Ohio—Professors W. F. Lehman and M. Loy; Pastors R. Herbst, H. Belser, J. C. Schulze, F. A. Herzberger, G. Trebel. Missouri Synod—Prof. C. F. W. Walther; Pastors W. Sihler, F. J. Bilgz, W. Bartling, A. Wagner, M. Tirmenstein, A. Crull, F. Lochner, C. J. Strasen, J. Herzer, Fr. Wyneken, Sr., H. C. Schwahn, C. Gross, J. P. Beyer. Wisconsin—Pres. J. Bading, Prof. A. F. Ernst, Pastor Adolph Hoenecke. Norwegian—Pres. H. A. Preus, U. V. Koren, P. A. Rasmussen, A. Mikkelsen, Prof. F. A. Schmidt. Illinois—President F. Erdmann, Pastor F. Wolbrecht. Minnesota Synod—J. H. Sieker, Pastor A. Kuhn. Officers elected at first convention: Prof. Walther, President; Prof. W. F. Lehman, Vice-President; Pastor J. P. Beyer, Secretary; and Mr. J. Schmidt, Treasurer.

The Constitution of the Synodical Conference, carefully worked out by the founding fathers, defines its purpose and object as "an expression of the unity of the spirit existing among the respective synods, mutual encouragement as to faith and confession; promotion of unity as to doctrine and practice and the removal of any threatening disturbance thereof; co-operation in matters of mutual interest; an effort to establish territorial boundaries for the synods, provided that the language used does not separate them; the uniting of all Lutheran synods of America into one orthodox American Lutheran Church." As to the authority of the new federation, the Constitution stated: "The Synodical Conference is only an advisory body with respect to all things concerning which the synods constituting it have not given it authoritative power. Only the totality of all synods represented in the Synodical Conference shall decide what church bodies are to be received into membership of the Synodical Conference. Church bodies cannot be received into membership thereof until all the synods of the Synodical Conference have given their consent. The Synodical Conference shall see to it that conferences attended by pastors of various synods be organized and held, the District Presidents taking the initiative. Without the consent of all the synods of the Synodical Conference, none of its synods shall be permitted to enter into any church connection with other church bodies." The Constitution mentions the following points with respect to the scope of activities: "The doctrine and the practice of the Church; the relation of pastors and congregations of

one synod to those of other synods in the Synodical Conference; the relation of the Synodical Conference as a whole or of its individual members to such bodies not belonging to the Synodical Conference; matters pertaining to home and foreign mission work, as also to mission work among immigrants; hospitals and orphanages; the publishing of Lutheran literature in general and of Lutheran tracts in particular; the training of pastors and teachers; and the like."

As time passed on, the Synodical Conference adopted a number of practical resolutions, among them these: that the minutes of all synods comprising the Synodical Conference be examined by a committee, so that if some statement should be published that could not be approved by the other synods, these could be clarified or corrected. Also, all synods should strive to co-operate in forming State synods and to unite in one organization of the Synodical Conference all congregations within a respective State or territory. Consequently, the Concordia Synod of Virginia, which had joined the Synodical Conference in 1876, became a district synod of the Ohio Synod in 1877. The Illinois Synod was absorbed by the Illinois District of the Missouri Synod in 1879, and the Missouri Synod organized the Districts of Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas to become eventually State synods of the Conference. The plan was that the educational institutions were to be united, also. In 1876 the Synodical Conference suggested to the various groups the merging of the existing theological seminaries into one school with German, English, and Norwegian faculties. At the convention of 1879, definite proposals were presented for these projects, but were frustrated by the Predestinarian Controversy, which also began in 1879. However, these resolutions are of historical significance, for they do reveal the thinking of the church leaders of that day, namely, the hope and ultimate goal of one united orthodox Lutheran church in America.

We quote the following developments from **A Century of Grace**, p. 162 f.: "The Predestinarian Controversy caused the Ohio Synod to leave the Synodical Conference in 1881. The Norwegian Synod likewise withdrew in 1883, not because of doctrinal reasons, but in order to avoid the influence of nationalistic prejudices and antipathies and to fight the controversy in its own midst on purely religious grounds.

"A number of clergymen and congregations withdrew from the Ohio Synod and organized the Concordia Synod of Pennsylvania and Other States. This group joined the Synodical Conference in 1882, but merged with the Missouri Synod in 1886.

"In 1890 the English Synod of Missouri and Other States was admitted to the Synodical Conference. The Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan Synods in 1892 united into one body, bearing the name: The General Synod of Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan. The union did not destroy the identity of these synods, but provided for joint use of their educational institutions. Thus the Michigan Synod became a member of the Synodical Conference. In 1896, however, a division took place within this group, and when the majority seceded from the larger federation, the remaining minority, reorganized as the District Synod of Michigan, was acknowledged as a member of the Synodical Conference."

When in 1918 the Norwegian Lutheran Church entered into the so-called "merger," the small group that did not join the United Norwegian Lutheran Church formed its own synod under the name "The Norwegian Synod of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church," and officially joined the Synodical Conference in 1920.

Since a goodly number of us are of Norwegian extraction and since the Norwegians were affiliated with the Missouri Synod and the Synodical Conference to a great extent for many years, this might be the place for a few comments on the relationship with the Missouri Synod. The late Dr. Sigurd Ylvisaker, in an article captioned **The Missouri Synod and the Norwegians** (Ebenezer, p. 264 ff.) brings out some interesting observations. There was always an affinity between the Missourians and the Norwegians, because from the beginning the Norwegians were determined to abide by the Scriptures and to identify themselves only with those who

had the same determined purpose. It was only natural, then, that they felt at home with the Missourians. The leaders of both synods had mutual respect for each other. Both in personal contact and through correspondence an atmosphere of ease, trust, and good-will manifested itself. Dr. Ylvisaker points out that the men of the Norwegian Synod were sometimes accused of a blind acceptance of everything theological which came from St. Louis. The implication was that the Norwegians could not think for themselves nor study the Scriptures independently of others. He shows the injustice of this charge by quoting Rev. Otteson in one of his writings in 1863 (cf. *Ebenezer*, p. 270). The Missourians were recognized as true brethren both in deed as well as in word, for they did all in their power to hold up the hands of the Norwegians, especially during the 80's and then in the 1917-1918 struggles.

Time and time again the Norwegians showed their appreciation for Missouri's loving and fraternal concern for them. An example: In a greeting to the Missouri Synod on the occasion of its Centennial, the late Dr. Norman Madson said among other things: "The debt we owe our dear brethren of the Missouri Synod, while it is both physical and spiritual, is nevertheless chiefly of a **doctrinal** nature. Had not our sainted fathers come into contact with the Missourians when they did (in the fifties), God only knows what would have become of our Norwegian Synod" (*Preaching to Preachers*, p. 187). When in the 1940's and 50's the Ev. Lutheran Synod, together with the Wisconsin Synod, were called upon to warn and to admonish the Missouri Synod for actions which threatened the unity of the Synodical Conference, their spirit was a continuation of repaying the debt owed to them.

By taking the firm stand during a time when much of American Lutheranism was in a chaotic condition, the Synodical Conference fathers were determined by the Grace of God to bring the wayward and weak Lutheran bodies back to sound Lutheranism, and to unfurl the Lutheran banner in a definite and clear manner. They restored the Lutheran Symbols to their rightful place of honor, dignity, and authority in the Lutheran Church. Sometimes they were charged with basing their faith and theology on Luther, the Lutheran dogmaticians, and the confessions, not on Scripture. Indeed, they did revere the Symbols highly, not to prove that their doctrines were true and divine, but to establish them as truly Lutheran and as always taught by the Lutheran Church. The fathers subscribed wholeheartedly to this declaration from the Book of Concord: "The Bible is the only true standard by which all teachers and doctrines are to be judged." They declared with Luther: "The Word of God shall establish articles of faith, and no one else, not even an angel." They constantly tested, tried, and judged the Symbols, their standard ever being the Scriptures, the only safe and reliable norm of truth.

The *Concordia Cyclopaedia* sums up very well the doctrinal position of the Synodical Conference: "It acknowledges the canonical books of the Bible as the Word of God and stands squarely on the Confessions of the Lutheran Church, membership in it depending on the full and honest adherence to them in doctrine and practice. Its unflinching adherence to God's Word and the Lutheran Confessions and its earnest desire to live up to them in practice is still its chief mark of distinction. . . . Its orthodoxy, a matter of faith and conscience, of living and loving obedience to God's Word, determines its attitude toward other churches. Abhorring the spreading of false doctrine as the most grievous sin, pronounced disobedience to God, it abhors unionism in any form. It will not tolerate false doctrine in its own midst and cannot maintain fraternal relations with such as tolerate errorists and persistent upholders of unscriptural, un-Lutheran church practices in their midst. Loving God's Word and the Lutheran Confessions, it is anxious to establish fraternal relations with all who are of the same mind and, where doctrinal differences stand in the way, to remove them by coming to an agreement in the truth. . . . Staunchly combating all forms of unionism, the Synodical Conference is

an uncompromising foe of the lodges and of the ecclesiastical organizations which tolerate them" (p. 742 f.).

SOLID FOUNDATION BRINGS MULTIPLE BLESSINGS

The chief blessing bequeathed to us from the former Synodical Conference was the establishing of the Holy Scriptures as the only norm of faith and life. And, because of this unique blessing, many other blessings and legacies followed. The Conference kept before its constituent members the importance of doctrine and the constant study of doctrine. The agendas of the Conference programs, as well as the synodical conventions of the various synods, and pastoral conferences, gave strong evidence that the study of doctrine was not a secondary or minor matter, but of paramount importance for the purity and preservation of the Gospel. While so many segments of the Protestant arena were busying themselves with a social gospel as a means of redeeming the world from its woes, the Lutheran Synodical Conference recognized with singleness of mind and purpose that the preaching of "repentance and remission of sins" was the real mission of the church.

The concern for Christian education was shown in many ways by members of the Conference, not only by the fact that many elementary schools were established and maintained, but also training schools were established. This cause was discussed at synod conventions, at conferences, also at sessions of the Synodical Conference. At the convention in 1900, Prof. John Schaller (WELS) presented a paper to the Synodical Conference entitled "The Necessity of the Christian Parish School for the Christian Family, the Church, and the State." Twenty years later Prof. John Meyer (WELS) presented for discussion a paper entitled "The Struggle for Our Schools." He stated, "The struggle for our schools can be carried on correctly by us only when we remain vitally aware of the fact that the Savior has called us to be His witnesses."

The Synodical Conference was deeply concerned about the preservation of pure doctrine for themselves and posterity, but they were also mindful of the great throngs outside the pale of the Christian church. It is significant that at the very first convention a paper was given by Prof. M. Loy, "Our Duty to the English-Speaking Population of This Country." The subject of the essay was in accord with one of the objectives of the constitution "to conduct conjointly a mission among the colored people of this country." This was in 1872. In 1877, at the sixth convention of the Synodical Conference, held in Ft. Wayne, the resolution to begin mission work among the black people of America was adopted. The subject was brought before the convention by the Rev. H. A. Preus, for many years President of the Norwegian Lutheran Synod, and President of the Synodical Conference at that time. On July 3, 1878, Rev. Frederick Berg organized the first black Lutheran congregation under the auspices of the Conference, in Little Rock, Arkansas. In 1880 Pastor Nils Bakke began work in New Orleans, where now there are a number of organized black congregations. In his *Illustrated Historical Sketch of Our Colored Missions* Pastor Bakke writes: "Under the invocation of God and with great enthusiasm the Conference unanimously resolved to begin and carry on a mission among the neglected and forsaken Negroes of this country." At this same Ft. Wayne Convention a permanent Mission Board was elected.

The mission work carried out by the Conference is a long interesting chapter by itself and much could be said about that great work of witnessing for Christ. With the work among the blacks of this country under way, the Conference centered its attention on Nigeria, Africa, where a door had opened. At the Conference convention held in Quincy, Illinois, August of 1930, the Mission Board elected a committee to do all preliminary and preparatory work for a thorough exploration of the mission opportunities in Africa. Dr. and Mrs. Henry Nau were sent to Africa as missionaries in January of 1936 and began active work after Easter of that year. Joint work in missions prospered under the blessing of God. One spiritual dividend of foreign mission work was that it served to stimu-

late a real interest among our people for both home and foreign missions. Someone has made the observation that the more our people do for missions abroad, the more they do at home, also. This observation is a good answer to those congregations who feel all efforts should be centered only in the home congregation.

Serious concern for purity of doctrine, abiding interest in Christian education, and the desire to share the Gospel with others characterized the spirit and activity of the former Synodical Conference. Since Conference churches were represented in time in almost every state and large urban areas, it was most convenient for members of a small synod such as ours to find a church home. It was a good feeling to know that our people, among the 40 million Americans who move each year, were not left to shift for themselves, but could transfer to a congregation of their confession. Since fellowship with the largest of the former Conference member has been concluded, it is encouraging and heartwarming to us that in the past decades the Wisconsin Synod has been establishing missions in States where it was not represented before. Our Synod is attempting to establish itself in areas where never represented before. Thus earnest attempts are being made by conservative synods to be faithful to the Great Commission.

THE END OF A GREAT ALLIANCE

In the mid-thirties the United Lutheran Church of America and the American Lutheran Church invited most Lutheran bodies to enter into negotiations with a view to establishing closer relations among American Lutherans. One member of the Conference, the Missouri Synod, accepted this invitation. The Evangelical Lutheran Synod, as well as the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, declined the invitation, chiefly because of its experiences of the past. In a doctrinal essay, "Unity, Union, and Unionism," in 1936, the ELS clearly voiced its views about the dangers of negotiating with those not in doctrinal agreement with us. The 1938 convention of the Synodical Conference in Watertown approved the essay.

Had these early negotiations with Lutherans not in agreement with the platform of the Synodical Conference been concluded at that point, the whole future of the Conference may have been written in quite a different manner. Had the LC-MS heeded the fraternal admonitions of the ELS and the WELS at that time, the births of what followed in its wake, the Declaration, the St. Louis Articles of 1938, the Affirmation, the Statement of the Forty-Four, the Common Confession, etc., may have been averted. It seemed that after negotiations with the ALC were once started, a pattern was established which was to lead the Missouri Synod on a path quite inconsistent with its own confessional standards and the doctrinal platform of the Conference. Over a period of more than 25 years, the two synods exhorted and admonished their sister synod. As time passed, relations became more and more strained. It was becoming apparent that another type of theology was emerging within the Synodical Conference. Many meetings among the doctrinal commissions were held with a view to restore unity in the Conference. When the negotiations finally proved to be unproductive, the ELS and the WELS had no choice but to sever fellowship with Missouri and, subsequently, with the Synodical Conference. This grave step, undertaken with heavy hearts, took place in 1963 on the grounds that the Synodical Conference was no longer "expressing and confessing a unity of spirit among the constituent synods and was no longer functioning according to the prime purposes stated in its constitution."

By their withdrawal from the Synodical Conference, the ELS and WELS have been charged by some of acting hastily, impatiently, prematurely, even in a loveless manner. But anyone conversant with the history leading up to the rupture and final withdrawal will determine that such charges do not square with the facts. In fact, the more one peruses the historical developments, the more must one be constrained to marvel at

the patience, forbearance, even fraternal love, exercised by the two synods in all the laborious negotiations.

WHENCE THE FUTURE?

What the future holds in store for all of us is known to God alone. Many entertain the hope of forming a new Conference of like-minded Lutherans, a new federation built on the same foundation as the former Synodical Conference. This may or may not come to pass. But many things pertaining to the future are known to us: "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" (John 8:31-32). The Gospel remains the Gospel in all its saving power. The promises of the Lord are yea and amen. We do know what our mission as Christians is: "to preserve the Means of Grace pure and unadulterated, use them for our own edification, and to bring them to those outside the pale of the Christian Church.

We have already mentioned a number of multiple blessings accrued because of our association with and experiences in the Synodical Conference. Many valuable lessons will aid us in the future. Two lessons especially stand out in the writer's mind: Firstly, a church body once dedicated to the principles of God's Word does not deteriorate or degenerate overnight. It is a slow and gradual process. So often the crack in the dike seems so minute and insignificant that it seems ridiculous to worry about it. But, if that seemingly harmless crack is not recemented quite soon, it gradually grows wider and wider until the point comes when it cannot be repaired—a new one has to be constructed. Secondly, the fact that harmony and unity prevailed so many years among the constituent synods of the Synodical Conference is ample proof that the Holy Spirit through the Word can and does unify. That a number of synods can speak the same mind and be guided by that Word in all things was clearly evident in the former Conference. There are many more lessons.

The many problems confronting the fathers at the time of the Conference founding have really not changed to a great degree. Rationalism, neo-orthodoxy, existentialism, liberalism, and humanism have permeated much of modern theology. A deluge of anti-Scriptural philosophy confronts all of us, not least the young people, on all sides. This world's philosophy directs our attention to the social problems of life, never reckoning with the heinousness of sin nor the boundless mercy of a Gracious God. It tells us to live a life, but not the life which is eternal.

For our abiding comfort we know from Scripture that the Church of Christ will survive. God will execute His plans in the world and in His Church despite the machinations of sinful men. So we march forward in the Lord with trust and confidence. He has armed us with the weapons to combat the evil and preserve the message of salvation. As we endeavor, by the grace of God, to teach and to proclaim the Word faithfully in these latter days, let us turn from all reliance on our own strength and look to that Word, which is the theme of our Convention: "Not by might, nor by power, but My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts" (Zech. 4:6).

REPORT OF THE DOCTRINAL COMMITTEE

The following served on the Synod's Doctrinal Committee during the past year: Prof. M. H. Otto, chairman; Prof. B. W. Teigen, secretary; the Rev. Adolph Harstad; Mr. Walter Sheppard; and Dr. Willis Anthony. President Orvick also appointed Prof. J. B. Madson to serve as an advisory member of the Committee because of the heavy workload which the Committee has. Besides this, President George Orvick and Vice President Luther Vangen were advisory members of the Committee, attending most of the meetings and assisting with the workload.

Meetings of the Committee were held September 20-21, and December 5, 6, and 7, 1971, and March 13 and 14 and May 8 and 9, 1972. Members of the Committee also met on several occasions with members of the Federation for Authentic Lutheranism and formally with its doctrinal committee on September 27, 1971. Members of the Committee also attended the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod Convention at Watertown, the Convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod at Milwaukee, the constituting convention of the FAL in Libertyville, Illinois, the Lutheran Forum at Madison, Wisconsin, the Reformation Lectures at Bethany Lutheran College, and also a meeting with Dr. Hans Kirsten, president of the Saxon Free Church, Germany, on October 27, 1971. In addition, members of the Committee have carried on a heavy correspondence with members of other like-minded confessional Lutheran churches.

It is the feeling of the members of the Doctrinal Committee that they should devote considerable time to intensive study of Christian Doctrine and also subject to careful discussion and scrutiny the activities in the current church scene. In accordance with this, the secretary of the Committee has sent several reports to the **Lutheran Sentinel** with regard to the critical convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod held at Milwaukee and a report of the constituting convention of the Federation for Authentic Lutheranism. Members of the Committee have also been busy studying topics such as Length of the Creation Day, the Millennium, Fellowship Parameters, and they have prepared a Doctrinal Statement which can be used by the ELS in a public relations brochure which the president's office is preparing.

The F.A.L.

On September 27, 1971, the Doctrinal Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod met with the Doctrinal Committee of the Federation for Authentic Lutheranism (at its constituting convention on November 1st, the name of this committee was changed to "The Board of Colloquy and Church Discipline") for the purpose of determining whether doctrinal unity existed between the two bodies. The doctrinal position of this new body had been publicly declared in its official organ, SOLA SCRIPTURA, and by position statements and other writings.

The discussions at the meeting held on September 27th served to confirm that full doctrinal agreement exists between our Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the Federation for Authentic Lutheranism. This doctrinal agreement is evidenced by each body's former knowledge of the other, by a number of previous meetings of representatives of the two bodies, and, at this meeting, by a study of the position of each of the two bodies on Scripture, the Confessions, and also the Brief Statement.

