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Briefs by the Editor



This issue brings you some of the highlights of our Synod's recent convention in New Ulm, Minnesota.

Naturally, a convention is always remembered for the resolutions it proposes and the decisions it makes. They will affect kingdom work for years to come.

Tested by that criterion, our 1973 convention ranks high. It met definite needs at our Synodical schools in Saginaw and in Watertown, authorizing the building of dormitories at Michigan Lutheran Seminary and Northwestern College. It allocated additional missionaries for Central Africa and Japan. And one of its final resolutions will affect this periodical, for the convention authorized the calling of a full-time editor for *The Northwestern Lutheran* as soon as the position can be funded by the Synod's Coordinating Council.

August, 1973, will be remembered as the month when the Wisconsin Synod formally established church fellowship with the Federation for Authentic Lutheranism. The convention also supported the Commission on Interchurch Relations which had found itself in doctrinal agreement with the representatives of the Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church of Germany. Visitors from abroad were present to address the convention.

Most unusual — for the times in which we live — was the emphasis which the convention placed on Christian education, from the Christian day school to the Seminary. This will particularly please a grandmother among our readers who recently wrote to tell us of her joy that her children and grandchildren have the privilege of attending Christian day schools. Just recently, when a bout of illness kept her in the hospital, she began to realize what she had missed as a child. We thank her for her elo-

quent letter and assure her that the convention agreed with her wholeheartedly. Christian education is one of the primary concerns in our church.

There are many happenings at conventions which the Books of Reports and Memorials usually neglect to record. No one, for example, has computed the number of hours convention floor committees spent studying the separate items and preparing suggested resolutions. There were 19 floor committees at this convention. They brought some 170 resolutions before the delegates. But by 4:10 Wednesday afternoon, August 15, all items had been acted on.

Also not recorded are the many hours spent in visiting by friends who had not seen each other for years. My own class, for example, was represented by nine members. And no one will ever forget the "bratfry" and sing-fest in Luther Hollow on Saturday afternoon. Much lighter indeed than the solemn hour when the missioner team for South America was commissioned and the Executive Secretary of the Special Ministries Board was installed.

Personally I have special reason to thank four delegates who accepted special assignments. They made editing this issue much easier. The accounts of the convention written by three of the delegates appear in this issue. Pastor G. Jerome Albrecht's look at the finances of our Synod will appear in the next issue. Thank you, men, for your willingness to spend your extra hours in writing these summaries! They show us clearly how graciously God has blessed our church body and how determined He is to put us to work in His kingdom. Now the convention is past; now it's up to us to put the decisions into effect. God, help us to do so!

*The Lord our God be with us,
as he was with our fathers;
let him not leave us,
nor forsake us. I Kings 8:57*

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THE COVER

Prof. Martin Albrecht of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary is pictured preaching at the convention's opening service held at St. Paul's Church, New Ulm, Minnesota. — The picture of the closing service marks the moment when the three-man Missioner Team was commissioned for service in South America. Also installed in this service was Mr. Alfons Woldt, Executive Secretary of the Special Ministries Board.

Editorials

"Dozing Giant"? A news item appeared recently which described the Wisconsin Synod as a "dozing giant." Perhaps when you want people to adopt some new program, it's just human nature to imply that "dozing" they haven't done anything yet.

To be sure, there is room for improvement in every area of our Christian life. No child of God claims that he has reached any plateau of perfection. Our entire earthly life is one long prayer: "Lord, increase our faith."

But it is unwarranted to say that the people of God have been "dozing," that they have been unconscious and asleep all these years, and may wake up at any moment. Our fathers were hardly asleep. Our most precious heritage from them is the doctrine pure, to anchor our soul in every stormy night, even in the storm of death. And there are the churches in which we were baptized, our Seminary, colleges, high schools, and Christian day schools.

Our fathers often built them in the face of withering anti-German sentiment, bore them up through wars, depressions, and times so tough that even my generation has to read about them in a history book.

Look next Sunday with the eyes of faith at the people who file out of the church door, from the babe bawling in mother's arms to the trembling hand of the old man. They may not look like it, and at times they may not feel like it, but these believers *are* the precious people of God.

These are they who must respectfully be addressed: "Ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people" who did, who do, and who, as long as God gives the strength, shall "show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

John Parcher

The Romance of Missions When the work of the various divisions of the Synod is presented at a Synod convention, it is the Division of World Missions that draws most attention. So it was also at last month's convention in New Ulm.

The World Mission displays took us to faraway lands, where people speak in unfamiliar tongues and where customs are strange and exotic. The colorful slide lectures attracted many convention goers. Extra chairs were needed at the Sunday service that featured a foreign missionary in the pulpit. The commissioning of the three missionaries to South America at the closing service will be long remembered by all who saw it.

Foreign mission work is endowed with a romantic glow that not even the story of the dramatic spread of our home missions can eclipse. It has a glamor, so to speak, that can scarcely be matched by the harvest of our Worker-Training program or by the gratifying record of the fi-

nancial support we have given to our Synodical enterprises.

This attractiveness is not of our devising. The romance, if you will, of World Missions is also recorded in Scripture. We hear it in the Pentecost roster of nations: "Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia . . . Cretes and Arabians," in whose tongues the apostles spoke the wonderful works of God.

Many years before, Isaiah graphically portrayed the glory of World Missions: "And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come . . . Surely the isles shall wait for Me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far."

God uses also this vision of the glory and the romance of World Missions to draw our hearts to this great work, but through it He also furthers the church work that supports it. Hearts that are warmed by the cause of missions will also be moved to do the Lord's work at home.

Carleton Toppe

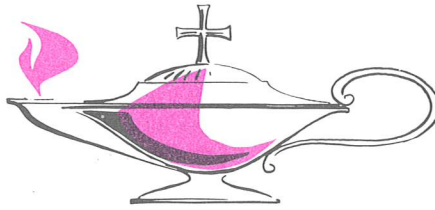
Going Home There is perhaps no word in any language which evokes more sentiment or strikes a more responsive chord in the heart than the little word "home." In the absence of any scientific study of the subject, "home" appears to be second only to "love" as the theme of popular songs. "Going Home," "My Old Kentucky Home," "Sentimental Journey," "My Indiana Home" — these are only a few of America's best-loved songs, which after many years can still draw nostalgic tears from the eyes of strong men. And because of its universal appeal, the word "home" has not escaped exploitation, as real estate advertising applies the term to mere houses to give them character.

Classified among the "Carols and Spiritual Songs" in *The Lutheran Hymnal*, and presumably of lesser stature than hymns placed into more specific categories, is a hymn which states very simply, "Heaven is my home." Relegated to last place in the hymnal, its position seems to be most appropriate, for heaven is the Christian's ultimate destiny and his final home.

In the closing devotion of a pastoral conference, when the members were eager to return home, the speaker struck a point which we sometimes overlook. He said: "Because of sin mankind is afflicted with homesickness of the soul — a nervous, restless feeling that something is missing. Attempts are made to fill this void by engaging in feverish activities, rigid self-denial and works, or unrestricted behavior and indulgence. But this is only a diversion, not a cure. The soul will never be at rest until it is brought back home to God through faith in Christ. Then the anguish of homesickness will be relieved; and the homesickness will be completely gone when we are at rest in heaven."

Heaven is not merely the alternative to hell, chosen with reluctance because no other alternative is offered. It is our home, and its appeal to us will increase the more we see it as such.

