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FOREWORD

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod met for its forty-fifth regular convention in Cleveland, Ohio, from Wednesday, June 20, to Friday noon, June 29, 1962. Twenty-seven years had elapsed since the Synod last convened in this delightful and hospitable metropolis of Ohio, where two former Presidents of the Synod held pastorates — Friedrich Konrad Dietrich Wyneken and Heinrich Christian Schwan.

The Central and English District congregations of the Greater Cleveland area were hosts to the convention and, through their Convention Committee, made thorough and painstaking preparations to assure a smooth-functioning convention. Ample accommodations for committee meetings had been arranged, and all of the delegates were housed in hotels and motels.

Many of the floor committees met several days prior to the convention, notably Floor Committee 3 (Doctrinal and Intersynodical Matters), which, in addition to meetings on May 14—16 and June 14—16, had arranged for two days of open hearings on Monday and Tuesday prior to the convention, to provide sufficient time and opportunity for a full and frank expression on the various doctrinal issues brought to the attention of the Synod in *Reports and Memorials*. Dr. Theodore Nickel, chairman of Floor Committee 3, presided at the five sessions of these open hearings, held in the ballroom of the Cleveland Sheraton Hotel and attended by about 900 persons.

On the evening before the convention opened, a two-hour briefing session was held to acquaint all delegates with convention procedure and synodical operations. Dr. J. W. Behnken and Dr. Oliver R. Harms addressed the group, as did also two lay members of the Synod's Board of Directors — Mr. William F. Fenske and Mr. Jay Pfotenhauer. After the close of the formal meeting, the Lutheran Laymen's League served as hosts during a fellowship hour.

The sessions of the convention were held in Cleveland's Public Auditorium, which was sufficiently large to continue the arrangement of having all voting and advisory delegates seated at tables on the main floor. Interesting and instructive exhibits were presented by official boards and committees, by church-affiliated groups, and by commercial concerns dealing in ecclesiastical wares. These were placed on the lower floor of the Public Auditorium. Here also a caterer served daily noon luncheons to approximately 1,600 delegates and visitors.

The opening service was held in the Public Auditorium and included celebration of the Holy Communion with the mother church of Cleveland's Lutheranism, Zion Lutheran Congregation, assuming the role of host congregation. Her pastor, the Reverend Clarence Schuknecht, served as officiant, and Pastor Werner Jurgens, chairman of the Convention Committee, as celebrant, assisted by 19 clergymen of the area. Dr. E. T. Bernthal delivered the confessional address, and Vice-President Roland Wiederaenders preached the convention sermon, on the basis of 1 Corinthians 15:58, on the theme "Stand Fast, but Do Not Stand Still."

President J. W. Behnken, who told the convention: "I shall . . . be grateful if you elect another man to the presidency," presided at the sessions with an occasional "assist" from the Vice-Presidents. Good order prevailed at all of the nineteen sessions (which included four evening sessions), also during the long hours devoted to the discussions on doctrine and church relations. Under the gracious guidance of the Head of the church, the convention, which had been described as the "crisis convention" by apprehensive members of the Synod in preconvention days, resolved many of the issues, through an evangelical approach, in a spirit of loyalty to the Scripture and the Confessions. It closed on a high note of gratitude to the Lord and confidence in His continued guidance in the face of a challenging future.

Morning and afternoon sessions were opened with a devotional service which included, in the morning, a 30-minute essay delivered by four professors, one from each of our terminal schools. These essays have been made part of the PROCEEDINGS, as has also a complete set of the minutes, prepared by Assistant Secretary Pastor Herbert Mueller. Key statements by Honorary President Behnken and newly elected President Harms have also been made a part of the printed record.

Music for the convention was in charge of Edgar V. Tassler, who scheduled various instrumental and choral groups for the special services and the daily morning devotions. For the opening Communion service Franklin O. Seboldt was at the organ, and William H. Arnholt directed the Cleveland Lutheran Chorus and Orchestra. A girls' sextet from Lutheran High School West sang at the Tuesday afternoon memorial service. At the service for the installation of all elected synodical officers and board members, held on the evening of June 28, Mr. Tassler directed the Cleveland Lutheran a Cappella Choir.

Instrumental and choral groups for the morning devotions, with their directors, included Lutheran High School trumpeters (John Katt), combined Lutheran High School choirs (Arnold Lehmann), combined Lutheran High School orchestras (Katt and Erwin Witzke), combined Lutheran High School bands (Katt), Lutheran Male Chorus (Donald Rousch), combined bands of West Side Lutheran elementary schools (Katt), Lutheran High School West Choir (Lehmann), Convention Treble Choir (Tassler), and combined bands of East Side Lutheran elementary schools (Witzke).

The pulpits of the congregations in the Greater Cleveland area were filled on Convention Sunday,

June 24, by visiting clergymen. During the late afternoon of this day the President's reception and buffet supper were attended by several thousand delegates and visitors. The evening hours of this day were given over to the third presentation of the religious drama *Cry Wisdom in the Streets!* written by Pastor Robert H. Clausen and presented by The Lutheran Actors Company.

Through the kindness of the Women's Hospitality Committee a series of luncheons and several sightseeing tours were arranged for the wives of the delegates and other visiting ladies during the convention days.

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To conform with the new format in which *Reports and Memorials* 1962 appeared, the format of the PROCEEDINGS also has been changed. We have also followed the procedure, introduced three years ago, of printing only the text of the resolutions acted upon by the convention instead of printing again the reports and memorials to which the resolutions refer. However, preceding every resolution will be found, for the purpose of identification, the number of the page in *Reports and Memorials* and/or *Today's Business* to which the resolution refers. In response to several requests we have also provided the text of those unprinted memorials published in *Today's Business*. A numerical list correlating the reports and memorials with the pertinent resolutions and pages in PROCEEDINGS, and a topical index should facilitate finding individual items without too much delay.

Finally, we have inserted a limited number of convention pictures in the hope that the somewhat forbidding appearance of these many solidly printed pages will be relieved to a degree, and for the purpose of letting those who were not in Cleveland obtain at least a few glimpses of a convention in action.

W. C. BIRKNER, *Secretary*

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS, Isaiah 66:2

President John W. Behnken, D. D.

FELLOW REDEEMED, CO-WORKERS IN CHRIST'S KINGDOM:

Terrific disturbances have been holding the world in their relentless grip. The cold war, the mad armaments race, the rise of nationalism, the ever-increasing inroads of atheistic communism, the enslavement of nation upon nation — all these and other alarming occurrences have caused practically unbearable tensions.

It is truly pathetic that the church of our day is also affected by the era of tensions through which we are passing. Some of the church leaders of different denominations have felt constrained not merely to recognize but also to warn against extremism, whether to the left or to the right. Thus one of the men pleaded that Christians avoid the temptation "to arbitrarily classify a brother as an extremist or a reactionary." Another very conservative leader has stated that it is his belief "that radical rightists have become so irresponsible in their accusations and blanket denunciations that they hurt the whole conservative cause."

Our church is not immune. We definitely must recognize this. Hence permit me, on the basis of the text read to you, under the gracious guidance of the Holy Spirit to answer the question:

With What Attitude of Heart Shall We Open the Business Sessions of Our Convention?

I. With deep contrition and repentance;

II. With renewed genuine loyalty to God's Word.

According to the words immediately preceding our text God directed some very earnest and pertinent questions to the Children of Israel. He said: "The heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool; where is the house that ye build unto Me? And where is the place of My rest?"

The very questions indicate that one of Israel's grievous sins was pride and self-glory. They boasted of the temple which they had built and of the sacrifices which they brought. Now the Lord tells them in plain, unmistakable language that they have no right whatsoever to boast. He says: "For all those things hath Mine hand made, and all those things have been." There positively is no room for boasting. All this makes it all the more striking and emphatic when God says: "But to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit."

Does this mean anything to us? Does God today make us face similar condemning questions? Have we been guilty of boasting and self-glory? Do we read and hear again and again about great growth in numbers? About effective methods and techniques which we have employed? About being leaders in various areas of church work? About the progress in contributions, often comparing ourselves with others? Are *we* building God's temple?

Surely there is nothing wrong in mentioning numbers and growth. The Bible does it when speaking of the growth of the church, but it gives the Lord all the credit and glory for the increase. Not we but God builds His church. When we speak of it, may we learn to say "by God's grace," "under God's gracious blessings." In all of it let us ever remember that we are merely instruments whom God deigns to use. The Lord knows how weak and sinful and unworthy we are.

When we review our life and our work, must we not confess that we have often failed most miserably? As people whom Christ redeemed we should not live unto ourselves but unto Him who bought us with His staggering sacrifice on Golgotha. I have reference to the sanctification, the personal godliness, which should characterize our life. Oh, what horrible failures stare at us!

Not one of us has been as faithful, eager, consecrated, and aggressive in this service as God has a right to expect of us. In our conversation, yes, in our whole life and conduct, we should be living witnesses unto Christ.

The early Christians were such witnesses. The enemies said to the apostles: "Behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine" (Acts 5:28). On another occasion they said: "These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also." (Acts 17:6)

What would happen to our communities if every member were a living witness unto Christ? What would happen in our congregations, in our Districts, in our Synod if every member were wholeheartedly interested in the work of the church at home and abroad?

The deeper we enter into the matter, the more we shall realize that we have every reason to approach this convention with contrite and penitent hearts: contrite hearts, that is, hearts stricken with sorrow on account of our sins; penitent because God permits us to approach Him with a prayer for forgiveness and assures us that with Christ's blood He cleanses us from all our sins.

Another attitude of heart which should be very apparent today is a renewed and genuine loyalty to God's Word.

God told Israel that He would look to "this man," even to him that "trembleth at My Word." The whole context shows that God wanted a people to whom His Word was a matter of supreme importance, a people who respected and revered it above everything else, a people who would cling to it and defend it against all attacks.

Friends and co-workers, our beloved Synod was organized 115 years ago. Anyone at all acquainted with the history of that seemingly very lowly event, accompanied by ridicule on the part of liberal church people who predicted that such an orthodox church body was doomed to dismal failure — I say, anyone acquainted with that history knows that our fathers trembled at God's Word.

What God said to the people of the Old Testament by the mouth of the prophets and what He said in the New Testament through the evangelists and the apostles our fathers had in the written Word even as we have it in the written Word. They respected and revered it. They would not tamper with it. They accepted it as God gave it.

This was the very reason why they left Germany and came to this land of religious freedom, where they might worship God according to the dictates of their conscience. The fact that they "trembled" at God's Word prompted them to unite with like-minded Lutherans in our country and organize our Synod. They exercised every precaution when they effected this organization. The constitution which they adopted has undergone very few changes throughout the century. The chief article of the constitution has never been changed. It presents the confession of the Synod. It states that "every member of Synod accepts without reservation the Scriptures of the Old and the New Testament as the written Word of God" and the Lutheran Confessions "as a true and unadulterated statement and exposition of the Word of God."

God in His grace has preserved this precious heritage for us. He has made us guardians and trustees of it. God used our fathers as His instruments to preserve it. Last year's sesquicentennial celebration of Dr. C. F. W. Walther's birth emphasized anew that the fathers guarded this heritage most faithfully and conscientiously.

This brings with it the searching question: What about *our* generation? Have we been faithful and conscientious in matters of sound Scriptural doctrine and practice?

First let us ask about our practice. Has there been carelessness and indifference? Anyone acquainted with facts knows that here and there we have had deviations from sound Scriptural practice. From time to time District officials are called upon to admonish those who in their practice have gone their own way without any regard and consideration for their co-workers, their sister congregations, and their Synod. Occasionally this has involved something of unionism or something which borders on unionistic practice. Sometimes it has involved indifference in dealing with the lodge question. Let us admit that here and there synodical practices based on, and solidly grounded on, Scriptural principles have been violated.

However, a matter which has caused even greater unrest in the Synod is the charge that purity of doctrine is being sacrificed. We must ask in all seriousness whether some are influenced by European neo-orthodoxy, whether the floods of present-day European theology are threatening also our century-old position on the verbally inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of God. If someone is influenced by such modern theology, this demands that proper corrections be made. We know, of course, that the procedure must be both evangelical and firm. This holds true whether it takes place at conferences of pastors and teachers or in the faculties of our colleges and seminaries or among the officials of Districts and the Synod.

When we think of the fact that all manner of charges have been made, even in public print, and that some are brought before our convention, we have every reason to examine ourselves in the light of God's Word.

But must we not also bear witness to the truth? To be sure. If we are convinced that by God's grace we have received the precious heritage — and we are convinced of this — we should be ready —

1) to bear witness to God's truth wherever opportunity arises. Of course, this must be a faithful witness-bearing. It must be done without violating any of our Scripture-based principles;
2) to remain faithful and loyal to God's Word and not yield to mere expediency whenever we have an opportunity to bear witness.

May God graciously attend us and bless us. Wherever we have been guilty, let us approach Him with contrite hearts and humbly plead, "God, be merciful to me a sinner," gratefully accept God's gracious pardon, and in deep consecration and with hearts that truly tremble at His Word pledge renewed and genuine loyalty to our God and to the precious heritage which He has entrusted to us. Amen in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRESIDENT'S TRIENNIAL REPORT

The synodical *Handbook* requires the Synod's President to report to the Synod concerning his administration. In compliance with this requirement I now beg leave to present my report covering the triennium drawing to a close at the end of this month.

With deepest gratitude to God, who bestows all blessings, I desire to acknowledge that during the triennium the good Lord has again showered His divine benedictions on our Synod. I say this realizing fully that we have not deserved these blessings in the least and also recognizing that we have been passing through some serious difficulties and tensions which have been threatening the unity of the Synod. We have reason to thank God all the more that He dealt with us not according to our merits but altogether according to His marvelous grace.

The Vice-Presidents and I carried out the Synod's regulations referring to the appointment of various boards and committees. These appointments were published in *The Lutheran Witness* and *Der Lutheraner*.

Due either to resignations or deaths a number of vacancies occurred on some of Synod's boards and committees:

On April 20, 1960, God in His wise providence called home Mr. Henry Buck, a faithful member of the Synod's Board of Directors. Mr. Clarence Amling was chosen to fill out Mr. Buck's unexpired term. Upon the death of Mr. Buck. Mr. Milton Carpenter accepted the appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod Foundation.

Mr. Ferd Gast, who could not serve on the Synod's Board for Missions in North and South America, was replaced by Dr. Elmer Kiehl.

Upon the death of Mr. Milferd Eggerding, Dr. Robert Mugge was appointed to the Board for Missions in North and South America.

Mr. Arthur C. Sommer replaced Mr. Norbert Fleisher on the Board of Support and Pensions when the latter resigned because of ill health.

When Dr. A. C. Stellhorn retired from the Board of Governors of Concordia Historical Institute, Mr. Gerhardt Kramer was appointed to replace him.

Upon Mr. Edgar M. Kluge's death, his brother, Mr. Paul Kluge, accepted appointment to serve as a member of the Board of Governors of Concordia Historical Institute.

When Mr. E. J. Echtenkamp could no longer serve on the Board of Control at Bronxville, Mr. Bernard W. Guenther was appointed to replace him.

Mr. Hugo Dierker resigned from membership on the Board of Control of St. Paul's College, Concordia, and Mr. James Schaefer replaced him.

The Rev. O. E. Heilman resigned from honorary membership on the Board of Control of St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo., in 1960.

In the fall of 1961 Mr. Arthur Hein resigned from membership on the Board of Control of our Senior College, Fort Wayne, Ind.

The following colleges and seminaries report resignations of professors:

Concordia, Austin, Tex. — Dr. E. C. Huebschmann, 1960; Prof. Richard Graef, 1960

Concordia, Milwaukee, Wis. — Dr. August Hardt, 1960

Concordia, Portland, Oreg. — Prof. Lewis Klitzke, 1961

Concordia, River Forest, Ill. — Dr. Alfred Schmieding, 1961; Prof. Emil H. Deffner, 1962

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. — Dr. Theo. Hoyer, 1962; Rev. Herbert Dorn, 1962

Concordia, Seward, Nebr. — Miss Beth Ann Mekota, 1961

Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill. — President Dr. George J. Beto, 1962

St. John's, Winfield, Kans. — Dr. Ernst Wolfram, 1960; Dr. Erich Hopka, 1960

The Missionary Board of the Synodical Conference reports the following changes:

The Rev. Paul Boecler replaced by the Rev. Joseph Lavalais

Mr. John Eigel replaced by Mr. August E. Beckemeier

Dr. Paul Rafaj, deceased, former President of the Slovak Synod, replaced by President John Kovac.

Our gracious heavenly Father in His wise providence called home the following men who had rendered or were rendering faithful service in Christ's kingdom:

Former Vice-Presidents of the Synod

Dr. A. H. Grumm, St. Louis, Mo.
Dr. F. A. Hertwig, Detroit, Mich.

Former District Presidents

Dr. Herman Bartels, English District
The Rev. Paul H. Fretthold, Eastern District
Dr. E. T. Lams, Northern Illinois District
The Rev. Conrad F. Lehenbauer, Brazil District
Dr. Rudolph S. Ressmeyer, Southeastern District
Dr. Andrew Zeile, Michigan District

Professors

Prof. Theo. C. Appelt, River Forest, Ill.
Dr. John E. Bauman, St. Paul, Minn.
Prof. Albert H. Beck, River Forest, Ill.
Prof. Theo. W. Hausmann, Concordia, Bronxville
Prof. Louis F. Heinrichsmeyer, Concordia, Bronxville
Dr. Arthur Klinck, St. Louis, Mo.
Dr. Walter O. Kraeft, River Forest, Ill.
Prof. Ewald Plass, Milwaukee, Wis.
Prof. Karl A. Rupp, Porto Alegre, Brazil
Prof. David Schmidt, Villa Ballester, Argentina
Dr. Otto H. Theiss, Tokyo, Japan (also former executive secretary of the Walther League)

Former Professors

Dr. Walter W. Albrecht, Springfield, Ill.
Prof. Martin Coyner, Springfield, Ill. (also member of Committee for Research)
Prof. Henry L. Hardt, Seward, Nebr.
Prof. Herman Jonas, Oakland, Calif.
The Rev. C. I. Klewer, Edmonton, Alta., Canada
Dr. Henry A. Koenig, Seward, Nebr.
Miss Renata Koschmann, librarian, Seward, Nebr.
Dr. Albert H. Miller, Addison and River Forest, Ill.
Prof. Louis C. Rehfeldt, Porto Alegre, Brazil
Prof. Paul Reuter, Seward, Nebr.
Prof. Aug. H. Schoede, Concordia, Mo.