At the constituting convention of the Federation for Authentic Lutheranism on November 1 and 2, 1971, President Orvick of our Synod, in his address to the convention, reported the finding of our Doctrinal Committee that real unity in doctrine exists between our two synods and that our Doctrinal Committee would recommend to the 1972 convention of the Synod that it declare that doctrinal unity exists and that the Evangelical Lutheran Synod is ready to practice that fellowship in every way possible with the Federation for Authentic Lutheranism.

At that same constituting convention of the FAL, President Naumann of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod stated that his Synod's

Commission on Doctrinal Matters had also carefully examined the well-defined positions of the Federation for Authentic Lutheranism and had acknowledged full agreement in Scriptural doctrine and practice.

The Doctrinal Committee recommends:

- 1) That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod at its 1972 convention express its gratitude to God that unity in doctrine and practice exists between itself and the Federation for Authentic Lutheranism; and
- 2) That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod declare its recognition of the Federation for Authentic Lutheranism as confessional brethren; and
- 3) That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod make known its readiness to practice fellowship in every way with the Federation for Authentic Lutheranism.

The Overseas Churches (France - Belgium)

In a letter dated February 16, 1972, Pastor Jean Bricka, president of the Evangelical Lutheran Church-Synod of France and Belgium, addressed our Synod stating that a copy of their synodical resolutions pertaining to the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod was to be sent to all its sister churches. The copy of these synodical resolutions dated October 30 and November 1, 1971, has been studied by the Doctrinal Committee. The resolutions of our French brethren recognize that the same hindrances to fellowship which prompted the ELS to sever fellowship with the LC-MS, are more pronounced than ever. The Evangelical Lutheran Church-Synod of France and Belgium resolved that it could not rescind, for conscience sake and because of loyalty to God's Word, its decision of 1969 to continue a vigorously protesting altar and pulpit fellowship with the LC-MS. Our French brethren further resolved that if the LC-MS by 1973 has not terminated its altar and pulpit fellowship with the ALC and its cooperation with LCUSA, and if it has not exercised an evangelical but firm doctrinal discipline within its midst, fellowship with the LC-MS will be terminated.

Our Doctrinal Committee has by formal resolution acknowledged the receipt of Pastor Bricka's letter and taken cognizance of the impact of its resolutions. The Doctrinal Committee's answer also stated that it would welcome some type of international meetings whereby a new doctrinal statement could be drawn up to which all orthodox confessional Lutherans could subscribe. Our Doctrinal Committee envisions a sort of new formula of Concord which would aid Confessional Lutheranism in avoiding the errors of modern Neo-Orthodox Theology.

(Germany)

On October 27, 1971, President Orvick together with members of the Doctrinal Committee had an informal meeting with Dr. Hans Kirsten, president of the Saxon Free Church, West Germany. Three Lutheran Free Churches in Germany have been in the process of effecting a merger. Two of these, the Saxon Free Church and the Breslau Synod, have been in fellowship with our Synod through our relationship in the former Synodical Conference and through our Synod's adoption of the so-called Union Theses of the Breslau Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Free Church (See the Synod Report, 1948, p. 68 ff). With regard to the third Lutheran Free Church, the Independent Lutheran Church, we have never expressed agreement in doctrine since we had no occasion to do so. Dr. Kirsten reported that these three church bodies were ready to merge and that a new constitution had been adopted, but the congregations of the Saxon Free Church had three months in which to reject the merger. The three months were up on January 1, 1972. As far as we know, the merger has gone into effect.

Since the WELS Commission on Doctrinal Matters has met with these churches and has expressed some reservations with regard to the new church body's position with respect to its approach to Holy Scripture, the doctrine of the Ministry, and Church Fellowship, it has become necessary for our Doctrinal Committee to study these matters also and to become involved in them. So far we have not had an opportunity to do much of this except to confer with Dr. Kirsten in the October meeting.

Dr. Kirsten also reported that, with regard to the relationship of the Free Churches of Germany to the LC-MS, these churches were in **statu confessionis**, that is, they were in a vigorously protesting fellowship relation. Recent developments within the LC-MS may well indicate to the independent Free Churches in Germany that the Missouri Synod is doctrinally polarized and that it is impossible for the two groups to walk together any longer in spiritual fellowship.

The Lutheran Scene in the U.S.A.

Although the Doctrinal Committee has been studying developments in the Lutheran churches throughout the world, it has quite naturally concentrated its attention upon the present situation within the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. As is well known, the liberal faction has become more clearly explicit in its denunciation of the former confessional stand of the Missouri Synod, with the result that the conservatives have also made their position more clear. On March 3, 1971, President J. A. O. Preus sent a letter to all members of the LC-MS (congregations, pastors and teachers) together with "A Statement of Scriptural and Confessional Principles." In the letter he stated that his church "faces a crisis. It is a crisis of faith and confession." In the Statement of Scriptural and Confessional Principles, President Preus insists that the Statement "expresses the Synod's Scriptural and Confessional stance on a number of important topics. It is hoped that the endorsement of this Statement will be of assistance to the synod in the conservation and promotion of the unity of the true faith." The Statement is an excellent exposition on some of the chief doctrines of the Scripture, particularly the doctrine of Holy Scripture, its authority and infallibility. Positive statements are made which will gladden the heart of any truly loyal confessional Lutheran. But not only that, over sixty antitheses in the Statement reject current false positions, many of which are found within the Missouri Synod today. If President Preus and his fellow confessional Lutherans still cling to the old Missouri principles of church fellowship, it seems certain that there will be a schism within the church body itself. All this calls for prayerful concern on our part so that if the long-awaited new alignment should come about in the next few years, our Synod will be prepared to work for it in a God-pleasing way. This is something which our Synod called for in 1955 when it already saw the divisions and offences within the Missouri Synod which were not being remedied. It is the intention of the Doctrinal Committee to study these matters as they develop and to stay in touch with all true confessional Lutherans, with the view of establishing a new and wider fellowship on a sound Scriptural basis.

The Doctrinal Committee is happy to report that the program of a study of organized systematic theology involving our pastors has continued, with further assignments made and some reports coming in (See the 1971 Synod Report, p. 45). These will be published in the **Lutheran Synod Quarterly** (A magazine to which many of our laymen could well subscribe).

The Doctrinal Committee has nothing new to report on its study of its Doctrine of Church and Ministry, except to say that it has continued its study and that the Pastoral Conferences are doing the same.

As the Doctrinal Committee surveys the religious scene today it recognizes how important the study and confession of Christ's pure doctrine is for all of us, laymen as well as pastors. What one is totally committed to leads one to confess and to pursue a particular course of action. Without total commitment to Christ's pure doctrine we shall be led astray. Many doctrinal dangers, old and new, confront us today: the religion of Secular Humanism, Synergism, denial of the true Doctrine of the Lord's Supper, of the Person and Work of Jesus Christ, the attraction to the false doctrine of Millennialism and Tongue-Speaking; yes, even Agnosticism and Atheism have been making their inroads into our circles.

We ask God's Holy Spirit to enlighten us through His powerful Word.

We pray with Selnecker, one of the authors of the Formula of Concord, and who just 400 years ago this year prayed:

Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,
For round us falls the eventide;
Nor let Thy Word, that heavenly light,
For us be ever veiled in night.

While sin and death around we see,
O grant that we may constant be;
And pure retain, till life is spent,
Thy precious Word and Sacrament.

Dear Savior, help, Thy Church uphold;
For we are sluggish, thoughtless, cold;
Indue Thy Word with power and grace,
And spread its truth in every place.

Yes, leave us but Thy Word, we pray;
The fatal wiles of Satan stay;
O smile upon Thy Church; give grace,
And courage, patience, love, and peace.

O God! how sin's dread works abound,
Throughout the earth no rest is found;
And wide has falsehood's spirit spread,
And error boldly rears its head.

And ever is there something new
Devised to change Thy doctrines true;
Lord Jesus! as Thou still dost reign,
Those vain, presumptuous minds restrain;

And as the cause and glory, Lord,
Are Thine, not ours, do Thou afford
Us help and strength and constancy,
And keep us ever true to Thee.

Thy Word shall fortify us hence,
It is Thy Church's sure defense;
O let us in its power confide,
That we may seek no other guide.

Here on Thy Word in faith we lean,
There Thou shalt be forever seen;
And when our journey endeth here,
Receive us, Lord, in glory there.

Prof. B. W. Teigen, Secretary

ACTION OF THE SYNOD:

Resolution No. 1: Dr. J. A. O. Preus' Statement

WHEREAS, "A Statement of Scriptural and Confessional Principles" by Dr. J. A. O. Preus, President of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, is relevant to the critical issues faced by Lutheranism today, and

WHEREAS, This statement reflects a thorough study of the Scriptural and confessional principles for which Confessional Lutheranism stands, and

WHEREAS, The statement takes into detailed account many of the present aberrations plaguing contemporary Lutheranism by not only setting forth the true faith, but also including antitheses, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we encourage all members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod to study "A Statement of Scriptural and Confessional Principles." Negative vote: The Rev. G. A. R. Gullixson.

Resolution No. 2: German Free Church Merger

WHEREAS, Our fellowship with confessional Lutheran church bodies throughout the world is precious to us in these last days, and

WHEREAS, A union is being consummated between two Lutheran Free Churches with whom the Evangelical Lutheran Synod has been in direct fellowship (the Saxon Free Church and the Breslau Synod) and one with whom we have not (the Independent Lutheran Church), therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Doctrinal Committee thoroughly study the basis and confessional principles of the newly-forming church body and bring recommendations to the next convention.

Resolution No. 3: Glossolalia and Millenialism

WHEREAS, The Biblical teachings concerning the Holy Spirit, His work, and His gifts have been much understood in the last few years, and

WHEREAS, "Neo-pentecostalism" has made inroads into Lutheran churches and has caused much distress in the churches, and

WHEREAS, Much confusion exists concerning the Biblical teaching of the second coming of Christ and the last days of this world, and

WHEREAS, Confusion of these issues can seriously undermine faith in Christ alone, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Doctrinal Committee intensify its study of the subjects of Glossolalia ("speaking in tongues") and Millenialism in the next years and make every effort to inform the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Scriptural teachings on these subjects.

Resolution No. 4: Federation for Authentic Lutheranism

WHEREAS, The Federation for Authentic Lutheranism has clearly testified to its confessional Lutheran faith, and

WHEREAS, The doctrinal committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod has unanimously found the Federation for Authentic Lutheranism to be in doctrinal agreement with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and

WHEREAS, The doctrinal committee of our sister Synod, the Wisconsin Evangelical Synod, has declared itself to be in doctrinal agreement with the Federation for Authentic Lutheranism, therefore

a) BE IT RESOLVED: That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod express its gratitude to God that unity in doctrine and practice

exists between itself and the Federation for Authentic Lutheranism, and

b) BE IT RESOLVED, That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod declare its recognition of the Federation for Authentic Lutheranism as confessional Lutheran brethren, and

c) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod make known its readiness to practice fellowship with the Federation for Authentic Lutheranism.

Resolution No. 5: Doctrine of Church and Ministry

WHEREAS, Divergent views continue to exist among confessional Lutherans concerning the doctrine of Church and Ministry, and

WHEREAS, The Doctrinal Committee and the Pastoral Conferences of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, the Confessional Lutheran Forum, and the other confessional Lutheran bodies continue to discuss this matter, therefore

a) BE IT RESOLVED, That all of the brethren be commended for their brotherly discussions of this matter, and

b) BE IT RESOLVED, That we respectfully and sincerely ask all confessional brethren not to be insistent on our full compliance with their views on the subject of the Church and Ministry since the Evangelical Lutheran Synod is earnestly striving to establish unity and harmony within itself on these matters, and

c) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the brethren be urged to continue to study this doctrine and work toward the acceptance of a Scriptural statement on the doctrine of Church and Ministry.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS

Home Missions

Our Lord has told us to be faithful stewards of everything He has entrusted to us. Of greatest importance is our faithful stewardship of His Word. We are to apply it to our own hearts and then tell it to others. Jesus spoke of missions as He began His public ministry, "I will make you fishers of men," and at the close of His earthly ministry, "Go and make disciples of all nations." In Home Missions the Mission Board has endeavored to be faithful to Jesus and His Word in 1971-1972.

The following are high-lights of fiscal 1971-1972 in Home Missions:

1. Bethany congregation at Ames, Iowa, has been authorized by the Mission Board to elect a building committee. They are tentatively planning to build the first phase of their church building in 1973.

2. Heritage congregation of Apple Valley, Minn., has been authorized by the Board to form a building committee and hire an architect. We have recommended to the Board of Trustees that they build their first unit this summer.

3. Trinity Lutheran Church, Cape Cod, Mass., has been served by Vicar Martin Teigen this past year. The Cape Cod mission was cared for for many years by the late Pastor Christian Moldstad. It is a vacation area with church attendance varying from 40 to 65 last summer. Winter attendance has been about 18. The congregation meets in the village hall. Another vicar has been assigned to Cape Cod for the coming year.

4. River Heights congregation, East Grand Forks, Minn., became self-supporting on March 1, 1972. The congregation began services in East Grand Forks in 1956.

5. The Mission Board is currently investigating several promising areas in which to open a new home mission station in fiscal 1973. Funds have been placed in the fiscal 1973 budget for this purpose.

6. The Board has discussed and plans to promote the formation of a women's missionary league in the Synod. Several missionary rallies are being planned for this fall. The league could well be incorporated into existing women's groups throughout the Synod.

7. Salaries of Home Missionaries. **THE ELS Handbook**, "Guidelines for the Board of Missions," No. 2, Duties, Par. 1, p. 33, "Salaries of Missionaries"—"The Board shall establish a minimum salary scale. . . in keeping with the cost of living." Inflation and the cost of living have severely hit our home missionaries. Therefore, in keeping with the "Guidelines" the Mission Board has established the following for fiscal 1973:

Base Salary	\$5,800.00
Car allowance	750.00
Annual increment	90.00

for each year after ordination to a maximum of 20 years.

Housing

All utilities

½ social security

½ hospitalization insurance

Retirement payments at 5 per cent of salary

Subsidies Paid 1971-1972

Ames (\$444 per month)	\$ 5,328.00
Apple Valley (\$576 per month - includes rental of parsonage and worship facilities)	6,916.20
Cape Cod (\$110 per month)	880.00
Chicago (\$250-\$125 per month)	2,250.00
Chittenango (Syracuse, N.Y.) (\$116 per month)	1,392.00
East Grand Forks (\$195 per month, for 10 months)	1,950.00
Mason City (\$345 per month for 9 months)	3,105.00
Muskegon (\$200 per month for 9 months, \$575 per month for 3 months)	3,525.00

Rochester (\$350 per month)	4,200.00
Tacoma (\$100 per month)	1,200.00
Waterloo (\$367 per month)	4,404.00
Total Subsidies	\$35,150.20
Moving expenses	1,132.00
Board expenses	1,223.00
	<hr/> \$37,505.00

The Rev. Steven Quist
Field Secretary for Home Missions

Foreign Missions

"Charity to the soul is the soul of charity." In keeping with that principle, and in full awareness of the Savior's directive that His Gospel be preached in all the world for a witness unto all men, your Board of Foreign Missions has carried out its work again this past year in the barriadas of Lima, Peru. We have a thriving mission there after only four years of labor; and, while we give all credit to the Holy Spirit for the souls that have been won for Christ there, we are at the same time thankful to God for the personnel on the field who have brought the message of the saving Gospel.

Those who have carried on the work there this past year are: the Rev. and Mrs. Ted Kuster (July, 1968), Mr. and Mrs. Orlin Myrlie (July, 1968), the Rev. and Mrs. James Olsen (May, 1970), Mr. Bill Krug (September, 1970), and Mr. Ralph Mozach (November, 1971). Most gratifying is the fact that already in this young mission many of the Peruvians, who have become members of the church down there, are also teaching the story of salvation through Christ to their fellow men. We thank God also for their zeal and faithfulness.

Following are some of the highlights of the past fiscal year:

1. The church there (Centro Cristiano) was officially formed and legally established on Reformation Day, 1971. Officers from among the Peruvians were elected and installed.
2. In November Mr. Ralph Mozach, a volunteer teacher from Milwaukee who is paying his own way, arrived on the field. Mr. Mozach will be in charge of coordinating and supervising the Christian education in the Mission on the elementary level.
3. In February of this year the Mission was the recipient of a gift of \$3,651.03 to be used for needed equipment. Of this amount \$5,190.73 was raised through local AAL branches in our Synod congregations, and the AAL Home Office thru its benevolence program added an additional \$3,460.30. Most of this money has been used in equipping the new missionary compound that is nearly completed in the barriada of Villa Maria.
4. On January 31st seven adults were confirmed in the Christian faith. This was the largest number at one time. There are now 30 confirmed members and 35 baptized children (as of April). Several more adults are presently taking instruction pursuant to confirmation.
5. The Orlin Myrlies were given a warm welcoming home reception at King of Grace Church in Golden Valley, hosted by Hiawatha Lutheran Church. In March and April the Myrlies went on an extensive speaking tour, visiting some 30 parishes of our Synod, and did a wonderful job of telling the story of our Peru Mission.
6. President Orvick made a ten day visit to Lima, encouraging the brethren, and gaining first hand knowledge of the work being done there. He returned greatly enthused by the work being accomplished by our missionaries.

The Board wishes to thank Mr. and Mrs. Orlin Myrlie for their stay of 3½ years on the mission field. They were in on the beginning of the work there, and were of valuable assistance in many ways.

The Board also wishes to acknowledge with thanks once again the

grant of \$650.00 from the AAL for language study by our missionaries. This year it was especially beneficial to Mr. Mozach who just recently completed an intensive period of study in the Spanish language.

As these lines are being written Pastor Kuster and his family are making plans for their return to the United States for furlough, which begins the first part of June. The Mission Board is indebted to Mr. Larry Marquardt, a car dealer in Dundee, Illinois, for supplying missionary Kuster with a free car during his furlough.

Again we thank God for having opened this door to our Synod in Peru. We beseech the prayers of the membership of our Synod both for the work and the workers there.

Below is a brief financial overview for the past fiscal year:

Actual amount spent for Foreign Mission	\$34,486.21
Special gifts given outside of the budget	-8,030.73
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Amount spent out of budget	26,455.48
Amount allocated for Foreign Mission	-25,000.00
Amount spent in excess of budget	-1,455.48

The Rev. Ted Kuster has accepted our Mission Board's call to serve a mission in Managua, Nicaragua. Our being able to call a man to this foreign field was made possible by the financial backing of Independent Lutheran Missions of Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Ohio, the Rev. Paul Lehenbauer, pastor. Pastor Herbert Swanson, who is at present serving the mission there, has opened three preaching stations in and near there the first part of January.

The Rev. Robert Moldstad has accepted our Mission Board's call to serve in our Peru Mission. He will fill the vacancy which came about there when Pastor Kuster accepted the call to Nicaragua. Pastor Moldstad and his family will move to Lima the first part of September.

The Rev. Norman A. Madson
Field-Secretary for Foreign Missions

ACTION OF THE SYNOD:

Resolution No. 1: Centro Cristiano

WHEREAS, The Holy Spirit has richly blessed the preaching of His Word by establishing a sister congregation in Peru, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod hereby express its gratitude to the Lord of the Church.

Resolution No. 2: Returning Missionaries

WHEREAS, The Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Kuster and family have safely returned home after four years of faithful service in Peru, and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Orlin Myrlie and family have safely returned home after three and one-half years of faithful service in Peru, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we thank God for granting us these faithful servants.

Resolution No. 3: AAL Gifts

WHEREAS, The Aid Association for Lutherans has been generous in its financial support of the mission work in Peru, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod hereby acknowledge the generosity of the Aid Association for Lutherans with thanks.