Immanuel Frey



Studies in God's Word

Concerning the Art of Public Speaking

And even things without life (inanimate instruments) giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped?

For if the (war-) trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?

So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? For ye shall speak into the air.

There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.

Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian (foreigner), and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me.

Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

Wherefore let him that speaketh in an (unknown) tongue pray that he may interpret (I Cor. 14:7-13).

How could the Corinthian congregation be edified? This was Paul's concern. For this reason the gift of prophecy was to be preferred over the gift of "tongues" (vv. 1-6).

As Paul pursues the subject further (vv. 7-13), he really illustrates the principle through his written words. By means of plain words he carefully constructs the argument that cannot but convince his audience. In so doing he builds up their understanding. His plain speech edifies the body of believers.

What's the Use?

Paul's first argument in this section is taken from the field of music. For what purpose are musical instruments made? Just to produce noise? Hardly. The flute and the lyre are intended for tuneful music. Properly played they produce a salutary effect on the hearers.

For what purpose is the military bugle blown? This instrument is not used primarily for entertainment. It is of great importance that the warrior catch the signal. How else will he be ready for the attack?

What is the intended use of the tongue? Like the flute and the lyre it is intended to produce a salutary effect. Like the war-trumpet it is intended to convey a clear meaning. If it does not serve to communicate understanding, its use is bibble-babble and of no use to the hearer. Paul is making a plea for readily understandable speech — so that the body may be edified. (Do the Corinthian "tongues" pass muster?)

Sense or Nonsense?

Paul's second argument has to do with human voices of all kinds. Again, the point is that the human voice is intended to communicate meaning. Now a person may use his voice to utter speech that is understandable to him. But what if his language is foreign to the listener? The man is not communicating anything.

The Greeks, by the way, recognized only Greek as a valid language. All other languages were just a series of "bar-bars" to them. A man who did not speak Greek, therefore, was a "barbarian." (The tables have been turned when we now use the expression, "It's Greek to me.")

When a "Greek" and a "barbarian" use their voices, they are using speech that is understandable to each one himself, but they are not communicating. They are not closing the gap; they are widening it. They are not building understanding; they are tearing down relationships.

The Corinthians obviously desired spiritual gifts. But for what purpose? Did they want to build up the body or the ego? Was their passion for evidences of the Spirit grounded in their love of the brethren or in self-love? They had to do some soul-searching about their zeal for "tongues."

Emphasis on Edification

Paul did not fault the Corinthians for their zeal in seeking gifts of the Spirit, but he sought to channel it toward gifts that would edify the assembly of believers. He would have them seek to abound in such gifts. In line with this he directed them to pray for the gift of interpretation. He would have them use their "tongues" for the purpose of increasing Christian understanding. Only interpreted "tongues" could achieve that objective.

One need not speak in a "tongue" or in a foreign language to cause confusion. Religious jargon is no more than gibberish if it does not convey a plain meaning. Even we must take care not to becloud the clear message of the Gospel with foggy terminology. Pious platitudes also can be a hindrance rather than a help in communicating the Word of Reconciliation. Let us cultivate the art of simple, clear, direct speech when it comes to transmitting the good news of forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Let us be zealous that we "may excel to the edifying of the church." Readily understandable speech in publicly proclaiming the Word of Life so that none need interpret is a gift of the Spirit for which we too need to pray.

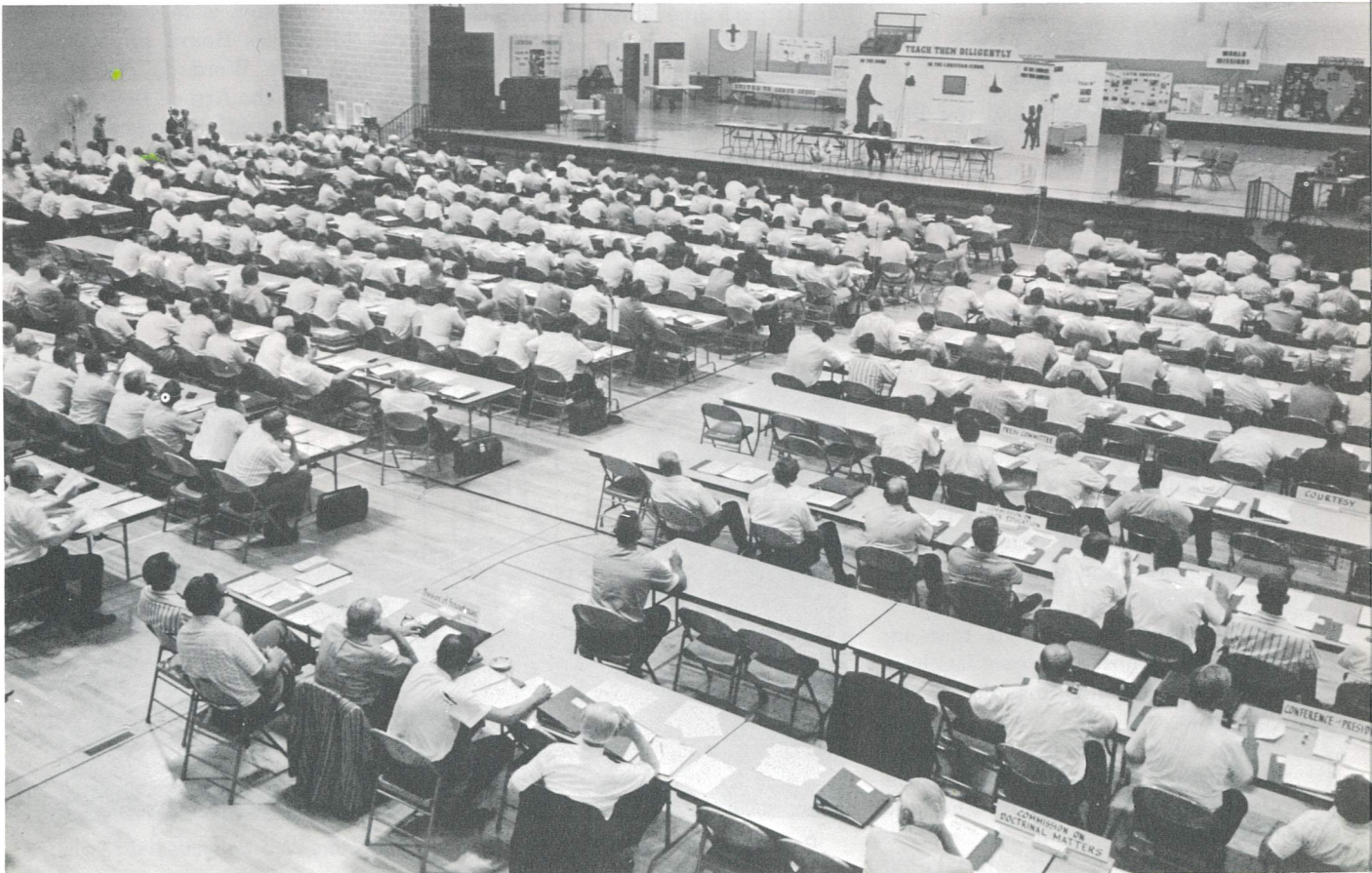
Paul E. Nitz

FORTY-SECOND CONVENTION
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"Teach Them Diligently"



Pastor Friedel C. Schulz of Mt. Zion Congregation, Kenosha, Wisconsin, reports on

The Convention and The Word



President Oscar J. Naumann presiding at the convention.