Others Who Have Served the Synod in an Official Capacity

The Rev. A. Appelt, member of Board of Control, Edmonton, Alta., Canada
Mr. Henry Buck, member of the Synod's Board of Directors
Dr. Marmaduke Carter, regional representative to the Missionary Board of the Lutheran Synodical Conference
The Rev. Adolph G. Dick, former chairman of Board of European Missions
Mr. Milferd Eggerding, member of Board for Missions in North and South America
The Rev. Henry F. Gerecke, chaplain of Menard Prison, former U. S. Army chaplain
Dr. William J. Gernand, former Superintendent of Education, Central District
Dr. Herman H. Hohenstein, former director of Radio Station KFUO
Mr. A. W. Huge, former Auditor of the Synod
The Rev. Bernard W. Janssen, member of Synod's Board of Support and Pensions
Mr. William E. Junge, former business manager of St. Louis seminary
The Rev. Oscar Kaiser, former member of electoral college, St. Louis Seminary
The Rev. Arnold Krentz, executive director of deaconess training, Valparaiso University
Mr. Edgar M. Kluge, member of Board of Governors, Concordia Historical Institute, and of Synodical Survey Commission
The Rev. Robert G. Lange, member of Synod's Foreign Mission Board
The Rev. O. H. Lottes, member of Synod's Board for Missions to the Deaf
Mr. Charles Lottman, member of Board of Control, St. Louis Seminary
The Rev. Herbert J. Mueller, chairman of Board for Missions to the Blind
Teacher E. A. Roth, member of Board of Support and Pensions
Dr. John Salvner, former Executive Secretary of Board for Missions to the Deaf
Mr. Herbert Thien, former member of Board for European Affairs
Mr. Jacob Ulmer, member of Board of Control, Edmonton, Canada
The Rev. Theo. F. Walther, former member of Missionary Board, Synodical Conference
Dr. John M. Weidenschilling, former editor of the Synod's Board of Parish Education
The Rev. Herman Winter, former member of Board of Control, St. Paul, Minn.
Miss Ruth Brauer, consultant, Department of Social Welfare
Mr. Ralph Gihring, business manager in Hong Kong

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The past triennium brought with it greater tensions than any other triennium during my incumbency. Unquestionably the atmosphere is charged with great unrest also in the religious world. Some other church bodies have experienced similar tensions, in fact, tensions focusing on the very issues which have troubled us in recent years. I have reference to the authority, the divine inspiration, and hence the infallibility and inerrancy of Holy Scripture. Unquestionably, as in the past, so in our day, European theology, the old rationalism in a new garb, has exerted a tremendous influence on American theologians. Men are carried away by intellectualism. As a result, true Biblical theology suffers. This necessitates constant watchfulness.

I want to express my gratitude to the Vice-Presidents whom the Synod placed at my side to aid me in carrying out the responsibilities which the Synod placed on us. These good men have been faithful and conscientious. They have given days upon days of their time to the Synod's work. May God graciously reward them.

The increasing enrollment at our colleges and seminaries brings with it the need for more professors. During the past triennium a number of men were added to our faculties. Complying with the Synod's regulations, your President or one of the Vice-Presidents attended these election meetings.

Your President regularly attended meetings of the Committee on Doctrinal Unity. Also the First Vice-President, Dr. Oliver R. Harms, attended most of the meetings. I mention this because it is a matter of great importance that the Synod's President, to whom has been assigned the supervision of doctrine, maintain regular contact with the Committee on Doctrinal Unity.

The San Francisco convention enlarged the sphere of activity of the Committee on Doctrinal Unity. Its own report tells what it did in contacts with Lutheran bodies not now in fellowship with us. The committee embraced opportunities to bear witness to the truth of God's Word and to inform others more clearly about the doctrinal position of our Synod as well as to learn more clearly the doctrinal position of other Lutheran bodies.

Our committee's report also brings the sad news that the Wisconsin Synod at its last convention resolved to suspend fellowship with our Synod. I shall not belabor you with the details of this pathetic fact. I do want

to mention, however, that for a number of years our discussions in the Synodical Conference committee were truly congenial and fraternal. Though the procedure followed in the preparation of joint doctrinal statements was slow, it was thorough. We came to agreement on the doctrines of Scripture and the Antichrist. Other doctrinal statements were in preparation.

However, when our Synod's Committee presented its Part II of the Theses on Fellowship, there was no agreement. After several lengthy discussions our Wisconsin Synod brethren announced on the morning of our last joint meeting that we had now reached an impasse and they would no longer meet with us as brethren. Though we pleaded with them not to terminate the discussions, it was without avail. The procedure that had been followed in the instance of the other documents, namely, to refer them back to the committee after all criticism had been heard, was not followed. Hence we were convinced that the declaration of an impasse was premature.

When the honorable Wisconsin Synod met in Milwaukee, Drs. Martin Franzmann and A. C. Nitz attended both the regular session and the meetings of the floor committee. Your President was present one day. I was granted the privilege of the floor. I presented the greetings of our Synod and pleaded that because we were in agreement in practically every doctrine of Scripture the convention should not suspend fellowship with us. All three of us were convinced that such action would be premature. However, the convention passed the resolution to suspend fellowship. It should be said, however, that it was not a unanimous vote.

Your Committee on Doctrinal Unity and your President invited the brethren of the Wisconsin Synod to meet with us since we felt that one of the provisions in their convention's resolution mentioned such a possibility, though not in the framework of fellowship. In the answer to this invitation we were told that they would await the action of our Cleveland convention.

Let me mention that the brethren of the Wisconsin Synod are with us as observers. They asked whether they would be permitted to be present as observers also at the open hearings of our floor committee on Doctrinal and Intersynodical Matters. This request was granted.

Your President, after consulting the Committee on Doctrinal Unity, invited Lutheran bodies in fellowship with us to send representatives to our convention. This invitation also requested these men to meet immediately after our convention for the purpose of discussing the advisability of establishing closer and more frequent contact of the church bodies in fellowship with us. These men are with us. The meeting will be held. We hope and pray that action will be taken which will redound to the glory of God and serve the cause of sound Lutheranism throughout the world.

During the past triennium the Synod's Board of Directors, of whom the Synod expects that it do everything possible to balance the budget, has sought earnestly and prayerfully to face real problems in that area. The San Francisco convention in one of its resolutions spoke of a special offering if there should be a "widening gap" between the income of the Synod and the deficit in the synodical treasury. Our convention will be called upon to face this issue. May God graciously grant us wisdom as we view not merely the situation as we face it today but also the tremendous challenges which the future presents.

The Board of Directors of the Synod held regular meetings and devoted itself faithfully to the ever-increasing volume of business. These men spent days upon days in consecrated service to the Lord and our Synod, and they did this without remuneration.

The San Francisco convention, in adopting the report of the former Survey Commission, made provision for an Executive Director to the Board of Directors. He is to be a liaison officer between the board and the different departments of the Synod. For a little more than a year Dr. W. F. Wolbrecht has been serving in that capacity. With the consent of the Board of Directors he has continued to aid the Board for Higher Education. After this convention adjourns, he will devote his entire time to the work of Executive Director of the Synod's Board of Directors. Dr. Lawrence B. Meyer has been serving the Board of Directors as special consultant. To all these men, the members of the Board, its Executive Director, and its special consultant, I want to express my hearty thanks for faithful services rendered.

Our floor committee on Doctrinal and Intersynodical Matters, because of the enormous volume of work which confronts it, was called together for a three-day meeting May 14—16, 1962, in St. Louis. This afforded these men the opportunity to organize, to divide into subcommittees, and to begin with the study of the reports and memorials assigned to them. The floor committee has held preconvention meetings also since last Thursday, June 14. Furthermore, because of some of the controversial issues confronting the convention, this floor committee held open hearings on Monday and Tuesday of this week. I feel certain that every delegate to the convention will pray God in all sincerity that He may grant His Holy Spirit in abundant measure to these men to guide them to present resolutions to the convention for its consideration and action — resolutions in full accord with Holy Writ, resolutions which will redound to God's glory and the welfare of our church.

Your President or one of the Vice-Presidents attended the meetings of the Synod's Board of Trustees. This group is very faithful and conscientious in managing the Synod's Pension Fund, the Lutheran Laymen's League Endowment Fund, the Lay Retirement Fund, and other similar funds.

Your President again had the privilege of attending and addressing the conventions of the Lutheran Laymen's League, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, and the Walther League. These contacts are appreciated very much.

Your President as well as Vice-Presidents Dr. Oliver R. Harms and Dr. George W. Wittmer attended some of the meetings of the SELC (Slovak) convention. We were cordially received, and each one of us was granted

an opportunity to address the brethren. On March 20, 1962, your President attended the funeral of President Dr. Paul Rafaj, whom God called home very suddenly and unexpectedly, and expressed our Synod's sincere sympathy.

Vice-President Dr. Oliver R. Harms, Dr. Martin Steege, and your President met with the executives of the National Evangelical Lutheran Church (Finnish) to discuss with them matters pertaining to a possible merger of our churches. Practically all pastors of this church body are graduates of our Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill. For many years the Finnish brethren have been supporting one of their men on the faculty at that seminary.

The Lutheran World Federation has again extended an invitation to our Synod to send official observers to its Assembly in Helsinki in 1963.

Delegates will note on the convention program that we are combining the brief doctrinal essays with the opening devotions. The general topic chosen is "A Confessional Church in Christendom and in the World."

Dr. H. J. A. Bouman, Dr. Martin Koehneke, Dr. Fred Kramer, and Prof. Willis Laetsch will serve as essayists. Thus we shall hear a faculty member from every terminal school. Since these essays are of a devotional character, every delegate will want to be present on time.

The book of *Reports and Memorials* contains the reports of our boards and committees, which have rendered faithful work to the Synod. We thank them for the service rendered. Some of the floor committees have met or will meet to study thoroughly these reports as well as the many memorials, or overtures, which have been presented. These committees will prepare and suggest proper resolutions to the convention. We are grateful to these men, who are willing to devote their time and talents to this important work.

Brethren, we are facing busy days. The resolutions we adopt will be not only important but also of far-reaching consequences. The eyes of many are focused on our Cleveland convention. Lutherans in fellowship with us are waiting with bated breath to find out what resolutions we have passed. Lutherans throughout the world await the outcome of things at this convention. God grant that every one of us may realize the tremendous responsibility which rests on us. May our good heavenly Father bestow on us a rich measure of His Holy Spirit that there may resound from this body a strong voice for the cause of Christ, for the inerrancy and doctrinal integrity of the inspired Word of God, and for the unwavering acceptance of the Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as a true and correct exposition of God's Word. With these God-given convictions in our hearts we shall go forward with deep gratitude for all that Christ has done for us and willingly and eagerly embrace the opportunities He offers us and accept the challenges our convention faces. May God graciously grant us wisdom, motivation, and courage for the task. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

STATEMENTS BY DRS. BEHNKEN AND HARMS

Statement Read by Dr. J. W. Behnken Requesting the Delegates to "Elect Another Man to the Presidency"

(Read to the convention Wednesday afternoon, June 20, 1962)

Before the Committee on Elections proceeds to pass out blank ballots for the election of Synod's President, permit me to make a statement to which I have given much prayerful thought. I sincerely hope that I will not be misunderstood. I do not mean to be so presumptuous as to imagine that Synod would elect me to the presidency for another triennium. God has permitted me to serve Him and my beloved Synod for nine terms. This means that I have reached an age beyond which very few people might be expected to shoulder the responsibilities of the ever-increasing duties of Synod's presidency. I am not such an exception. God has graciously granted me health during my years of service now drawing to a close. For this I am deeply and humbly grateful. However, some of the infirmities of advancing years have definitely shown themselves. I shall be grateful, therefore, if you elect another man to the presidency. My prayer to God is that He may lead you to elect a truly great and courageous leader, endowed by God with the necessary talents and abilities and unquestionably and unflinchingly loyal to the Word of God and our Lutheran Confessions.

Permit me to add that technically my term of office terminates June 30. I shall gladly serve until then.

Statement by President-elect Dr. Oliver R. Harms



President Oliver R. Harms delivers his speech of acceptance.

BELOVED FELLOW REDEEMED AND FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD:

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, whose presence was invoked by prayer, you have chosen me to be your servant in the office of the presidency of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod.

The selection came from the Synod, which has been signally blessed by a merciful God during its 115-year history. This Synod increased in numbers as well as in influence under the leadership of six illustrious Presidents, who were wonderfully endowed by the gracious God on whom all of us are dependent. Standing at the foot of this line of great men, I feel very small. I am aware of the fact that all of my predecessors left their mark on the history of our Synod.

I appreciate fully the deep impression made upon churchmen the world over by the dynamic personality of my immediate predecessor, Dr. John W. Behnken, who has shown me many personal favors. I am very grateful to him for this. My prayer is that God may continue to bestow His blessings upon our retiring President, whom our Synod honored with the longest presidential tenure in its history.

Since the inauspicious beginning of our church body in 1847 it has lengthened and broadened its outreach to an almost incredible dimension under the blessings of God. This is true very especially of the last two decades. What a privilege it is for all of us to be party to a program of expansion based on preaching and teaching the Gospel to the glory of God and for the salvation of the souls of men! I pray that God may show us ways of reaching more and more people with the Gospel from day to day, also through strong personal witness by word and deed wherever we have opportunity or wherever there is need.

Problems within our Synod are not few, and no one at this time of the world's history should expect them to become fewer in number or diminished in intensity. Satan, the devil, the old evil foe, will see to it that problems will be severe.

We shall resist him victoriously through faith in Christ Jesus. Satan cannot stand in the presence of Jesus, the Conqueror of sin, death, and the devil. However, Satan will use all his wiles. He may, for example, seek to dissuade God's children from bringing their financial offerings in a measure compatible with God's blessings in this area, from practicing a proper stewardship of time which would give opportunity for offering service to the local congregation, from making a daily testimony to fellow men and women concerning the way to Jesus, and from rendering many other services.

Satan knows that the most cunning and pernicious device of all is to create strife among Christians. For example: controversy over the doctrine taught in the schools, pulpits, colleges, and seminaries in our Synod. May we withstand the foe of God and man on this

critical battlefront! May our all-wise God — even through controversy, if He wills it — lead us deeper and deeper into the clear fountain of truth opened to us by His revelation! May He keep us steadfast, faithful, and true to His Word!

Ultimately our help and our hope lie in our gracious God and in His Son Jesus, in whom we believe by the power of the Holy Ghost. He will guide us and keep us. He will move all the members of the Synod to do what He desires. His blessings, in keeping with His promises, will come. And I most sincerely beseech all of you and all of our fellow members to pray for me.

I pray that God may keep me loyal "to the Holy Scriptures as the inspired and inerrant Word of God and the Symbolical Books of the Lutheran Church as a true exposition of the Scriptures." (Synodical *Handbook,* 4.19 c)

In the confidence that I shall have the cooperation of all the individual members, congregations, teachers, pastors, and professors of the Synod, in the certainty of divine guidance from the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, I accept the presidency of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod in the name of the same Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Closing Address by Dr. J. W. Behnken

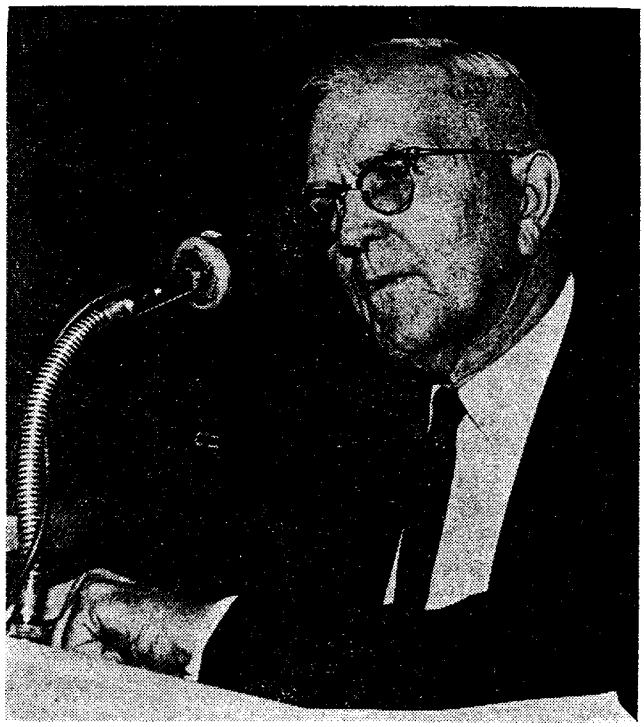
(Read to the convention Tuesday afternoon, June 26, 1962)

The approaching closing hour of our convention naturally touches and moves me deeply. I face it with mingled feelings, with gratitude, and with prayer. I humbly thank God for permitting me to serve. That the good Lord deigned to use such an undeserving person as I am convinces me all the more of His marvelous grace and mercy. I am especially grateful that God ever led me to accept for my personal life and to emphasize for our beloved Synod the very heart and core of the Christian religion: "Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

I am grateful to our Synod for the undeserved honor bestowed on me. It was far more than an honor, for it enabled me to experience the great joy of service to my Savior. Well do I realize that this service was far from perfect. I made mistakes. I fell far short of what my Synod and my Lord and Savior had a right to expect of me. Wherever I failed, wherever I did anything amiss, wherever I offended, I plead for forgiveness.

Throughout my years of service my Synod placed at my side faithful, loyal, consecrated, and efficient co-workers. I would not want to conclude my years of service without expressing my heartfelt gratitude to every one of them. I shall often think with great joy of this faithful service and what it meant for me and for our Synod. May God graciously reward them all. Next to God the credit for any success depends on them.

I shall never forget the many assurances of prayer in my behalf given me by ever so many of our people. Because I knew and firmly believed God's promise: "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much," I was greatly encouraged in the work, especially in days of difficulties and disturbances. I sincerely



Honorary President J. W. Behnken delivers his farewell address.

thank all who remembered me in their prayers. These prayers contributed mightily to whatever successes God bestowed.

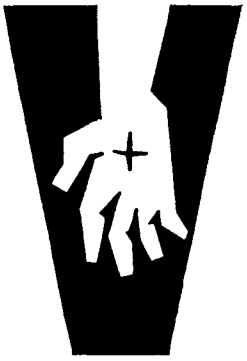
You will not misunderstand me, I am sure, if I mention that my now sainted wife stood loyally by my side and ever encouraged me by her genuine humility and kindness and conscientious fulfillment of duties in the home.