Resolution No. 4: Nicaragua Mission

WHEREAS, The Lord has granted us the opportunity of serving Him in a new foreign mission field, and

WHEREAS, Financial support has been offered by Independent Lutheran Missions of Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Ohio, and

WHEREAS, The Lord has supplied willing workers, therefore

a) BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod ratify the action of the Mission Board in calling a missionary into this field, and

b) BE IT RESOLVED, That we ask the Lord to bless His work in Nicaragua.

Resolution No. 5: Home Missions

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod express thanks to God for blessing our Home Mission work. Pastor S. Quist led in prayer.

Resolution No. 6: River Heights Congregation

BE IT RESOLVED, That we note with gratitude that River Heights congregation, East Grand Forks, Minnesota, has become self-supporting.

Resolution No. 7: Missionaries' Salaries

WHEREAS, The Mission Board recommends an increase in missionaries' salaries for fiscal 1973, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod approve this proposed salary scale.

Resolution No. 8: Mission Guidelines

WHEREAS, The Evangelical Lutheran Confessional Forum has recommended the following "Mission Guidelines" (Oct. 25-26, 1971) for our consideration: therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod adopt these guidelines:

"WHEREAS, The fellowship of faith calls for mutual consideration between sister synods, and

"WHEREAS, Good stewardship demands that money given for Missions be spent wisely, and

"WHEREAS, Our manpower should not be wasted by duplication of effort, therefore

"BE IT RESOLVED, That when a new mission is contemplated in an area already served by a sister synod the initiating group consult the local congregation and with the responsible mission board of the sister synod."

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS and the PRESIDENT OF BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Bethany Lutheran College has now, by the grace and mercy of God, been permitted to complete the 45th year since it became the institution of our ELS. Though our student bodies have not been large by worldly standards, yet it is well to remember the great blessings God has bestowed upon those who have attended. Who can measure the influence of this Christian instruction here given upon the students and through them to parents, children, friends and congregations, and wherever our students have gone? We rejoice in the fact that the Word of God has been preserved in our school in its truth and purity as our guide, our source of comfort and our strength as we endeavor to instruct and educate the youth of our Church. Satan never grows weary of educating the youth away from the Gospel, and his untiring efforts are reaching into our congregations and families with devastating consequences to the faith of many of our young people. Our efforts to get our youth to Bethany must be more earnest and aggressive. Only those of our youth who attend Bethany will partake of the blessings God provides through the Christian training and instruction which is given here.

We commend Bethany and its cause to the grace and blessing of God and to the continued and increased good will and prayers of the members of our Synod.

THE BOARD OF REGENTS

The Board of Regents is presently composed of the following: Dr. Robert Clark, the Rev. Wayne Halvorson, Mr. Howard Hougan, the Rev. Herbert Larson (secretary), the Rev. Richard Newgard, Mr. William Overn (vice-chairman), the Rev. Wilhelm Petersen, the Rev. M. E. Tweit (chairman), and Mr. Ellsworth Zahl.

THE FACULTY

During the past year, the following have served on the faculty, some part-time:

Louella Balcziaik	Mildred C. Larson
Mary Birmingham	Sigurd K. Lee
John Branstad	Juul B. Madson
Lois Branstad	Marvin G. Meyer
Raymond M. Branstad	John A. Moldstad
Edna Busekist	Dennis O. Natvig
Michael Butterfield	Milton H. Otto
Sally J. Dale	Allen Quist
Ruth H. Giles	Glenn E. Reichwald
Elaine Green	Dennis Soule
Paul Helland	B. W. Teigen
Arlene Hilding	Paul B. Tweit
Norman S. Holte	C. Jerry Wilske
Rudolph E. Honsey	Ronald Younge
Calvin K. Johnson	

THE STUDENTS

Enrollment, for the 1971-1972 school-year was as follows:

1st year college	105
2nd year college	79
Special and Part-time	20
Total	204

Again, the enrollment did not come up to our projected figure of 225

students. We are, however, attempting to increase the enrollment and we earnestly solicit your concerned interest in and earnest efforts toward helping your College realize a substantial increase in enrollment.

RECRUITMENT

After a more thorough study of all that pertains to student recruitment, the Board is planning to enlarge the scope of this office, by calling a man to serve as Director of Development. It is the Board's judgment that such a position will serve well to increase both the efficiency and the outreach of this phase of the College's activities.

During the past year, Mr. John Branstad has again been working as student recruiter.

Other than this, great stress has also been placed upon recruiting efforts. We are particularly gratified by the names of large numbers of prospective students which have been submitted by pastors of our sister synod, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Representatives of the Board and of the Administration have met regularly with WELS' Commission on Higher Education, which has expressed its desire to be of help to Bethany and to their constituents by encouraging their students to consider Bethany. With our two Synods working closely together toward interesting students in Bethany, we have confidence that our enrollment will rise. Further aids toward this are the appearances in several places of student groups, called caravans, which have made favorable impressions wherever they have gone.

BETHANY'S PHILOSOPHY

Closely allied with our efforts to interest students in Bethany are our efforts toward clearly defining Bethany's unique educational philosophy in the hearts and minds of all of the Synod's members. Toward this end, the Synod in 1970 requested of the Board "Study Guidelines," outlining the contrast between a distinctively Christian approach toward education and the secularist, humanist approach which prevails so much in the education of our times. These "Guidelines" have been prepared and are available to the congregations for their study. Already, they have been considered by congregations in the Northern Circuit and in the Madison, Wisconsin area. We urge greater study of these guidelines, as one means by which Bethany's enrollment may be increased.

Similarly, a request by the Synod in 1970 for an Evangelical Lutheran Synod "Philosophy of Education" has been answered by the Boards of Christian Elementary and Christian Secondary Education and the Board of Regents. This statement is included in the report of the Board of Christian Elementary Education.

Because Bethany exists for the purpose of implanting the Word of God in the hearts and minds of its students, the teaching of religion is of great importance at the College. Realizing that students come to Bethany with varying backgrounds in the study of the Scriptures, a new curriculum has been developed by the Administration and Religion Department, which will allow greater flexibility in the teaching of religion. While the Scripture will continue to be the focus of study, certain courses in religion will be offered on an elective basis.

NORTH CENTRAL

The College's efforts toward achieving full accreditation with the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools continue, with the next step being a review by North Central in May, 1973.

THE FINANCES

We do not expect to report a deficit in the current operating budget this year. This is due chiefly to our channelling of portions of legacies and gifts into the operating funds, under the heading "Gifts." Included in the gifts is a generous donation from a Board member. Without these monies, however, we fear that the picture would be different. As evidence

of our careful estimates of expected costs against expected receipts, we respectfully remind the Synod that in the years in which the College has experienced deficits, they have been in almost the exact amounts by which the Synod has reduced our requested subsidy in the budgets that have finally been certified at the conventions. A more complete summary of current income and expenditures is included with our report.

The fee structure for the 1972-1973 school year has been set:

	Semester	Year
Tuition	\$465.00	\$930.00
Board and Room	410.00	820.00
Fees	60.00	120.00
Total	\$935.00	\$1870.00

Bethany has again been the recipient of legacies, which we gratefully acknowledge. The College has received legacies from the Michael Dempsey Estate and from the Clara Erickson Estate. A former Board of Regents member, Mr. George Tokheim, has also remembered Bethany in his will, of which one-half is specifically designated for Bethany. The remaining half is divided evenly, with one portion of it intended for the Synod and the other portion undesignated. In view of Mr. Tokheim's interest in Bethany, the Board passed this resolution at its May, 1972 meeting:

- RESOLVED: 1) that the Board of Regents respectfully requests the Evangelical Lutheran Synod at its 1972 convention to assign the undesignated portion of the Tokheim Estate to the Bethany Lutheran College Reserve Fund.
- 2) that the Board of Regents respectfully requests the Synod's Board of Trustees to concur in this.

Concerning the Reserve Fund, progress has admittedly been slow. The Board has now, however, adopted a plan which it is ready to implement, hopefully to bring the Reserve Fund receipts up to the goal of \$300,000.

Finally, with respect to finances, Bethany continues to be remembered by many persons who make special gifts, as do the various Bethany Auxiliaries throughout the Synod, which make it possible for us to do things for the development of the campus facilities, which otherwise would be more difficult. Such gifts are always welcome and are deeply appreciated.

CAMPUS PLANNING CONSULTANT

During the past year, we have secured the services of Mr. J. Calder Peeps, A. I. A., of Minneapolis, who is in the process of developing an overall plan for the possible development of the campus. Such an overall plan is necessary, we feel, so that whenever new buildings, remodelling, renovations, and such, become necessary and possible, the work will fit into a previously drawn plan.

MISCELLANEOUS

The completion of the project of installing new windows on Old Main is planned for this summer, as is the installation of new stacks on the heating plant. These capital improvements are made possible through the legacies previously mentioned.

The Homecoming festivities last February were very successful.

On the sports scene, the College's soccer team participated in the National Association of Junior College's tournament in Miami, Florida, last November; and, the basketball team hosted the revived Blue Waters Classic in January.

Continuing a long standing tradition, the Bethany Choir made a tour during the Easter vacation, this time singing before a number of the congregations of the newly formed Federation for Authentic Lutheranism (F.A.L.), as well as appearing in some ELS churches.

CONCLUSION

All in all, Bethany has enjoyed a good year. The past has not been without its problems, nor do we expect that the future will be without its problems. We are confident, though, that the work which we seek to do on this campus is the Lord's work, work which He promises to bless. We are optimistic that with the continued prayers, good will, and cooperation of you who make up the congregations which support Bethany, that it will go on being what it has always been intended to be: a school in which The One Thing Needful is uppermost.

Prof. R. M. Branstad, President
The Rev. M. E. Tweit, Chairman
The Rev. J. H. Larson, Secretary

SUMMARY OF CURRENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

For the Year Ended June 30, 1971
(As Audited by Linton and Paulus, CPA)

	College	Seminary
CURRENT INCOME:		
Educational and General	\$179,175	\$ 3,040
Auxiliary Enterprises	135,106	
Synod Subsidy	118,488	18,162
Student Aids (Government Grants)	15,399	
Plant Fund and Gifts	17,600	
TOTAL INCOME	\$465,768	\$21,202
CURRENT EXPENDITURES:		
Educational and General	\$316,530	\$24,993
Auxiliary Enterprises	117,500	
Students Aids	20,711	
*Interest	23,515	
Plant Fund Expenditures	13,512	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$491,768	\$24,993
Excess of Expenses over Income	\$ 26,000	\$ 3,791
*Interest on Short Term		\$ 3,610
Interest on Long Term Obligations:		
Dormitory Loan Balance	\$392,000	
50 years 3 per cent		11,820
Library & Classroom Remodeling		
Balance	121,540	
Interest		8,085

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS and the DEAN OF BETHANY LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Bethany Lutheran Seminary exists for only one reason—to train pastors and missionaries for service in the Lord's vineyard. The following is a brief summary of this past year's activities in that respect, on the basis of which the members of the Synod can gauge whether the institution is doing what it was established to do.

During the past year nine students were taught by the two seminary professors (J. B. Madson and M. H. Otto) and three other men from the College faculty (Pres. R. M. Branstad, and Profs. R. E. Honsey and G. E. Reichwald).

Six of the nine students completed the academic part of their ministerial preparation this spring and will be serving as vicars under pastors in various parts of the country during the next school-year. At the time this report is being prepared three new men have indicated their intentions to enroll in the fall and at least as many in the following fall. There is only one candidate graduating this spring and he has been called to one of our regular parishes.

The Seminary Dean, upon request, addressed the spring area meetings of three Bethany Auxiliary groups on "The Making of a Minister." He believes such occasional presentations will help maintain and increase peoples' interest in their Seminary.

The budget for the Seminary for the 1971-1972 year was adequate, but a little more subsidy will be needed next year because of the slightly smaller student body. Scholarship funds will be exhausted at the close of the current school year.

For a number of years the Seminary, together with the College, has been sponsoring a series of Reformation Lectures during the last days of October. The speaker at the 1971 series was Dr. Hans Kirsten from the Oberursel Seminary in Germany. His subject was, "Confessional Lutheranism's Answer to Today's Problems." The 1972 topic is "Studies in the Lutheran Reformation: Law, Love, and Order," which the Rev. Dr. N. S. Tjernagel of Rochester, New York, has consented to deliver on October 26th and 27th. Previous speakers have been from outside the Synod and from as far away as Australia.

It is the prayer of the Seminary staff that the members of the Synod will continue to remember their modest "school of the prophets" in their prayers before the throne of grace, and with their gifts, not only that our Seminary may continue to operate but that it may be enabled to prepare able, faithful, and conscientious pastors and missionaries.

Prof. M. H. Otto, Dean

The Rev. M. E. Tweit, Chairman

The Rev. J. H. Larson, Secretary

A MEMORIAL

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Rev. George M. Orvick, President

Whereas the Synod in 1970 resolved that the Board of Regents prepare a set of principles (Res. #2, p. 75-76, 1970 Synod Report) by which one may judge government aid and

Whereas to the best of my knowledge such set of principles has not been made available to laymen, teachers and pastors alike, and

Whereas I feel that government aid to the institution or the parent ad-

versely affects stewardship, I strongly urge the Synod to hasten the Board of Regents to make such set of principles available.

Craig Schwartz
Eau Claire, Wisconsin

ACTION OF THE SYNOD:

Resolution No. 1: Bethany Lutheran College Enrollment

WHEREAS, Bethany Lutheran College enrollment has not reached the projected figure over the last few years, and

WHEREAS, The Bethany Lutheran College administration hopes to stimulate more interest in Bethany among prospective Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod students, therefore

a) BE IT RESOLVED, That more direct recruitment be carried on among Evangelical Lutheran Synod students,

b) BE IT RESOLVED, That the administration continue to increase its contacts with Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod pastors, officials, and students, and other Lutherans of our confessional persuasion, and

c) BE IT RESOLVED, That the administration intensify its efforts to work with pastors and Bethany Lutheran College alumni in presenting the Bethany Story.

Resolution No. 2: Bethany Seminary Scholarships

WHEREAS, The scholarship funds for Bethany Seminary have been exhausted, and

WHEREAS, These funds depend upon free-will gifts, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That pastors and congregations of the Synod make special note of this need, and encourage contributions to these funds.

Resolution No. 3: Federal Aid Principles

WHEREAS, The Synod at its 1970 convention requested the Board of Regents to prepare guidelines regulating the acceptance of government funds, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Regents has taken no action in this matter, and

WHEREAS, The Synod at its several conventions has laid down general principles in this matter, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Regents be urged to prepare and publicize these guidelines.

Resolution No. 4: Bethany Seminary

WHEREAS, Six of nine seminary students have completed their academic training, and

WHEREAS, Several men intend to enroll in the future, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we thank the Lord of the Church for providing us with laborers in His vineyard.

REPORT OF THE BETHANY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

This corporation, now 25 years old, has been only moderately active over the past few years. In an effort to revitalize the association an extra meeting in addition to the Annual meeting was held during this past winter.

This non-profit voluntary auxiliary organization can report the following as a gist of its recent major activities:

- 1) it transferred \$700 of its funds to Bethany Lutheran College;
- 2) it mortgaged the Athletic Field for \$50,000 in order to cover the deficit which had accrued at the college and which is to be paid off by the soon-to-be-received Dempsey legacy;
- 3) it went on record to work closely together with the Regents and the alumni in furthering the cause of Bethany Lutheran College, especially with respect to completing the "Reserve Fund" collection; and
- 4) in general, it aims to keep on supporting the physical development of the college under the direction of the Board of Regents.

Getting more people to join the Association would be a way of increasing its service potential. Any male communicant member from any of our ELS congregations is eligible to join. Also such as endorse the aims of the school and who sympathize with the doctrine and practice of our Synod may become associate members in this organization with all the privileges of a regular member, except in voting in the corporation's affairs or holding office therein. "Many hands make almost anything possible."

The Rev. M. E. Tweit, Chairman
Prof. M. H. Otto, Secretary

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN SECONDARY EDUCATION

The Board of Christian Secondary Education met on October 1 and 2, 1971, and on February 25, 1972, at Bethany Lutheran College. Members of our Board during 1971-72 were: Harvey Bell, Chairman; Robert Mickelson, Secretary; the Rev. Richard Newgard; George Cooper; and Professor Rudolph Honsey.

A total of \$1,450.00 was distributed in subsidies during the 1971-72 fiscal year. An analysis of these subsidies appears below:

Semester	Number of Students	Amount Paid
Fall 1970-71 (late)	6	\$ 300.00
Spring 1971	15	750.00
Fall 1971-72	8	400.00
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		\$1,450.00

During the next two fiscal periods we anticipate the following expenditures:

(1) **Eight-Month Period Ended December 31, 1972**

Christian Education Sunday	\$ 100.00
Subsidies-Spring Semester 1972	500.00
Travel Expenses	150.00
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Total	\$ 750.00

(2) **Twelve-Month Period Ended December 31, 1973**

Subsidies-Fall Semester 1972-73	\$ 600.00
Subsidies-Spring Semester 1973	600.00
Christian Education Sunday	100.00
Travel Expenses	300.00
Total	<u>\$1,600.00</u>

There appears below the results of a questionnaire sent to 53 pastors, 29 of whom responded:

1. Have you informed your congregation of the subsidy?

Yes 11 No 18

2. Are you in favor of continuing the subsidy?

Yes 23 No 5 No opinion 1

Our third question was: "What materials have you used (or would recommend) for high school, Sunday School, Bible class and release time and L.Y.S. instruction, and, if possible, provide a summary?" Our Board will incorporate the information furnished in response to this question with our list of reading materials appropriate for our high school aged youth. We will then distribute this information.

A questionnaire mailed to parents of past subsidy recipients informed us that even though the amount of the subsidy is small, it is important as an encouragement to our youth. Furthermore, the amount presently spent by our Synod in Christian education is considerably less than before the high school was closed. In reply to 50 questionnaires mailed to pastors we were informed that they knew of no one who would attend a Christian high school if the subsidy was larger.

During the past year our Board has attempted to make the subsidy applications more readily available to our high school aged youth by mailing a supply to pastors and institutions where we felt they would do the most good. Those people who would like application forms or know of someone who does should write to Robert O. Mickelson, Secretary, 802 Meadowlark Drive, Madison, Wisconsin 53714.

Our Board discussed the feasibility of reopening a high school sometime in the future. A suggested site was Madison, Wisconsin.

Robert O. Mickelson, Secretary

ACTION OF THE SYNOD:

Resolution No. 1: Parish Education Materials

WHEREAS, The Board of Christian Secondary Education has made progress in compiling a list of parish education materials to recommend for our youth, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board for Education and Youth be encouraged to complete this work as soon as possible.

Resolution No. 2: Promotional Materials

WHEREAS, The subsidy program encourages primarily those who are already interested in attending a Christian high school, and

WHEREAS, The interest in Christian high school education in the Synod must be broadened by a continuing supply of information and promotional materials which repeat the Biblical perspective on education in a variety of ways (e.g., bulletin inserts, film strips, discussion leaders, etc.), therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board for Education and Youth be encouraged to promote even more actively the values of Christian education on the high school level.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOLS

There were nine schools in operation in the ELS the past year. They were: Lakewood, 55 pupils; Parkland, 53 pupils; Mankato, 52 pupils; Norseland, 13 pupils; Scarville, 14 pupils; Saude-Jerico, 29 pupils; W. Koshkonong, 24 pupils; Madison, 53 pupils; West Bend, 44 pupils. Total enrollment, 337. In addition, some congregations make use of schools of the Wisconsin Synod; among them, Holton, 11 pupils; Muskegon, 2 pupils; Hiawatha, 6 pupils (estimate); Burnsville, 9 pupils (estimate); Norseland, 3 pupils. Grand total, 368 pupils. This compares with a total of 302 pupils reported for the previous year in the parochial report, 1971 Synod Report. This represents an increase of about 20 percent.