Spirit and Thrust of the Convention

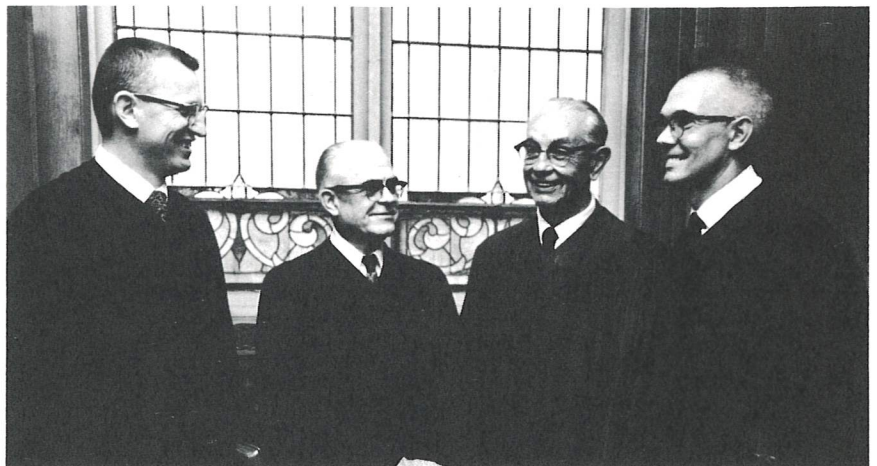
The spirit and thrust of the 42nd Biennial Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod held from August 8-15, 1973, at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, was an unusual one as far as church conventions go in our day. From the stirring opening service held at St. Paul's Church to the solemn, yet inspirational closing service conducted in the college chapel on Tuesday evening, August 14, the clear directive of Scripture, "Teach Them Diligently," was deeply impressed upon the minds, hearts, and lives of all of the 364 voting and advisory delegates and the many visitors who attended.

Although it is very true that our Synod for almost 125 years has been faithfully implementing the Lord's command to teach His children, young and old, the Law and Gospel diligently, yet it was brought to the attention of the delegates time and time again that the present hour is not the time to sit back and take for

granted that our holy God who has preserved unto us faith in the inerrant Scripture will continue to pour out this precious blessing upon us automatically.

Opening Service

In the opening service, Professor Martin Albrecht of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, chairman of the Board for Parish Education, simply, yet emphatically, stressed that we need to teach the Word to the students in our Christian day schools, Synodical and area Lutheran high schools, our colleges, and Seminary, and that all our instruction must be done diligently. Teaching the Word diligently is also of prime importance in our part-time Christian educational agencies such as the Sunday school, vacation Bible school, youth groups, and adult Bible class. Parents, too, should realize that it remains true that the family which wishes to grow spiritually must use the Word daily. Our Wisconsin Synod families must learn to know God's love, reflect that love, and find joy in doing so.



Pastor L. Dobberstein, Prof. M. Albrecht, and Pastors W. J. Schmidt and Th. Hennig officiating at the opening service.

Devotions

At the start of each session chaplains addressed the assembly on the general theme, "Teach Them Diligently." Treating this theme from various angles, they expounded what the Bible has to say about the various ways in which we are to meet this urgent responsibility.

Closing Service

Sharing God's Word, teaching it diligently, is certainly also the basic thrust of all mission work. In his sermon at the closing service Pastor Richard Lauersdorf of Jefferson, Wisconsin, a member of the Executive Committee for Latin American Missions, spoke on the theme: "Any Success in Our Mission of Teaching Them Diligently Depends on God's Grace." It was in this service that our South American missionary team was commissioned. The three missionaries are Roger Sprain, Ernest Zimdars, and Francis Warner. The installation of Mr. Alfons Woldt as Executive Secretary of the Special Ministries Board also took place in this service. The special assignment of this newly created position is to guide the Special Ministries Board in its task of bringing the Word to our Synod's members in the Armed Forces, to our students on secular campuses, and to the retarded and others who need special care.

President's Report

The theme of the convention was also the basic thrust in the biennial

report given by President Oscar J. Naumann on Wednesday afternoon in the opening session of the convention. The delegates were reminded by the president that the convention theme, "Teach Them Diligently," is an integral part of our Savior's Great Commission. The teaching and preaching ministry in our midst has tremendously served to help in the expansion of the Kingdom of Grace so that our Synod now numbers 1,000 congregations in 43 states of our country and three provinces of Canada. The Synod will also carry the Gospel message into a new world mission field, namely, that of South America.

In his address, President Naumann exhorted the convention to offer humble gratitude to God on a daily basis for the abundant spiritual fruits with which He has blessed our Synod through our pastors, professors, and teachers. During the biennium our Lord gave us men of doctrinal integrity in our schools and congregations and in the Synodical administration so that doctrinal purity was retained. The Lord's blessings, he said, were also evident in the matter of finances, resulting in increased offerings and sound stewardship guidance. In closing, President Naumann strongly urged members of the Synod to observe the 125th anniversary of the founding of our Synod in the spring of 1975 and the 200th anniversary of our nation's Declaration of Independence in 1976. He also suggested that plans be made and implemented to observe the 400th anniversary of the Formula of Concord and the Book of Concord in 1980. The convention in a later action voted a special two-million-dollar-plus thank-offering in observance of the 125th anniversary of the Synod's founding.

Commission on Interchurch Relations

Nowhere does our Synod's concern about doctrine and practice, about "Teaching Them Diligently," come to the fore as emphatically as when it deals with matters of interchurch relations. The 1973 convention, following in the footsteps of previous conventions, spent considerable time and effort on doctrinal matters. Delegates

for a time had difficulty adjusting to the new name of our former Commission on Doctrinal Matters. It is now known as the Commission on Interchurch Relations, a name that better describes its purpose.

Among the resolutions adopted upon the recommendation of the Commission and of Floor Committee No. 2 were the following:

1. That our Synod with joy and thankfulness to God formally and publicly declare itself to be in fellowship with the Federation for Authentic Lutheranism (FAL), and that we invite FAL to join the Evangelical Lutheran Confessional Forum;
2. That we urge our Commission on Interchurch Relations to strengthen certain confessional groups of Swedish Lutherans in their stand and that we continue our efforts to establish full confessional agreement with them;
3. That the Commission avail itself of any new opportunity to resume discussion with the Church of the Lutheran Confession's (CLC) Board of Doctrine, as conditions may warrant;
4. That the Commission continue its efforts to achieve a satisfactory basis for further discussion with the Lutheran Churches of the Reformation; and
5. That the Commission initiate steps toward renewed doctrinal discussion with the Lutheran Church of Australia, as soon as it appears feasible.

Two actions, however, ought to be given separate attention. The first concerns our relationship to the German Free Churches and the other concerns our reaction to recent events in The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

SELK

The delegates were filled with joy and thanks to God over the favorable outcome of our Commission's discussions with the official representatives of the Selbständige Evangelische Lutherische Kirche (SELK), that is, The Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church of Germany. This

church body is an amalgamation of three former Lutheran Free Churches in Germany, with two of which we had previously been in fellowship. The discussions held at Mequon in July of this year between our Commission and the representatives of this new church body produced evidence of doctrinal agreement. At the conclusion of the discussions, church fellowship was initiated by the members of the Commission and the representatives of SELK to express this agreement. Formal declaration of church fellowship must await the response of the Kirchenleitung (administrative council) of SELK and for us involves seeking the approval of those church bodies with which we are presently in fellowship. The convention asked SELK to give special consideration to the implications of its continuing relationship with The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, something which cannot continue indefinitely. SELK is on record protesting the Missouri Synod's fellowship with the American Lutheran Church and its membership in LCUSA.