Furthermore, I am grateful to all my children, who by their many kindnesses and their work in the Savior's kingdom have been a real encouragement to me. May God graciously bless them and keep them faithful to His Word.

To the new administration, the President and Vice-Presidents, the Board of Directors, and all boards and commissions I offer my hearty felicitations. May God give you a rich measure of His Holy Spirit to guide and direct you in all the important assignments given you by our Synod. Above all may He keep you ever faithful and loyal in guarding and preserving the wonderful heritage which He has entrusted to our Synod. And you, my beloved fellow members in Synod, I sincerely urge you to pray fervently for our new administration and support it wholeheartedly in its extremely important work. I shall gladly join you in such prayer and also my wholehearted cooperation when desired.

And now as a final thought spoken to you as your retiring President, permit me to use a farewell spoken by the apostle St. Paul at Miletus to the elders of the church at Ephesus:

"And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."



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THE DOCTRINAL-DEVOTIONAL ESSAYS

A Confessional Church in Christendom and in the World

I

The Inspired Word and the Lutheran Confessions

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It is highly appropriate and profoundly meaningful to begin the series of theological studies planned for this convention with a consideration of the inspired Word of God and the Lutheran Symbols, or Confessions. The Lutheran Church is committed to the Bible. This commitment is in the framework of history. As the ancient church formulated its loyalty to Scripture truth in creeds, so the Lutheran Church has built on and carried forward this loyalty and projected it into the future.

It is highly appropriate, furthermore, that these theological studies are to be presented within the framework of worship, in a devotional setting. All of theology and religion, as well as the church in all its being and work, has to do with the true knowledge, faith, worship, and service of God. The Bible itself was produced under God by and for the people of God, and its component parts were gathered into their final collection in the worship life of the church. Also the great creeds of the church are intimately associated with the mission and growth of the church.

The great Reformation periods of the church were great because they revolved around the acknowledgment of the true God revealed in Jesus Christ and confessed as Lord of all through the Holy Spirit, and the resolute rejection of every man-made and man-centered abridgment of the honor that belongs to God alone. And this is worship in the highest and truest sense of the term.

The 16th-century Reformation was centered in an overpowering concern to cast down every idol throne and let God reign supreme and reign alone as the sovereign Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life and to confess: "Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father." And that is worship in the deepest meaning of the word.

The Lutheran Symbols are the abiding fruit of that holy hour of church history. There is an atmosphere of awe and adoration about the Lutheran Symbols. They are truly confessions. The Christians who made them their own gave expression to their devotion to the Triune God in humble awareness of their own sinfulness and frailty, yet in courageous affirmation of their hearts' convictions and above all in joyful and exuberant doxology of the incredible grace of God that prompted His mighty acts "for us men and for our salvation." The Confessions teem with strong avowals of faith, with tender prayers, and with exultant hymns of praise. When the Confessors "believe, teach, and confess," they do so in the presence of God, ears and hearts open to His Word and will, and their faith, doctrine, and confession is but the adoring echo of what they were convinced God was saying to them in the Scriptures.

The approach of the Lutheran Confessors to the Scriptures is therefore a thoroughly existential one, not a detached, objective, academic consideration of a doctrine about the Bible, replete with learned speculation about its composition and awe-inspiring analysis of its development — while its unique and utterly practical power for faith and life have been allowed to fall by the wayside.

It is as if the bird outside my window, recklessly trilling his melodious rhapsodies in praise of the Creator, intrigued me academically and made me curious to isolate that song and analyze the structure of the music. To do so I kill the bird and proceed to dismember him bit by bit, being careful to label each fragment with scrupulous precision. But the sweet song is forever silenced.

The Lutheran Symbols have no such interest in the Scriptures. In fact, to list the items in which they show no interest is to give a very good idea of what their real concerns are. They have no time for questions pertaining to the *how*, the *when*, the *where*, and the *from where*. They take for granted, out of a certainty born of faith in the Lord, that the prophetic and apostolic writings of the Old and New Testaments are "the Scripture of the Holy Spirit," "the Word of God," the eternal truth, pure, unalloyed, infallible, unalterable, the sole authority for all doctrine in the church. They *are* interested in the *what* and the *what for*. When they speak of the Bible, they speak of it as containing everything that a "Christian must know for his salvation" or as "the Word that alone brings salvation." For the Lutherans the key to the Bible is to be found in the doctrine of justification by faith. Of this doctrine the Apology says: "It is of especial service for the clear, correct understanding of the entire Holy Scriptures, and alone shows the way to the unspeakable treasure and right knowledge of Christ, and alone opens the door to the entire Bible." (Ap. IV, 2, German text)

The Lutheran Confessions like to think of the content of the Bible in terms of the works of God. "These are the two chief works of God in men: to terrify, and to justify and quicken the terrified. One or the other of these works is spoken of throughout Scripture. One part is the Law, which reveals, denounces, and condemns sin. The other part is the Gospel, that is, the promise of grace granted in Christ. This promise is repeated continually throughout Scripture; first it was given to Adam, later to the patriarchs, then illumined

by the prophets, and finally proclaimed and revealed by Christ among the Jews and spread by the apostles throughout the world." (Ap. XII, 53)

This classic distinction of Law and Gospel, which means the Law in the service of the Gospel, hence, the primacy of the Gospel, is the unique contribution of the Lutheran Reformation, which the Formula of Concord calls "an especially brilliant light which serves the purpose that the Word of God may be rightly divided and the writings of the holy prophets and apostles may be explained and understood correctly" (S. D. V, 1). "The Word of God . . . leads us to Christ, who is the 'Book of Life'" (Ep. XI, 7). Thus the *what* of the Bible in its ultimate dimension is Christ.

And that at once suggests the *what for*. The Bible has only one purpose, and that is to confront a rebellious humanity with God — the God who, in Luther's vigorous language, through the Law "with one blow destroys both open sinners and false saints. He allows no one to justify himself. He drives all together into terror and despair . . . in order that they might know how they stood before God and recognize themselves as lost men. In this way they were to be prepared to receive grace from the Lord and to expect and accept from Him the forgiveness of sins" (S. A. III, iii, 2 ff.). "To this end," says the Formula of Concord, "in His boundless kindness and mercy, God provides for the public proclamation of His divine, eternal Law and the wonderful counsel concerning our redemption, namely, the holy and only saving Gospel of His eternal Son, our only Savior and Redeemer." (S. D. II, 50)

This sole purpose of the Scriptures is also the sole purpose of the church, for the Scriptures are the sole norm and judge of all that is to be taught and preached in the church. The church is the assembly of true believers in whose midst the Gospel is purely preached and the sacraments are administered in accordance with Christ's institution.

It will not be possible even to begin saying all that could be said about the confessional attitude toward the Scriptures. I can only urge you all to read the Book of Concord, particularly in the new, smoothly flowing English translation, to discover for yourself how completely our Reformation fathers were committed to the Holy Scriptures as the Word of God and, as such, the inexhaustible source of spiritual power. I should like to use what time remains to suggest some applications to our church and to our own situation.

We remember that the Confessions are the voice of the church, a great chorus of many thousands of voices expressing their harmonious consensus. The people who wrote the Confessions, and those who subscribed to them, claimed thereby to be the kind of church God wanted them to be. Since the 16th century all churches that have accepted the Lutheran Symbols as a true response to God's revelation have by their subscription expressed their desire to be the kind of church envisioned by the Symbols.

And this is the platform of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod: The Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. So states our Synod's constitution, Article II, Confession: "Synod, and every member of Synod, accepts without reservation: 1. The Scriptures of the Old and the New Testament as the written Word of God and the only rule and norm of faith and of practice; 2. All the Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as a true and unadulterated statement and exposition of the Word of God." This really means, the Scriptures alone, from the perspective of the Symbols. That is to say, we who subscribe to the Lutheran Confessions because they are a correct exposition of the Scriptures want to be the kind of church they picture.

What does this mean?

Luther's 95 Theses, which in the light of history triggered the Reformation, begin with a call to repentance, and the Lutheran Confessions take up this call and make it their own. All of them place strong emphasis on repentance. Recall the words of Luther in the Smalcald Articles: "This is what the beginning of true repentance is like. Here man must hear such a judgment as this: 'You are all of no account. Whether you are manifest sinners or saints, you must all become other than you now are and do otherwise than you now do, no matter who you are and no matter how great, wise, mighty, and holy you may think yourselves. Here no one is godly.'" (S. A. III, iii, 2 ff.)

Accepting the Symbols, as we profess to do, we must be a *repenting* church. Of course, repentance is required of individuals, but the church is nothing but a company of individuals. Surely, no one will want to deny that The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, corporately and individually, has much to repent of: all its sins against faith and love, all its failures and wrongs on all levels and in all areas of the work of the Lord.

Second, and above all, the Confessions emphasize the holy Gospel, not only as the chief article of doctrine but as the standard to which all of theology and all life and work of the church must be oriented. We want to be an *evangelical* church, say the Lutherans. We want all progress and success in the work of the church, all programs and methods, to be the fruit of, and conform to, the Gospel of the inexpressibly rich and patient mercy of God in Christ. And so say we, as we profess adherence to the Lutheran Symbols.

It is to be regretted that the word "evangelical" is disappearing from more and more official names of Lutheran bodies. The presence of the word does not indeed guarantee a corresponding attitude, nor does its absence signify an unevangelical attitude. But surely, in its approach to its preaching and practice, its programs and methods, its activity in the parish and the church at large, its professional training system and its corporate administration, any church sincerely committed to the Lutheran Confessions has to be governed by the Gospel with all that this implies of spontaneous, seeking, fraternal, hallowed, edifying, winsome, self-forgetful love.

A church committed to the Gospel is bound, third, to be a strong *missionary* church. The Gospel is entrusted to the church not only as a precious possession but as the dynamic resource and motivation for bearing to all nations and kindreds and tribes under heaven the message concerning the God who was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, and who has committed to the church both Word and ministry of reconciliation and compels the men of Christ to cry into the cultured and uncultured wastelands of paganism, humanism, and all non-Christian and anti-Christian philosophies: "Be ye reconciled to God."

The Lutheran Symbols certainly have this concern. They want to proclaim "the pure, unalloyed, and unadulterated light of [God's] holy Gospel and of the Word that alone brings salvation" (Preface, Book of Concord). The Confessors are conscious of their obligation to "do everything that is useful and profitable to the increase and expansion of God's praise and glory" and "to the propagation of that Word of His that alone brings salvation" *(ibid.)*. Convinced as they were of the exclusive character of the Christian Gospel of justification by grace for Christ's sake through faith alone, those Lutherans could be no other than mission-minded. And neither can we if we would be faithful Lutherans.

Fourth, the Lutheran Symbols give evidence throughout of the strong and definite doctrinal convictions of the people who gave and still give expression to their faith through them. Theirs was no "perhaps" or "probably" or "maybe" theology. For their religious convictions they were prepared to suffer the loss of all things and to bear the reproach of the rest of Christendom for their firmness. So they say:

"From our exposition friends and foes may clearly understand that we have no intention (since we have no authority to do so) to yield anything of the eternal and unchangeable truth of God for the sake of temporal peace, tranquility, and outward harmony. . . . Still less by far are we minded to whitewash or cover up any falsification of true doctrine or any publicly condemned errors. We have a sincere delight in and deep love for true harmony and are cordially inclined and determined on our part to do everything in our power to further the same. We desire such harmony as will not violate God's honor, that will not detract anything from the divine truth of the holy Gospel, that will not give place to the smallest error but will lead the poor sinner to true and sincere repentance, raise him up through faith, strengthen him in his new obedience, and thus justify and save him forever through the sole merit of Christ. . . ." (F. C., S. D. XI, Concl.)

Can we as a church of the Lutheran Confessions do less? We need not remain chained to the formulations of the past, but we must remain grounded in the eternal truth and continue to have *firm convictions*. Nothing is more unfruitful, exasperating, and destructive than the muddy double-talk of the player of theological games whom the Confessions characterize as "restless, contentious individuals, who do not want to be bound to any certain formula of pure doctrine," who are ready "to start scandalous controversies at will and to introduce and defend monstrous errors, the only possible consequence of which is that finally correct doctrine will be entirely obscured and lost and nothing beyond uncertain opinions and dubious, disputable imaginations and views will be transmitted to subsequent generations." (Preface, B. of C.)

Fifth, a strong sense of history and of the unbroken continuity of the one church pervades the Symbols. Here were unabashed traditionalists, conservative in the best sense. Standing in line with the church of the apostles and the ancient councils and fathers of the church, steeped in the heritage of Christian customs and liturgies and hymnody, they were concerned about conserving all that was good and meaningful and helpful for the promotion of the holy Gospel. Indignantly they turned back upon their accusers every charge of theological innovation.

At the same time they did not hesitate to break with tradition when the purity of the Gospel was at stake. With all their reverence for the church's past, our Reformation fathers desired to be a progressive and *contemporary* church, speaking intelligibly to their generation. No "new" theology, yet undeniably they said many things in a way that had never before in the church's history been said thus.

If time permitted, much could be said about several other important accents in the Symbols that show what kind of church we ought to be, notably their strong emphasis on continued solid theological education, of which they say, "We desire particularly that the young men who are being trained for service in the church and for the holy ministry be faithfully and diligently instructed therein, so that the pure teaching and confession of the faith may be preserved and perpetuated among our posterity through the help and assistance of the Holy Spirit until the glorious advent of our only Redeemer and Savior Jesus Christ." (Preface, B. of C.)

We could also speak of the high sense of believing, teaching, and confessing in the presence of the returning Christ and the final judgment, as well as the great feeling of pastoral concern and responsibility for the conscience of the individual. But surely enough has been said to indicate the basis on which a church pledged to the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions should take stock of itself.

It is my sober judgment that if our church had been more fully imbued with the theology and the spirit of the Symbols, there would not now be the widespread bitterness and intolerance toward fellow members on both sides of the arguments. It is very good for the church to have angry young men — or angry old men, for that matter. This helps keep us all from becoming complacent. But let us be angry about the right things and not pour our scorn and contempt on our struggling brethren and fellow pilgrims or even on the unpretentious Gospel, which has ever been the glory and power of the church.

Do we have the humility and the honesty to examine ourselves? to discover and uncover the causes of our

problems and ills? And do we have the courage and the love and the patience to deal constructively with them? And do we have the faith and the imagination to go forward with and for our blessed Lord? If we do, we shall be true heirs of the Reformation and stand in living conformity with our confessional platform. To that end may God grant us His Holy Spirit for Jesus' sake. Amen.

II

The Proclamation of the Law and the Gospel

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(Based on 2 Samuel 12:7: "Thou art the man"; John 19:5: "Behold the Man!")

We are thankful that Holy Scripture never conceals the faults of its noblest and most notable characters. Such a one was David, whose psalms have found their way into the worship of God's people in every land. This man, who taught us to sing, falls into sin — into a black, inexcusable, shocking sin. You know the lurid story — of his shameful adultery with Bathsheba, of his shameless murder of her husband Uriah — oh, I need not tell it over again. The Bible gives it to us in all its naked ugliness.

But Scripture reveals more than the sin of David; it shows the forgiving mercy of a gracious God, who confronts David through His prophet Nathan. David faithlessly turns from God to a married woman's arms; God faithfully pursues David in a prophet's voice — to show him his sins and to save him from his sins. When David hears from Nathan the familiar story of a mean, rich, heartless, selfish man, who appropriated the only lamb of the poor man, all that is good in him wells up in holy indignation and flames into total judgment: "The man that hath done this thing shall surely die" (2 Sam. 12:5). Then on that hot fervor of righteous wrath comes this dash of cold water: "And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man" (2 Sam. 12:7). Only two words in the language of the Old Testament — two sharp, burning, searing, cutting, damning words: "Thou art the man!" Like a spearpoint sharpened almost to invisibility, it goes right through the armor of his respectability and rank into his dulled and peaceless conscience. The pointing finger of Nathan is the accusing and condemning finger of God.

But God does more than accuse. He is not "the hidden God who drives men to despair." [1] He leads sinners to the penitent confession of David: "I have sinned against the Lord" (2 Sam. 12:3); the confession of the prodigal: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before Thee and am no more worthy to be called Thy son" (Luke 15:8); and of St. Paul, whose claim to status lay in this, that he was "chief of sinners." (See 1 Tim. 1:15)

And God does more! He absolves. He forgives. God has a simple, instantaneous, complete message for the penitent and believing heart. Nathan speaks for God: "The Lord also hath put away thy sin" (2 Sam. 12:13). "I will remember your sins no more" (see Jer. 31:34). I have "cast all your sins into the depths of the sea" (see Micah 7:19). "Your sin is covered." (See Rom. 4:7)

But how can this be that God can accuse a man and say: "Thou art the man"; "thou shalt surely die"; "the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23); "the soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:4); and still say: "I have put away your sin"? Does the accusing God become an excusing God — alibiing for His creatures, indulgently winking at and blinking away their sins like a doting grandfather?

Accuse and then excuse? Has He not said: "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb. 10:31)? What of His "judgment and fiery indignation"? (Heb. 10:27)

Accuse — yes; excuse — no! "Thou art the man," yet He forgives — because of another Man. Behold that Man!

Our scene shifts to the judgment hall of Pilate. Even the enemies of God must finally acknowledge and proclaim Him for what He is. "Behold the Man," said Pilate. Behold this Man, says God. "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matt. 3:17). "He was wounded for your transgressions, He was bruised for your iniquities" (see Is. 53:5). "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins" (Eph. 1:7), "for God made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" (see 2 Cor. 5:21). "Be it known unto you, therefore, men and brethren, that through this Man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins" (Acts 13:38). "By His stripes we are healed" (see Is. 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24). "The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin." (See 1 John 1:7)

But there is more to the story. The abused Man has something to say to the accused man. The unmasked sweet singer of Israel hears another word from God whose justice and grace meet in Christ Jesus: "Because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die." (2 Sam. 12:14)

"Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. . . . My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him. . . . If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? . . . Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous but grievous; nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." (Heb. 12:6, 5, 7, 11)

So forgiven David becomes a chastised David — the child dies, then a son takes up the father's example and

[1] Hermann Sasse, *Here We Stand*, trans. Theodore G. Tappert (Minneapolis: Augsburg Publishing House, 1946), p. 116.

improves on it. There follow Absalom's rebellion, then murder, then death — enough to break a father's heart. Then Joab to torment him and Ahithophel to plague him.