Two new schools were added to our list of parochial schools. Holy Cross Lutheran congregation in Madison, Wisconsin, opened its own school with an enrollment of 53 pupils in grades K through 4. Teachers there are Mr. Silas Born, Mrs. Howard Hougan, and Mrs. James Bosse. Grades 5 and 6 are scheduled to be added in the Fall. The other new school is that of Trinity Lutheran Church, West Bend, Wisconsin. It has an enrollment of 44 pupils in grades 1 - 8. Trinity congregation is making application for membership at this convention. Mr. Charles Zitzmann and Miss Norma Bell are the teachers at this school.

There are a number of changes in the teaching staffs of these schools. Mr. Andrew Bilich, Miss Carol Weber, and Mrs. Dorothy Swalling will not be teaching in Lakewood next year. Mr. Carl Lemke, Mankato, will be on leave of absence. Mrs. Linda Marozick will not be returning to Norseland. Miss Kathy Skaaland and Miss Camilla Dashcund will leave the Saude-Jerico school; Miss Dashcund will teach at Holy Cross, Madison, where they are adding two grades. Mrs. Richard Brekken, W. Koshkonong, will not be teaching next fall. Miss Cheryl Edwards, who took her place during the second semester this year, will continue to teach at W. Koshkonong. With the rather large turnover of teachers this year one is made more aware of the need for a reemphasis in our midst of the teaching ministry and of an effective teacher-training program.

Mr. Carl Lemke, Mankato, kindly consented to serve as superintendent of schools this spring, and visited all the schools except those on the West Coast. The Board expresses its gratitude to him for this labor of love.

The following subsidies were granted the past school year: Parkland, \$1,900.00; Lakewood, \$1,400.00; Mankato, \$1,400.00; Scarville, \$700.00; Norseland, \$600.00. Total, \$6,000.00.

The annual ELS Teachers' Conference was held at Scarville, Iowa, Nov. 4-5, 1971. ELS schools on the West Coast participated in an annual conference with WELS schools.

Students at Bethany College who are interested in teaching as a possible calling met as the "Christian Educators" during the school year. Miss Judy Tostenson, Mt. Olive teacher, was in charge. The Board subsidizes their attendance at the annual ELS Teachers' Conference.

The Education Fee Refund program adopted by the ELS for both WELS and ELS-trained teachers (cf. 1970 Report, p. 65; 1971 Report, p. 63), is now in operation. Refunds to two teachers were made the past school year. We note that the WELS program became effective Sept. 1, 1969, and the ELS program Sept. 1, 1968. We recommend that the effective date for the program for the ELS-trained teachers be changed to Sept. 1, 1969 in order to coordinate the entire program.

GENERAL

The statement on an ELS Philosophy of Christian Education, as requested by the Synod (cf. 1970 Report, p. 64) has been completed and

adopted by the Board of Regents of Bethany Lutheran College, the Board of Christian Secondary Education, and the Board of Christian Elementary Education. The subcommittee which prepared the statement consisted of Pastor R. Newgard, Board of Regents; Mr. Harvey Bell, Board of Christian Education, Secondary; Pastor J. Schmidt, Board of Christian Elementary Education. On behalf of the three boards, the statement is herewith presented to the Synod with the recommendation that it be adopted.

PROPOSED E.L.S. PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

WE BELIEVE

That God reveals Himself to man through nature and man's own conscience, but most fully through the Holy Bible, which we believe to be the inspired and inerrant Word of God.

WE BELIEVE

That through the Holy Bible God reveals Himself to be Triune—i.e., consisting of three distinct, co-equal person in an undivided and indivisible essence. In the Trinity, God the Father creates, God the Son redeems, and God the Holy Spirit sanctifies. Yet it is the Triune God that creates, redeems, and sanctifies.

WE BELIEVE

That God is a spirit who is eternal, unchangeable, all-powerful, all-knowing, everywhere present, holy, just, faithful, benevolent, merciful, and gracious.

WE BELIEVE

That man came into existence by a special creative act of the Triune God, endowed with the knowledge of God and perfectly holy and righteous.

WE BELIEVE

That through the sin of disobedience, man lost his created state of true holiness, so that by nature he is now spiritually blind, an enemy of God, and unable to save himself.

WE BELIEVE

That it is God's will that every man should be led to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, whose life, suffering, death, and resurrection have atoned completely for all men's sins.

WE BELIEVE

That this saving faith is created and sustained in man by the Holy Spirit through the means of grace—namely, the Word and the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Only through faith in Christ can man be saved and look forward to a life in heaven. Apart from God's plan of salvation, man is lost and destined to a life in hell.

WE BELIEVE

That as evidence of his faith, the redeemed man, though still sinful, should grow in knowledge and understanding, in faith and in trust, in holiness of heart, and in righteousness of life.

WE BELIEVE

That man should be led to realize, appreciate, and develop his God-given talents and abilities to the utmost, that his pilgrimage on this earth might be successful, useful, and purposeful to God and man.

WE BELIEVE

That the home has the basic responsibility to provide for the total learning experiences—secular and religious—of those children whom God has entrusted to its care.

WE BELIEVE

That our democratic way of life calls for an educated citizenry and therefore we acknowledge the right of the state to assist the home in the secular education of the child.

WE BELIEVE

That the Church, together with the home, has also been commanded to train the child.

WE BELIEVE

That the religious and secular education of the child should not be separated, but should be Christ-centered entirely.

WE BELIEVE

That the public school can prepare for this life in a material way, but not for the Christian life and the life to come.

WE BELIEVE

That, although a part-time agency can help, a full-time agency, such as a Lutheran School, where the entire program and educative process is centered in Christ, is the best means for preparing a child for this life and the life to come.

WE BELIEVE

That for a true preparation for life in this world and the world to come it is essential that the Holy Spirit through the means of grace transform the heart and life of a person.

WE BELIEVE

That such preparation is also a result of learning—i.e., the acquisition of knowledge; and change in skills, conduct and attitudes.

WE BELIEVE

That such learning takes place through goal-directed study, instruction, observation, and experiences.

WE BELIEVE

That in this process we should consider the importance of heredity, environment, individual differences, interest, motivation, readiness, and repetition. Therefore, we believe the purposes of E.L.S. Lutheran Schools are to cooperate with and assist the home in training the child for a Christ-centered, successful, useful, purposeful life of service to God and man—at all times and in all things,

to instruct the child systematically in the teachings of God's Holy Word, as found in the Bible, so that he might know God's plan of salvation, see himself as a part of that plan and destined for heaven through faith in Christ, and thereafter in this life, out of love for Christ, live a truly Christ-like life in thought, word and deed,

to provide a curriculum which will help the child to realize, appreciate, develop, and fully use his God-given talents and abilities so that he might be adequately prepared to take his place in this world as an educated Christian person, member of the family, church, and community group, producer and/or consumer, and citizen—but always have his eyes set on the Christian's eternal reward, which will be in heaven.

That Christian education is that education whose content and methods are based on and permeated with the Truths revealed by God in His Word. Accordingly, content and methods in each academic discipline, arts and sciences alike, should be demonstrably grounded in the teachings of Christianity. The manner in which this Christian basis should appear in the teachings of each discipline, we feel, ought to be the subject of continuing and specific research by all those among us interested and involved with Christian education.

Your Board has had no publication of its own for the promotion of Christian Elementary Education this past year. It did furnish subscriptions to **The Lutheran Educator**, a WELS journal, to the day school teachers. Lack of funds prohibited the sending of it also to the pastors as was done the previous year.

Christian Education Sunday was again observed in the ELS on Mother's Day, May 14. It was sponsored by the Board of Christian Secondary

Education and our Board. A number of articles on Christian education were featured in the April 27 issue of the **Lutheran Sentinel**, and topics for organizations and sermon studies on Christian education were furnished the pastors.

The Board furnished the manuscript for the 1971 ELS Children's Christmas Program, with the Publication Board printing it. It was written by Pastor J. Schmidt.

Sunday School Teachers' Institutes were held during the year in at least several circuits of the Synod. We believe these institutes should be promoted, and where not held, should be inaugurated.

Your Board held two meetings during the past synodical year, August 31, 1971, and February 8, 1972. Board members are V. Theiste (chairman); T. Aaberg (secretary); C. Faugstad; N. Lien; J. Schmidt; D. Whitcomb.

The Rev. Theodore A. Aaberg

ACTION OF THE SYNOD:

Resolution No. 1: Enrollment Increase and Number of Day Schools

WHEREAS, The Lord has blessed the Evangelical Lutheran Synod with a 20% increase of enrollment in Christian day schools, and

WHEREAS, Two new schools were added to the number of Christian day schools, therefore

a) BE IT RESOLVED, That we herewith express our thanks to God for this increase in the number of pupils and schools, and

b) BE IT RESOLVED, That we herewith urge every congregation to study what Christian Education is and to compare it with modern secular humanism's educational philosophy, and

1) to this end contact the Synod's Board of Education for materials and write speakers to present the subject, and

2) after its study to ask God to guide the members in determining the possibility of beginning a Christian day school.

Resolution No. 2: Educational Fee Refund Program

WHEREAS, The effective date of the Educational Fee Refund Program adopted by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod is September 1, 1968, and while that of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod is September 1, 1969, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That our effective date for the Educational Fee Refund Program be the same as that of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, namely September 1, 1969.

Resolution No. 3: Proposed Evangelical Lutheran Synod Philosophy of Education

WHEREAS, The proposed Evangelical Lutheran Synod Philosophy of Education has many points and most of us have had little time to study them, and

WHEREAS, This matter of philosophy of education is very important and should be considered by every congregation, and

WHEREAS, This committee feels that section 11 and 12 can be misunderstood and say that the Bible teaches that the government must set up schools to educate children, therefore

a) *BE IT RESOLVED, That the Proposed Evangelical Lutheran Synod Philosophy of Education be studied by every congregation, and*

b) *BE IT RESOLVED, That if the congregations feel that any changes should be made they submit their suggestions to the sub-committee which prepared the original statements, and*

c) *BE IT RESOLVED, That the committee consider the suggestions and resubmit to the next convention the Proposed Philosophy of Education with any changes they feel are warranted, and*

d) *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following changes be included among those considered by the sub-committee:*

1) *the 11th section be deleted and the following be substituted:*

"We believe the state may aid the home in educating the citizens, but that it may not impose its philosophy of education on the home or church."

2) *under the 12th section delete "also" so that it will read: "That the church, together with the home, has been commanded to train the child."*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHARITIES AND SUPPORT

The Board of Charities and Support held four regular and one special meeting during the past synodical year. The officers who served on this board were the Rev. F. R. Weyland, chairman; the Rev. James Lillo, secretary; Prof. Norman Holte, treasurer; Prof. Milton Otto served as Chaplain of the home after the Rev. Hugo Handberg accepted the call to Tacoma, Washington. The other members of the board were Mr. Lavern Hiller and Mr. Emmett Norell.

KASOTA VALLEY HOME

The management of the Kasota Valley Home was in the efficient hands of Mr. and Mrs. John Jordahl until they terminated their services on April 15, 1972. We are grateful for their faithful service in the past two and one half years. Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Kontola were secured to serve as manager and matron on a temporary basis. Residency has varied between 11 and 14 during the past year. At present we have 9 residents.

After the Rev. Hugo Handberg left, Prof. Milton Otto, together with seminary students, has conducted weekly services at the home and periodic communion services to those who accept the spiritual ministrations of the home. The manager conducted morning and evening devotions for the residents.

During the past synodical year very few improvements and repairs were made on the home, though there are several needs which await fulfillment as more funds are available, such as: the painting of the exterior of the building, refurbishing the office, asphalt floor for the garage, a new roof over the sprinkler tank, replacement of furniture in the residents' rooms, remodeling of the men's bathroom, and salary increases.

After our former treasurer, the Rev. Hugo Handberg left, Mr. Chris Faye took over the treasurer's book on July 1 until the end of the year, after which the treasurer's work was done through the Business Office of Bethany College under the direction of Mr. Norman Holte.

PROPOSAL NO. 1

Subject: Discontinuing Kasota Valley Home.

Kasota Valley Home has served our Synod well during the past twenty-one years, and the operation has been self-supporting, but

WHEREAS, The vast majority of our older people now have access to, and can be cared for both physically and spiritually, in nursing homes in their own communities, and

WHEREAS, For a number of years now, only two or three members of our Synod have made use of Kasota Valley Home, and

WHEREAS, There is evidence that state regulations are becoming more stringent, and that the cost of operating the home will probably rise, and the continued operation of the home will quite probably require increasing financial support of the Synod, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod discontinue the operation of the home, and authorize the Board of Trustees to sell it.

BOARD OF SUPPORT

Matters pertaining to this board were dealt with in connection with our regular meetings at the Kasota Valley Home. At present we have six who are receiving monthly aid from this fund. The Support Fund will continue to give help to our retired pastors or their widows, because the Synod Pension Plan which was adopted by the Synod is too new to give adequate aid to the elderly workers of our Synod or their widows.

We ask your continued support and especially your prayers in behalf of those who are receiving monthly aid from the Support Fund.

The Rev. James Lillo, secretary

KASOTA VALLEY HOME

January 1 through June 16, 1972

Bank Balance 1-1-72\$ 1,350.94

Receipts

Income from Residents

Edward Franz	\$ 1,050.00
Ida Greenlief	172.80
Julius Ingebretson	1,050.00
Almeda Johnson	1,003.60
Ann Kirby	935.00
Fred Kulack	1,006.02
George Latzke	901.13
Hilda Olin	1,122.00
Lauritz Olsen	875.00
Louise Pabst	1,071.30
John Schipritt	1,050.00
Emil Sell	673.30
Thomas Sheedy	350.00
Rudy Sticka	1,050.00

12,310.15

Offerings 130.56

Manager's Telephone 8.21

Gifts 57.41

12,506.33

Total \$13,857.27

Disbursements

Refund—Ida Greenlief	80.00
Bank Charges	5.70
Car Allowance	180.00

Chaplain	270.00
Groceries	2,000.00
Insurance	212.13
Interest Expense	44.38
Laundry & Cleaning	124.70
Miscellaneous Labor (Includes Bonuses) ..	391.36
Newspapers	35.40
Note Payable	1,500.00
Repairs	123.43
Soft Water Service	51.30
Supplies	142.82
Utilities	822.97
Unemployment Compensation Fund	40.77
Wage Expense	5,861.80
Social Security Expense	331.30
Total Expenses	12,218.06
Bank Balance, June 16, 1972	\$ 1,639.21

Prof. N. S. Holte, Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT KASOTA VALLEY HOME

January 1, 1971 through December 31, 1971

Account	Assets	Liabilities & Net Worth	Expenses	Increase
Bank	1,350.94			
Notes Payable		1,500.00		
Net Worth 12-31-72		(1,306.54)		
Balance forward 1-1-71				1,244.84
Resident Revenue				26,688.90
Offering Income				218.49
Gifts				954.50
Advertising			44.50	
Bank Charges			15.97	
Board Expense			29.47	
Car Allowance			360.00	
Casual Labor			70.00	
Chaplain			595.00	
Equipment Rental			20.61	
Groceries			5,889.35	
Insurance			912.00	
Interest Expense			64.08	
Laundry & Cleaning			259.50	
Miscellaneous			1,565.51	
Newspapers			33.60	
Pianist			36.50	
Refund to Residents			392.83	
Repairs			312.95	
Petty Cash			20.00	
Soft Water service			102.50	
Supplies			351.18	
Utilities			1,484.08	
Wage Expense			14,515.98	
Wage Tax Expense (Soc. Sec.)			879.60	
Totals	\$ 1,350.94	\$ 193.46	\$27,955.25	\$29,112.73
Apparent Gain		\$ 1,157.48	\$ 1,157.48	
Grand Totals	\$ 1,350.94	\$ 1,350.94	\$29,112.73	\$29,112.73

Prof. N. S. Holte, Treasurer

ACTION OF THE SYNOD:

Resolution No. 1: Discontinuing Kasota Valley Home

WHEREAS, Kasota Valley Home has served our Synod well during the past twenty-one years, and the operation has been self-supporting, but

WHEREAS, The vast majority of our older people now have access to, and can be cared for both physically and spiritually, in nursing homes in their own communities causing them no hardship, and

WHEREAS, For a number of years now, only two or three members of our Synod have made use of Kasota Valley Home, and

WHEREAS, There is evidence that state regulations are becoming more stringent, that the cost of operating the home will probably rise, and that the continued operation of the home will probably require increasing financial support of the Synod, therefore

a) BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod discontinue the operation of the Home and authorize the Board of Trustees to sell it when it deems it feasible, and

b) BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod recommend to the Board of Trustees to earmark the funds received from the sale of the Home for a charitable purpose of a similar nature or for the support of the Pension Fund, and

c) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Mr. and Mrs. John Jordahl be commended and thanked for their work as managers of the Kasota Valley Home.

REPORT OF THE PENSION BOARD

The Pension Board met twice during the past year. Members of the Board are Mr. Lester Amundson, chairman; Prof. Norman Holte, treasurer; and the Rev. Roger Falk, secretary.

PENSION PLAN

The Pension Board is happy to report that the Plan with National Life of Vermont is going well. It now has 37 participants, 3 of which are Christian day school teachers.

PENSION FUND

At present two pastors are receiving payments from the E.L.S. Pension Fund (see SR 1970, p. 70, Resolution 4a; SR 1971, p. 65f). This fund will need to be subsidized by the Synod in order to operate as directed by the Guidelines of the Synod.

There are a total of 43 pastors and teachers participating in the pension programs of the Synod. Efforts are being made to contact and enroll such as have not yet joined the program.

The Board is in the process of investigating disability and term life insurance for the pastors. It hopes to have a report ready at the time of the annual convention of the Synod.

The Rev. Roger Falk, Secretary

PENSION FUND

Receipts

1970		
Payments from Congregation	\$	191.25
1971		
Payments from Congregation		991.00
Interest		32.91
1972—June 1, 1972		
Payments from Congregation		502.00
Interest		14.00
Total	\$	1,731.16

Disbursements

1972—June 1, 1972		
Payments to Pastor	\$	600.00
Bank Charge		1.50
Total	\$	601.50
Balance	\$	1,129.66

Prof. N. S. Holte, Treasurer

ACTION OF THE SYNOD:

Resolution No. 1: The Pension Board

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod approve the report of the Pension Board.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION

The Board of Publication met four times during the year. Serving on the board were Pastors N. A. Madson, G. A. R. Gullixson, Paul Haugen, Professor John Moldstad, Mr. Lester Amundson and Mr. Roger Butterfield. The undersigned was appointed in October to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of the Rev. N. A. Madson.

THE LUTHERAN SENTINEL has continued in its 55th year of publication. The Business Manager reports a total of 5000 regular subscriptions, an increase of 40 over the previous year. In addition there are 312 complimentary subscriptions to various congregations and individuals.

Since the duties of Business Manager, which were formerly fulfilled by a retired person but now are the burden of a pastor, have grown so demanding, the board authorized the hiring of an assistant.

The board also found it necessary to raise the price of SENTINEL subscriptions due to increases in cost of publication. The new rates as of March 1, 1972, were all 25c higher: Blanket-\$2.00; Regular-\$2.25; and 3 years-\$5.75.

BULLETIN INSERTS—Six inserts on various causes of the Synod and kingdom work were published and distributed to congregations.

TRACTS—The tract, **CHRISTIAN BURIAL**, was reprinted for the eighth time. The number printed was 1000. The wholesale price was increased to 15c.

PAMPHLETS—Recently the board authorized the printing of THE LORD'S PRAYER essay by the Rev. Paul Ylvisaker. It will soon be available.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM—**THE WAITING ROOM** by Rev. John K. Schmidt was published and provided to our congregations. It was well received and stock was depleted.

CONVENTION REPORTS—2187 copies were sold to congregations out of 2300 printed. \$453.86 was needed to underwrite the publication cost.