LCMS

Concerning recent happenings in The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the convention joined the Commission in expressing its joy and thanks to God for the positive steps taken by The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in its New Orleans Convention last month with respect to the authority of Scripture. It is our Synod's hope and prayer that the LCMS will resolutely take additional steps leading to a full return to a Scripturally-sound, confessional position on the matter of church fellowship, too. Finally, it was the convention's expressed hope that the LCMS convention's victory on the authority of Scripture may not be compromised by a long delay in disciplinary action or by a misguided desire to reconcile positions (the historical-exegetical and the historical-critical approaches to Scripture) which cannot be reconciled. Resolutions like these also belong to the overall concern of this convention to "Teach Them Diligently."

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Convention Theme

While space does not permit singling out all the resolutions which pertain to the matter of continuing Christian education, one would be right in saying that most of the resolutions in the areas of Worker-Training, Home Missions, and World Missions did reflect the convention theme. Those attending the convention were made aware of the fact that

it is only by the grace of God that our Synod still possesses the doctrines of Holy Writ as they were handed down to us in their truth and purity by previous generations. In turn, it is the responsibility of our Synod, relying on the Savior's help and strength, to preserve these same truths for our children and grandchildren. Let us dedicate ourselves to the continuing work of "Teaching Them Diligently."

Church Fellowship Declared with Federation for Authentic Lutheranism



Pastor Edward W. Halverson, chairman of the Board of Directors of the FAL, and Pastor Robert McMiller, secretary, being introduced to the convention by President O. J. Naumann.

On Monday evening, August 13, 1973, resolution 2 of Floor Committee No. 2 was adopted, formally declaring the Wisconsin Synod to be in church fellowship with the *Federation for Authentic Lutheranism*. Pastors Edward Halverson and Robert McMiller were then introduced to the convention.

Tuesday forenoon Pastor Halverson addressed the convention stating: "In behalf of the *Federation for Authentic Lutheranism*, it is with jubila-

tion that I bring greetings to you on the historic occasion of your formal adoption of fellowship with our church body."

Referring to the basis of our fellowship, he continued: "We want the world to know today that our fellowship was not consummated by the skillful maneuvering of men, or at the expense of divine truth, but rather as the result of complete agreement in God's Word. . . . Our reason for rejoicing today is . . . the inner

ELECTIONS

Pastor Oscar J. Naumann,
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Pastor George W. Boldt,
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Morton Grove, Illinois

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spiritual unity which we have found based on complete agreement in the Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions."

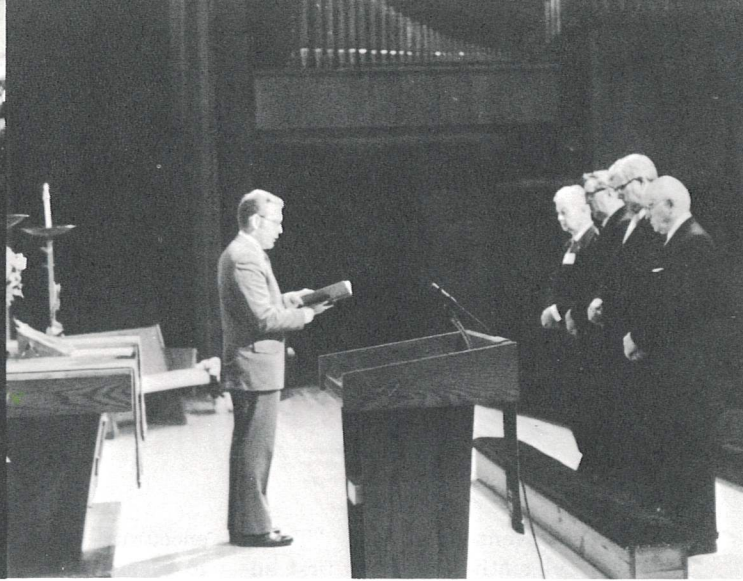
Reviewing the history of FAL, Pastor Halverson said: "The FAL is a small federation composed presently of 20 congregations, three home mission stations and one foreign mission in Antigua, British West Indies. Like you, we are in fellowship with the *Evangelical Lutheran Synod*. On November 1 of this year, the FAL will celebrate its second birthday. Our congregations, as well as our full-time workers, were formerly members of *The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod*. We sorrowfully left that church body after years of doctrinal protest because, for conscience' reasons, we could not desert the old paths of our Reformation fathers."

After speaking of the necessity laid upon God's people to remain true to the Scripture, he concluded: "May our Lord continue to bless our work for Him as we march shoulder to shoulder under the banner of the cross to glorify His wonderful Name (so that) many (may) forsake their sins and come to faith in the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

The delegates responded to his stirring address by singing a *Te Deum*.



God bless His Servants!



Convention Chaplain W. I. Schulz installing Synod's officers.

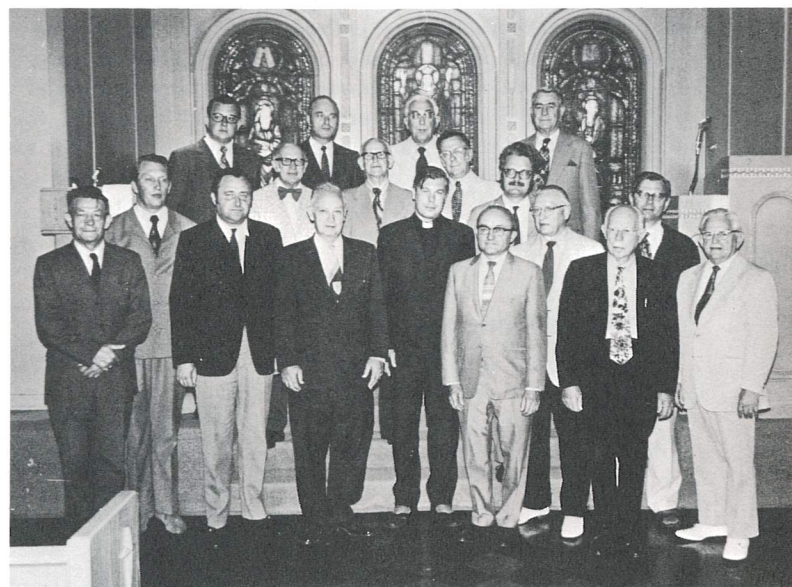
Doctrinal Discussions Concluded with Representatives of the Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church



Present at the convention were (Left to right): President Karl Wengenroth of the Church of the Evangelical Lutheran Confession, Dr. Manfred Roensch and Dr. Gottfried Hoffmann of the Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church, and President Jean Bricka of the Synod of France and Belgium.

For years our Wisconsin Synod had been in church fellowship with two Lutheran Free Churches in Germany, but unresolved differences prevented us from establishing church fellowship with a third body. Last year these three bodies amalgated to form the Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church (SELK). Already before the amalgamation discussion had been carried on between these church bodies and our Commission on Interchurch Relations.