When our gracious Lord forgives a sinful man, He effects a joyous reunion of the sinner with Himself. The forgiving Father does not only cover the disobedience of His wayward son; He takes him back into His home with full privileges of sonship. So forgiven David can hear the consequences of his sin with grace because he is under God's grace. While the sinner may bear the consequences of his immoral choices, by faith in this gracious God who has restored him to sonship he can see God's purposes in his sufferings and not rebel against Him.

This, then, is the voice of God crying by His Spirit to men everywhere: "Thou art the man!" "Behold the Man!"

It is Law. It is Gospel. It is the message of sin and grace. What Holy Scripture says, our Lutheran Confessions affirm. "All Scripture," says the Apology of the Augsburg Confession (IV, 5), "should be divided into these two chief doctrines, the Law and the promises. In some places it presents the Law. In others it presents the promise of Christ." "These are the two chief works of God in men: to terrify, and to justify and quicken the terrified. One or the other of these works is spoken of throughout Scripture. One part is the Law, which reveals, denounces, and condemns sin. The other part is the Gospel, that is, the promise of grace granted in Christ." (Ap. XII, 53)

Evangelical Lutherans affirm in the Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration (V, 1): "The distinction between Law and Gospel is an especially brilliant light which serves the purpose that the Word of God may be rightly divided and the writings of the holy prophets and apostles may be explained and understood correctly. We must therefore observe this distinction with particular diligence lest we confuse the two doctrines and change the Gospel into Law. This would darken the merit of Christ." The "Law is a divine doctrine which reveals the righteousness and immutable will of God, shows how man ought to be disposed in his nature, thoughts, words, and deeds in order to be pleasing and acceptable to God, and threatens the transgressors of the Law with God's wrath and temporal and eternal punishment" (V, 17). "The Gospel, however, is that doctrine which teaches what a man should believe in order to obtain the forgiveness of sins from God, since man has failed to keep the Law of God and has transgressed it, his corrupted nature, thoughts, words, and deeds war against the Law, and he is therefore subject to the wrath of God, to death, to temporal miseries, and to the punishment of hell-fire. The content of the Gospel is this, that the Son of God, Christ our Lord, Himself assumed and bore the curse of the Law, and expiated and paid for all our sins, that through Him alone we reenter the good graces of God, obtain forgiveness of sins through faith, are freed from death and all the punishments of sin, and are saved eternally. For everything which comforts and which offers the mercy and grace of God to transgressors of the Law strictly speaking is, and is called, the Gospel, a good and joyful message that God wills not to punish sins but to forgive them for Christ's sake." (V, 20, 21)

To observe the distinction between God's purposes in His Law and in His Gospel is at the same time to recognize their relationship to each other, to understand that God's Law is given by Him to prepare the way for His Gospel. The Gospel is God's proper message to mankind. "The Word of God . . . leads us to Christ, who is 'the Book of Life.' " (Epit., XI, 7)

"Christ is the essential content of the Scriptures. Take Christ out of the Scriptures, and what have you left? . . . The whole Bible bears witness to Him: 'To Him bear all the prophets witness, that through His name everyone that believeth on Him shall receive remission of sins.' " (Sasse, p. 115)

We hold in the Formula of Concord, as Sasse comments (p. 18): "It is true that Christ can also preach the wrath of God in His teaching, His sufferings, and His death. It is equally true that, according to the language of the New Testament, the sum total of His message can be designated with the word 'Gospel.' But Jesus' proclamation of the wrath to come 'is still not properly the preaching of the Gospel, but the preaching of Moses and the Law, and therefore a "strange work" of Christ, whereby He attains His proper office, i. e., to preach grace, console, and quicken, which is properly the preaching of the Gospel.' " (Epit., V, 10 [Jacobs tr.])

We confess in the Smalcald Articles (III, iii, 2, 4) that the Law "is the thunderbolt by means of which God with one blow destroys both open sinners and false saints. He allows no one to justify himself. He drives all together into terror and despair. . . . To this office of the Law the New Testament immediately adds the consoling promise of grace in the Gospel."

And by way of summary, Dr. Walther states: "The true knowledge of the distinction between the Law and the Gospel is not only a glorious light, affording the correct understanding of the entire Holy Scriptures, but without this knowledge Scripture is and remains a sealed book." *(The Proper Distinction Between Law and Gospel,* Thesis IV)

But the Evangelical Lutheran Church is the church not of the sealed book but of the open Bible. It maintains that while it is the highest theological art to distinguish between Law and Gospel, this distinction is not a mechanical principle but a method by which the Scripture is interpreted to achieve God's purposes in giving it to men. God's Spirit uses God's Word to achieve God's goal: to save men from their sins. (See 2 Tim. 3:15)

The distinction between the Law and the Gospel cannot be made mechanically or according to standards set by human reason. There is no red-letter edition of the Bible which prints the Gospel in red and the Law in black. The gift to distinguish is a gift of the Spirit, the very gift of the mind of Christ, the living and incarnate Word of God. It is not merely much use

of the Bible that makes a church true and powerful. It is in the proper use under the guidance of the Holy Spirit that a church receives its power, its light, its truth, and its authority.

It must always be remembered that the adversaries of the blessed truths of sin and grace are familiar with and make much use of Scriptures, but they are condemned in our Confessions because they do not interpret and apply Scripture according to Law and Gospel. The Apology (IV, 287) observes that "they teach two modes of justification, one based upon reason, the other based upon the Law, neither one based upon the Gospel or the promise of Christ."

If the Holy Scriptures are to be relevant in God's sense of the term, they must be read, taught, applied, and accepted as revelations of His Law and His Gospel to achieve His purposes.

If our work as an Evangelical Lutheran Church "is to achieve God's purposes in the hearts and lives of people, it must have God's emphasis upon what God has done and still does for us and for our salvation." [2]

Delegate to this convention, "Thou art the man." You stand naked before "the God with whom we have to do" (see Heb. 4:13), and you must cry: "I have sinned against the Lord." You may have succeeded in deceiving yourself and your brethren and your unbelieving friends, but God's finger points at you. He says: "Thou art the man" — the man of lofty claims and low desires, noble purpose and base motives, of double talk and double mind. Thou art the man of great hate and little love, of much slander and meager witness to Christ, of much wealth and little charity. Thou art the man of impure heart and unclean lips, of smoldering envy and seething lust. Thou art the man of much murmuring and little thanksgiving, of much speaking and little praying, of much condemning and little forgiving.

O man, behold the Man! See His robe dyed red by His blood — the blood shed for you. See Him endure separation from His Father, so that you might never be forsaken by that same Father. See Him —

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.

(The Lutheran Hymnal, 153:1)

"Thou art the man!" "Behold the Man!" This is the burden of our message as a confessional church in Christendom and in the world, so that men may turn to God and say, "I have sinned," and that God may turn to them and say, "I have put away thy sin." This is the burden of our convention, to bear in our hearts a love of God for men, whom He has loved through His Son. Let us assess our work and our discussions in the perspective of Law and Gospel, of the message of sin and grace. Let us discuss matters of doctrinal and intersynodical affairs, questions concerning church fellowship, issues in ministerial training, our program of missions and evangelism, the subjects of church administration and finance, our deep concerns in Christian education — let us discuss all of these in their relationship to the Law and the Gospel, to our task of proclaiming sin and grace. If there is little recognizable relationship in these to our task of proclaiming and applying Law and Gospel, we are either attending the wrong convention, or the convention is attending upon the wrong business.

"Thou art the man!" Let us speak this plainly to a society steeped in moral pragmatism, which agrees that morality is nice if it is practical and profitable. But let us speak just as plainly of Him who is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life" and point to Him so directly that all may know that "no man cometh unto the Father but by Him." (See John 14:6)

Let this church apply Law and Gospel to a social order in cataclysmic upheaval. Let it speak for God to men, and let it speak for men to God. But speak, Missouri! Speak to men for God about the issues involved in thermonuclear war and in therapeutic abortion, about ideologies that humanize God and deify man, that ignore the Creator and despise man as His crowning creation; speak about hate parading as loyalty, about divisiveness strutting pompously as orthodoxy, about naive intellectualism posing as profound wisdom; speak about the conflict between labor and management, its tensions, its bitterness, its small concern for God and its smaller concern for God's handiwork. Apply the Law and the Gospel to those who crawl in tenements and to those who climb in suburbia, to the new nations struggling with new freedoms and to old cultures struggling with the burdens and the treasures of their past. Speak, Missouri, to man of the Man!

Proclaim God's Law and God's Gospel with the full awareness of the price you must pay. I do not speak of money — you have enough of this, you can pay plenty of this. You may squirm when we talk of money at this convention, but this is not the great price you must pay to be true to the message of sin and grace. No, "the Evangelical Lutheran Church is a church which has been sentenced to death by the world" (Sasse, p. 179). "When Christ calls a man, He bids him come and die." [3] For to point your finger only at man and then to point men only to God is to invite the finger of the world's hatred to point at you. Missouri, the Law makes men angry with God and with you! The Gospel is a scandal — "ye shall be hated of all nations for My name's sake." (See Matt. 10:22)

Speak much more of His Gospel than of His Law. His Law is written by Him in the heart of every man. It is a part of every man's natural "equipment." Do

[2] Martin L. Koehneke, "Educate to Edify," in *Edifying the Church*, Proceedings of the Northern Illinois District, The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, 1957, p. 25.

[3] Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship* (London: SCM Press Ltd., 1959), p. 79.

not provoke your children to wrath, ye fathers, by overemphasis on the Law and underemphasis on the Gospel. Do not "overcorrect your children" (Eph. 6:4 Phillips). But do overwhelm them with the mercies of God in Christ Jesus, the Man and the God.

It is natural for us to emphasize the Law in our dealings with men; it is supernatural for us to emphasize the Gospel to men into whose hearts the God of all grace has struck deeply with the pangs of conscience, the arrows of affliction, the loneliness of pain, the fears of failure, and the dejection of defeat. If you are in doubt whether you should say, "Thou art the man," or, "Behold the Man," point your finger upward to God, and speak of Him whose cross is at once the mightiest preaching of the Law and the mightiest preaching of the Gospel.

This convention hall is not an exhibition hall of perfect people. It is an assembly of sinners who have been made saints by the justifying grace of God in Christ Jesus. In this hall and in this church body are pardoned penitents living in repentance whose eyes have been opened to see death in their sins and life in their Savior. If we are "sainted sinners," then let us not succumb to a strange type of perfectionism which expects the impossible of the brotherhood. We shall need to practice much forgiveness in this place because there are only sinners here. Let us not give the impression to the world and to the rest of Christendom that Missouri thinks more highly of herself than she ought to think. If we must have an image, let it be the image of a repentant church.

To the world everywhere we say: "Come unto Him, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and He will give you rest" (see Matt. 11:28). We know. We have come to Him. That is why we have come to Cleveland in His name.

III

The Confessional Church Views the Ecumenical Movement

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This morning we wish as a confessional church to view the Ecumenical Movement. We shall do well, as we set out to do this, to remind ourselves of what this means, that we are a *confessional* church. This means that we are committed to, and honestly desire and strive to be loyal to, our Confessions as they are contained in the Book of Concord.

Anyone who attentively reads the Lutheran Confessions cannot long remain ignorant of the fact that these Confessions have very definite moorings to which they are inseparably attached. From the first Confession to the last they take their stand on the Holy Scriptures.

When the Formula of Concord, the very last of the great Lutheran Confessions, states in its opening paragraph: "We believe, teach, and confess that the sole rule and standard according to which all dogmas together with all teachers should be estimated and judged are the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures of the Old and of the New Testament alone" (*Triglot Concordia*, p. 777), it is only giving clear and precise enunciation to the formal principle which guided the Lutheran confessors from the first to the last.

However, in making the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures the sole source and norm of doctrine, the Lutheran Confessors did not make the mistake that is at times made by well-meaning men, the mistake of interpreting the Scriptures according to uncertain principles, much less according to man-made standards — they had found the very heart and core of all Scripture in the Gospel of God's free grace in Christ Jesus, who by means of His holy precious blood and of His innocent suffering and death had made an atonement for the sins of men and who now calls all men to faith in Christ through the Gospel and freely justifies men through faith.

This Gospel of Christ is always foremost in the minds of the Confessors. From the vantage point of the Gospel they judge and evaluate all doctrine and practices in the church. And so throughout the Augsburg Confession and its Apology we frequently read that such and such a doctrine or practice of the adversaries is "against the Gospel." Indeed, without an understanding of the Gospel, the Confessors believed, the Holy Scripture could not be understood, but where the Gospel is purely held, there the church has the key to a correct understanding of the Scripture.

In this vein the Apology says in the article on Justification: "In this controversy the chief topic of Christian doctrine is treated, which, understood aright, illumines and amplifies the honor of Christ [*which is of especial service for the clear, correct understanding of the entire Holy Scriptures and alone shows the way to the unspeakable treasure and right knowledge of Christ and alone opens the door to the entire Bible*]," etc. (*Trigl.*, p. 121)

This custom of our Confessions to take their stand squarely on the Gospel and to judge from that vantage point is most evident also in the Smalcald Articles. There Luther first of all clearly sets forth what Christ has done for our redemption and how we are justified by grace, for Christ's sake, through faith. And then he says: "Of this article nothing can be yielded or surrendered, even though heaven and earth, and whatever will not abide, should sink to ruin. . . . And upon this article all things depend which we teach and practice in opposition to the pope, the devil, and the world." (*Trigl.*, pp. 461, 463)

In discussing and evaluating the doctrines of the adversaries which these sought to press on Luther and his followers, Luther takes his stand on this chief article, the doctrine of justification by grace for Christ's sake through faith, that is, as already Melanchthon had done in the Augsburg Confession and its Apology, on the Gospel; and from this vantage point he judges the

doctrines of the adversaries. He finds that the Mass "directly and powerfully conflicts with this article." (*Trigl.*, p. 463)

In a similar vein, from the vantage point of the Gospel, he rejects the doctrine of purgatory, of brotherhoods, of indulgences, of the invocation of saints, and others, as being against the chief article, namely, the article of justification by faith. Because this article, which is nothing but the very essence of the Gospel, is the heart and core of the teachings of the Lutheran Confessions, the doctrine of justification has been called the material principle of the Reformation and of Lutheran theology.

The confessional Lutheran Church must here learn wisdom as she faces the questions and problems that confront her today. She must take her position squarely on the Scriptures and in doing so must recognize that the heart and core of the Scriptures is the Gospel, the doctrine of justification. And in evaluating and judging movements and doctrines with which she is confronted she must ask: What would such and such a doctrine or such and such a movement do to my loyalty to the Holy Scripture as "the standard according to which all dogmas together with all teachers should be estimated and judged"? Furthermore, how should I judge this doctrine or this movement in the light of the fact that I stand squarely on the doctrine of justification by faith, i. e., on the Gospel?

It is from this vantage point that we wish now to view the Ecumenical Movement.

In order to make sure that we are agreed on what it is we are viewing and examining, permit me to describe and to define briefly. Both among people within and among people without the Ecumenical Movement there are opinions concerning this movement which the official spokesmen of the movement would consider erroneous and which the facts, insofar as they can be examined, appear to contradict.

Today, when we speak of the Ecumenical Movement, we usually think of the World Council of Churches, organized at Amsterdam in 1948, shortly after the cessation of World War II, with subsequent meetings at Evanston, Ill., in 1954, and at New Delhi, India, in 1961. To this World Council of Churches belongs by far the greater number of Christian denominations, with the exception of the Roman Catholic Church, the majority of Baptist churches, the Lutheran Synodical Conference, including The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, and a number of so-called Churches of Christ.

However, to understand the Ecumenical Movement one must not begin with the World Council of Churches and its organization in Amsterdam. The Ecumenical Movement is much older than the World Council of Churches, and many attempts to bring the churches into closer union had been made before 1948.

Students of the Ecumenical Movement describe the origin of the movement somewhat as follows: At the time of the Reformation the Christian church in the West was divided roughly into three branches: the Roman Catholic, the Lutheran, and the Reformed, understood in the sense of Calvinistic Reformed. At various times and for various reasons during the following centuries the church was further divided. Europe itself was divided into many small kingdoms and principalities, each with its own government and its own regional or state church. This made for fragmentation and division.

There was further added first of all a serious split in the Reformed churches, in which many people rebelled against certain excesses of Calvinism and substituted a contrary theology called Arminianism. For several centuries new denominations continued to spring from the Calvinistic and Arminian bodies, particularly in England and later also in America, until that which we sometimes call our denominational muddle developed.

Sad as this picture of division and fragmentation may appear, there was also a brighter side to the church history of those centuries. There awoke here and there in the divided churches a fervent missionary spirit which moved men and women to carry the Gospel to heathen nations. Roman Catholics, Baptists, Lutherans, Congregationalists, Anglicans, and others were imbued with missionary spirit, and hundreds of consecrated missionaries were moved to obey the great commission, "Go ye and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."

As was to be expected, each of these missionaries, Lutheran missionaries included, sought to transplant the Gospel according to the understanding and with the customs and rites of his own home church to the heathen. By and by this began to cause real difficulty on the mission field. Heathen and converts from heathenism were confused and often scandalized by the divisions among Christians. Ostensibly all sought to win the heathen for Christ, but Catholics fought Protestants and Protestants fought one another on the mission fields. Not only were the natives puzzled and scandalized, many of the missionaries themselves felt that this was a very harmful situation and so reported to their home churches.

The situation was so serious that a number of missionary councils of churches which had large numbers of missionaries in foreign fields held joint meetings to discuss the situation. They correctly recognized that the real trouble lay in their own divisions and that the situation on the mission field could not well be healed so long as the churches at home were sick with divisions and denominationalism. Out of this realization grew the Ecumenical Movement, which was not to begin with an organization but rather with a deep realization among concerned Christians and missionaries looking to efforts to come together — to do away with harmful rivalry and to present to the heathen world a united front for Christ.

The International Missionary Council was formed, with representation from many denominations, and five

notable Missionary Council meetings were held: at Jerusalem in 1928; at Madras, India, in 1938; at Whitby, Ont., Canada, in 1947; at Willingen, Germany, in 1952; and in Ghana in 1958. All these meetings were held in response to the conviction of the Missionary Councils of the churches in question, that something must be done to bring more unity into the missionary efforts of the churches.

While the Missionary Councils of the churches were meeting on problems of missions, the divisions themselves were being attacked on other fronts. Here it was particularly the World Conference on Faith and Order which did advance work. This conference met at Lausanne in Switzerland in 1927, and again later at Edinburgh and at Lund.