The board proposes that:

1. The Annual Report of the convention be printed as in previous years.
 - a. Each pastor, each delegate to the convention and each congregation receive one copy.
 - b. A sufficient quantity also be printed for sale at the Lutheran Synod Book Co. (Orders would be solicited ahead of time).
2. A report of the convention in tabloid form (size of BIBLE-SCIENCE NEWSLETTER) be sent in bulk to each congregation for free distribution.
 - a. Editorial staff be appointed for this special issue by the president of the Synod.
 - b. It should be ready for distribution within two weeks of the convention's close.
3. This cost of printing the "Convention Report" and the tabloid form is to be prorated to each congregation on a per-communicant basis.

The Rev. Rodger Dale, Secretary

ACTION OF THE SYNOD:

Resolution No. 1: *The Lutheran Sentinel*

WHEREAS, *The Editorial Board of the Lutheran Sentinel has solicited more current news items from the Synod congregation, therefore*

a) **BE IT RESOLVED**, *That all congregations be encouraged to submit news items of general interest on a regular basis, and*

b) **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, *That forthcoming events receive timely advance publicity.*

Resolution No. 2: Publishing of the Synod Convention Report

WHEREAS, It is to the advantage of the work of the Synod that the reports of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod Conventions be read by as many of its constituents as possible, and

WHEREAS, The publishing of a tabloid summary of the convention in popular form would increase the effectiveness of our convention reporting, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That beginning with the 1973 convention, the Board of Publications be authorized to prepare such a tabloid summary for general distribution to the congregations, according to its proposed plan, in addition to the publishing of the annual Synod Report in reduced quantity.

Resolution No. 3: Publishing of the Synod Convention Report

WHEREAS, The work of the Synod convention is the work of each of its member congregations, and therefore the work of each communicant, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That each congregation be asked to assume the cost of publishing the Synod Report and the tabloid form on a per communicant basis, the approximate cost to be 25 cents per communicant member.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH BOARD

The Youth Board of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod met at Mankato on October 21, 1971 and June 2, 1972, at Bethany College, Mankato, Minn.

The officers for the year were Chairman, Dr. Thomas Kuster, Vice-Chairman, Prof. Michael Butterfield; Secretary-Treasurer, Pastor Erling T. Teigen. Other members of the Board were Pastor W. Frick, Mr. Martin Teigen, Pastor Steven Quist, and Prof. Bruno Wilinski. A vacancy was created on the Board when Mr. Ralph Olson, the previous chairman, submitted his resignation.

LUTHERAN YOUTH ASSOCIATION. There was no LYA convention held in 1971-72. The Board encouraged various circuits and combinations of circuits to hold area retreats and rallies. The 1972 convention, under the direction of the Madison, Wisc., congregations will be held at Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. The Convention Theme will be "Go and Tell" Evangelism. Missionary Ted Kuster will speak.

SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS. There are presently two camps under the sponsorship of the Youth Board; Camp Indianhead North at Hillman, Minn., and Camp Indianhead South at Spooner, Wisconsin. Camp Lor-Ray in Michigan is under the sponsorship of a Board of Directors. All of the camps are now run on a self-sustaining and self-perpetuating basis. The Board continues to urge other areas of Synod to develop camping programs.

LYA QUARTERLY AND THE CHRISTIAN ANSWER. The two magazine publications sponsored by the Youth Board suspended publication this year because of lack of Synodical appropriations with which to carry out the work. The Board was hesitant to take this action because it continues to see a need to minister to high school and college students in this way.

ARMED SERVICES COMMISSION. The Youth Board continues to send devotional material to Armed Services personnel. Pastor W. Frick is in charge of this program. All servicemen receive monthly devotions by pastors of the Synod, **The Sentinel**, and the quarterly **Meditations**. About 200 packets are mailed each month.

The Rev. Erling T. Teigen, secretary

ACTION OF THE SYNOD:

Resolution No. 1: Past Work of the Youth Board

WHEREAS, The Youth Board has served the youth of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in various ways, as indicated in its report, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board for Education and Youth be encouraged to continue its present work.

Resolution No. 2: Future Work of the Board for Education and Youth

WHEREAS, The various boards of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod look to the regular conventions of the Synod for specific directions in their work, and

WHEREAS, The congregations and pastors of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod need all the aid and materials they can get to assist in youth work, and

WHEREAS, The problems faced by the youth of our Evangelical Lutheran Synod are becoming more difficult and complex, and

WHEREAS, The conservation of the souls of our youth is a prime responsibility of the church, therefore

a) BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board for Education and Youth be encouraged to resume publication of materials such as the "Christian Answer" and the "LYA Quarterly,"

b) BE IT RESOLVED, That in these materials published by the Board for Education and Youth, Materials be included which can be used in youth work as topics in our congregations thereby contributing to continued Christian growth,

c) BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board for Education and Youth be encouraged to involve young people in its program planning,

d) BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board for Education and Youth be encouraged to enter into long-range planning in its program by creating new objectives with real continuity,

e) BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board for Education and Youth be encouraged to share the results of its work with our congregations and circuits through informative studies and bibliographies in various areas and especially through area workshops,

f) BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board for Education and Youth be encouraged to maintain close relations with the recruiting and public relations departments of Bethany Lutheran College.

COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL CONFERENCE RECORDS

WHEREAS, The minutes of the General Pastoral Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and of the Pastoral Conferences of the Southern Circuit, Central Circuit, Lake Michigan Circuit, and Northern Circuit have been reviewed, and

WHEREAS, These minutes indicate that the pastors of these circuits have been concerned with the important matters of their high calling, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, To encourage all the pastoral circuit groups to continue their conferences for joint study and mutual encouragement.

ACTION OF THE SYNOD:

Adopted.

REPORT OF THE SYNOD SELF-STUDY COMMITTEE

The Synod Self-Study Committee is presently made up of four members: Luther Vangen, Chairman; Sigurd Lee, Secretary; Alf Merseth; and John Schmidt. The Committee met a total of five (5) times since the last Synod Convention. It wishes to present the following "Prologue" to its recommendations to the Synod Convention.

PROLOGUE

WHEREAS, The Committee is cognizant of the many hours of faithful work performed by the Board of Support, Pension, Youth, Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Stewardship, Missions, Doctrinal, and Transportation Secretaries, and sees this faithful work as another blessing from God's mercy, and

WHEREAS, The Committee has studied the structure, purposes, and duties of Synod Boards and Offices, and wishes to thank all of the Boards and Officers for their cooperation in our Study, and

WHEREAS, The Committee has now prepared some specific recommendations regarding a number of Boards and Offices, but has not yet completed work assigned to it by the Synod regarding election procedures, the office of the Visitor, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Publications, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod Self-Study Committee recommends the following to the 1972 Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod: Resolution No. 1: DOCTRINAL COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, New guidelines and additional personnel are needed for this Committee; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following guidelines for the Doctrinal Committee be adopted by the Synod to replace current guidelines:

AS AMENDED

Personnel and Organization:

1. This committee shall consist of two lay and four clergy members.
2. The committee shall elect a Chairman and a Secretary from its midst.
3. Regular meetings shall ordinarily be held on the second Monday and Tuesday of March, June, September, and December.
4. Members of the committee shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. Two members shall be elected each year.

Duties:

1. To help keep members of the Synod informed concerning the confessional principles of the Synod;
2. To keep abreast of doctrinal trends and issues and keep laity and clergy informed;
3. To assist the President of the Synod in the maintenance of fraternal relations with church bodies who are in doctrinal agreement with our Synod, and seek to find others who may wish to share in this oneness of faith and doctrine;
4. To advise the President in matters of doctrine;
5. To provide information to the Synod concerning fraternal organizations and similar religiously-oriented groups;
6. To encourage continued theological study on the part of the members of the Synod.

Resolution No. 2: THE BOARD OF MISSIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, To replace the corresponding items in the current Guidelines for the Board of Missions (Handbook, pp. 31f.) as follows:

AS AMENDED

1. Personnel

- a. This board shall consist of four (4) pastors and three (3) laymen.

The term of office shall be three years. Two members shall be elected each year and three members each third year.

- b. The board shall elect from its members a chairman, vice-chairman, recording secretary, recording treasurer, home missions field secretary, and foreign missions field secretary.

5. The Home Missions Field Secretary shall be responsible for all field work in connection with the establishment and maintenance of home missions.

He shall be responsible for all correspondence between missionaries and the Mission Board. He shall have executive powers as may be given him by the Board.

He shall provide proper forms for the Missionary Reports and receive and report pertinent data to the Board.

He shall seek to visit each subsidized preaching station, congregation and/or parish at least once each year and report his findings to the Board.

He shall regularly supply the editor of LUTHERAN SENTINEL with information of general interest regarding the Home Mission program and shall seek to publicize and promote the work of Home Missions in the Synod.

He shall serve as the Board's representative in securing information concerning theological candidates, vicars, and students for placement.

6. The Foreign Missions Field Secretary shall be responsible for all field work in connection with the establishment and maintenance of foreign missions.

He shall be responsible for all correspondence between foreign missionaries and the Mission Board. He shall have executive powers as may be given him by the Board.

He shall regularly provide proper forms for the Missionary Reports and receive and report pertinent data to the Board.

He shall regularly supply the editor of LUTHERAN SENTINEL with information of general interest regarding the Foreign Mission program and shall publicize and promote the work of Foreign Missions in the Synod.

2. Duties

- c. New Fields. The Board shall investigate the possibilities of beginning work in growing population centers and be on the alert for opening preaching stations especially in areas where our own confessional position is not represented.

Resolution No. 3: BOARD FOR EDUCATION AND YOUTH

The proposed amalgamation of the Boards of Elementary Education, Secondary Education, and Youth to the Board for Education and Youth.

AS AMENDED

A. Organization of the Board

1. Membership: The Board shall consist of six pastors and five laymen, who shall be elected for terms of three years: (two pastors and two laymen shall be elected for terms of three years; two pastors and two laymen shall be elected for terms of two years; two pastors and one layman shall be elected for terms of one year.)
2. The Board shall elect the following officers: chairman, recording secretary, secretary of Sunday Schools, secretary of Youth, secretary of Christian schools. These internal elections shall be held every year, and any officer may succeed himself.
3. The full Board shall meet a minimum of three times a year. The dates of the meetings are to be determined in consultation with the President of the Synod. The chairman may call special meetings of the Board or of a committee of the Board.

B. Objectives

1. To promote the cause of youth education to the glory of God and the welfare of the Synod's congregations.
2. To advise and assist the congregations of the Synod in youth work, Sunday School and elementary and secondary education.
3. To strengthen the home and help equip parents and youth for Christian family living.
4. To encourage the congregations to set up agencies and organizations to help the parish best perform its educational tasks for each specific age level, namely, the Sunday School (from nursery department to Bible classes), other part time educational agencies, youth groups, and the Christian elementary and secondary schools.
5. To provide leadership education for teachers, officers and workers in the parish.
6. To make use of the printed word as the Board deems advisable.
7. To plan a budget so that the work of the Board can be adequately carried out and properly financed. This budget shall include all subsidies for elementary and secondary education, youth work, promotional material, traveling expense for the divisional secretaries, Board expenses for the meetings, educational monies for the divisional secretaries to attend selected workshops and enrichment courses in their area.
8. To review the work of the divisional secretaries.
9. To make a self-study every two years.
10. To make arrangements with the President of the Synod to provide for essays and/or other suitable material on education and youth at the annual conventions of the Synod.

C. Guidelines for the Elected Officers

1. Chairman
 - a. Preside at all meetings.
 - b. Act as liaison between the Board and the President of the Synod.
 - c. Oversee the general operation of the Board and its policies.
 - d. Prepare an annual report for Synod, a synopsis of which is to be given orally at the annual convention.
2. Recording Secretary
 - a. Record minutes of all meetings.
 - b. Carry on general correspondence for the Board.
 - c. Supply the members of the Board and the President and Vice President of the Synod copies of all minutes.
 - d. Serve as Vice-President in case of necessity.
3. Secretary of Sunday Schools
 - a. Assist congregations in the promotion and advancement of the Sunday School and Bible Class and other part-time educational agencies.
 - b. Promote in-service training for Sunday School teachers, both at the local and circuit level.
 - c. Speak at circuit meetings and be available for counseling with Sunday school personnel.
 - d. Periodically review Sunday School and other educational materials from different publishers.
 - e. Prepare reports and statistics on the progress of the Sunday school and other part-time educational agencies in the Synod.
 - f. Attend workshops and/or courses to keep informed and better prepared.
4. Secretary of Youth
 - a. Assist congregations in the promotion and advancement of youth programs.
 - b. Promote Synod-wide and circuit youth rallies with concrete suggestions for programs, speakers and topics.

- c. Plan and present a youth leaders' workshop every two years if possible.
 - d. Encourage and conduct youth camps in the Synod.
 - e. Attend workshops and/or courses to keep informed and better prepared.
 - f. Appoint an assistant subject to the ratification of the Board. This assistant should come from outside the Board of Education and Youth, who shall at the discretion of the Secretary of Youth assume the following duties:
 - a1. Maintain a current file of armed service personnel and provide them with worthwhile devotional materials and tracts.
 - a2. Maintain a current file of all the Synod members attending college and provide them with tracts, etc.
5. Secretary of Christian Schools
- a. Assist congregations in the promotion and advancement of Christian elementary and secondary education.
 - b. Encourage the youth to attend Wisconsin Synod High Schools where possible.
 - c. Receive subsidy requests from Christian day schools and high school students for presentation to the Board.
 - d. Prepare reports on the progress and condition of all schools of the Synod.
 - e. Make himself available for counseling with existing Christian day schools on such matters as school administration, curriculum, teaching materials, placement of teachers, and government legislation affecting our church and youth.
 - f. Attend workshops and/or courses to keep informed and better prepared.

Resolution No. 4: BOARD OF SUPPORT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF KASOTA VALLEY HOME. (NOT ADOPTED)

WHEREAS, It is recommended that operation of Kasota Valley Home be discontinued, and

WHEREAS, The duties of these Boards in the area of Support have decreased because of Synod's Pension Plan, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Support and the Board of Directors of Kasota Valley Home be discontinued, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That their remaining duties be transferred to the Board of Trustees.

Resolution No. 5: PENSION BOARD (NOT ADOPTED)

WHEREAS, The Pension Board has successfully inaugurated the Pension Plan, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Pension Board be discontinued and, further, that the duties of the Pension Board be transferred to the Board of Trustees, who shall elect an administrator for the Pension Fund.

Resolution No. 6: RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP, SYNOD REPORT 1969, p. 69.

AS AMENDED

BE IT RESOLVED, That paragraph 1C shall be amended to read as follows:

The officers of this Board shall consist of a chairman, a secretary, and a stewardship counselor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That paragraph 4 shall be added as follows:

- 4. The duties of the stewardship counselor shall be to:
 - a. Prepare suggested Stewardship programs for the coming fiscal year for consideration of the Board of Stewardship.
 - b. Develop the organization, workers, printed materials, non-print materials, and schedules of the selected program and direct its execution.
 - c. Counsel with individual congregations, pastors, and circuits on

stewardship problems and challenges, and be available for stewardship preaching in the congregations of the Synod.

- d. Provide, with the assistance of the stewardship secretary and the Synod treasurer, periodic progress reports on the current program of the Board to the congregations and to the pastoral conference, and keep the congregations informed, on a monthly basis, of progress of synodical income and their own participation therein.
- e. Advise the Synod's President and officers on matters pertaining to stewardship.
- f. Attend workshops and other enrichment seminars in the field of stewardship.

Resolution No. 7: (PRINCIPLE REAFFIRMED)

WHEREAS, The basis for the synodical organization is the congregation
Cf. ELS Constitution, Chapter II, Paragraph 1

"The Synod consists of those congregations which have united by adopting this constitution," and

WHEREAS, The privilege to vote at a convention of the Synod stems from the member congregation represented. Member congregations are represented at the conventions of the Synod by designated representatives.

Cf. ELS Constitution, Chapter III, Paragraph 6

"Voting members are:

- a) Pastors who belong to the Synod, and who serve congregations which belong to the Synod.
- b) The representatives chosen by the Synod's congregations in conformity with paragraphs 3 and 5," therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the privilege to vote at Synod conventions shall, as in the past, be limited to persons who represent a particular member congregation of the Synod as a duly designated representative (delegate or pastor).

Resolution No. 8: (REFERRED BACK TO THE COMMITTEE)

BE IT RESOLVED, That permanent advisory members of the Synod, who in respect to their office are no longer under the supervision of the Synod and who have not requested a release or transfer, may by synodical resolution be dropped from the Synod's list of permanent advisory members, upon recommendation by the president of the Synod and one or more of its visitors.

Resolution No. 9: (PRINCIPLE RE-AFFIRMED)

WHEREAS, A consideration of the voting privilege of visitation pastors was assigned to the Self-Study Committee, and

WHEREAS, The Constitution says, "Voting members are: Pastors who belong to the Synod, and who serve congregations which belong to the Synod (ELS Constitution, Chapter III, Para. 6a); therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That visitation pastors have that status.

Resolution No. 10: TRANSPORTATION SECRETARIES (ADOPTED)

WHEREAS, Fewer opportunities for reduced-rate rail or air transportation exist today; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod elect one transportation secretary for a term of three years.

Resolution No. 11: EVANGELISM COUNSELOR (ADOPTED)

WHEREAS, We need to be more diligent in bringing others to Christ, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the President of the Synod appoint an Evangelism Counselor for a term of two years, responsible to the President, to promote evangelism in the Synod, to the glory of God and the extension of His Kingdom.

Prof. Sigurd Lee, Secretary

ACTION OF THE SYNOD:

Resolution No. 1: Doctrinal Committee

WHEREAS, The Synod's Self-Study Committee has studied the structure, purpose and duties of the various Synod Boards and officers, and

WHEREAS, The committee, after faithful consideration, has recommended new guidelines for the Doctrinal Committee, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 1 of the Self-Study Committee Report, guidelines for the Doctrinal Committee, be adopted by the Synod to replace the current guidelines. See Resolution No. 1 of the Self-Study Committee Report as amended, page 73.

Resolution No. 2: Board of Missions

WHEREAS, The work of the Board of Missions has been expanding and there is therefore need for a division of this work, and

WHEREAS, In fact this division of work already exists, and

WHEREAS, The Self-Study Committee, after careful consideration has proposed new guidelines to facilitate this expansion of work, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 2, of the Self-Study Committee Report on the Board of Missions, be adopted by the Synod to replace the corresponding items in the current Guidelines for the Board of Missions (Handbook, pp. 31f). See the Report, Resolution No. 2, as amended, on page 73.

Resolution No. 3: Board for Education and Youth

WHEREAS, The Self-Study Committee has proposed the amalgamation of the Boards of Elementary Education, Secondary Education, and Youth into the Board for Education and Youth, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the amalgamation be accomplished in accordance with the guidelines as amended and found under the Self-Study Committee Report Resolution No. 3, page 74.

Resolution No. 4: Pension Board

WHEREAS, The Pension Board has successfully inaugurated the Pension Plan, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Pension Board be discontinued and that the duties of the Pension Board be transferred to the Board of Charities and Support, which shall elect an administrator for the Pension Fund.

Resolution No. 5: Rules and Regulation for the Board of Stewardship

WHEREAS, The rules and Regulations for the Board of Stewardship (Synod Report 1969, p. 69) do not provide for the position of Stewardship Counselor, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 6 of the Self-Study Committee Report on the Board of Stewardship, be adopted as amended. See Resolution No. 6, page 76.

Resolution No. 6: Transportation Secretaries

WHEREAS, Fewer opportunities for reduced-rate rail or air transportation exist today, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod elect one transportation secretary for a term of three years.

Resolution No. 7: Permanent Members No Longer Under the Supervision of the Synod

BE IT RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 8 of the Report, page be referred back to the Self-Study Committee.

Resolution No. 8: Evangelism Counselor

WHEREAS, We need to be more diligent in bringing others to Christ, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the President of the Synod appoint an Evangelism Counselor for a term of two years, responsible to the President, to promote evangelism in the Synod, to the glory of God and the extension of His Kingdom.