Three points of doctrine particularly needed clarification, and were dealt with in depth at a meeting from July 17-20 at the Seminary in Mequon by representatives of the German church and our Commission. These concerned the matters of ordination, church fellowship, and the clarity of Scripture, especially the first three chapters of Genesis. It be-



Attending the doctrinal discussions at Mequon were the following (left to right): rear row: Pastor A. Ziehlke and President K. Wengenroth (CELC), and Prof. E. Scharf and Pastor W. Franzmann (WELS); second row: Pastor H. Wicke, Prof. G. Hoenecke and Prof. C. Lawrenz (WELS), and Pastor W. Kreiss (Synod of France and Belgium); front row: President J. Bricka (Synod of France and Belgium), Pastor G. Schulz and Dr. Manfred Roensch (SELK), Prof. H. Vogel (WELS), Dr. J. Schoene (SELK), Prof. O. Siegler, President O. Naumann and Pastor E. A. Sitz (WELS), Dr. G. Hoffmann (SELK), and Pastor E. Hoenecke (WELS).

came evident in the discussions that full agreement existed between the representatives of the new church and our Commission.

Also present at the meeting were representatives of our German sister church, The Church of the Evangelical Lutheran Confession (CELC) and of the Evangelical Lutheran Church-Synod of France and Belgium.

Professor Cyril W. Spaude of Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, reports on

Worker-Training and Parish Education

The convention theme, "Teach Them Diligently," finds its first application in the home where, by precept and by example, Christian parents teach their children the wonderful truths of God's Word. The second application of this theme is to be found quite naturally in the schools conducted by our Synod: the Christian day schools, the Synodical academies and area Lutheran high schools, the teacher-education college at New Ulm, the preministerial college at Watertown, and the Seminary at Mequon. The Synod's concern for the diligent teaching of the students at our schools is evidenced by the following reports and actions of the 42nd biennial convention.

Christian Day Schools

During the past year 256 congregations, more than one-fourth of the congregations of the Synod, conducted their own Christian day schools, with a total enrollment of 26,458. Thirty-four congregations have opened schools in the past five years and 10 more are scheduled to do so this fall. According to the report of the Board for Parish Education, the number of male teachers in our Christian day schools has increased from 397 to 444 in the past two years. The convention urged the congregations of the Synod to call more male teachers in order to increase the stability of their teaching staffs and to provide more spiritual leadership in the congregation.

The delegates also took note of the fact that there still are some elementary and Lutheran high-school teachers who are not certified by the Synod. Calling agencies were urged to

encourage their uncertified teachers to become certified, and the Conference of Presidents was directed to make the necessary courses for certification more readily available. Further efforts to improve the quality of teaching in the Christian day schools were changes proposed by the Board for Parish Education in the Synod's school-visitation program. These changes will make the program more effective by sharing equally the responsibility for school visitation between the visitor and the school staff, and by including the pastor in the planning of school visits.

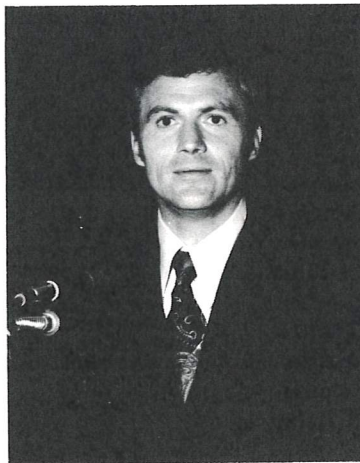
The 1971 Synod convention directed the Board for Parish Education to

appoint a committee to study the possible revision of the catechism. The committee has done its work. Copies of their proposed revision will be sent to all pastors, professors, and teachers in the Synod for review and comment. In addition to a new *Primary Bible History* and a revision of *You and Your Synod*, the Board for Parish Education has also produced courses for Sunday schools, vacation Bible schools, and Bible classes. Recognizing the need for such Christ-centered materials within our Synod and the fact that many concerned congregations outside our fellowship are making use of our publications, the delegates urged the Board for Parish Education to expand its efforts to supply these materials.

Manpower at Synodical Schools

It was reported that in the next 10 years Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary at Mequon, Wisconsin, can expect to graduate well over 500 candidates for the ministry, a number equal to one-half of the number of pastors presently active. The increase is already becoming evident now as larger classes are graduating from Northwestern

The Convention Essay



Essayist S. Krueger

The convention heard a stimulating essay delivered by Pastor Silas R. Krueger of Tucson, Arizona. It dealt in detail with the convention theme, "Teach Them Diligently."

The essay was divided into four parts: I. Is "Part-time" Education Enough for "Full-time" Christians? II. Are Secular Schools "Stumbling-blocks" to Sanctification? III. Do We Have "Continuing Education" in Our Congregations? and IV. What Effect Does a Full Education Program Have Upon the Evangelism Zeal of the Church?

Pastor Krueger stressed the importance of continuing Christian education on all levels — the home, the Christian day school and Sunday school, Christian high schools and colleges, and continuing Christian education among all the confirmed members of the church. Christians are to grow in grace and in the knowledge of their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The urgency of this matter was brought out when the essayist asked, "Where are the 94%?"

College and enrolling at Mequon. The convention took note that the Seminary urgently needs the professor (15th) in New Testament now being called and the professor (16th) in Old Testament about to be called. The delegates also urged that the 17th professor for the Mission Seminary Exchange Program be called as soon as the Commission on Higher Education completes its study and funds are made available.

NWC

Northwestern College is presently in the process of calling a dean of men to replace Prof. J. Chworowsky who accepted the call as Friendly Counselor for East Asian Missions. The convention established the office of president of Northwestern Preparatory School and authorized the calling of a dean of students for the same school. Both of these offices had been requested by the faculty and Board of Control to carry out the Synod's directive of further separating the preparatory school from the college. The convention voted to add three men to the Board of Control so that it might be of sufficient size to direct the operations of the separate schools on one campus. Elected to the Board were Pastor Raymond Schultz, Wausau, Wisconsin; Teacher Frederick Panning, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin; and Mr. William Schmidt of Watertown.

Capital Improvements

Perhaps the biggest news item in the Worker-Training Division to come out of the convention is Resolution 18 of Floor Committee No. 5: Capital Improvements at Synodical Schools. Three campuses are affected: Saginaw, Watertown, and New Ulm.

MLS

For years Michigan Lutheran Seminary at Saginaw has had less than adequate dormitories. The boys' dorm is old (1913), in poor condition, and cramped by an increasing enrollment. The girls at this school have never had a dormitory of their own, but have been housed in various temporary quarters and in private homes in Saginaw. The need for adequate dormitory facilities became all



Administrators of our Synodical schools (clockwise): Martin R. Toepel, Michigan Lutheran Seminary; Daniel W. Malchow, Northwestern Lutheran Academy; Carl J. Lawrenz, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary; Conrad Frey, Dr. Martin Luther College; Carleton Toppe, Northwestern College; and Oscar J. Siegler, Martin Luther Academy.

the more acute when it was reported that the school year 1973-1974 would bring the highest enrollment ever, over 350 students. The delegates responded by voting to erect both a boys' and a girls' dormitory at Michigan Lutheran Seminary.

The need to replace the West Hall dormitory on the campus of Northwestern College, Watertown, has been before the Synod previously. The delegates recognized the urgency of this need when they learned that the third floor of the dormitory will not be used this school year because of recognized fire hazards, and the second floor will not be occupied the following year. Accordingly, the convention also voted to replace this dormitory, built in 1905. Also passed by the convention is the motion to replace the interior furnishings for the studyrooms and bedrooms in Summit Hall (boys) at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm.