It was the World Conference on Faith and Order which sought a doctrinal formula on which the churches might come together for joint worship and work. It came up with the formula which was to become the basis for membership in the World Council of Churches, the present chief instrument of the Ecumenical Movement. The formula states that membership is open to "all who accept the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Savior."

To date more than 170 churches, in the sense of larger church bodies, in more than 50 countries have joined the World Council of Churches on this doctrinal platform. These churches are in part very diverse in character, confession, and church polity. Episcopalians, Eastern Orthodox, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Methodists, Quakers, the Salvation Army — these and other widely divergent church groups are linked together in the World Council of Churches.

The World Council of Churches does not attempt to gloss over the theological and other differences between the member churches. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, the first Secretary General of the World Council of Churches, said to the Council at its convention in Amsterdam:

"We are a Council of Churches, not the Council of the One Undivided Church. Our name indicates our weakness and our shame before God, for there can be and there is finally only one Church of Christ on earth. Our plurality is a deep anomaly. But our name also indicates that we are aware of the situation, that we do not accept it passively, that we would move forward towards the manifestation of the One Holy Church. Our Council represents therefore an emergency solution — a stage on the road — a body living between the time of complete isolation of the churches from each other and the time — on earth or in heaven — when it will be visibly true that there is one shepherd and one flock." (*Official Report,* New York: Harper & Bros., pp. 28 f.)

The Council acted in harmony with this confession of disunity in the matter of Communion services at Amsterdam and at Evanston. For though the leaders of the Council encouraged intercommunion, they respected the consciences of the delegates in this matter and arranged four separate Communion services, namely, Reformed, Eastern Orthodox, Anglican, and Lutheran. Otherwise they engaged in joint worship, with preference given to liturgical services.

The feelings in the Council with respect to fellowship in view of the confessed differences may be gleaned from the following expression in the official report: "Although we cannot fully meet, our Lord will not allow us to turn away from one another, for the very intensity of our difference testifies to a common conviction which we drew from Him. The body of Christ is a unity which makes it impossible for us either to forget each other or to be content with agreement upon isolated parts of our beliefs, while we leave the other parts unreconciled." (*Ibid.,* p. 55)

The fear is often expressed by Christians that the World Council of Churches will try, either now or in the future, to be a superchurch, seeking to swallow the smaller churches and to be itself the one remaining denomination. This was firmly denied by Visser 't Hooft at Evanston. He said, according to the published report (p. 25):

"The World Council of Churches is essentially an instrument at the service of the churches to assist them in their common task to manifest the true nature of the church. It is an instrument and must therefore never be considered as an aim in itself. The important thing is not the World Council as an organization. What is important is that the churches should be the Church. It is therefore a sign of confused thinking to speak of the World Council itself as The World Church. And it is completely erroneous to suggest that the World Council is or has any ambition to become a Super Church, that is, a center of administrative power. There is not a single church in the membership of the Council which desires this; there is none which would tolerate this." (*Ibid.,* p. 25)

Summing up the work of the first six years, 1948 to 1954, W. A. Visser 't Hooft showed that the World Council aims, not so much at amalgamation but rather at complete and unrestricted fellowship between the churches. He said:

"In the first six years the Council continued to stand for manifest unity of the Church, but its own (the Council's) task in that area was necessarily limited: First to remind the churches again and again that cooperation or friendly relations are not enough, for *unity means at least complete unrestricted fellowship;* second, to create the conditions in which the churches come to know each other, and learn from each other so that the walls of partition become transparent and finally disappear altogether. . . . The Council can and must work to create a situation in which there is so much in common between the churches, that there is no adequate reason for them to remain separate from each other." (*Ibid.,* p. 26)

Apart from its work of seeking to draw the disunited church visible into closer fellowship, the World Council of Churches in four major divisions carries on a number of types of most necessary practical work.

The Division of Interchurch Aid and Service to Refugees has helped to resettle more than 200,000 refugees. This is certainly a necessary and noble work. In the Division of Ecumenical Action especially youth work has been studied. At the Ecumenical Institute at Bossy in Switzerland, Christians of all races have been exploring the meaning of the Christian Gospel for the work and witness of the church to the world. In the Division of Studies the World Council of Churches calls upon the world's best minds to help analyze and to suggest Christian approaches to the ever-new problems confronting the Christian church, especially in the area of missions and evangelism. Finally the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs keeps the churches apprised of world problems insofar as they have relevance for the Christian faith and life.

We have tried in the above to give a brief picture of the aims and of the work of the World Council of Churches, which is not the Ecumenical Movement itself but is at present the chief and certainly the largest group professing to be prosecuting ecumenical aims.

A small opposition group of fundamentalists, organized also at Amsterdam, also in the year 1948, in opposition to the W. C. C., the International Council of Christian Churches, is little heard from by comparison. When we speak of the Ecumenical Movement we generally think of the W. C. C. and the churches associated with it.

That the problems which led to the founding of the W. C. C. are real and the aims of the W. C. C. as stated are laudable we would not for one moment deny. Nor would we wish to intimate for one moment that the work of the World Council of Churches and of other ecumenical groups has been without real benefit for these groups. When we consider that the church has not only been divided into many denominations to her own shame and to the scandalizing of the heathen but that denominations themselves have been cleft down the middle between conservatives and liberals and at times even between fundamentalists and modernists, then we can realize that for many denominations the apparently positive platform on which the churches are asked to enter into fellowship with each other, namely, the confession of Jesus Christ as God and Savior, has been a genuine blessing. This we must confess as we, a confessional church, standing squarely on the Scripture and confessing the Biblical Gospel, view and evaluate this movement.

We are, however, as a confessional church also constrained to ask a number of very earnest and searching questions.

The first has to do with the formal principle of the Reformation and of our Confessions, that it shall be the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures alone according to which all teachers and doctrines shall be judged. Into the Ecumenical Movement, as it is represented in the World Council of Churches, have gone the modernists from former times, perhaps reformed, perhaps not; the higher critics who in many instances have sought to destroy confidence in the Holy Scripture; and the neo-orthodox, who, while generally more conservative, are nevertheless a far cry from the attitude of our Confessions toward the Scriptures. What we must ask about earnestly is the attitude of the churches in the Ecumenical Movement toward the Scriptures. Could such a position as our Confessions take — and as we as a confessional church must take — be maintained if we plunged into the Ecumenical Movement and joined the World Council of Churches?

The other question which we must earnestly ask is: What happens to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Ecumenical Movement as represented by the World Council of Churches? True, one of the avowed aims of the World Council of Churches is the proclamation of the Gospel in all the world without scandal flowing from divided churches. But what happens to the Gospel in the Ecumenical Movement? Into this movement have gone churches which have never had a full understanding of the Gospel.

We cannot here enter into the theological depths of the question. But where the doctrine of original sin is minimized, as it is in many churches, there the Gospel cannot remain pure. Where the social gospel displaces the Biblical Gospel, there is no longer a real Gospel but a false gospel. And it is a fact that the social gospelers of a past generation are now part and parcel of the Ecumenical Movement. And some of the expressions in the documents of this movement leave one in doubt whether all the talk about the Gospel means the Gospel as set forth in the Scriptures and in the Lutheran Confessions.

Evangelicals who have studied the Ecumenical Movement and its documents have rightly chided the movement for not being definite and clear enough in their statements about the person of Christ, although it must be stated that some individuals in the Ecumenical Movement have spoken clearly and Biblically. We must agree with an evangelical critic of the Ecumenical Movement, J. Marcus Kik (*Ecumenism and the Evangelical,* Philadelphia: The Presbyterian and Reformed Pub. Co., 1958), who finds that the Ecumenical Movement "fights shy of sharply defining the Christian faith for fear of its disturbing element" (p. 64). We miss in the documents of the Ecumenical Movement the clear statement of the Gospel of the incarnation of the Son of God, of His vicarious suffering and death for the sins of mankind, of the doctrine of justification by grace for Christ's sake through faith.

As a confessional church, loyal to our Lutheran Confessions, our feet firmly planted on the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures as the source of our faith and the standard of judgment and on the Holy Gospel as the very heart and core of the Scripture, we must ask the ecumenist: What happens to the Scripture in your movement? What happens to the Biblical Gospel? According to the answers to these questions we must finally judge the Ecumenical Movement and be guided in our actions with respect to it.

IV

The Doctrine of Baptism

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Under God's guidance and on the basis of His Word it will be your and my privilege to study, all too briefly, what Luther has called the *superabundant* riches of the grace of God — this morning the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and tomorrow the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The sacraments are superabundant riches because the mere Word, the Gospel, in and by itself confers and appropriates to the sinner God's grace and the forgiveness of sins. However, both Scripture and experience teach that nothing is more difficult for one who has recognized his sinful state and condition than to believe that God is gracious and forgiving. As an earlier dogmatician (Chemnitz) says: "Our carnal infirmity hinders, disturbs, distracts, and weakens our faith. For it is hard to continue firmly persuaded of those things proposed in the Word which are not apparent to the senses." God, superabundantly rich in mercy, has met the need of sinful man in a superabundant way, not only by and through the Word but also by visible means of grace, the sacraments. All praise and thanks to Him!

It is altogether proper that we study Holy Baptism first, for it is the sacrament of initiation, while the Lord's Supper is the sacrament of confirmation. By Baptism we are regenerated; by the Lord's Supper we are fed and nourished to eternal life. As therefore in nature, so also in grace, we must be born before we are fed, we must be begotten before we can grow. By Baptism we are received into the covenant of God; by the Lord's Supper we are preserved in it. By Baptism faith and the other gifts of the Spirit are excited in us; by the Lord's Supper they are increased and confirmed.

What, then, is this superabundant richness of God, Holy Baptism?

An answer based on Scripture is that of one of our fathers, Dr. A. L. Graebner: "The sacrament of Baptism is the act of sprinkling, pouring, or by immersion applying upon a living human person water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, the Triune God, who is Himself present with the water connected with the sacramental word and efficaciously offers the gifts of His grace and operates toward their acceptance, as in infants, or toward perseverance in and greater assurance of their possession, as in adults who have been previously regenerated by the Word."

No believing Christian who knows his Bible requires any lengthy proof for the statement that Baptism has been instituted by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In the same words in which the resurrected Lord commissioned His disciples to preach the Gospel, He instituted Baptism: "Go ye, therefore, and teach [make disciples of] all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Thereby Christ designated Baptism, together with His Word, a means of grace, through which He rescues man out of his perdition and bestows upon him all the blessings of His redemption. Bound to His will, the believing Christian in full assurance trusts that as long as the earth remains, Christ will not withdraw His saving power from His own institution of Baptism.

The believing Christian must then stand amazed at the temerity, the audacity, of those today who say that Baptism is a figment of the human mind, the mind of the writers of the New Testament, and that it was practiced in the early church without the command of the resurrected Lord; or that true faith in the Gospel can exist without the desire for Baptism and that there is a way into the kingdom of Christ which excludes Holy Baptism. One of the reasons offered is that the early Christians could not have been so advanced in theology as the words "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost" would indicate. Dr. Pieper rightly says, "Such objectors very unhistorically impute their own poor knowledge of the Christian doctrine to the primitive Christian church. The words of God's inspired Word are clear and simple, 'Make disciples — baptizing them — teaching them.' "

Our dogmaticians on the basis of Scripture declare that the essentials of Baptism are three: water, the application of water, and Christ's word.

With regard to the first essential, water, Luther says, "If you were to use for it anything else than the appointed substance or the substance named, and still pronounce the right words, that would be no baptizing but cheating and a mockery of the sacrament by one who willfully ignores the ordinance and command in which the substance is clearly named."

So far as the application of water is concerned, Baptism can be performed by immersion, pouring, or sprinkling, because, as has been repeatedly explained by many scholars, the original Scripture word "baptize" merely denotes the application of water without any implication as to the way it is applied.

The third essential in a valid Baptism is Christ's word, namely, the word He used when He instituted Baptism: "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." Although this is clearly taught in Scripture, there are theologians who teach that the New Testament knows only of a Baptism in the name of Jesus, citing as an example Peter's Pentecostal exhortation, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ." But since it was Christ who had commanded Baptism in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, this Baptism is a Baptism "in the name of Christ." Besides, whoever is baptized in the name of the Triune God is baptized in the name of Christ, or vice versa, for Scripture clearly teaches that one cannot know the Father without simultaneously knowing the Son and the Holy Ghost.

In his Large Catechism Dr. Luther writes: "Baptism is no human trifle but instituted by God Himself, more-

over . . . it is most solemnly and strictly commanded that we must be baptized or we cannot be saved. . . . For it is of the greatest importance that we esteem Baptism excellent, glorious, and exalted, for which we contend and fight chiefly, because the world is now so full of sects clamoring that Baptism is an external thing and that external things are of no benefit. But let it be ever so much an external thing, here stand God's Word and command which institute, establish, and confirm Baptism. But what God institutes and commands cannot be a vain but must be a most precious thing, though in appearance it were of less value than a straw. . . . For to be baptized in the name of God is to be baptized not by men but by God Himself."

Perhaps the most difficult feature of Baptism for human reason to comprehend is the benefit or blessing of Baptism. Here our Lutheran Confessions stand alone as a true declaration of the doctrines of Holy Scripture. What has Scripture to say? Listen to the clear and simple words:

"Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

"Be baptized, and wash away thy sins."

"Be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Christ gave Himself for the church "that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word."

"Baptism doth also now save us, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God."

"As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

"God our Savior . . . according to His mercy . . . saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost . . . that . . . we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

"Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by Baptism into death."

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

No wonder Luther answered the question "What does Baptism give or profit?" with the words "It works forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare."

Again, the believing Bible Christian must stand amazed at those who in spite of these many simple and clear words permit their mighty but sinful reason to hold sway over Scripture and call Baptism nothing more than a solemn rite of initiation into outward communion with the church, or a mere sign or symbol of the cleansing from sin, a beautiful symbol of edifying thoughts but, as only a symbol, actually conveying nothing.

Some theologians claim that Baptism is a sign or symbol of our willingness to assume the responsibilities which God imposes upon us in Baptism.

Others, especially existential theologians, claim, for example, that we must deduce the impotence of Infant Baptism from the fact that in so many churches the majority of adults give no evidence that "an event occurred" at their Baptism in infancy. Such "an event" could not take place, they say, in Infant Baptism, because the children are unable to answer the questions addressed to them and are therefore unable to express their willingness and readiness to assume the obligations imposed in Baptism.

Others teach that a baptized person is first implanted into the church, or, as they call it, "the new humanity," and then through membership in the church he obtains forgiveness of sins.

Such are some of the many vagaries which have been promulgated for centuries, which are promulgated still today, many of them only in more philosophical and perhaps less understandable terminology.

But Scripture uses words so clear and simple that even a child can understand them. When, for example, God's Word says, "Be baptized for the remission of sins," then it is clear to every believing Christian that Baptism is not a mere outward ceremony but a divine means of grace, which seriously offers and imparts to him forgiveness of sins. Again, when God's Word says Holy Baptism is a "washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost," then it is clear to every believing Christian that Baptism is a divine means of grace which is a rebirth which works the very faith that accepts the forgiveness of sins. It saves, because "Baptism is not simple water only, but it is the water comprehended in God's command and connected with God's Word"; there is connected with this divine washing the Gospel of Christ, which "is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." To be saved implies nothing less than to be delivered from sin, death, and the devil, a deliverance to achieve which the great God gave His only-begotten Son; the Son laid down His life, and the Father and the Son sent forth the Comforter, the Holy Spirit. To be saved is to come into the kingdom of Christ and to live with Him forever. This is what Baptism accomplishes.

Is Baptism then a mechanical operation? Does it save automatically, by a sort of magical power?

Again Scripture is clear, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Therefore Dr. Luther says, "It is not the water indeed that does [these great things in Baptism], but the word of God which is in and with the water, and faith, which trusts such word of God in the water." This is again where human reason admits an impossibility, especially with regard to the possibility of faith in infants.

Says Dr. J. T. Mueller in an essay in *The Abiding Word* (Vol. II, p. 407): "But how (we ask) can little children have faith which trusts such word of God in the water? Believing adults, of course, by faith trust the baptismal Gospel promise. But how can infants have faith? Here, again, the fact that Baptism is essentially Gospel helps us understand the problem. The Gospel, on the one hand, is the object of faith, that is, the foundation upon which our faith rests. Our faith

thus rests upon the precious Gospel fact that Christ died for our sins (Rom. 4:25). But, on the other hand, the Gospel is also the means by which faith is engendered in the hearts of men (Rom. 10:17), since the Holy Ghost is always and efficaciously connected with the Gospel (1 Cor. 2:4, 5). And so through the Gospel, connected with Holy Baptism, the Holy Spirit works and preserves an active, direct faith in the little children that are baptized, while He strengthens the faith of believing adults that are baptized. We cannot, of course, understand this divine operation of the Holy Spirit in little children, just as little as we can understand how sleeping adults, or adults in a coma, are kept by the Holy Ghost in saving faith. However, we are not to understand the mysteries of faith but only to believe them (John 20:29). In the realm of the spiritual, reason must forever remain silent, as Luther affirms time and again."

This, again, does not mean that it is our faith that makes Baptism the rich treasure of God's grace. On the contrary, Baptism is this glorious treasure solely through the work and word of Christ. We declare with Dr. Luther: "We are not so much concerned to know whether the person baptized believes or not; for on that account Baptism does not become invalid; but everything depends upon the Word and command of God. . . . My faith does not make Baptism but receives it." In other words, faith is indeed necessary to obtain the divine blessings, though faith does not make the sacrament a means of grace. Both statements are based on Scripture and are therefore correct: Baptism creates faith, and Baptism requires faith.

Scripture nowhere calls for a repetition of Baptism, yet in many passages it urges the baptized believer to use Baptism for consolation and sanctification, for his comfort in the troubles of sin, and for his growth in godliness. Again, listen to the clear and simple words of just one passage: "We are buried with Christ by Baptism into death, that like as He was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

Concerning this Dr. Luther says in the Large Catechism: "The power and operation of Baptism . . . is nothing else than putting to death the old Adam and after that the resurrection of the new man, both of which must take place in us all our lives, so that a truly Christian life is nothing else than a daily baptism, once begun and ever to be continued. For this must be practiced without ceasing, that we ever keep purging away whatever is of the old Adam and that that which belongs to the new man come forth. But what is the old man? It is that which is born in us from Adam, angry, hateful, envious, unchaste, stingy, lazy, haughty, yea, unbelieving, infected with all vices, and having by nature nothing good in it. Now, when we are come into the kingdom of Christ, these things must daily decrease, that the longer we live we become more gentle, more patient, more meek, and ever withdraw more and more from unbelief, avarice, hatred, envy, haughtiness. This is the true use of Baptism among Christians, as signified by baptizing with water."