Resolution No. 9: Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, That the matter of reading the minutes at the Synod Convention be referred to the Synod Self-Study Committee for consideration.

REPORT OF THE LAY DELEGATES' EQUALIZATION FUND

Statements of cash receipts and disbursements

Receipts

October 1, 1970 to October 31, 1971

Cash balance, October 1, 1970	\$ 219.06
Receipts, Contributions from Congregations	2,360.00
E. L. Synod—interest on note	33.75

Total\$2,612.81

Disbursements

Delegates mileage payments	\$2,078.20
Office Supplies & Postage	16.91
Chairman Convention Expenses	49.93

\$2,145.04

Cash Balance October 31, 1971 467.77

Loan to Synod 750.00

Total\$1,217.77

Reconciliation Security Marine Bank 478.27

Less outstanding Check No. 472 10.50 \$ 467.77

Edward J. Watland, Chairman

ACTION OF THE SYNOD:

Lay Delegates' Equalization Fund

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod approve the report of the Lay Delegates' Equalization Fund.

REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP BOARD

Looking at the response of our people to the needs of the Lord's work during the past fiscal year, we can truly say that the Lord has done great things and moved the hearts of our people, giving us much for which to be thankful. The acknowledgement of our members enabled us to raise \$261,148.00 which is an average of \$23.70 per communicant members. This amounts to an average increase of \$1.70 per communicant member. Our contributions of \$261,148.00 mean that we virtually fulfilled our budget obligations of \$261,570.00. This achievement indicates that our members are progressing in their stewardship sanctification, and gives us cause to rejoice and give thanks to Almighty God for this marvelous response.

It is most gratifying that we did not have to resort to an end of the year "crash program" in order to meet our financial obligations.

During the Fall months of 1971 the Board embarked upon a stewardship program whereby a layman, chosen by the Board, visited most congregations of our Synod. These persons along with the pastors presented information relative to the Synod's work and needs and each individual's responsibility and duty toward these needs. These men did a great service to their church and deserve much thanks.

Secondly, the Board created the position of Stewardship Counselor. While the specific duties of the position have not been defined, this person is primarily responsible for the coordination and articulation of the stewardship program.

Realizing that the Lord's work never stops and our work is never done, the Synod must strive for ever greater stewardship sanctification. For the upcoming year the Board is considering a Sunday service including the use of a slide presentation and sermonette using pastors and laymen. With the return of our foreign missionary from Peru we hope to be able to utilize his services to further our stewardship efforts.

Past performance indicates that synodical stewardship giving is at an extremely low level during the months of May, June, July and August.

On May 1 the Synod began its abbreviated 1972 fiscal year, which ends on December 31, 1972. Traditionally the months during Lent result in greater contributions. During this abbreviated fiscal year we will not be able to take advantage of these months. As a result, it is **imperative**, that a greater effort is exerted during the summer months. The Board hopes plans will develop which will rectify this summer slump.

May our blessed Lord Jesus Christ give us the ability and the willingness to worship Him with the offerings and dedication necessary to carry on His work.

1972 ABBREVIATED BUDGET

The Stewardship Board recommends that the Synod certify the proposed budget for the 1972 abbreviated fiscal year.

Board	Proposed Budget
Bethany Lutheran College	\$ 72,720
Bethany Lutheran Seminary	16,560
Secondary Education	650
Foreign Missions	17,000
Home Missions	23,478
Synod Fund	27,360
Youth Board	864
Charities and Support	4,046
Elementary Education	4,464
Publications Board	864
Church Extension	360
Pension Plan	754
Operating Deficits	5,000
TOTAL	\$174,120

1973 BUDGET

The Stewardship Board recommends that the Synod certify the proposed budget for 1973.

Board	Proposed Budget
Bethany Lutheran College	\$115,000
Bethany Lutheran Seminary	24,000
Secondary Education	1,350
Foreign Missions	28,000
Home Missions	36,000
Synod Fund	48,000
Youth Board	1,500
Charities and Support	5,600
Elementary Education	7,000
Publications Board	1,500
Church Extension	500
Pension Plan	2,000
Operating Deficits	12,413
TOTAL	\$282,863

Following is the tabulated list of congregational contributions given during the 1971-1972 fiscal year.

Pastor	Congregation	Amount
Aaberg, T.	Norseland	\$ 5,008
Aaberg, T.	Norwegian Grove	1,718
Anderson, P.	Trinity	5,054
Christopherson, D.	Holton	1,289
Christopherson, D.	Faith	310
Dale, R.	Mt. Olive	9,405
Falk, R.	First American	3,236
Frick, W.	Calvary	732
Frick, W.	First Evanger	985
Granke, W.	Ascension	214
Granke, W.	Good Shepherd	1,491
Guldborg, G.	Immanuel	2,585
Guldborg, G.	Our Savior's	1,394
Gullixson, G.	Jerico	6,476
Gullixson, G.	Saude	2,898
Gullixson, W.	Bethany	3,410
Gullixson, W.	Our Savior's	5,428
Halvorson, W.	River Heights	3,256
Halvorson, W.	Grace	1,688
Handberg, H.	Parkland	4,360
Haugen, P.	Center	1,740
Haugen, P.	Scarville	4,452
Jecklin, P.	St. Paul's	1,949
Kuster, A.	Our Saviour's	3,736
Larson, H.	Redeemer	1,372
Larson, H.	Trinity	3,471
Lee, S.	Newport	1,617
Lee, S.	St. Paul's	3,016
Lillegard, D.	Concordia	1,217
Lillegard, D.	First Lutheran	2,201
Lillo, J.	Forest	1,392
Lillo, J.	Zion	1,733
Madson, N.	Western Koshkonong	6,329
Madson, P.	Harvard Street	3,081
Mathison, R.	Faith	293
Mathison, R.	Hartland	2,127
Mathison, R.	Manchester	901
McMurdie, W.	Lakewood	3,652

Merseeth, A.	First Shell Rock	1,723
Merseeth, A.	Lake Mills	2,419
Merseeth, A.	Lime Creek	1,029
Merseeth, A.	Somber	1,399
Miller, F.	First English	1,227
Moldstad, R.	Faith, East Jordan	5,170
Moldstad, R.	Faith, Hillman	1,006
Nelson, D.	Concordia	736
Nelson, D.	Cross Lake	526
Nelson, D.	Our Savior's	794
Nelson, D.	St. Paul's	1,747
Newgard, R.	Our Savior's	11,073
Oesleby, N.	Pinehurst	290
Orvick, G.	Holy Cross	18,716
Petersen, J.	Chittenango	377
Petersen, P.	Pilgrim	3,629
Petersen, W.	Grace	2,793
Petersen, W.	Our Savior's, Amherst Jct.	2,395
Petersen, W.	Our Savior's, Elderon	333
Quist, S.	King of Grace	18,619
Schmidt, J.	English	4,287
Schmidt, J.	Zion	3,403
Skaaland, T.	Delhi	64
Skaaland, T.	Rock Dell	2,957
Skaaland, T.	Our Savior's	2,221
Smith, J.	East Paint Creek	2,178
Smith, J.	West Paint Creek	904
Strand, A.	St. Mark's	2,823
Stubenvoll, E.	Trinity	1,439
Teigen, E.	Heritage	1,088
Theiste, F.	Bethany	903
Theiste, V.	Bethel	2,639
Theiste, V.	Oslo	452
Tjernagel, N.	Indian Landing	1,537
Tweit, M.	Bethany	9,581
Tweit, M.	Trinity	1,024
Unseth, E.	St. Timothy	7,734
Vangen, L.	Concordia	4,714
Werling, W.	St. Martin's	3,967
Werling, W.	St. Paul's	1,471
Weyland, F.	Hiawatha	5,535
Wosje, C.	Clearwater	357
Wosje, C.	Nazareth	1,656
Wosje, C.	Oak Park	1,152
Wosje, C.	Mt. Olive	790
Wosje, C.	St. Petri	204
	Central Heights	1,024
	Richland	5,354

Ernest Geistfeld, Secretary

ACTION OF THE SYNOD:

Resolution No. 1: Report of the Stewardship Board

WHEREAS, The report of the Stewardship Board states: "Our contributions of \$261,148.00 mean that we virtually fulfilled our budget obligations of \$261,570.00," and

WHEREAS, The Lord has moved the hearts of our people to contribute in a larger measure in response to the needs of the Church, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That this convention assembly acknowledge gratitude to the Lord of the Church by rising to sing "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

Resolution No. 2: Lay Speakers Program

WHEREAS, The Stewardship program was presented to the congregations in an effective and successful manner by selected lay speakers, and

WHEREAS, These laymen gave generously of their time and efforts, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, The Synod extend a vote of thanks to the men who participated in this program.

Resolution No. 3: Our Stewardship Efforts

WHEREAS, Stewardship must be a continuous exercise in the life of the believer, and

WHEREAS, It must be conceded we as a Synod have not reached our potential in giving, reflecting the overall economy of our society, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Stewardship Board be encouraged in carrying out the overall program for greater stewardship sanctification as proposed in their report.

Resolution No. 4: Stewardship Counselor

WHEREAS, The appointment of a Stewardship Counselor has been a great step forward in the "coordination and articulation of the Stewardship Program," therefore

a) BE IT RESOLVED, That the Stewardship Board be commended for effectively filling this position,

b) BE IT RESOLVED, That the Stewardship Counselor be encouraged to continue his efforts on behalf of the Stewardship Program.

Resolution No. 5: Deficit Spending

WHEREAS, Many congregations fail to remit synodical contributions to the Synod treasury monthly, often because they find it necessary to use these funds to meet home current expenses, and

WHEREAS, Such practice creates a situation of deficit spending, making it necessary for the Synod's treasurer to borrow money at rates of interest to cover offerings not received, and

WHEREAS, The synodical finances are the responsibility of all congregations, therefore

a) BE IT RESOLVED, That congregations be encouraged to look to other means to meet their current expenses rather than using the Synod's funds,

b) BE IT RESOLVED, That congregations that have not done so study and put into practice some system such as a "Unified Budget," which will encourage remitting synodical contributions each month.

Resolution No. 6: 1972 Abbreviated Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, That The Synod certify a budget of \$174,120.00 for the short fiscal year May 1 - Dec. 31, 1972;

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Church Extension	360
Pension Fund	754
Operation Deficits	5,000
TOTAL	\$174,120

Resolution No. 7: The 1973 Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod certify a budget of \$282,863.00 for the year 1973;

Bethany Lutheran College	\$115,000
Bethany Lutheran Seminary	24,000
Secondary Education	1,350
Foreign Missions	28,000
Home Missions	26,000
Synod Fund	48,000
Youth Board	1,500
Charities and Support	5,600
Elementary Education	7,000
Publications Board	1,500
Church Extension	500
Pension Fund	2,000
Operation Deficits	12,413
TOTAL	\$282,863

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees offers the following report of the business conducted on behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. It met in special session June 24th and in regular meetings on August 23 and November 21, 1971, on February 28 and May 22, 1972. The last meeting was held at Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

The Board was organized as follows: Pastor A. Merseeth, Church Extension Fund secretary, one year. Archivist, Prof. B. W. Teigen, one year. Evangelical Lutheran Synod Foundation, Pastor A. Merseeth and Mr. Al Zahl—two years.

THE SYNOD'S PROPERTIES

Property was purchased for Heritage Lutheran Church, Apple Valley, Minn., at a cost of \$13,337.00 for 3½ acres. King of Grace Lutheran Church made a \$5,000.00 donation to the Synod, specifying that it be used for the purchase of the property for Heritage Lutheran Church. A repayment schedule will be worked out later.

The Board of Charities and Support recommended to the Board of Trustees that Kasota Valley Home be closed and the buildings sold. The Trustees concurred pending the approval of the Synod at the 1972 convention.

Joint insurance coverage of the Synod's faculty houses and the Bethany Lutheran College buildings was agreed on by the Board.

A request was directed to the Bethany Development Association to mortgage its property, the Bethany athletic field, to meet current Bethany Lutheran College deficits.

Authorization was given the officers to negotiate a loan up to \$110,000.00 to build a church for Heritage Lutheran Church, Apple Valley, Minn., E. Teigen, pastor, according to plans approved by the Mission Board.

It was authorized to borrow up to \$33,625.00 for the purchase of a parsonage for Heritage Lutheran Church, Apple Valley, Minn., E. Teigen, pastor, as proposed by the Mission Board.

The Board of Charities and Support requested the Synod to provide money for the painting of Kasota Valley Home. This was granted and will be paid by funds already allocated for the Home.

FINANCES—Fiscal Year of the Synod

The Board of Trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod does hereby propose to the membership of the Synod for adoption at the Corporation's Annual Meeting, to be held at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota, on June 18-23, 1972, the following amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod:

Article VIII of the Articles of Incorporation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod shall be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE VIII. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of the corporation under the direction of the Synod and its Board of Trustees, and shall keep true account of all funds received and disbursed, and make full report to the Board of Trustees at such times as the Board by resolution may request. He shall give such bond for the faithful performance of his duties as the Board may direct. The fiscal year of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod shall be established from time to time by the Board of Trustees.

The change in the Article involves the last sentence which now reads: "The fiscal year shall be from the first day of May to the last day of April of the following year."

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Board of Trustees is hereby directed to give notice of the proposed amendment to each of the members of the Corporation with voting rights and each

officer or director of the Corporation not less than five days prior to the annual meeting above described. Dated this 28th of February, 1972.

George M. Orvick, President

W. C. Gullixson, Secretary

A joint meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Regents, the Stewardship Committee and representatives from Missions, the Reserve Fund committee, Alumni of Bethany and Board of Elementary and Secondary Education were present. The informative meeting was called by President G. Orvick and was held on February 28, 1972.

It is with deep gratitude that we note that our Synod has practically reached its budget for 1971-72.

LEGACIES

Substantial legacies from the estates of Mr. Tokheim, Mr. Dempsey and Mr. Erickson are pending in probate courts. They will be reported when received.

ARCHIVES

Mrs. Ellsworth Zahl has accepted an appointment by Pres. Orvick to oversee the museum at Bethany Lutheran College. Prof. B. W. Teigen has resigned from the position as archivist.

The Rev. W. C. Gullixson, secretary

A MEMORIAL

Princeton, Minn.

April 12, 1972

To: President G. Orvick
Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Subject: Regarding the voting age of young men in our Synod congregations from age 21 to 18 years.

Dear Pres. Orvick:

We, the members of the Church Council of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, would like to have the above matter discussed at the Synod meeting in June. We would wish to have uniformity on this matter throughout the Synod.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,
Sherman Nelson, Secretary

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

Bethany College and Seminary	\$144,000.00
Charities and Support	5,640.00
Christian Day School	7,100.03
Secondary Education	1,629.05
Church Extension	500.00
Foreign Mission	26,455.48
Home Mission	37,751.92
Publications	1,200.00
Synod	35,694.94
Youth Board	1,176.10
Total Received for Budget	\$261,147.52

BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE AND SEMINARY

Bethany Lutheran College and Seminary Budget	\$144,000.00
Mortgage Payments:	
Principal — \$7,931.38	
Interest — \$7,750.22	\$ 15,681.60
Bethany College	85,318.40
Bethany College Deficit	20,000.00
Seminary	23,000.00

\$144,000.00 \$144,000.00

First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Mankato, Minn. holds a first mortgage for \$150,000.00. Balance due as of April 30, 1972.

\$114,895.55

BETHESDA HOME, WATERTOWN, WISCONSIN

Contributions	\$ 816.46
Paid to Bethesda Home	\$ 816.46

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

Budget	\$ 7,100.03
Subsidies to five schools	\$ 6,000.00
Teacher Training	760.00
Conference Expense	60.00
Printing Expense	96.27
Board Expense	183.76
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	\$ 7,100.03 \$ 7,100.03

CHRISTIAN SECONDARY EDUCATION

Budget	\$ 1,629.05
Subsidies	\$ 1,150.00
Board Expense	479.05
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	\$ 1,629.05 \$ 1,629.05

CHURCH EXTENSION

Balance May 1, 1971	\$ 4,564.41
Budget	500.00
Payments Received	13,060.00
Transfer to Loan Fund	\$ 16,227.76
Balance April 30, 1972	1,896.65
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	\$ 18,124.41 \$ 18,124.41

CHURCH EXTENSION CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Balance May 1, 1971	\$103,001.09
Balance April 30, 1972	\$ 90,441.09

CHARITIES AND SUPPORT FUND

Budget		\$ 5,640.00
Payments	\$ 5,640.00	

COMPREHENSION LOAN FUND

Donation (King of Grace, Mpls.)		\$ 5,000.00
Payments Received		12,804.04
Loans to two churches — \$18,837.00		
Payments made on loans—\$15,194.80	\$ 34,031.80	
Church Extension Transfer		16,227.76
	<u>\$ 34,031.80</u>	<u>\$ 34,031.80</u>

FOREIGN MISSION

Budget		\$ 26,455.48
Donation (Faith, East Jordan, Mich.)		2,105.00
Aid Association Special Project		5,190.73
Aid Association Language Grant		650.00
Personal Gifts		85.00
AAL Project	\$ 5,190.73	
Salaries & Rent	19,048.96	
Personal Gifts	85.00	
Child Schooling	1,627.44	
Language Study	1,367.44	
Car Allowance	3,388.50	
Orlin Myrlies Expenses	2,116.62	
Office Expense and Misc.	1,661.26	
	<u>\$ 34,486.21</u>	<u>\$ 34,486.21</u>

HOME MISSION

Budget		\$ 37,751.92
Board Expense	\$ 1,370.22	
Moving Expense	1,132.00	
Subsidies	35,249.70	
	<u>\$ 37,751.92</u>	<u>\$ 37,751.92</u>

HOME FOR THE AGED

Balance May 1, 1971		\$ 3,377.49
Contributions		210.00
Balance April 30, 1972	\$ 3,587.49	
	<u>\$ 3,587.49</u>	<u>\$ 3,587.49</u>

MISCELLANEOUS

Camp Lor Ray	\$ 25.00	
Bethany Food Drive	123.00	
Hong Kong Mission	25.00	
Lutheran Hour	1.00	
Wis. Child Services	66.95	
Seminary Scholarship	22.00	
Paid to various funds	\$ 178.59	

PUBLICATIONS

Budget		\$ 1,200.00
Sale of Reports		2,472.00
Sale of Books		322.50
Printing Expense	\$ 641.02	
Annual Reports	2,910.86	
Board Expense	264.76	
Paid on Loan	177.86	
	<u>\$ 3,994.50</u>	<u>\$ 3,994.50</u>

Balance Due on Loan \$7,366.34

BETHANY COLLEGE RESIDENCES

Payments Received		\$ 1,500.00	
Residence Sold		8,449.26	
Insurance Refund		130.00	
Synod Fund		4,386.32	
Mortgage Payments: Principal \$5,585.65			
Interest: \$3,744.44	\$ 9,330.09		
Repairs	5,135.49		
		<u>\$ 14,465.58</u>	<u>\$ 14,465.58</u>

LUTHERAN SENTINEL

Subscriptions		\$ 8,558.51	
Synod Fund		2,451.63	
Expenses	\$ 11,010.14		
		<u>\$ 11,010.14</u>	<u>\$ 11,010.14</u>

SYNOD FUND

Budget		\$ 35,694.94	
Estates		4,570.08	
Interest Payments		2,083.12	
Synod Quarterly		399.15	
Refund		17.90	
Administration	\$ 4,838.04		
Officers Allowance	1,400.00		
Trustees	872.63		
Printing & Postage	214.52		
Convention Expense	963.62		
Equalization for Professors	553.00		
Auditor and Legal fees	577.01		
Doctrinal Committee	660.36		
Coin Folders	1,931.07		
ELS & WELS Forum	255.42		
Interest on Loans	9,586.26		
Stewardship Committee	860.70		
Self-Study Committee	485.02		
Pension Board	51.45		
Lutheran Sentinel	2,451.63		
ELS Foundation	301.35		
Synod Quarterly	620.32		
Loan Fund	11,756.47		
Residences	4,386.32		
		<u>\$ 42,765.19</u>	<u>\$ 42,765.19</u>

YOUTH BOARD

Budget		\$ 1,176.10	
Printing	\$ 89.75		
Armed Service	981.85		
Board Expense	104.50		
		<u>\$ 1,176.10</u>	<u>\$ 1,176.10</u>

ESTATE FUND

Alice Anderson			
(1568 Shares Wis. Power & Light)		\$ 2,195.20	
Martin Robinson		2,026.45	
Oscar Huso		348.43	
Synod Fund	\$ 4,570.08		
		<u>\$ 4,570.08</u>	<u>\$ 4,570.08</u>

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD FOUNDATION

Balance April 30, 1972 \$ 2,039.20

STATEMENT OF NET WORTH OF SYNOD'S RESIDENCES

As of April 30, 1972

Residence	Address	Value	Mortgage	Balance Due
Austin — 924 Plum St.		\$ 19,900.00		
Cords — 913 Marsh St.		22,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 9,358.57
Echo I — 114 Echo St.		26,250.00		
Echo II — 11 Echo St.		25,750.00		
Electa — 130 Electa Blvd.		19,500.00		
Gullerud — 429 Division St.		18,000.00		
Johnson — 225 Hinckley St.		27,300.00	19,500.00	12,720.34
Knollcrest — 101 Knollcrest		22,000.00	15,000.00	6,155.99
Krogstad — 920 Marsh St.		13,000.00		
Long — 909 Marsh St.		29,300.00	17,000.00	7,789.37
Main — 803 Main St.		20,100.00	15,000.00	11,849.88
Marsh — 1062 Marsh St.		25,000.00		
Meixner — 624 Marsh St.		11,750.00		
Owen — 933 Marsh St.		16,000.00		
Plum — 1004 Plum St.		14,500.00		
President's — On Campus		25,000.00		
Rollings — 120 Long St.		18,000.00	9,885.97	1,801.95
New Lots — Marsh St.		8,100.00		
Schwartz — 411 6th St.		12,600.00		
Steiner — 812 Marsh St.		5,000.00		
Traeger — 915 Plum St.		22,000.00	16,000.00	9,420.52
		<u>\$401,050.00</u>	<u>\$121,585.97</u>	<u>\$ 59,096.56</u>

Summary:

Mortgages \$ 59,096.56
 Loans 138,129.66

Valuation \$197,226.22
 \$401,050.00
 197,226.22

\$203,823.78

Note: The Knollcrest Residence has been sold. The balance due on the contract for deed was \$19,405.67 as of Jan. 1, 1972.