The total estimated cost for these capital improvements is \$3,000,000. However, the proposed Synodical budget allots only \$1,000,000 for the Educational Institution Building Fund. In view of the urgent need and the rising building costs, the delegates voted that work on these projects begin as soon as possible and that the Board of Trustees be authorized to borrow up to \$2,000,000. The interest on this loan will more than be offset by the rising costs if

construction were delayed until the funds are on hand. The convention resolved to finance this loan by designating for the Educational Institution Building Fund \$2,000,000 of the thank-offering to be gathered in connection with the 1975 observance of the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Synod.

Other action by the convention included giving high priority to the purchase of property for the expansion of the campus of Northwestern College and directing the Commission on Higher Education to bring to the 1975 convention specific recommendations for changes and additions to the facilities at Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Mobridge, South Dakota. This prairie-state Synodical school is beginning to burst at the seams because of recent increased enrollments. This coming school year will see an all-time high of 138 students at Mobridge, a 40 per cent increase in the last five years.

Programs and Curricula

The faculty of Dr. Martin Luther College has proceeded with plans leading to accreditation by North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. If the college is accepted into membership by North Central, it would seem advisable to seek approval of its teacher-education program by the Minnesota State Department of Education. Such ap-

proval could alleviate, by means of reciprocity, the existing problems involved in securing certification for graduates to teach in states requiring it. The delegates approved the plans of Dr. Martin Luther College, provided the college finds no conflict between this accreditation and our Synod's Scriptural principles or philosophy of education. Furthermore, the college was granted permission to explore the possibility of gaining approval for its teacher-education program by the Minnesota State Department of Education. If studies prove it to be feasible, the delegates voted that such approval be sought.

The delegates also authorized Dr. Martin Luther College to initiate the Advanced Study Program in the Christian Ministry. The program offers advanced study in the Scriptures, in religious thought and life, and in communicating the Gospel. Graduates of Dr. Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and others who have Synodical certification are urged to make use of this program to enlarge their service to the Church and to become better equipped to meet the challenges of our changing times.

The request of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary was approved that, beginning with the 1973-1974 school year, it grant the Master of Divinity Degree in place of the Bachelor of Divinity Degree. This move in no way changes the program at the Seminary but brings it in line with the procedure adopted by other Lutheran seminaries which no longer grant the Bachelor degree.

A preliminary study by the Commission on Higher Education and the faculty and Board of Control of Northwestern College had determined that a teacher-training curriculum is feasible at Northwestern Preparatory School. Taking note of this, the convention directed the Commission on Higher Education and the faculty and Board of Control of Northwestern College to study the matter in greater detail and to report back to the next Synod convention.

NWLA

A major report acted upon by the convention was a restudy of the pur-

poses and objectives of Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Mobridge, South Dakota. As originally founded in 1928, the Academy has provided a program for general Christian education on the high-school level as well as courses for those students preparing for work in the Church. The restudy conducted by the Commission on Higher Education together with the administration and Board of Control of the Academy recommended making this school a worker-training institution in the recognized sense of the word. The delegates directed the Academy to make projections for a maximum on-campus enrollment of 200 students to consist almost exclusively of students preparing for work in the Church. The general Christian high-school program will be retained but the Academy was encouraged to solicit and receive direct support for that program from individuals and congregations associated with the school. Once the school attains an enrollment of 200 on-campus students preparing for full-time work in the Church, any operation of the school in the area of general Christian education is to be maintained solely by individual and congregational support.

Gratitude Expressed

The delegates were pleased to hear of the increasing enrollments at almost all of the schools throughout the Synod. They recognized with gratitude these blessings of the Lord as evidence that the membership of our Synod is truly concerned with teaching diligently all those committed to its care. The convention also took special note of the more than 50 years of faithful service to Northwestern College by former President E. E. Kowalke, now deceased, and thanked the Lord for "this outstanding gift to His Church." The delegates also expressed their gratitude to the Lord for His blessings upon Martin Luther Academy, New Ulm, now in its 10th year of operating under a separate administration and Board of Control.

What undeserved blessings "Teaching Them Diligently" brings to the Church! All praise to Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church and the Source of all wisdom!

Pastor Richard M. Seeger of St. Marcus and Ephrata Congregations, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, reports on

Home and World Missions

As reports from the home and world missions fields were presented to the convention it was plain to see that our Synod has, by the grace of our Savior, been busy "Teaching Them Diligently." With the mounting opposition to the Word in this world of ours, it becomes urgent that we carry out this assignment from our Lord with all haste and faithfulness.

Our Apache Mission celebrates its 80th anniversary this year. For the past 80 years, missionaries like the Upleggers, Guenthers, Rosins, Hartzells and others have been bringing the Gospel message of our Savior to the Apache Indians. The work was difficult and often painfully slow. It takes time to teach God's Word diligently. Yet, from those first small beginnings, from the ones and twos who hesitatingly came to hear God's Word, the number has now grown to more than 2,500 souls. More than 600 Apache children attend our schools. Almost \$50,000 was given to our Savior's kingdom-work by our Apache brethren in Christ last year. And more than \$10,000 was given to the Synod so that men could be sent into other fields of labor as well — to teach others diligently about the gracious mercy of God in Christ. This year our Lutheran Church in Apache-land also presented the Savior with the first Apache pastor, the Rev. Quincy Wiley.

As we go back in our mind's eye over the past 80 years, many scenes come to mind. Our first missionaries living in tents — seeking out God's Apache children — teaching them diligently. Faithful, dedicated wom-

The South America Missioner Team (left to right): Missioner and Mrs. Ernest Zimdars, Teacher and Mrs. Francis Warner, Superintendent and Mrs. Roger Sprain.

en, wives of our missionaries, bringing Apache children into their homes for Sunday school — teaching them diligently. Year after year, one decade following another, they continued to preach God's Word and to teach His loved ones diligently. Year by year, decade by decade, the fruit began to increase until today it numbers in the thousands.

The Lutheran Church in Central Africa

It doesn't seem that long, but it has been 20 years since we began to teach them diligently in Central Africa. The beginnings were small — almost like a mustard seed. But the first missionaries did their work, gathering one here, another there. Medical work was started and dedicated nurses from our congregations went to Africa to help in the work of teaching God's African children diligently. Now, after 20 years, there are 70 congregations. More than 3,000 people have been baptized into the name of our Savior. So great has the work become that we have had to send another and then another and then still more workers into our African field. We now have a Bible Institute to train evangelists. We have a seminary to train our future African pastors. We have a publishing house to print God's Word. We have four stations where medical work is being done. Last year alone, our medical workers treated more than 16,000 patients. — But there is even more to be done. At present there are six congregations with no shepherd to teach them diligently. They are located in the Copperbelt. How thankful we were to hear at the convention that soon, very soon, another missionary will be sent to serve them, to teach them diligently!

Japan

In 1956 the first missionary was called to serve in our present field of labor. It was a small start. In 1958 another was called; then another in 1960; and then more were called la-



Bringing "God's Word and Luther's Doctrine Pure" to South America.

ter. From a small beginning in Tokyo, the work spread to Mito and Tsuchiura, to Utsumoniya and Ashikaga. We now have 10 firmly established congregations where God's Word is taught diligently. From those Japanese who were taught the Gospel of our Savior, the Lord has raised up four men to serve Him as pastors among their own people. These men are the result of our seminary-training program. At Tsuchiura we now have a seminary, a publishing house, two missionary families, and a growing congregation. It was with a feeling of deep thankfulness that the delegates learned that it was now possible to send another missionary to help our present staff to teach more of the Savior's Japanese children diligently. Missionary Habben of Tsuchiura was present at the convention and was able to bring a firsthand account of the Lord's blessings on our work in Japan.