We baptized Christians should daily, through the power given us in our Baptism, suppress our lusts and sins and walk in holiness of life. The old Adam is daily thrust, as it were, into the water of Baptism. Daily he is made to relax his hold, daily his strength is weakened, daily he is drowned, daily buried. Daily Satan is renounced, and daily the Christian dedicates himself to the warfare against his sinful flesh. Daily, daily, as long as life lasts, Baptism demands of the baptized Christian that he walk in purity and holiness before God.

We must grow in faith and in the fear and love of God. As "the elect of God, holy and beloved," we are to grow in compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, long-suffering, forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any. The fruit of the Spirit is to be found in us: love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, faith, temperance, righteousness, truth. This is what Baptism symbolizes, purposes, and works. Baptism is not only a symbol of the new birth, not only a promise of the new life, but it actually creates what it symbolizes. Having been baptized into death with Christ, we are dead unto sin; the baptized Christian has died in his Baptism and, having been baptized unto resurrection with Christ, he is now alive; the baptized Christian is already in possession of eternal life. He is both a dying man according to his corrupt nature and a resurrected man according to his new nature.

What does Baptism mean for us? It means that before I ever sought the Lord of grace and glory, He sought me and claimed me for Himself. It means that He who gave Himself in sacrificial love did so for me. It means that the God of my Savior Jesus Christ is also my God — not because I loved Him but because He loved me. Baptism means that "not by works of righteousness which we have done but according to His mercy He saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

May God grant us His grace that we constantly adhere to the true doctrine of Baptism as it is taught in Scripture. Then alone shall we reap its superabundant riches and benefits.

V

The Doctrine of the Lord's Supper

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The Lord's Supper is not merely a church custom but, like the preaching of the Gospel and the sacrament of Baptism, a divine ordinance. It is another of the *super*abundant riches of God's grace. It was instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the same time enjoined that it be observed in His church to the end of time:

"This do ye in remembrance of Me." Yet this directive of our Lord, "This do," has suffered a great amount of abuse, not only by the avowed opponents of Christianity but also and especially by those who claimed and claim that they are Christ's own and are doing as He requested.

It is our intention this morning to study the first part of the words of institution, as they are quoted in the Catechism and used in our administrations of the Supper. These words, of course, are Scriptural words, a combination of the four accounts of the institution in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and 1 Corinthians. While basing our study only on the first section of the words of institution, that is, that dealing with the bread and Christ's body, we shall observe that the same fundamental truths apply to the second section, that concerning the wine and Christ's blood. May the Lord bless our again all too brief study.

The words of institution begin: "Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread." Here is named the Instituter of this sacrament. It is none other than Jesus, the Savior; Christ, our Prophet, Priest, and King, wonderful in power and wonderful in love, the God-man. It is the Lord, the true, the all-wise God, who knows not only what He says and whereof He speaks but also how He must speak in order that men may clearly understand what He has in mind. Being the Lord, He is also truthful and almighty; what He says He fulfills to the letter; with Him nothing is impossible even though man's perverted reason may say it is. He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. Here is divine authority.

The institution took place on the night when Jesus was betrayed by Judas, as the disciples were celebrating the Passover with their Lord, on the night which preceded the day when Jesus, as the Lamb of God fulfilling the Passover, died for the sins of the world. Jesus knew His hour had come, and at this hour of parting He instituted this Supper as a last will and testament for the strengthening and preservation of His disciples — the disciples then and now. Here is divine love and tender care.

Let us listen reverently and respectfully to what God's Word itself has to say concerning that which the almighty, loving God-man did and said on that memorable night.

He took bread. Just as little as we dare to substitute some other fluid for water in Baptism, so neither in the Lord's Supper dare we substitute anything else for bread and wine.

"And when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples." Matthew and Mark say: "And blessed and brake and gave it to them." The disciples could plainly see that Jesus was beginning a new act, one similar to the Passover, yet greatly different. By this prayer of thanksgiving the bread was blessed, consecrated, set apart from its common use and dedicated to the sacred purpose which it was to serve. With regard to the actual contents of this prayer, Scripture is silent; yet it remains efficacious for all time. That same efficacious power resides also in the words of Christ which *are* recorded and immediately follow. Says the Formula of Concord: "Where His institution is observed and His words are spoken over the bread and cup, and the consecrated bread and cup are distributed, Christ Himself, through the spoken words, is still efficacious *by virtue of the first institution,* through His Word, which He wishes to be there repeated."

"When He had given thanks, He brake it," that is, He broke the larger cake or wafer in His hand into as many pieces as were necessary in order that He might give the bread to each disciple. The breaking is incidental to the Sacrament. It does not symbolize His impending death on the cross, for the Lord's body was not broken on the cross, not even a bone of Him, says Scripture. Dr. Krauth in *The Conservative Reformation and Its Theology* says, "Breaking bread is the very symbol of quiet and peace. Who would dream of it as an appropriate symbol of the most cruel and ignominious death? . . . and if so extraordinary a symbolic use of it were made, it would require the most explicit statement on the part of the person so using it, that such was its intent." The bread was broken, then, solely for the purpose of distributing it among the disciples, or, as the words say, "and gave it to His disciples."

The Lord extended the bread to them, saying, "Take, eat." They were to *take* it, not in a spiritual manner, by faith, but in a natural manner. The disciples were to *eat* the bread, not to adore, revere, worship, or idolize it; they were to eat it, and that also not spiritually, by faith, but orally. Accordingly, bodily or natural eating is an essential part of the Lord's Supper. When giving them the cup, He said, "Drink ye all of it," literally, "Drink out of it, all [of you]." In this and Mark's statement, "and they all drank of it," we find the strongest argument against the practice of the Romanists of withholding the cup from the laity. Also, bodily or natural drinking on the part of all recipients is an essential part of the Sacrament.

What was it that the Lord gave to His disciples and which they were to take and eat? The words (exactly the same in all four accounts of the institution) are clear and simple, "This is My body." The Lord says, This, that which I extend and give to you, that which you are to take and eat as I give you the consecrated bread, is My body. That He gave them bread the disciples saw and thus knew without being told. Hence Jesus tells them that with the bread He gave them His body. Luther says, "It is no longer mere bread of the oven, but bread of flesh, or bread of body, that is bread which is sacramentally one with Christ's body."

How clear and plain the words are: "This is My body." But since this concept is so far above human reason, men have used their perverted and conceited reason to make the concept intelligible to human reason. Consequently all sorts of methods have been applied to give these simple words a figurative meaning. Some

find a figure of speech in the subject "this"; others find it in the verb, or copula, "is"; still others look for it in the predicate noun "My body."

It was especially Zwingli at Luther's time who explained the words of institution by taking the verb "is" in the sense of "signify" or "represent." But certainly what Dr. Krauth says is true: "Language itself would commit suicide if it could tolerate the idea that the substantive verb shall express not substance but symbol." "Almost every doctrine of the Word of God will melt under it. . . . 'God is a spirit' would mean, God is the symbol of a spirit. . . . By it Christ would cease to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life and would be a mere symbol of them."

But Zwingli used Scripture to prove his point! He pointed to such passages as "The seed is the Word of God"; "I [Jesus] am the Door"; "I am the Vine"; "That Rock was Christ." It is true, these passages contain a figure, but it is not found in the word "is." For example, when Christ says, "I am the Vine," the meaning is not that He signifies the vine; He is truly the Vine; indeed not a natural vine such as grows in the vineyard, but the true spiritual Vine. Similarly when Christ says, "I am the Door"; as the door admits a person into a house, so Christ is actually the Door that admits a person into heaven. Consequently, the figure of speech is not to be found in the verb "is" but in the predicate noun (door, vine, way, etc.).

Must we not then adopt Calvin's interpretation, who finds the very figure of speech we have just mentioned in the words "My body," explaining Christ's words as follows, "That which I give you is the sign or symbol of My body"? Says Dr. Mueller in his *Christian Dogmatics:* "Calvin's error is fully refuted by St. Paul, who teaches (not that the word *body* is to be interpreted as *sign of body,* but) that the bread is the communion of the body and the cup (wine) the communion of the blood of Christ . . . and who also says that 'he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation to himself not discerning the *Lord's body.*' . . . This explanation, given by divine inspiration, decides the matter once for all and establishes the truth of both the sacramental union and the oral reception."

When theologians, to avoid the seeming difficulty of the Biblical doctrine, propose substitutes for Christ's body and blood, such as "the entire Christ" or "Christ's person" or "the benefits or merits of Christ," or when a Calvinistic theologian states, "We do not say that Christ or His promises are *physically* there, but we do say that they are *really* there," and even speaks of a sacramental union, they nevertheless deny the substantial presence of Christ's body in the Sacrament. We must read these statements in their context. The Lutheran Confessions, on the other hand, regard the sacramental union as so real and intimate that in the Supper the communicant receives Christ's true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine, the bread and wine indeed in a natural manner, but the body and blood in a supernatural, incomprehensible manner.

For these and other reasons defined by our fathers in the Confessions and later writings, our Lutheran Church takes the words of institution just as they read. God forbid that we ever waver in our firm conviction that the true intended meaning of the words in question is and only can be, "This is," is truly, "My body."

Was, then, the bread changed into the body of Christ? Again, on the basis of clear Scripture we must answer most emphatically, No! No transubstantiation took place. When the Lord said, "This is My body," the meaning was not: The bread is no longer bread but has been changed into My body; no, as we heard before, the meaning is: That which I give you in and with the bread is My body. When one says to another in handing him a glass of water, "This is water," he does not mean to say that the glass is no longer a glass and that it has been transformed into water; but this is what he means to say: In this glass I am giving you water. Thus the Lord uses here a mode of speech common to every language: He names that which is not seen while giving that which is seen. What absolutely convinces the believing Christian, however, is the fact that the apostle Paul expressly states that we eat bread and drink wine even after the consecration, 1 Cor. 11: 26-28.

The simple and only meaning of these words of institution, then, is that the disciples were to take and eat, and did take and eat, Christ's true body in, with, and under the bread. How that was possible at that time, how it is possible today we shall not even attempt to determine and explain. Let our position be that of Luther: "Why do we not cast aside this curiosity of what takes place here, willing to be content that the true body of Christ is present here by virtue of His words? Or is it necessary completely to comprehend the manner of the divine working?"

Our Lord Jesus Christ continues, "This is My body, which is given for you." Very emphatically the Lord assures His disciples that He gives them His body, that body which was given into death for them. These words, together with the similar words later, "shed for you for the remission of sins," show us, says Dr. Luther, "that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words." This is the foremost gift and purpose of the Lord's Supper, the offer, the pledge, and the seal of the free and full remission of sins. To this highest gift are added, as a necessary result, many other effects: strengthening of faith; union with Christ and His body, the church; growth in sanctification; furtherance in love toward God and the neighbor; increase in patience and in the hope of eternal life; greater joy in confessing Christ. What a blessed, holy, beneficial Sacrament! Shall we not partake of the Supper often, to secure these priceless yet free gifts, of which we have so much need?

Our Lord concludes the first section of the words of institution by saying, "This do in remembrance of Me." The Apology of the Augsburg Confession defines this statement in this way: "To remember Christ is not the idle celebration of a show . . . but it is to remember the

benefits of Christ and receive them by faith, so as to be quickened by them. . . . For it signifies that the will and mercy of God should be discerned in the ceremony." Receiving the very ransom paid for his sins, and believing, the communicant should be powerfully reminded that Christ's vicarious suffering and death on the cross was for the remission of just his sins. Thus the Lord, in instituting the Supper, ordained not only a memorial supper but also a powerful means of grace.

God has entrusted His Word and sacraments to His church. By these means of grace the church is to be edified, built up, strengthened. Thus also with regard to the Sacrament of the Altar. It is, according to Scripture, to be given only to those who have faith in Christ, who can and will sincerely examine themselves as to whether they attend it in true faith. It is a special privilege of the real members of Christ's true church, the body of true believers grown to years of discretion. The church therefore, as a steward and dispenser of God's mysteries, is to see to it that, so far as men can tell, only worthy communicants, only sincere believers, are admitted to the Lord's Table.

Thus, in order to be true to Scripture, our church must deny the Lord's Supper, as our Catechism indicates, to those who are known to be ungodly and impenitent, to those who have given offense and have not removed it, to those who are not able to examine themselves, and to those of a different faith, since the Lord's Supper is a testimony of the unity of faith. The very word communion, which means fellowship, implies the union of the participants in the Lord's Supper, and this must be a unity of the spirit and of faith.

Listen to Luther's words on this point: "It terrifies me to hear that in one and the same church or at one and the same altar both parties are to find and to receive one and the same Sacrament and one party is to believe that it receives nothing but bread and wine, while the other is to believe that it receives the true body and blood of Christ. And I often wonder whether it is credible that a preacher or shepherd of souls can be so hardened and malicious as to say nothing about this and to let both parties go on in this way, receiving one and the same Sacrament, everyone according to his own faith, etc."

And again Luther, and finally: "The Holy Sacrament serves as a means whereby Christ holds His little flock together. The teachers of old have had some fine thoughts about this matter. They have said that Christ purposely used bread and wine for His Supper. For every kernel of grain has its own body and form, but they are ground together and become one bread. Just so every human being is an individual and a creature apart from the others. But in the Sacrament we are, as it were, baked into one cake; for there we have the same faith, the same confession, love, and hope. The same thing applies to the wine. There are many grapes and little berries, and each has its own body and form. But when they turn to wine, the inequality no longer exists; for the wine is one fine, beautiful juice. Christians, too, should be like this. Thus the fathers have explained it, and to do so is not wrong. For the Sacrament is to serve as a means to hold the Christians together in the same understanding, doctrine, and faith, so that nobody should be an individual kernel apart from the rest and have his own doctrine and separate faith. For the devil takes no holiday. He loves to tear this unity and equality to shreds, because he well knows how much injury is done him when all of us believe the same thing and cling to one Head."

Forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation and all their resultant blessings — truly a wonderful gift our Lord Jesus Christ gives us in this Sacrament! Giving us to eat and drink the very body and blood given into death for us, could He tell every individual among us more impressively, more comfortingly, *you* were redeemed by Me; here is My death for you? May we gladly confess our faith in the sublime mystery of His Holy Supper and come often to His table to receive the benefits from it. May we do so as members of the Holy Christian church "till with the saints above we may reach His feast of love."

VI

Unionism and Proper Practice

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A survey of the topics presented to the convention during these days suggests that they were chosen because they are important or because they are live issues in our church today. Both of these conditions are certainly true of today's topic. A review of our synodical literature (books and periodicals) and conference and convention essays reveals a constant preoccupation with the topic of unionism. Discussion of the question became especially acute in the time that spans the two Cleveland conventions of this century, or approximately since our Synod reestablished contacts with other Lutheran bodies.

It is beyond question that our fathers were motivated by thoroughly proper concerns. They were deeply conscientious about their relation to the Lord, about their responsibility toward the doctrine and the people entrusted to them, and eager to be true to their convictions in their relations with those who taught and practiced otherwise. They were wholeheartedly committted to the Word of God and the Lutheran Confessions. They loved the Lutheran heritage and felt in conscience bound to do all in their power to preserve it and to pass it on intact to their children. They were convinced that the church of our Lord Jesus Christ could be built in a completely God-pleasing way only by loyalty to the Scriptures and the Lutheran Symbols. Their paramount concern was to safeguard the purity of the Gospel so that none of its alone-saving power would be lost. And they acted in accordance with their convictions. In proportion to their love for the Word of God and its unadulterated promulgation they hated every manifestation of unscriptural doctrine and practice.

Together with Walther our fathers were always eager and grateful to acknowledge evidences of true Christianity in other church bodies, and they tried to give a positive evaluation of their theology wherever they could. But they would not let this recognition blur their confessional stand.

We can only be thankful for our fathers' strong convictions and dedicated attitudes. And our love for them, our admiration for their constancy, and our approval of their principles is not one whit lessened, nor is their loyalty to the Word of God and the Lutheran Symbols made doubtful if we remember that they were human beings who claimed neither inspiration nor infallibility for themselves and who would be horrified at having their opinions mechanically quoted as authoritative or their practices automatically repeated as necessarily right or as the only proper method of applying their perfectly valid principles.

The practices of the fathers were not uniformly consistent, even as the setting in which all of them in successive periods of time strove to manifest their unquestioned attitude of faithfulness to God was not static or uniformly the same. Human frailties played their part, sometimes involving judgments and practices that were not above question. They themselves were conscious of their limitations and were not ashamed to admit having made mistakes. Certainly we are not arrogantly looking down on our fathers in Christ nor are we disparaging their position. They loved God and they loved His Word. They cherished their Lutheran heritage and would rather suffer reproach than become disloyal. They loved the Lutheran Church and lived with a profound sense of responsibility toward it. They detested heresy and theological ambiguity. We of our time have a lot to do to keep up with their standard. It is in this spirit that we should approach the subject before us today:

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It is not a simple matter to treat this theme, because of the terms involved. This is true particularly of the word *unionism.* What is unionism? A number of definitions could be quoted from our literature.

We cannot go to the Bible for our definition, because it is not a Biblical word. This in itself does not, of course, unfit it for use in theology. There are many words and phrases (for example, Trinity, sacrament, means of grace) that are not found in the Bible but still perform a most useful service in summarizing Biblical truth. Yet no word outside the Bible is sacrosanct and above critical examination. In the use of a nonbiblical term there is the ever-present danger of giving it an arbitrary content and then ransacking the Bible for passages that will support that content.

Again, it is not in itself wrong, though it may be confusing, for an individual to use a word in a special sense as long as he states clearly in what sense he intends to use it. There is, then, a semantic problem which should be carefully resolved before the matter can be fairly treated as a theological issue. Article XIII of the Apology is a good example of how to approach the problems raised by the definition of a word. "We do not think it makes much difference if, for purposes of teaching, the enumeration [of sacraments] varies, provided what is handed down in Scripture is preserved. . . . *If we define* sacraments. . . ."

It is to be noted that historically the word unionism arose out of the peculiar church-state relations in Germany, especially in Prussia. The Hohenzollerns, who were Reformed, regarded it as a traditional family policy to promote the union of Lutherans and Reformed into one united Evangelical Church. A great deal of pressure was applied to accomplish this goal. There were many among the Lutherans and quite a few among the Reformed who objected to this mingling of denominational confessions with the resultant blurring of confessional convictions and confusion of consciences. They called it *Unionismus.* Instead of the two Protestant Churches in Germany, Lutheran and Reformed, there was now a third, the *Unierte,* United Church.