The Kirby Residence has been sold. The closing date was June 1, 1971. The price was \$19,500.00.

Pastor S. E. Lee, Treasurer

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND REPORT

The following is a statement of the congregations accounts with the Synod's Church Extension Fund.

Congregation	Original	Paid Since 5-1-71	Total Paid	Balance Due	Date Due
Bethany,					
Princeton, Minn.	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 610.00	\$ 3,863.36	\$ 2,236.64	1976
Central Heights					
Mason City, Ia.	7,500.00		1,335.00	6,165.00	1981
Grace,					
Madison, Wis.	40,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	39,000.00	1978
Harvard St.					
Cambridge, Mass.	1,000.00			1,000.00	1981

Indian Landing Rochester, N.Y.	20,000.00	5,000.00	12,500.00	7,500.00	1975
Lake Mills, Lake Mills, Ia.	3,000.00	300.00	1,200.00	1,800.00	1978
Lakewood, Tacoma, Wash.	35,000.00	3,500.00	15,491.99	19,508.01	1978
Mt. Olive, Mankato, Minn.	10,000.00	750.00	2,000.00	8,000.00	1979
Our Savior's Bagley, Minn.	2,000.00	200.00	200.00	1,800.00	1980
Pinehurst, Eau Claire, Wis.	11,097.50	600.00	8,166.06	2,931.44	1973
Redeemer, New Hampton, Ia.	7,478.65	600.00	7,478.65	none	
Trinity, Jasper, Minn.	5,000.00	500.00	4,500.00	500.00	1972
	\$148,176.15	\$ 13,060.00	\$ 57,735.06	\$ 90,441.09	

We are pleased to note that Redeemer, New Hampton, Iowa completed payments on their loan during the fiscal year.

Total repayments on loans during the year amounted to \$13,060.00.

Pastor A. Merseth
Church Extension Secretary

LOAN PROGRAM

Congregation	Original Loan	Paid Since 5-1-71	Total Paid	Balance Due
Bethany, Ames, Ia.	\$ 2,126.00			\$ 2,126.00
Int. Pd. by Synod 371.24				
Bethany, Princeton, Minn.	5,000.00	\$ 208.33	\$ 208.33	\$ 4,791.67
Int. Pd. 2,100.00				
Central Heights, Mason City, Ia.	27,125.00		725.02	26,399.98
Int. Pd. by Synod 935.62				
Total Int. 5,712.51				
Chittenango, Chittenango, N.Y.	5,500.00	300.00	300.00	5,200.00
Int. Pd. by Synod 260.00				
Concordia, Traverse City, Mich.	9,000.00		2,500.00	6,500.00
Int. Pd. 162.50				
Faith, Muskegon, Mich.	88,594.69		1,357.00	87,237.69
Int. Pd. by Synod 4,877.66				
Total Pd. 10,310.75				
Grace, Madison, Wis.	50,638.12	4,854.67	31,712.79	18,925.33
Int. Pd. 1,379.22				
Heritage, Apple Valley, Minn.	13,337.00	50.00	50.00	13,287.00
Int. Pd. by Synod 330.05				
Lakewood, Tacoma, Wash.	26,733.97	2,413.38	9,202.55	17,531.42
Int. Pd. 971.62				
Mt. Olive, Mankato, Minn.	10,000.00	750.00	2,000.00	8,000.00
Int. Pd. 405.00				
Pilgrim, Waterloo, Ia.	129,821.67	2,941.13	6,997.72	122,823.95
Int. Pd. by Synod 677.69				
Total Pd. 5,755.15				
Totals	\$367,876.45	\$ 11,517.51	\$ 55,053.41	\$312,823.04

Evangelical Lutheran Synod Board of Trustees
The Rev. S. E. Lee, Treasurer
The Rev. W. C. Gullixson, Sec.

ACTION OF THE SYNOD:

Resolution No. 1: Report and Minutes of the Board of Trustees

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod approve the report of the Board of Trustees (including the minutes, Church Extension Report, Loan Program, and the audited Treasurer's Report).

Resolution No. 2: Amendment to Articles of Incorporation

WHEREAS, The Synod has changed its fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, This change requires an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article VIII of the Articles of Incorporation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod shall be amended to read as follows:

Article VIII. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of the corporation under the direction of the Synod and its Board of Trustees, and shall keep true account of all funds received and disbursed, and make full report to the Board of Trustees at such times as the Board by resolution may request. He shall give such bond for the faithful performance of his duties as the Board may direct. The fiscal year of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod shall be established from time to time by the Board of Trustees.

Resolution No. 3: Memorial Concerning Voting Age

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Confessions declare such matters to be adiaphora, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod decline to adopt a position regarding voting age in the congregations of the Synod.

Resolution No. 4: Synod Convention 1973

WHEREAS, The schedule for the annual Synod convention as arranged for the 1972 Synod Convention has apparently resulted in generally increased attendance at convention functions, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the 1973 Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod be held at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota on June 17-22, 1973 beginning with festival church services on Sunday June 17, 1973.

Resolution No. 5: Request of Bethany Board of Regents

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod concur with the request of the Bethany Board of Regents that "the undesignated portion of the Tokheim estate be assigned to the Bethany Reserve Fund."

Resolution No. 6: Undesignated Legacies

BE IT RESOLVED, That the matter of undesignated legacies be referred to the Board of Trustees for study.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

WHITE • FLOWERS • REINHOLTZ • PFEFFERKORN

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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HOMER E. PFEFFERKORN, C.P.A.

Board of Directors
Evangelical Lutheran Synod
Mankato, Minnesota

We have audited the accounts of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, Mankato, Minnesota at April 30, 1972. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included all procedures which we considered necessary in the circumstances with the exception that due to the lack of an audit prior to April 30, 1966 it was impractical for us to determine the cost of certain of the assets.

Records of the Synod are maintained on the modified cash basis of accounting. Accordingly income is not recognized until it is collected in cash and costs and expenses are not recognized until cash has been disbursed. Footnotes 1 through 3 on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities discuss this point more fully.

In our opinion, subject to the above, the accompanying Statement of Assets and Liabilities and the Statement of Income and Expenditures presents fairly the financial facts concerning Cash, Loans and Notes Receivable and Notes and Mortgages Payable at April 30, 1972 and the recorded income and expenditures for the year ended that date in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

The Real Estate and Buildings are stated at values explained in Footnotes to the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Titles to the properties were not examined. We are unable to express an opinion as to these assets.

Because of the qualifications above with respect to the Real Estate and Building and the Footnotes attached to the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, we are unable to express an opinion as to the fairness of the presentation of the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as a whole.

Madison, Wisconsin
May 23, 1972

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Evangelical Lutheran Synod
Mankato Minnesota

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
Modified Cash Basis
April 30 1972

ASSETS

Cash on hand	\$ 26 691 58
Church extension loans receivable	90 441 09
Notes receivable	332 574 15
Bethany Lutheran College (Note 1)	2 596 390 00
Residences and other properties (Note 2)	452 110 99
Securities owned	<u>35 476 00</u>
Total Assets	\$3 533 683 81

LIABILITIES

Overdraft - cash in bank	\$ 10 874 10
Notes payable	170 548 22
Mortgages payable	<u>276 928 96</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>458 351 28</u>

NET WORTH

Balance May 1 1971	\$3 016 307 59
Add: Addition-Bethany Lutheran College	1 609 00
Addition-securities contributed	35 476 00
Addition-mortgage payable	800 00
Total	<u>\$3 054 192 59</u>
Add excess income over expenditures	21 139 94
Balance April 30 1972	<u>\$3 075 332 53</u>

NOTES:

- (1) Bethany Lutheran College property is shown at the value contained in an audit report as of June 30, 1971 of Todd E. Paulus, Certified Public Accountant. Working capital and reserve funds on hand in the College corporation are not included in assets of the Synod. The value above includes the following.

Investment in plant and equipment	\$3 147 430 00
Less obligations due on plant	551 040 00
Net Investment	<u>\$2 596 390 00</u>

- (2) Residences and other properties have been stated at cost for acquisitions since 1965 and at outside appraisal or internal appraisal as show in the following tabulation.

Number	Valuation	Amount
<u>6</u>	Cost	<u>\$ 111 810 99</u>
11	Outside appraisal	198 500 00
8	Internal appraisal	141 800 00
<u>25</u>	Total	<u>\$ 452 110 99</u>

- (3) At April 30, 1972 it was impractical to determine prepaid expenses, accounts payable and accrued expenses as of the year end. The Synod has followed cash basis accounting whereby these items are recorded when paid. Funds due from member churches have not been reflected in the above statement, as these are recorded in the accounts only when received. The Synod has maintained no accounting record of individual items of furniture and equipment purchased and still on hand. Such expenditures have been treated as expense in the year made. There has been no attempt to reflect depreciation on these assets.

Evangelical Lutheran Synod
Mankato Minnesota

EXHIBIT B

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES
Modified Cash Basis
Year Ended April 30 1972

	Budget Accounts	Non Budget Accounts	Total
INCOME			
Contributions - unrestricted	\$261 147 53	\$ 8 026 46	\$269 173 99
Contributions - restricted	8 030 73		8 030 73
Income from publications	3 193 65	8 558 51	11 752 16
Interest received	2 083 12	2 207 47	4 290 59
Estates	4 570 08		4 570 08
Disbursement refunds	17 90	130 00	147 90
Miscellaneous		391 54	391 54
Gain on sale of residence		1 838 95	1 838 95
Total receipts	<u>\$279 043 01</u>	<u>\$ 21 152 93</u>	<u>\$300 195 94</u>
Contribution by note cancellation	1 000 00		1 000 00
Total Income	<u>\$280 043 01</u>	<u>\$ 21 152 93</u>	<u>\$301 195 94</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Subsidies	\$176 358 10	\$	\$176 358 10
Interest paid	17 347 16	10 866 45	28 213 61
Teacher training	760 00		760 00
Printing expense	1 041 56		1 041 56
Board expense	2 402 39		2 402 39
Salaries and rent - foreign missions	19 048 96		19 048 96
Other expenses - foreign missions	15 437 25		15 437 25
Annual reports	2 910 86		2 910 86
Administration	4 838 04		4 838 04
Officers allowance	1 400 00		1 400 00
Trustees	872 63		872 63
Convention expense	963 62		963 62
Equilization	553 00		553 00
Auditing and legal	577 01		577 01
Committees forums and workshops	2 261 50		2 261 50
Coin folders	1 931 07		1 931 07
Pension board	51 45		51 45
ELS Foundation	301 35		301 35
Synod quarterly expense	620 32		620 32
Armed services	981 85		981 85
Payments to organizations	1 079 41		1 079 41
Sentinel expenses	11 010 14		11 010 14
Repairs and maintenance		5 135 49	5 135 49
Miscellaneous	60 00	114 39	174 39
Total disbursements	<u>\$262 807 67</u>	<u>\$ 16 116 33</u>	<u>\$278 924 00</u>
Moving expense paid by note reduction	1 132 00		1 132 00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$263 939 67</u>	<u>\$ 16 116 33</u>	<u>\$280 056 00</u>
Excess Income over Expenditures	<u>\$ 16 103 34</u>	<u>\$ 5 036 60</u>	<u>\$ 21 139 94</u>

Evangelical Lutheran Synod
Mankato Minnesota

EXHIBIT C

STATEMENT OF SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS
Modified Cash Basis
Year Ended April 30 1972

FUND SOURCES	
Excess income over expenditures	\$21 139 94
Reduction in investment in residences	17 600 00
Reduction in church extension loans	<u>13 060 00</u>
Total	<u>\$51 799 94</u>
FUND USES	
Increase in cash	\$ 6 430 02
Increase in notes receivable	7 091 43
Decrease in notes and other payables	6 232 02
Decrease in mortgages payable	<u>32 046 47</u>
Total	<u>\$51 799 94</u>

Evangelical Lutheran Synod
Mankato Minnesota

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
Modified Cash Basis
April 30 1972 and 1971

	4/30/72	4/30/71	Increase (Decrease)
ASSETS			
Cash on hand	\$ 26 691 58	\$ 24 434 86	\$ 2 256 72
Church extension loans receivable	90 441 09	103 501 09	(13 060 00)
Notes receivable	332 574 15	325 482 72	7 091 43
Bethany Lutheran College	2 596 390 00	2 594 781 00	1 609 00
Residences and other properties	452 110 99	469 710 99	(17 600 00)
Securities owned	35 476 00		35 476 00
Total	\$3 533 683 81	\$3 517 910 66	\$15 773 15
LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH			
Overdraft - cash in bank	\$ 10 874 10	\$ 15 047 40	(\$ 4 173 30)
Downpayment on house		200 00	(200 00)
Notes payable	170 548 22	176 580 24	(6 032 02)
Mortgages payable	276 928 96	309 775 43	(32 846 47)
Net Worth	3 075 332 53	3 016 307 59	59 024 94
Total	\$3 533 683 81	\$3 517 910 66	\$15 773 15

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES
Modified Cash Basis
Years Ended April 30 1972 and 1971

	5/1/71 to 4/30/72	5/1/70 to 4/30/71	Increase (Decrease)
INCOME			
Contributions	\$ 278 204 72	\$ 240 504 54	\$37 700 18
Other income	22 991 22	34 865 35	(11 874 13)
Total Income	\$ 301 195 94	\$ 275 369 89	\$25 826 05
EXPENDITURES			
Subsidies	\$ 176 358 10	\$ 165 750 18	\$10 607 92
Interest paid	28 213 61	28 675 82	(462 21)
Mission expenses	35 618 21	33 401 82	2 216 39
Board officer and trustee expense	4 675 02	5 411 65	(736 63)
Administration and printing	5 879 60	5 100 68	778 92
Sentinel expenses	11 010 14	9 052 56	1 957 58
Repairs, insurance and taxes	5 135 49	23 689 40	(18 553 91)
Other expenses	13 165 83	14 600 40	(1 434 57)
Total Expenditures	\$ 280 056 00	\$ 285 682 51	(\$ 5 626 51)
Excess Income over Expenditures	\$ 21 139 94	(\$ 10 312 62)	\$31 452 56

CONVENTION NOTES

The Convention was marked once again by a series of noteworthy devotions conducted by pastors of the Synod:

Pastor R. Newgard, Albert Lea, Minn., served as chaplain

Pastor E. G. Unseth, Lombard, Illinois

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The devotion by Pastor Strand commemorated the deaths of the sainted pastors C. M. Moldstad and Nils C. Oesleby. The devotion by Prof. Madson celebrated the 40th anniversary of ordination of Pastor G. A. R. Gullixson and the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Pastor Alf Merseeth and Prof. Rudolph Honsey.

Holy Communion was celebrated by the pastors, delegates and visitors of the Synod convention at the altar of the host congregation, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, R. Dale, pastor. Dr. N. Tjernagel of Rochester, N.Y., brought the message.

Received into Membership

We note especially the new congregation, Trinity Lutheran Church of West Bend, Wisconsin, served by Pastor Paul Anderson, and the pastors who were received into membership with the Synod: Pastors ElRoy Buhr, John Krueger, Paul Lehenbauer, Martin Teigen, and Tosten Skaaland. Teachers Mr. Silas Born and Mr. Charles Zitzman, were also received. The convention gave an ovation to these new members as they were welcomed into membership.

Museum Room

On Synod Sunday many people availed themselves of the offered opportunity to visit the college library building, particularly the new museum room. Under the direction of Mrs. Ellsworth Zahl, who has graciously agreed to serve in restoring the museum, a beginning has been made in reorganizing the items already at hand and in asking for additional gifts of historical value.

On the Mission Scene

Foreign missions were featured at the convention, with the return of the Kuster and Myrlie families from Peru this year. Pastor Kuster was the speaker on Synod Sunday, both in the morning service and in the afternoon program, bringing first-hand inspiration, information, and pictures from the field. The principles used in mission work in the Lima, Peru field. (I. Self Governing; II. Self Propagating; III. Self Supporting) were pointed out by him in a later session.

The Field Secretary for Foreign Missions, the Rev. N. A. Madson, asked the assembly to rise and join in prayer that God would bless and be with Missionary Robert Moldstad and his family as they leave for the Peru mission field in September.

Members of the Synod are reminded to write to **your** missionaries: the Rev. and Mrs. James Olsen and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Krug, Mr. Ralph Mozack, and the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Moldstad and family. The address is Apartado 5910, Lima 1, Peru. The cost of a letter is 17c by airmail, a small amount when you consider how much it means to the missionaries.

Missionary Kuster has accepted a call to the mission field in Nicaragua, Central America. An ovation was given Pastor Paul Lehenbauer, representing Independent Lutheran Missions, for the support offered in the Nicaragua endeavor.

Mr. Marlin Goebel of Faith Mission Society requested that each congregation send him the name and address of its evangelism chairman. Reports about local evangelism efforts are wanted for future issues of the MISSION NEWS. Mr. Goebel's address is Hillman, Michigan 49746.

One evening of the convention week Pres. Orvick shared his slides from his recent trip to Lima, showing them to those interested.