Southeast Asia

While we were sitting in convention, Missionary John Chworowsky and his family were winging their way to Hong Kong and their field of labor. Their purpose in going was to teach also the Lord's Chinese and Indonesian and Indian children diligently the Word of Life. Pastor Chworowsky goes to Hong Kong to serve our Synod as Friendly Counselor to our missions in Southeast

Asia. Our seminary in Hong Kong continues to train men to serve the Savior in His kingdom. It is at this seminary that a pastor is being trained for our work in Indonesia. Work in the areas of radio evangelism and the ministry of the printed word is also going forward. In India, Pastor Mitra continues to witness for the Savior, continues to try to teach them diligently. Pray God that soon there will be others at his side to help him in his work. Our congregations in Taiwan are also growing. How thankful we will be when the Lord permits us to send someone to help Pastor Victor Cheung on a regular basis! And so, we can see that there is still much work for us to do — in teaching them diligently.

South America

Tuesday night, August 14, 1973, will be a night long remembered by the delegates to this convention. For on that night Pastor Roger Sprain, Pastor Ernest Zimdars, and Teacher Francis Warner were commissioned as our first missionaries to South America. The events of that night were the culmination, the fulfillment, of many prayers. These men will go to our Lord's children in the South American country of Colombia. Their purpose there will be the same as that of our men in other countries — to teach them diligently. In 1961 a group of men gathered at the Synod

office to prayerfully determine what the Lord would have us do as far as mission work among Spanish-speaking people was concerned. From that meeting resulted our mission in Puerto Rico, and from our mission in Puerto Rico came this thrust into South America. As the years pass, we wait with joyous expectation to see how the Savior will direct the labor of our hands in Colombia.

There are other areas — Puerto Rico, Germany, Mexico — where we are also teaching them diligently. What is needed above all is men trained to do this work and funds to send them to the fields to which the Savior has led us. Let us, the supporters of our Synod's foreign mission outreach, not fail to share our blessings of sons and daughters and dollars to — Teach Them Diligently.

Home Missions

Peoples of foreign lands are not the only ones who need to be taught diligently in the truths of God's Word. There is as much need in our own land as elsewhere. To help in this work of teaching them diligently, our Savior this past year gave us an additional 110 pastors and male teachers. These were received into membership with the Synod at this convention. In addition, 21 congregations were also accepted into membership. One hundred twenty-three years ago our Synod started in the Milwaukee area. At that time, there were but few members and a very small number of congregations. But during these 123 years we have been blessed with rich growth by our Savior. Our Synod is now represented in 44 states throughout our land. Just this year we opened our 1000th congregation. It is located in Raleigh, North Carolina. But there is still much to be done.

During the past two years, our Home Mission department opened 37 new missions. During this same period, 30 congregations which had been mission congregations became self-supporting. However, there is an immediate need for \$2,350,000 to finance building programs and land purchases for our mission congregations. Besides, the Board for Home Missions receives an increasing number of requests for service by our Syn-

od. Groups of people who want to be taught the Word of God diligently have asked us to come. Requests have come from more than 70 cities in our country.

As the Lord Jesus gives us more funds in our Church Extension Fund, as the blessed Savior grants us more faithful men who want to go out and teach His Word diligently, we will be able to enter new areas and gather in His precious sheep and lambs. But much will depend on the thankful response of those who have been taught diligently in God's Word. Pray God that each one of us will be moved by the Spirit to give more of the bless-

ings we have received from God back to Him for the work of His kingdom. To see fields in foreign lands and here in America white unto harvest is indeed an inspiring sight. To see reapers in these fields, equipped with the tools necessary to do their work, is a sight which gives cause for great thanksgiving on the part of God's children. The tools for this work are men trained to teach diligently, churches and schools where people may be taught diligently. God grant that at our next Synod convention we may have further joy — because you and I have provided the tools needed to "Teach Them Diligently"!

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(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Ordained and Installed

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Leyrer, Carl W., as pastor of Iglesia Getsemani Luterana, Corpus Christi, Texas, on August 5, 1973, by V Glaeske (Ariz.-Cal.).

INSTALLED

Pastors:

Scheuerlein, Gary L., as pastor in Abiding Savior, Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas, on August 5, 1973 by W. Gabb (Ariz.-Cal.).

Sprain, Roger J., commissioned as missionary in South America, at WELS Convention, New Ulm, Minnesota, on August 14, 1973, by H. Essmann (Ariz.-Cal.).

Zimdars, Ernest H., commissioned as missionary in South America, at WELS Convention, New Ulm, Minnesota, on August 14, 1973, by H. Essmann (Ariz.-Cal.).

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Boehme, Mark, as teacher in Bay Pines, Seminole Florida, by R. Wiechmann, on August 5, 1973 (Mich.).

Brown, Dennis H., as teacher in St. John's, St. Paul, Minnesota, by E. Knief on August 12, 1973 (Minn.).

Giese, Richard A., as teacher in Christ, Big Bend, Wisconsin by E. Kitzerow, on July 15, 1973 (SE Wis.).

Heidtke, Earl, as teacher in Immanuel, Hader, Nebraska, by R. Schlieve, on August 12, 1973 (Neb.).

Kunz, Daniel, as teacher in First Ev. Lutheran, La Crosse, Wisconsin by P. Nitz, on August 19, 1973 (W. Wis.).

Prickett, Lowell, as teacher in St. Paul's, Wonewoc, Wisconsin, by T. Kuske, on August 19, 1973 (W. Wis.).

Pydynkowski, Eugene, as principal and teacher in St. Paul's Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin, on August 19, 1973, by A. Spaude (N Wis.).

Vasold, Terrance, as teacher in St. John's, Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, on August 19, 1973, by H. Russow (Minn.).

Warner, Francis, as missionary in South America at WELS Convention, New Ulm, Minnesota, on August 14, 1973, by H. Essmann (Mich.).

Woldt, Alfons, as Exec. Secretary of the WELS Special Ministries Board by E. Lehninger, on August 14, 1973.

Zoellner, Jerome, as teacher in Centennial, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by R. Hoepner on July 11, 1973 (SE Wis.).

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

DAKOTA-MONTANA ALBERTA-MONTANA PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 25-26, 1973; Communion service on Sep. 25 at 10.
Place: St. John's, Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada; P. Schliesser, host pastor.
Preacher: H. Wood.

Agenda: Continuation of the Anti-Nicene Fathers: D. Deutschland; Continuation of the Sermon on the Mount: H. Nehmer; Exegesis of II Thessalonians 2:1-12: P. Schliesser; In How Far Have Variants of the Isaiah Scroll Been Used by Modern Translations, Especially by the R.S.V.? Dr. P. Peters.
H. Nehmer, Secretary

WESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Oct. 2-3, 1973; 10:00 a.m. S.D.T.
Place: St. Paul, Roscoe, South Dakota; G. H. Geiger, host pastor.

Service: Communion at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 2; T. Schmidt, preacher, (D. Krenke, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis of I Tim. 4, R. Weimer; Mission Outlines — Two Old Testament and Two New Testament, N. Engel; Formula of Concord, Article III, R. Pless; The Jesus People, R. Kloehn.
R. W. Kloehn, Secretary

MICHIGAN

GULF-ATLANTIC DELEGATE AND PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 25-26, 1973; 9:00 a.m.
Place: Redeemer, Merritt Island, Florida; Larry Zwieg, host pastor.

Agenda for Delegate Conference: Report on the Synod Convention; Federation for Authentic Lutheranism, Pastor Lewis Gerbhardt.