As many thousands of these Germans came to America, they brought these distinctions and terms with them. From its original application to a mingling of Lutherans and Reformed, the word unionism found its way into inter-Lutheran relationships, first applied by one Lutheran body to another which still admitted Reformed communicants to its altars. From there the construction of the term became increasingly more rigid until it was at times used by some almost indiscriminately to refer to nearly any kind of contact with others, including other Lutheran synods not in full formal fellowship with our synod.

The definition of unionism has, in turn, been intimately associated with and made dependent on the definitions of fellowship, in an inverse ratio. The more exclusive the scope of fellowship, the more inclusive the reach of unionism.

It should have become clear that it is not possible to give a simple, umbrella definition of unionism that may be automatically applied to any given concrete situation. Nor can this question be considered by itself in isolation from other doctrinal issues. It is quite possible that the same activity may be unionistic in one setting and not in another. It should also be remembered that simply to label something unionistic does not make it so, nor does the absence of that label necessarily make a practice unobjectionable.

What, then, is unionism? What was the concern of those who first used the word? What positive and negative attitudes, grounded in the Scriptures, were they trying to express?

Ultimately there is only one norm of right and wrong, and that is the Word of God. What God says to Christians about their relations with other Christians must decide the issue. (It is well to note that the word unionism is never used of relations between Christians and non-Christians but is always used, properly or not, to denote inter-Christian contacts on the *religious* level.) In other words, the question narrows down to this: What are the limits within which Christians, indi-

vidually or collectively, may properly join other professed Christians, who are not in full doctrinal agreement with them, in religious activities such as worship and church work? Self-evidently, the question of who is to be regarded as a Christian can be answered only on the basis of profession not on what is in the other person's heart.

I suggest that we start with the Christian's relationship to God, or the explicit and implicit requirements of being disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are familiar with the directives of our Lord to those who would be His disciples. They are asked to deny themselves, to take up their cross, to forsake all, to love Him more than father or mother, son or daughter, to confess Him before men, to be with Him in a clear-cut alignment against all competing claims, to be ready to suffer reproach and persecution for His name's sake, to abide in Him, to continue in His Word, to keep His commandments, to love God with all their hearts, souls, minds, and strength, to fear God above all, to beware of false prophets and of the leaven of the Pharisees, to bring forth much fruit, to let their light shine and to glorify the Father in heaven, to bear witness to Christ, to go and preach the Gospel to every creature, to make disciples of all nations, to be perfect as the Father in heaven is perfect, to be one with all believers even as Christ and the Father are one, to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, not to offend the little ones who believe in Him, to be alert and ready always for the Lord's return. This does not exhaust the list of imperatives which the Lord addresses to all who want to be His disciples.

Is it not a staggering array? Time does not, of course, permit even a superficial analysis of all these words of Christ in their manifold contexts. No attempt has been made to bring them all into a neat arrangement. The purpose has been simply to be overwhelmed by the all-encompassing claims of the Lord upon those who by faith call Him Lord. So radical and so exalted is the commitment which the Head of the church requires of the members of His body that there is no room at all for a breezy nonchalance and an easygoing freewheeling. Christ gave no less than His all, His very life for us. He asks us to yield Him our all, our very selves, no less.

This perspective must determine my course of action in all areas of my life, in all relations, whether personal, domestic, or social — or religious. The first question should not be, Is this unionism, but rather, What does this act do to my disciple relationship, to my acknowledgment of the Lordship of Jesus Christ? If I talk to this professing Christian or pray with that fellow Lutheran or fellow Christian or cooperate in the promotion of some project related to the worship and work of the church with another denomination — does this *perforce* manifest an abridgment of my Lord's total claim upon me? Does this automatically involve denial of His name, departure from His Word, sanction of false doctrine, an occasion for my fellow believer to suffer injury or loss to his faith? Does it prevent me from hallowing God's name, from letting His kingdom come or His will be done? Does it display indifference to the purity of the Gospel? Does it give aid and comfort to the enemies of the cross of Christ? Does it abuse the holy injunction of total love to God and to the neighbor, or does it aid and abet a legalistic perfectionism? It is in terms of questions such as these that the rightness or wrongness of my religious contacts with other Christians should be evaluated.

It may well be that in this light I must conclude that a specific activity will stand condemned as unionistic. But can this be determined in advance? Can it ever be settled automatically by quoting a father or by having recourse to an alleged "historic position"? Must not our judgment be made anew at each concrete occasion on the basis of our disciple relationship as clearly stated for us in the Word of the Lord?

From this vantage point, then, I may act freely, so long as my attitudes and actions conform to the principles inculcated by the Lord Himself, unless and until I am confronted with specific admonitions and prohibitions. Such directives may reasonably be expected in that portion of the New Testament in which the ascended Lord's church is seen in action in actual life situations and the inspired teachers of the church deal with the practical problems of the church, as seen in the Acts and the epistles. Here we may see how the first disciples absorbed and were now applying the guidelines which their Lord had given them.

Those first Christians took the apostles' doctrine and fellowship very seriously. They wanted no untruthful elements to pervert the purity of their fellowship. They would brook no moral laxity. They wanted to live and work in full view of the expected imminent return of their glorified King and to save themselves from their crooked and perverse generation.

Several accents in particular stand out: the pervading concern for preserving and manifesting the unity of all the Christians from one end of the empire to the other; the detestation of all that made for disunity and schism. To this end they condemned all that threatened to undermine the Gospel of Christ, all that sprang from selfishness, pride, legalism, contentiousness, lovelessness, and worldliness. Contrariwise, they extolled and pleaded incessantly for faith and loyalty to Christ, for brotherly love, for humility, gentleness, patience, forbearance, and mutual assistance. Read the letters of the apostles and see for yourself.

The Christians at Rome are reminded that all believers are one body in Christ and every one members one of another and that all should be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love and be of one mind one toward another. They are to owe no man anything but to love one another. They should receive the weak in faith, not put a stumbling block in the brother's way, walk charitably, follow after the things that make for peace and things wherewith one may edify another. They should be like-minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus that they may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, and receive one another, as

Christ also received them to the glory of God; yes, and mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which they have learned, and avoid them.

To the precocious Corinthians, torn by factions that were born of arrogance and selfishness, Paul spoke many straightforward words about removing the divisions in their midst and being joined in the same mind and in the same judgment, about not letting the inconsiderate exercise of their liberty become a stumbling block to the weak brother for whom Christ died. They should follow the example of the apostle's tactful behavior in being all things to all men that he might by all means save some, "and this I do for the Gospel's sake." All their marvelous spiritual gifts are to be used by all the members of the one body for the welfare of the body "that there be no schism in the body but that the members should have the same care one for another" and do it all in the spirit of the most excellent gift of all, *agape,* Christian love.

The Galatians are commanded not to let anyone destroy their unity in Christ by the intrusion of another gospel. They should by love serve one another, avoid the works of the flesh, which include hatred, strife, sedition, heresies; and they should manifest the fruits of the Spirit, which include love, long-suffering, gentleness, meekness. And if somebody is overtaken in a fault, the spiritual among them should restore him in a spirit of meekness, lest they also be tempted, and all should bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.

For the Ephesians the apostle paints a magnificent picture of the redeeming work of Christ, which has demolished the human barriers of race, culture, social standing, and has made them all one in Him. Now they are exhorted to be full of zeal in keeping the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace by practicing the requisite virtues: "With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love." All the gifts of the exalted Lord are to be used "for the perfecting of the saints . . . for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God." However, far from sanctioning a mushy noncreedalism, the apostle exhorts them not to be "children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine."

The Philippians are to "stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel." They should be "likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind." The good ladies, Euodias and Syntyche, should stop their squabbling and "be of the same mind in the Lord." All of them should be governed by the mind "that was also in Christ Jesus." Surely this is enough by way of illustration.

Loyalty, unity, love — the three beautiful daughters of the faith that makes one a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ! Living up to them, or endeavoring earnestly to do so, without stressing one at the expense of the others — this is proper practice. Injuring the one or the other — this is unionism, or its opposite, separatism.

May God give us the firmness to remain fully faithful to Him according to His Word, the wisdom to recognize the tensions created by our discipleship and the humility to live with them, and finally, the winsome love to labor unceasingly for the unity that pleases Him and glorifies His holy name!

VII
The Confessional Church Reviews Her Lodge Practice

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When our church as a confessional church views any phenomenon whatsoever in church or world, she must remind herself that she is bound to "the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures . . . as the pure, clear fountain of Israel, which is the only true standard by which all teachers and doctrines are to be judged." (Formula of Concord, Comp. Summ.)

She must remind herself, furthermore, that according to all her confessions the heart and core of the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures is the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who became man and suffered and died as man's substitute, and that the first and foremost article of our faith is the doctrine of justification by grace for Christ's sake through faith.

From this vantage point of our Confessions, which are an exposition of the teachings of Scripture and set forth as its central teaching the doctrine of our salvation through Christ, we wish to review our Synod's lodge practice.

We note first of all that Synod as a confessional organization is interested in the lodge practice of her constituent congregations. What the Synod expects that practice to be is not left in doubt. The Synod herself has formulated policies and has stated them briefly and clearly in the synodical *Handbook,* 14.03, entitled "Synod's Position Concerning Lodges."

In order to understand and to appreciate the Synod's lodge policies, we shall do well to consider briefly how the Synod arrived at them. We might say that the Synod's present lodge policies go back to year 1929, when they took essentially the form in which we find them stated in the synodical *Handbook.* It would, however, be a mistake to believe that these policies *originated* in 1929. The Synod dealt again and again with lodge matters throughout her history. The literature of the Missouri Synod, both in its official synodical reports and in its official publications, whether *popular* and slanted chiefly toward the membership of her congregations, or *theological* and calculated chiefly for her pastors, abounds with references to what was often called the "lodge evil."

The first major reference which I was able to trace is found in *Der Lutheraner,* Vol. V, June 26, 1849, therefore a scant five years after *Der Lutheraner* began publication and only two years after the founding of the Synod itself. The article, which was continued for

a number of issues, represents a dialog between two laymen, one a member of a secret society though a confessing Christian, the other strongly opposed to membership in secret societies.

The article is entitled "May a Christian Join the So-called Secret Societies?" Most of the discussion revolves around the "works of love" of the members of the secret orders. The lodge member praises his society as being rich in works of love and criticizes the churches for neglecting the care of the poor and needy. His opponent charges the lodges with blowing the trumpets to call attention to their works of love, which are nevertheless not true works of love, because they are limited to fellow lodge members who have not neglected to pay their dues. Later in the article this same opponent of membership in secret societies tries to persuade his opponent that the worship of the lodges is idolatrous.

The first major reference to our subject in a synodical report is found in the *Proceedings of the Seventh Synodical Convention,* held at Cleveland in the year 1853, therefore but six years after the organization of the Synod. On page 270 of the *Proceedings* of this convention we read under the heading "Secret Societies":

"Synod is grieved to see that many Christians in this country have found their way into secret societies . . . and that more are continually being drawn into them. The Word of God is clearly against this."

The report then quotes passages against (a) the secrecy of the lodges; (b) the fellowship with non-Christians; (c) the antibiblical oath; (d) the worship of the secret societies, which is branded idolatrous; (e) the charity, falsely so called. The reference closes with the following paragraph, which certainly indicates an incipient policy with respect to secret societies:

"These doctrines of the Word of God, to which many more could be added, show that anyone who joins . . . a secret lodge . . . regardless of whether he attends the regular meetings or not, denies God, our blessed Savior, and tramples the Word of God under foot. Therefore the Synod warns all her members and all Christians in general, particularly also our newly immigrated brethren in the faith, against these secret societies and assumes as self-understood that in our Christian congregations church discipline will be instituted according to Matt. 18 against those who are found to be members of secret societies. At the same time the Synod earnestly asks all her members and Christian congregations in general to take steps to institute Christian care for the needy and sick according to the example of the ancient church, in order to make it easier for their members to carry on the struggle against the rapidly spreading deception of the secret societies."

The difficulties of the Synod with this matter and her continuing concern with it are highlighted by a case described in the *Synodical Proceedings of 1863,* pp. 60 ff. One of the synodical Districts had laid a troublesome case before the Synod. The account is superscribed: "Reception of Congregations Which Have Not Yet Cleansed Themselves of Lodge Members."

The question asked of the Synod by a District of the Synod is whether a congregation, one third of whose members are lodge members, can be received as a member congregation by the Synod. This particular congregation had passed a resolution to receive no more lodge members and to allow no member of the congregation to join a lodge. It had, however, become necessary, not on account of willingness on the part of the congregation to compromise with secret societies but because the state of Christian knowledge in the congregation was still on a low plane, to suspend these resolutions for the time being. The question with which the Synod was now faced was: Can such a congregation be received into the Synod?

The discussion which ensued on the floor of the Synod, and the gist of which is reproduced in the synodical report, indicates that there was a sharp difference of opinion among the delegates present.

The opinion on the one side is stated as follows: "There is no doubt among us that secret societies are a dreadful cancer of our time, and that the work of the church suffers under it. Our Synod has always considered it her duty to oppose this evil earnestly, energetically, and courageously. But the correct way to oppose this evil is not that we exclude from synodical membership every congregation in which this evil has not yet been overcome; it is rather to be feared that the effect of such a procedure will be that people who have been deceived will be hardened — will be driven from us entirely, and that the influence of the church on such people will be hindered completely. . . . It is a fact . . . that many weak and poorly instructed Christians do not easily see the harm of membership in secret societies. How are they to learn it unless we draw them into the circle of our influence? If such a congregation does not openly speak and act against the confession of the church, Synod has a sacred duty not to thrust them away but to help the pastor to fight the evil. But it is self-evident that a pastor who is too ignorant to see the wrong and is himself a lodge member cannot be received by Synod. . . . It is different with laymen — that they still belong to such societies does not automatically stamp them children of the devil. True, they must be told: You are deceived by Satan. Yet it must be admitted: You may still be children of God. . . ."

One delegate who admitted that he had at one time been very rigorous in this matter, stated that he had learned that the more a person's mind is enlightened by Christian knowledge, the easier it becomes to convince him to sever his connections with the lodge.

One who had himself been a lodge member but had left the lodge said: "Let the District tell this congregation: We receive you, but knowing your situation with respect to the lodge we remind you of Synod's stand and express the hope that you will do away with this abomination."

The matter was debated at great length, the one side advocating a very evangelical approach to the lodge member, the other demanding sterner procedure. The Synod realized that here was a disagreement which it

could not at the moment resolve, and it unanimously resolved to confess this inability to agree to the District which had posed the question. The Synod, however, added that this was not a question of doctrine but of casuistry, a difficult case of conscience. This, it was said, should not crush us, but it should humble us.

It appears that after this time for decades the matters pertaining to the question of lodge members in our churches was little treated on the floor of what was then called the Delegate Synod, which met every three years after the Synod was divided into a number of Districts, but of the Districts themselves under the leadership of the District Presidents. While the official organs of the Synod, *Der Lutheraner* and *Lehre und Wehre,* and later other official publications continued to offer instruction and warning regularly on the lodge question, it was particularly the reports of synodical Districts which offer reference after reference to this matter. At times whole essays were devoted to the subject at District conventions; more often portions of essays dealt with it.

Since there had been some insoluble disagreement in the Synod in 1853 and the lodge situation was evidently not the same in all Districts, it appears that matters developed differently in different Districts; particularly, they varied from congregation to congregation. Some synodical Districts were able to keep their congregations relatively free of lodge members, while others had far more difficulty. Also, the differences of opinion, which had been apparent almost at the beginning of the Synod — not with respect to the wrong of lodge membership but rather with respect to the best policy of dealing with lodge members — had remained. It was the conviction of a large number of pastors and congregations in the Synod that the policy which counseled patient instruction had not worked well and that patience tended to turn into procrastination and a laissez faire policy. Three quarters of a century passed over our church without a decisive policy on the part of the Synod.

The year 1926 marks the beginning of a change with respect to this situation. In that year the Synod met at St. Louis. Before the Synod were three overtures related to lodge matters. One of these memorials asked that the Synod discipline pastors who are lax in their lodge practice. This same overture, submitted by a whole synodical District, petitioned the Synod to incorporate the principles expressed in the overture in appropriate resolutions of its own.

Another synodical District had submitted the following overture: *"Resolved,* That we petition Synod to declare its determination to elect only such men to official positions as are pastors of congregations known to be free of the lodge evil." (*Proceedings,* 1926, p. 147)

A pastoral conference had submitted the following overture: *"Resolved,* That no pastor of a congregation in which lodgemen are admitted to the Lord's table be eligible to an executive position in Synod; and be it furthermore *Resolved,* That any such pastor elected to an executive position be held in honor bound to resign his position." (*Proceedings,* 1926, p. 147)

Because it was not possible to give these overtures all the time for discussion that was deemed necessary, the Synod resolved, on recommendation of the floor committee which studied the overtures, "that the President of Synod appoint a committee of nine capable and trustworthy men from various parts of Synod who shall give these questions further study and make suitable recommendations to Synod at its next session and thus assure to our whole church the blessed fruits of such continued study and discussion of this important question; to which end also this committee all be instructed to draw up the results of their deliberations and to submit them to the various larger pastoral conferences for discussion."

The President of the Synod duly appointed the requested committee of nine; the committee worked during the triennium between 1926 and 1929 and made its report to the Synod at River Forest in 1929. The committee reported as follows:

"Your committee, in 1927, issued a report to the conferences dealing with the subjects referred to it for an opinion. From the replies which your committee received from the conferences as well as from individuals, it has become clear that, while the difference concerning the question whether lodge members may under certain circumstances be admitted to Communion still exists, there is an increasing tendency toward greater strictness in dealing with the lodge evil and a growing concern lest any show of tolerance lead to a gradual breakdown of discipline in this respect. Our congregations generally hold that no one who is affiliated with a lodge can become, be, or remain a communicant nor a voting member of our congregations. Your committee noted with hearty approval the many expressions warning against laxity of practice and interprets these expressions as further evidence of a strong synodical sentiment against any compromise with the lodge evil. Your committee agrees with a desire frequently expressed that Synod become entirely lodge-free and hopes that the paragraphs hereinafter submitted will be helpful in attaining that goal." (*Proceedings,* 1929, p. 115)

There follow in the *Proceedings* a number of resolutions placed before the Synod for adoption by the committee of nine. These were in turn placed into the hands of a floor committee, which studied the report and the suggested resolutions and in its turn recommended certain resolutions to the Synod for adoption. The recommended resolutions are in essence the resolutions suggested by the committee of nine. We quote as follows from the report of the floor committee:

"1. *Resolved,* That Synod hereby declare that it is and shall be the practice of our Synod not to administer Holy Communion to members of lodges;

"2. Therefore be it further *resolved,* That Synod, in agreement with the resolutions of 1926, instruct its officers to exercise vigilant care and urge all pastors

and congregations to admonish such congregations and pastors as permit the 'lodge evil' to exist in their churches without countertestimony and decisive action. If, after due investigation, it becomes evident that such congregations and pastors refuse to remove the offense, they are to be suspended and eventually expelled from synodical connection.