E.L.S.L.O. Banquet

Main speaker at the ELSLO banquet on Monday evening was Mr. William Overn of Heritage Lutheran Church, Apple Valley, Minn. Mr. Overn is a space age research scientist and engineer, employed by the Univac Division of Sperry Rand Corp. in St. Paul, Minn. Speaking on the general topic of "The Scientific Aspect of the Creation Account," he quoted from Genesis 1, "Let there be light." An informative, learned presentation followed, based upon the inter-relationship between magnetic fields, electric fields, and light. He further discussed the relationship between temperature, matter, energy, time, life and entropy. He showed how that if one of these factors is removed the whole creation collapses. His conclusion: Almighty God upholds all things by the Word of His power, the same Word of power by which He created all things in the beginning.

The banquet was attended by 120 people, who enjoyed the excellent meal, good fellowship, and interesting program. Pastor S. E. Lee of Portage, Wisconsin, was emcee for the occasion. Missionary Theo. Kuster spoke briefly on the importance of laymen, both here in the United States and on the foreign mission field.

Visitors to the Convention

On Tuesday morning the chairman introduced Pastor Robert Voss and Pastor O. J. McMiller, member and secretary of the Board of Directors of the Federation for Authentic Lutheranism, respectively. Pastor Voss brought greetings from Pastor Halvorson, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federation for Authentic Lutheranism. He expressed gratitude for the fellowship and encouragement from Pres. Orvick and others of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod during the formation of their group, which has grown from 7 charter congregations to the present 15. Mr. Glen Peglau of Round Lake, Ill., also brought greetings from the F.A.L.

Messrs. Alvin Schuck, Albert Cordes and Anton Rieken, members of Faith Lutheran Church, Parkersburg, Iowa, were introduced as visitors.

Prof. Oscar Ziegler, representing Pres. Oscar Naumann of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod, was welcomed and invited to address the convention.

Welcomed as visitors were the Rev. M. Birkholtz of Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod, Mankato; Prof. Duehlmeier of Doctor Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn.; the Rev. Otto Abrams of Madison, Wisconsin; and Prof. Otto Schenk of Doctor Martin Luther College.

A letter of greeting from the Southwestern Wisconsin District of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod was read by the Secretary. Pastor James Olsen of Lima, Peru, sent a belated greeting to the Synod in convention.

Elections

Officers of the Synod for the next biennium will be Pres. George M. Orvick, Vice Pres. Luther Vangen, Sec. Alf Merseth, and Treas. Leroy Meyer. Elected to the Board of Trustees were Bernard Bogeskov, Harvey Bell, and the Rev. S. E. Lee. The Board of Regents will have Messrs. Adolph Jungemann and Ellsworth Zahl and Pastor Wilhelm Petersen serving for three years.

Dr. N. S. Tjernagel was elected editor of the LUTHERAN SENTINEL, and the Rev. Martin Teigen will serve as the new managing editor.

The assembly gave a standing ovation for each of the following for faithful service: Pastor S. E. Lee for 22 years as treasurer, Pastor W. C.



Synodical officers elected for terms of two years. Left to right: Mr. Leroy Meyer, treasurer; the Rev. Alf Merseth, secretary; the Rev. George Orvick, president; the Rev. Luther Vangen, vice-president.

Gullixson for 20 years as secretary, and Pastor Victor Theiste for the years he served as editor of the **Lutheran Sentinel**.

Three boards were amalgamated into one large board, the Board for Education and Youth. This new board will continue the work of the former Boards of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Youth Board. It will have 9 members and meet three times each year.

Of Interest

Before consideration of the budget and stewardship matters, Stewardship Counselor the Rev. Paul Petersen spoke. Before Youth Work was considered by the convention, Prof. Thomas Kuster showed slides about summer camps in the Synod and about the forthcoming L.Y.A. convention to be held near Portage, Wisconsin, in September.

The theological library of the late Pastor N. Oesleby was auctioned off one evening, affording an opportunity for the younger pastors to augment their libraries with his wide selection of books. This was the express wish of Pastor Oesleby that his library might continue to serve.

Displays by the various Christian day schools of the Synod were especially noteworthy, as well as Mission News and the mission at Lima, Peru.

Greetings

Letters of greeting were sent by the convention to Sr. Higidio Galban, Presidente of the Centro Cristiano, Lima, Peru, with greetings to Braulio Capullian, secretary, and Pedro Fidel Milla, treasurer; to the Rev. A. Buenger of the Southeastern District of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod; the children of the late Pastor C. A. Moldstad; Misses Sophia and Ella Anderson; Mrs. N. C. Oesleby and family; Mr. Judd Soule; and Mrs. A. T. Huso

With Thanks

Many hours of planning and preparation are put forth in arranging for the Synod convention each year, particularly by the hosts. We wish to

thank all who had a part in making the stay of pastors, delegates and visitors so pleasant and comfortable (except for the cool nights and no blankets). Prof. J. Moldstad and Mr. Dennis Natvig were in charge

The secretary wishes to express his gratitude to all who have so willingly and readily assisted him over the past twenty years in carrying out his duties and responsibilities. He is grateful to the Lord and to those parishes he served, who supported this work of love, for the privilege and honor of serving in this capacity.

W. C. Gullixson, secretary

CHURCH LOCATIONS AND THE TIME OF SERVICES

(Not intended for mailing—use pastor's address)

Northern Circuit No. 1

State	City—Church	Address	Services	Pastor
MINNESOTA				
	Audubon—Immanuel		10:30	G. Guldberg
	Bagley—Our Savior's	6 W on #2	10	D. Nelson
	Clearbrook—Concordia	8 SW	8	D. Nelson
	Crookston—Grace	418 S. Ash	*	W. Halvorson
	E. Grand Forks—River Heights		11; S 9	W. Halvorson
		1708 2nd St. NW		
	Fertile—First Evanger	Washington & Elm	*	W. Frick
	Fosston—Cross Lake	8 NW	9	D. Nelson
	Grygla—St. Petri		*	C. Wosje
	Hawley—Our Savior's		9	G. Guldberg
	Lengby—St. Paul		11	D. Nelson
	Oklee—Clearwater	6N, 4E	*	C. Wosje
	Oklee—Oak Park	11 N, 4 E	*	C. Wosje
	Trail—Mt. Olive		9	C. Wosje
	Trail—Nazareth	12 N, 2 E	*	C. Wosje
	Ulen—Calvary		*	W. Frick
NORTH DAKOTA				
	Mayville—First American	220 2nd St. NE	11; S 9:30	Vacancy
	E. Grand Forks, Minn. (See above)			

Central Circuit No. 2

MINNESOTA

Burnsville—Heritage	Hwy 13 & Co. 30	9:30	E. Teigen
Gaylord—Norwegian Grove	8 S	*	T. Aaberg
Golden Valley—King of Grace		8:30 & 10:45	S. Quist
	6000 Duluth St.	S 9	
Kasota—Kasota Valley Home		*	M. Otto
Mankato—Mt. Olive	1123 Marsh St.	8:30 & 10:45	R. Dale
		S 9:30	
Minneapolis—Hiawatha	1420 E. 43rd St.	10:45	F. Weyland
Princeton—Bethany	801 S. 6th St.	8 & 11	W. Gullixson
Princeton—Our Savior's	10 W, 4 S	9:30	W. Gullixson
St. Peter—Norseland	10 NW	*	T. Aaberg

Southwestern Circuit No. 3

MINNESOTA

Belview—Our Savior's		*	T. Skaaland
Belview—Rock Dell	4 NE	*	T. Skaaland
Cottonwood—English		9; S *	J. Schmidt
Delhi—First		*	T. Skaaland
Jasper—Rose Dell Trinity		9; S 8	M. Tweit
Luverne—Bethany	Kniss & Adams	10:30; S 9:30	M. Tweit
Tracy—Zion	2nd & Emory	11; S *	J. Schmidt

SOUTH DAKOTA

Sioux Falls—Bethel	1200 S. Covell Ave.	10:45; S 10	Vacancy
Volga—Oslo	7 S	8:30; S 8	Vacancy

Southern Circuit No. 4

IOWA

Ames—Bethany	3219 Diamond St.	10; S 9	F. Theiste
Calmar—Trinity	Charles & Clark Sts.	*	H. Larson
Forest City—Forest	10th & M	9:30; S 10:30	Vacancy
Lake Mills—Lake Mills	1st N & Grant	8:15	A. Merseth
Lake Mills—Lime Creek	4 N, 1 W	9:30	A. Merseth
Lawler—Saude	10 N, 1 W	*	G. Gullixson
Mason City—Central Heights		9	Vacant
	1813 S. Coolidge		
New Hampton—Jerico	9 N, 2 E	*	G. Gullixson
New Hampton—Redeemer, Sherman & Court		*	H. Larson
Northwood—First Shell Rock	Central & 15th	11	A. Merseth
Northwood—Somber	10 W, 1 S	9:30	A. Merseth
Parkersburg—Faith	302 2nd St.	10:15; S 9	E. Buhr
Riceville—Immanuel		8	A. Merseth
Scarville—Center	5 S	*	P. Haugen
Scarville—Scarville		*	P. Haugen
Thompson—Zion		11; S 9	Vacancy
Thornton—Richland		10:30; S 9:30	M. Teigen
Waterloo—Pilgrim	3815 Ansborough	10; S 9	P. Petersen
Waterville—East Paint Creek	3 N	*	J. Smith
Waukon—West Paint Creek	5 E	*	J. Smith

MINNESOTA

Albert Lea—Our Savior's	320 W. College	10:45; S 9	R. Newgard
Austin—Faith	4 St. SE	8	R. Mathison
Hartland—Hartland		11	R. Mathison
Manchester—Manchester		9:45	R. Mathison

Lake Michigan Circuit No. 5

ILLINOIS

Chicago—St. Mark's	1701 N. Tripp	10:30	A. Strand
Chicago—St. Paul's	2215 W. North	10:45	P. Jecklin
Lombard—St. Timothy	547 N. Main	8 & 10:30; S 8 & 9:30	E. Unseth

MICHIGAN

E. Jordan—Faith	5 E on Wilson Rd.	*	R. Falk
Hillman—Faith	M-32	*	R. Falk
Holton—Holton	7594 Brickyard Rd.	10:45	D. Christopherson
Muskegon—Faith	1761 N. Roberts Rd.	9	D. Christopherson
Suttons Bay—First	321 St. Mary's	11	D. Lillegard
Traverse City—Concordia, 10th & Wadsworth		9	D. Lillegard

WISCONSIN

Amherst Junction—Our Savior's		11; S 10:30	W. Granke
Ashland—First English	7th & Vaughn	*	Vacant
Bloomer—Good Shepherd	1324 15th Ave.	11:15	W. Granke
Clintonville—St. Paul	N. Park & Anne	10:30; S 7:30	W. Werling
Cottage Grove—W. Koshkonong	8 SE	10; S 9:30	N. Madson
Eau Claire—Ascension	1500 Petersen	9:15	W. Granke
Eau Claire—Concordia	321 N. Farwell	10:15; S 9	L. Vangen
Eau Claire—Pinehurst	3304 Fern Ct.	9	V. Theiste
Elderon—Our Savior's		9:30; S 9	W. Granke
Madison—Grace	1 S. Rosa Rd.	10; S 9	W. Petersen
Madison—Holy Cross	2670 Milwaukee	9 & 11; S 8:30 & 10	G. Orvick
Madison—Our Saviour's	1 S. Hancock	10	A. Kuster
Marinette—First Trinity	Wells & Grant	8 & 10	E. Stubenvoll
Portage—St. Paul's	6 NW on Hy. 127	9	S. Lee
Shawano—St. Martin	5 SW	9	W. Werling
West Bend—Trinity	1268 Pleasant Valley Rd.	9:30	P. Anderson
Wisconsin Dells—Newport	4 SE on Hy. 16	10:30	S. Lee

Atlantic Circuit No. 6**MASSACHUSETTS**

Brewster—Trinity	Town Hall	10:30	Vacant
Cambridge—Harvard St.	323 Harvard St.	10:45; S 10	P. Madson

NEW YORK

Chittenango—Chittenango Mission		10:30	J. Petersen
Rochester—Indian Landing		10:30	N. Tjernagel
	650 Landing Rd. N.		

Pacific Circuit, No. 7**WASHINGTON**

Tacoma—Lakewood	10202 112th St.	11	W. McMurdie
Tacoma—Parkland	Pacific & S. 123rd	10:30; S 9	H. Handberg
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In keeping with the donor's wishes, the principal may be used for the purpose designated, or the principal may be held intact while the income alone is used for the work of our church.

B. GIFTS OF REAL ESTATE AND OTHER PROPERTY

The FOUNDATION is ready to receive, administer and distribute gifts of real estate, securities, or other property designed for the general work of our church or for any specific phase of its activities (including local congregations). If desired the FOUNDATION is ready to make arrangements whereby the donor will receive a gift annuity agreement income for life or a life income agreement income.

C. BEQUESTS THROUGH WILLS

In a very real sense your will is a continuation of your own life and influence. It is an expression of your wishes, a document that acts as your representative in distributing the material things you leave behind. Only you know how you wish them distributed. Only you have the power and the right to make your own will. If you don't have a will, the state makes a will for you through the laws that apply when a person leaves no will.

The E.L.S. FOUNDATION urgently appeals to you: Make a will, and make your will a "Christian" will by remembering the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church in it.

Gift Annuity Agreements, Life Income Gift Agreements, Life insurance Gifts, Gifts Through Trusts and Memorial Gifts, may be used; and the FOUNDATION is ready to serve you or counsel with you.

LEGAL FORM FOR GIFTS TO THE SYNOD FOUNDATION THROUGH WILLS (check with your attorney).

I give, devise and bequeath to the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD FOUNDATION (a Minnesota and Wisconsin Corporation)

(Insert sum of money or description of property which sum, or property, or proceeds thereof)

to be used as directed by the donor or, if no direction as to use is stated, as its Board of Directors may determine.

Send inquiries to:

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD FOUNDATION
Route 1, Box 187, Princeton, Minnesota 55371

PAROCHIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1971

Number	State	Location	Circuit	Congregation	Membership	Pastor	Members			Baptized		Confirmed		Communed	Marriages	Burials	Services				Day Schools		Sunday Schools			Other Schools Enrollment			Students		Contributions		Value of Property	Debt on Property	Legacies
							Baptized	Confirmed	Voters	Children	Adults	Children	Adults				Special	Average Attendance	Sunday	Average Attendance	Enrollment	Teachers	Enrollment	Bible Class	Teachers	Vacation Bible School	Released Time	Summer Camp	Synodical Institutions	Public H.S. Colleges	For Home Purposes	For All Other Purposes			
1.	Ill.	Chicago	5	St. Mark's	1	A. Strand	190	160	50	6		1	720	4	4			53	100			46	22	6			3	10	12,290	4,409	125,000		13,840		
2.	Ill.	Chicago	5	St. Paul's	1	P. Jecklin	96	78	12			2	577					52	65			24					2	10	11,665	2,174	98,000				
3.	Ill.	Lombard	5	St. Timothy	1	E. Unseth	345	222	34	9	14	8	983	3	1	10	94	104	158			118	12	17			6	2	24,216	7,700	120,852	30,774			
4.	Iowa	Ames	4	Bethany	1	F. Theiste	71	40	16	8		4	237	2		11	37	51	47			24	4	6				3	3	5,896	1,107	47,500		27,400	
5.	Iowa	Calmar	4	Trinity	1	H. Larson	99	90	21		3		332		3	8	43	52	44			9	10	4				9	7,378	2,959	45,000				
6.	Iowa	Forest City	4	Forest	1	J. Lillo	163	115	40	2		7	382	1	3	9	45	50	60			34	6	7			1	14	7,000	1,450	47,000		5,600		
7.	Iowa	Lake Mills	4	Lake Mills	1	A. Merseith	145	101	32	3		2	401	4	2	11	95	50	76			46		7		35		17	7	6,837	2,487	28,000			
8.	Iowa	Lake Mills	4	Lime Creek	1	A. Merseith	78	59	21	1		1	248			3	55	48	37			11		4				7	4	4,450	1,650	45,000			
9.	Iowa	Lawler	4	Saude	1	Vacancy	108	86	20	1		3	716	2	1	8	61	51	65		18	1		3	1		3	8	8,878	3,190	165,000				
10.	Iowa	Mason City	4	Central Heights	1	G. Gullixson	125	82	27	4		3	261	3	2	9	31	52	42			24	12	6			6	1	10	3,549	1,006	60,000		31,000	
11.	Iowa	New Hampton	4	Jerico	1	Vacancy	239	193	42	5		4	1,216	1	4	10	106	51	132		12	1	22	3	4			4	17	15,917	9,368	195,000			
12.	Iowa	New Hampton	4	Redeemer	1	H. Larson	190	120	24	2		4	468		1	8	46	52	65			30		5		11		13	13	8,225	1,277	24,000			
13.	Iowa	Northwood	4	First Shell Rock	1	A. Merseith	178	137	48	1		2	406	1		11	48	50	48			28		5				10	3	7,281	2,866	42,500			
14.	Iowa	Northwood	4	Somber	1	A. Merseith	47	42	16		1	1	295			3	43	47	32			4						3	3	3,300	1,708	35,000			
15.	Iowa	Parkersburg	4	Faith	2	E. Buhr	203	164	52	5	1	1	379		1	4	80	25	131			45	10	14				18	3	9,919	643	5,000			
16.	Iowa	Riceville	4	Immanuel	2	A. Merseith	27	19	9								8	26																	
17.	Iowa	Scarville	4	Center	1	P. Haugen	104	83	39	1		5	210		5	7	85	50	42		13	1	5		2			13	10	6,470	1,921	43,000			
18.	Iowa	Scarville	4	Scarville	1	P. Haugen	107	74	27	4		1	270		2	7	85	51	67			3		2			3	10	12,077	5,424	60,000				
19.	Iowa	Thompson	4	Zion	1	J. Lillo	116	91	41	1		1	383	2	3	9	45	50	65			25	5	7			1	10	5,200	1,500	52,000				
20.	Iowa	Thornton	4	Richland	1	R. Dale	210	170	47	6	1	6	781	2	1	10	82	50	91			26	10	5			3	26	13,000	5,600	70,000	365			
21.	Iowa	Waterloo	4	Pilgrim	1	P. Petersen	145	82	16	6		2				11	57	52	84			37	10	6		22		1	5	8,811	4,597	150,000	125,000		
22.	Iowa	Waterville	4	E. Paint Creek	1	J. Smith	78	66	30	1			305	1	1	4	45	25	51			10		4				1	4	4,896	2,164	55,000			
23.	Iowa	Waukon	4	W. Paint Creek	1	J. Smith	55	41	18	1			191	1	1	4	45	23	56			13		4				2	2	4,430	1,043	50,000			
24.	Mass.	Brewster	6	Trinity	3	Vacancy	17	17	6	1			76	1		1	15	28	28			4	5	3					3	1,980	64		145		
25.	Mass.	Cambridge	6	Harvard St.	1	P. Madson	108	83	16	3		2	304	3	3	6	33	52	39			16	10	5				6	6	8,330	3,200	116,500	34,800		
26.	Mich.	East Jordan	5	Faith	1	R. Moldstad	63	42	20																										
27.	Mich.	Hillman	5	Faith	1	R. Moldstad	50	26	10																										
28.	Mich.	Holton	5	Holton	1	D. Christopherson	220	135	41	2	1	6	10		3	14	46	52	83		12		50	11	6				14	11,770	1,210	33,000	1,545		
29.	Mich.	Muskegon	5	Faith	1	D. Christopherson	48	30	10	3		3	138		1	10	17	52	26			15		3				4	2,255	394	88,800	88,587			
30.	Mich.	Suttons Bay	5	First	1	D. Lillegard	104	84	14	4	1	1	261		1	9	31	52	47			12		3		5			1	13	6,948	2,573	43,350		
31.	Mich.	Traverse City	5	Concordia	1	D. Lillegard	73	42	9	3		2	160			9	19	52	33			15	10	4					4	4,600	1,341	11,895	6,500	1,000	
32.	Minn.	Albert Lea	4	Our Savior's																															

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