Communion Service: at 7 p.m. J. Vogt, preacher (R. Waack, alternate).

Agenda for Pastoral Conference: Exegesis of I Timothy 6:1-10: L. Zwieg; Ezekiel 38: Wendland, Reports.
G. Kionka, Secretary

DISTRICT TEACHERS CONFERENCE

Date: October 10-12, 1973.
Place: Michigan Lutheran High School, St. Joseph, Michigan.

Agenda: Reports: chairman, vice-chairman, treasurer, DMLC, District Board for Parish Education, Certification, MLS, MLHS, Michigan District Stewardship Board, Synod Board for Parish Education, District President.

Papers: Group I:
The Study and Use of the Liturgy in the Classroom: K. Eggert; The Divinity of the Call — Its Limitations and/or Scope: E. Schultz; Science in the Light of Scriptures: R. Pape; Developing Wholesome Independence in the Multigrade Classroom: T. Buege.

Group II:
Building Up a Teenager's Motivation: P. Kuske; The Challenge of Individual Differences in Kindergarten and Primary Grades: R. Muehlenbeck; Making Religion Meaningful for the Adolescent: R. Freier; Present Day Racial Problems: J. Meier.
J. Martens, Secretary

OHIO CONFERENCE

Date: October 22-23, 1973.
Place: St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Maumee, Ohio.

Preacher: E. Bickel.
Agenda: Exegesis of Romans 10: D. Laude; How definitely Does Scripture Define the New Heaven and Earth? G. Schroer; The Pastor as Family Man: G. Schaumberg.
A. Wolfgramm, Secretary

MINNESOTA

MANKATO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 2, 1973; 9:30.
Place: St. Paul's, N. Mankato, Minnesota (D. Engelbrecht, host pastor).

Preacher: V. Voss (D. Baumler, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis of II Timothy 2: D. Lindloff; Exegesis of Job 19:25-27 with special refer-

ence to the material resurrection: R. Luebchow; Reports; Questions of Casuistry.
R. Luebchow, Secretary

REDWOOD FALLS PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 2, 1973; 9:00 a.m.
Place: Emmanuel, Wellington Township, Fairfax, Minn.; E. Carmichael, host pastor.

Preacher: A. Jannusch (P. Kuske, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis of I Timothy 2: L. Hohenstein; "Evangelism or Proselytizing?" P. Kuske; "A Study of the Ninth and Tenth Commandments of Luther's Large Catechism": J. Bradtke; "A Reevaluation of Scouting on the Basis of the Latest Handbook": R. Stuebs; Conference Business.

Note: Send all excuses to the host pastor. — Pastors are to pay the secretary for their subscriptions to the Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly and The Lutheran Educator.
A. Jannusch, Secretary

NEBRASKA

CENTRAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 25-26, 1973.
Place: Good Hope, Omaha, Nebraska.

Preacher: J. Humann (W. A. Wietzke, alternate).
Agenda: Article XII of the Formula of Concord: M. Weishahn; Isagogical study of Hosea 6:4-11: R. Schlieue; Exegesis of Romans 3:1-20: A. Domson; The Lutheran Marriage Service: R. Kuckhahn; Report on Synod Convention: J. Humann.
J. Humann, Secretary

ROSEBUD PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 9, 1973; 10 a.m. Communion service.

Place: St. John's, Witten, South Dakota; W. Leerssen, host pastor.

Preacher: R. Vomhof (L. Sievert, alternate).
Agenda: Ideas for Giving Sermons New Life and Meaningfulness: L. Strackbein; Instruction Past the Confirmation Years: Practical yet Profitable Y.P.S.: D. Meyer; Purpose and Methods of Communion Announcements: W. Bruss (alternate).
D. Meyer, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

DISTRICT MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Date: September 24, 1973, 12 noon to 12 noon of September 25, 1973.

Place: Campus House, Oshkosh Wisconsin; host: R. Christman, 1721 Ohio, Oshkosh, WI 54901.

Communion Service: Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m.; G. Unke, preacher (A. Voigt, alternate).

Agenda: Mission Work in the Old Testament, R. Ehlike; Evangelism-WELS and Kennedy's Program Compared, G. Gartman; Are Some Cases of Mental Illness Possibly Demonic Possession as it is Described in Scripture? L. Winter.
C. J. Siegler, Secretary

WESTERN WISCONSIN

SOUTHWESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 25, 1973; 9:00 a.m.
Place: St. John's, Rock Springs, Wisconsin.

Preacher: T. Kuske (G. Moldenhauer, alternate).
Agenda: Ephesians 1: O. Heier; The Bond of Christian Love in the Early Church: D. Kuske; The Christian Family and What Can Be Done to Renew It: J. Schneider; Commandments 9 and 10: R. Siegler.

NOTICE

The constituting convention of the newly formed South Atlantic District will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 1973, at Merritt Island, Fla., beginning at 9:00 A.M. President Oscar J. Naumann will convene the session.

Pastor James Vogt, chairman
Gulf-Atlantic Mission District

EXPLORATORY SERVICES

MANSFIELD, OHIO AREA

Exploratory services are being conducted in the central Ohio area of Mansfield, Ashland, Galion, and other cities. Names of WELS families and prospects should be sent to: Pastor John C. Ibisich, 1032 Leith St., Maumee, Ohio 43537, Telephone 414-893-3116.

RANTOUL and URBANA, ILLINOIS

Men at Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul, Illinois, and students at the University of Illinois in Urbana are now being served by Bethlehem Congregation of Champaign, Illinois: Services at 10:30 a.m. at 308 S. Mattis Ave. Refer all names to Pastor Richard Raabe Jr., 802 S. Fair, Champaign, Ill. 61820.

FALL PASTORS' INSTITUTE

The 1973 Pastors' Institute at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin, will be held, God willing, on five Monday afternoons beginning October 1. Two lectures will be presented on each of the Mondays from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room in the lower level of the library. The following are the topics and the lecturers:

"Luther the Preacher" — Dr. Elmer C. Kiessling.

"Contemporary Reformed Thinking Analyzed and Evaluated" — Prof. Edward C. Fredrich.

The registration fee is \$5.00. Registrations are to be sent to President Carl J. Lawrenz, 11831 N. Seminary Dr. 65W, Mequon, Wis. 53092.

DMLC Auxiliary

The 14th annual meeting of the Dr. Martin Luther College Ladies' Auxiliary will be held on Wednesday, October 10, 1973, beginning at 10:30 a.m. A coffee hour precedes at 9:30 a.m. Adjournment is set for 3:15 p.m. Women who are members of the WELS are invited to attend and take an active part in the meeting. The agenda includes: election of officers, selection of five projects, and presentation of DMLC students. An offering will be taken for the noon buffet, and to increase the project fund.

INVITATION

First Annual Meeting Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Auxiliary

Women who are members of Wisconsin Synod congregations or of a congregation in fellowship with it are invited to the first annual Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Auxiliary meeting, October 6, 1973, at the Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin. The meeting will begin with a service at 10:00 a.m., with registration during the preceding hour. A noon luncheon will be served in the Seminary dining room. The main order of business at the meeting will be the election of the first regular officers according to the constitution adopted at a constituting meeting on May 6, 1973. An informative program about the Seminary and its work, and a tour of the buildings will complete the day's activities by about 4:00 p.m.

Reservations should be made by September 15, 1973. These together with the \$3.00 fee for registration and the luncheon are to be sent to the secretary of the planning committee:

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