"3. *Resolved,* That we do not deny that a conscientious pastor may under certain conditions ('in cases which present unusual features, rendering their classification difficult,' Memorial 407, lines 95, 96) administer Holy Communion to a person who is still outwardly connected with a lodge. But in such a case the pastor shall earnestly beware of procrastinating and giving offense, and to this end he shall freely and conscientiously consult with his vestry and congregation, his brethren in the ministry, and with the officials of Synod, as the case may require.

"4. *Resolved,* That Synod hereby declare that the practice outlined above is Scriptural and truly evangelical." (*Proceedings,* 1929, p. 118)

This committee report and the proposed resolutions were discussed in five different sessions, and the resolutions were adopted with only one minor change, the deletion of one word.

In addition to the resolutions with respect to synodical policy, the Synod in 1929 established a *Bureau of Information Regarding Secret Orders.* This bureau reported to the Synod in 1932: "The Bureau notes with gratification an improvement in the handling of the lodge problem by our congregations. . . . They uphold the resolutions of 1929; a vigorous yet evangelical policy is being maintained." (*Proceedings,* 1932, p. 170)

The same Synod was in receipt of memorials regarding the Synod's lodge policy of 1929. One memorial wanted the policy made even firmer. The other reminded the Synod that in the early days the policy had been less rigid with respect to the communing of lodge members and asked: "Shall we continue to abide by the original position and practice of our Synod?"

In reply to both memorials the Synod resolved:

"1. That the 1929 resolutions of Synod at River Forest, adopted unanimously after thorough deliberation, shall stand unchanged as the official declaration of Synod.

"2. That we all, congregations, pastors, and officials, earnestly and conscientiously continue to carry the resolutions of 1926 and 1929 into effect."

In 1950 a memorial came before the Synod, asserting that in some cases lodge members had been communed from 1929 until 1950, that the pastors in question had been admonished but that they had done nothing about it, and that the District officials had declined to take action.

In response to this memorial the floor committee quoted the synodical *Handbook,* 14.03, which summarizes the synodical lodge policy formulated in 1929, and the Synod then adopted the following resolution:

"*Resolved,* That we reaffirm this position of Synod with respect to lodges;

"That we urge all pastors and congregations to exercise great vigilance in this matter;

"That such pastors and congregations as neglect their duty in this respect be properly admonished according to Matthew 18 by fellow Christians, fellow pastors, and District officials; and

"That where all such evangelical dealing with offending pastors or congregations fails, the matter be taken to the *Praesidium* of Synod and finally to Synod itself, if necessary, for proper action." (*Proceedings,* 1950, p. 555)

That the resolutions of 1926 and 1929 as embodied in essence in the synodical *Handbook,* 14.03, are not universally followed in the Synod appears also from the report of the Bureau of Information on Secret Orders to the same Synod and found on pages 862 and 863 of the *Proceedings:*

"While it is to be admitted that the testimony of our church against lodges is not without effect, so much so that we may truthfully speak of an antilodge policy of our Synod, the problem is still with us in all its forms, and a warning must be sounded against undue toleration of lodge members as well as against stringent legalism in dealing with them. We cannot admit that the situation in the church today is perceptibly different from that at the beginning of the century. As in the earlier pioneer decades of our Synod, there is need of thorough indoctrination of new members, especially of adult converts, to maintain our position on the lodge, and it will remain the duty of our pastoral conferences not to permit the 'lodge question' to become a dead issue in their areas."

A similar reminder is contained in the President's triennial report made at Houston and found in the *Proceedings* of 1953, p. 11.

A memorial to the Synod at San Francisco in 1959 recommended that the Synod's lodge policy be changed to admit lodge members into full membership in our congregations. See *Reports and Memorials,* 1959, p. 493 f.

In answer to this memorial the Synod reiterated its lodge policy of 1929, affirming that it is correct and Scriptural and charging the memorial in question with misapplication of God's Word and consequent false conclusions.

The Synod's lodge policy, as stated in the synodical *Handbook,* 14.03, is briefly:

"Synod instructs its officers to exercise vigilant care and urges all pastors and congregations to admonish such congregations and pastors as permit the 'lodge evil' to exist in their churches without countertestimony and decisive action. If after due investigation it becomes evident that such congregations and pastors refuse to change their attitude and practice, they shall be suspended and eventually expelled from Synod.

"It is and shall be the practice of the congregations

of Synod not to administer Holy Communion to members of . . . lodges, nor to admit such persons to communicant membership. . . . A pastor will sometimes encounter exceptional cases in which he is called upon to administer Holy Communion to a person who is still outwardly connected with such a lodge. Such exceptional cases, however, are normally limited to those instances in which the individual has renounced, to his pastor and/or the church council, the unchristian or anti-Christian teaching of the lodge of which he is a member. In such cases the pastor shall consult with his brethren in the ministry or with officials of Synod, as the case may require."

Why has the Synod this lodge policy, which is distasteful to lodge members and to some of the members of our churches and sometimes even to pastors?

Because the Synod is a confessional church, loyal to the Lutheran Confessions, which recognize the prophetic and apostolic writings of the Holy Scriptures as the pure fountain of Israel, from which all doctrine should be drawn, and the standard by which all doctrines and teachers are to be judged; because our Synod, together with our confessions, recognizes the Gospel, the doctrine of justification by grace for Christ's sake through faith, as the chief article taught in Scripture.

The Synod has from her very beginning recognized many features of the lodges which she combated as unscriptural and antiscriptural. Above all things, the Synod has recognized that the religion of the lodges, insofar as it recognizes and teaches a way of salvation, is diametrically opposed to the Gospel, because it is a religion of salvation by works. As a confessional church, loyal to her Confessions, the Synod has through the struggles of many decades, at times stumbling, at times faltering, but with her eyes on the one hand on the nature of the lodges and on the other on the Scriptures and on her Confessions, arrived at the lodge policy which is stated in the synodical *Handbook,* 14.03. As a confessional church she could not conscientiously hold any other policy.

It is up to the congregations and their pastors, who constitute the Synod, to carry this policy conscientiously into practice that we may not be a confessional church in name only but in deed and truth, walking uprightly according to the truth of the Gospel, which we believe and confess.

VIII

Our Witness to a Pagan World

(Based on the Book of Jonah)

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The Book of Jonah was written, as is true of all the Biblical books, "for our learning that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope." (Rom. 15:4)

On this last day of the convention it is a good thing for us to remember the Last Day, when our Lord shall call on us to give an account for the manner in which we witnessed to a pagan world in His name. The Book of Jonah, "written for our learning," has much to teach us. May His Holy Spirit cause us to be teachable this morning!

If I am to read this book of the prophet Jonah with profit, I must read it reverently as if my name were Jonah and Jonah's were mine. I am Jonah. I so often act just as Jonah did. Jonah's God is my God, and God deals with me as He dealt with Jonah.

As I studied this book for this meditation, I could not escape the conclusion that my beloved Synod could profit much if she would become Jonah for these moments and "read herself into" this dramatic situation recorded "for our learning." So Jonah becomes Missouri, and Jonah's God becomes Missouri's God.

When you build this bridge into this book, this is what happens:

I. Missouri Receives Its Commission
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X. Missouri Stands Corrected

I. Missouri Receives Its Commission

Now the word of the Lord came to Missouri, a son of the Reformation, saying: "Arise, go to this pagan world, and cry against it; for its wickedness is come up before Me" (see Jonah 1:2). "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). "As My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you. . . . Whosesoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosesoever sins ye retain, they are retained." (John 20:21, 23)

How "pagan" is this "pagan world," Missouri? Let your God answer that question for you, as He does in Romans 1: "Since they consider themselves too high and mighty to acknowledge God, He allowed them to become the slaves of their degenerate minds and to perform unmentionable deeds. They become filled with wickedness, rottenness, greed, and malice; their minds became steeped in envy, murder, quarrelsomeness, deceitfulness, and spite. They became whisperers-behind-doors, stabbers-in-the-back, God-haters; they overflowed with insolent pride and boastfulness, and their minds teemed with diabolical invention. They scoffed at duty to parents; they mocked at learning, recognized no obligations of honor, lost all natural affection, and had no use for mercy. More than this — being well aware of God's pronouncement that all who do these things deserve to die, they not only continued their own practices but did not hesitate to give their thorough approval to others who did the same." (Romans 1:28-32 Phillips)

Cry against it, Missouri, for its wickedness is come up before Me! I have described this pagan world to young Timothy in these words too: "In the last days the times will be full of danger. Men will become utterly self-centered, greedy for money, full of big words. They will be proud and contemptuous, without any regard for what their parents taught them. They will be utterly lacking in gratitude, purity, and normal human affections. They will be men of unscrupulous speech and have no control of themselves. They will be passionate and unprincipled, treacherous, self-willed and conceited, loving all the time what gives them pleasure instead of loving God. They will maintain a façade of 'religion,' but their conduct will deny its validity" (2 Timothy 3:1-5 Phillips). They will be "ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." (2 Timothy 3:7)

Go, Missouri, cry unto this pagan world "that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned" (Isaiah 40:2). Beseech her in Christ's stead to be reconciled to her God, for "the Lord is . . . not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9)

II. Missouri in Flight

But Missouri "rose up to flee from the presence of the Lord" (see Jonah 1:3). God cares for the pagan world. He shared His Son with that world. "He spared not His own Son but delivered Him up for us all." (Romans 8:32)

But, Missouri, do you care? Will you share your Christ? Unsparingly? Why are you fleeing — fleeing from the presence of the Lord?

Why are you fleeing the inner city with its teeming, huddled masses struggling to be free? Is your heart in heaviness because of the burdens of the depressed, dejected, despondent, and despised in the world? You who are "new creatures in Christ Jesus" (see 2 Corinthians 5:17), do you long for the redemption of the new nations in Africa? You, to whom "God has not given the spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7), where is your yearning for those who say they want to bury you, for those who fear your wealth and power, for the mentally retarded and the afflicted in the world?

What a commission, Missouri! A big task, for the pagan world is a big world! Let us try to understand its bigness by an illustration:

"If in our imagination we might compress the total population of the world, now more than two-and-a-half billion persons, into a community of one thousand persons living in a single town, the following is a picture of the contrast we would then vividly see:

"Sixty persons would represent the present U. S. population; the rest of the world would be represented by 940 persons. The 60 Americans would be receiving half of the total income of the entire community; the 940 other persons would share the remaining half.

"Of the Americans in the town, 36 would be members of Christian churches, and 24 would not. In the town as a whole, about 330 people would be classified as Christians, and 670 would not be so classified. Less than 100 in the whole community would be Protestant Christians, and more than 230 would be Roman Catholics. At least 80 people in the town would be believing Communists, and 370 others would be under Communist domination.

"Classified as to skin color, 303 people would be white, and 697 would be classified as 'nonwhite.' The 60 Americans would have an average life expectancy of 70 years; all the other 940 would average under 40 years.

"The 60 Americans would have 15 times as many possessions per person as all the rest of the people.

"With the exception of perhaps 200 persons representing Western Europe and a few favored classes in other areas, such as South America, South Africa, and Australia, and a few wealthy Japanese, literally most of the non-American people in this imaginary compressed community would be ignorant, poor, hungry, and sick. Half of them would be unable to read or write.

"Moreover, half of these people in this community would never have heard of Jesus Christ, or what He taught, and for what He lived and died." (Henry Smith Leiper, *A Study of Our World in Miniature* [tract], Department of Stewardship and Promotion, The United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., New York 27, N. Y.)

Does God hear Missouri say: "Here am I; send me" (Isaiah 6:8)? Missouri is in flight. Are we afraid? Do we think the task hopeless? No. We are refusing because we fear success! God's goodness is being stretched too far if it will take in *all* the pagan world.

What a strange reason for fleeing — because we know that God is gracious! God will show mercy to B-girls and pimps, to the high and mighty and to the lowly and the helpless, to the Castros and the Khrushchevs, to the head-hunters and the cannibals, to the Chinese in China and the Chinese on Formosa, to the rebel nations and the rebel beatniks, to the bloated rich clothed in mink and to the starving and emaciated children in the world whose bloated bodies are covered with boils.

We know God will show mercy. We know! He has had mercy on us. Have mercy on us, Lord, for we have fled from Thy presence. "Lord, cast us not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us." (See Psalm 51:11)

III. Missouri Overtaken by Turbulence

So "the Lord sent out . . . a mighty tempest." (Jonah 1:4)

God loves you, Missouri. He will not let you go. He will pursue you in His grace, and in His wrath He will trouble you. In His grace He sends you tempests, and His mercy is the reason for your storms.

You are having storms, aren't you, Missouri? The turbulence is sickening, isn't it? You are tense when you should be at peace. You are fearful when God

wants you to be fearless. You are edgy and suspicious of your brethren in your own communion and in the whole Christian church on earth, when you know full well that "love is not suspicious" (see Lenski on 1 Corinthians 13:7). You are running behind in your budgets because you are running away from your task. You are so preoccupied with yourself that you have lost sight of your occupation: "Occupy till I come!" (Luke 19:13)

So "the Lord sent out a mighty tempest." Where are you during these storms God is sending in the world to stir the hearts of men "that they should seek the Lord if haply they might feel after Him and find Him" (Acts 17:27)? Thermonuclear blasts in the Pacific and in Russia — mighty tempests! Enough thermonuclear bombs in the possession of the U. S. and the U. S. S. R. to be the equivalent of 20 tons of TNT for every human being on the face of the globe! Wars and rumors of wars — hot wars — cold wars — "mighty tempests."

Where are you, Missouri? Fast asleep? Wake up, Missouri! Wake up!

IV. Missouri Is Censured

"Then was the pagan world exceedingly afraid, and said unto Missouri, Why hast thou done this? For the pagan world knew that Missouri had fled from the presence of the Lord, because she had told them." (See Jonah 1:10)

Because the Lord is mindful of His own, He chastises that He may save, He rebukes that He may win, He scolds that He may smile. Therefore He lets us bear the sting of the pagan world's censure and reproach, so that we may see the enormity of our neglect, the magnitude of our defection, and the weariness of our tired, little faith.

The pagan world reproaches us for our feverish protestations about the indispensability of our Christ and our equally glaring and scandalous demonstrations of His expendability in our day-in, day-out living. They reproach us for our divisions in Christendom, and they are offended by them, even as our Lord is. The pagan world cannot understand how we can await this commendation of our Lord: "I was an hungered, and ye gave Me meat" — but we do not give *them* meat; "I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink" — but we do not refresh *them* (our liquor bills are too high!); "I was a stranger, and ye took Me in" — but our laws or customs will not let *them* in; "I was naked, and ye clothed Me" — but the shipment of our old clothes hasn't come to *them;* "I was sick, and ye visited Me" — but *they* are dying in their tender years; "I was in prison, and ye came unto Me" — but prisons aren't the places for nice people to visit, and few people visit *them!* (Matthew 25:35, 36)

Much of the literature and the drama and the art of our age cannot be dismissed as only an expression of a confused world without God and without hope. It is an indictment of a silent church not true to its task of proclaiming the Law and the Gospel. The pagan world is trying to give us its questions, to express its lonely aches and bitter despondency. It is crying: "Come over into Macedonia and help us!" (Acts 16:9)

The world is afraid and despondent. It is censuring us because we are not filling their lands with the pulsating, life-giving message of the Gospel: Be not afraid. Christ died! He is risen, He is risen indeed!

V. Missouri Is Spared

"Yet hast Thou brought up my life from corruption, O Lord my God." (Jonah 2:6)

But though the heathen rage and shake their fists at God and at God's people, God remains Lord of all, and He wills in His grace that which He expressed in the person of His dear Son. "He is come to seek and to save the lost" (see Luke 19:10), and so He spares Missouri to be a seeking and a saving voice for Him. His purposes for us have not changed. His commission still reads: "Arise, go to this pagan world, and cry against it; for its wickedness is come up before Me."

He wishes to move us from an introverted self-interest to an extroverted passion for a perishing world. So He spares us that He may yet spare His Ninevehs all over the world.

This is our day of grace, Missouri, a great day of great grace. Therefore, we pray:

VI. Missouri at Prayer

"When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the Lord; and my prayer came in unto Thee, into Thine holy temple. They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy. But I will sacrifice unto Thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord." (Jonah 2:7-9)

To run away from God and from His orders is to flee from our sure source of truth and power to a series of lies and emptiness. So we confess that what we have done is "the acme of stupidity, a tragic mistake, as well as a great sin" (Alexander Maclaren on Jonah 2:8). In the weariness of a soul that is tired of its frustrations and yearning for release from the cloister of its boredom, Missouri lifts its voice to its Lord. It is a prayer stripped of all Madison-Avenue gimmicks — no tricks and no treats. Just: "God, forgive us. God, restore us. God, accept our gratitude for sparing us so that others can be spared by Thee through us. God, save us. God, take us back. We are sorry we ran away. We are tired of running."

A confessional church in Christendom and in the world must begin with her own confessions of her sins to her Lord before she can properly and powerfully confess His forgiveness to a pagan world. Before we can serve Him, we must be served by Him and sit at His feet to receive His direction. There must be briefing for the mission. So the place to begin is to ask for the orders.

To ask for the orders is a big prayer. It is a dangerous prayer. It is an exciting prayer. He will give orders that will make you deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Him. He will make big demands under the compulsion of a great love.

Pray, Missouri, with the voice of thanksgiving and with the expectation of a great assignment. Do not come to Him with puny prayers. He "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." (Ephesians 3:20)

VII. Missouri Goes to Preach to the Pagan World

"And the word of the Lord came to Missouri the second time, saying, Arise, go unto the pagan world and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. So Missouri arose and went unto the pagan world, according to the word of the Lord." (See Jonah 3:1-3)

So then, brethren, it is a new time to take the trumpet into our hands, put it to our lips, and sound forth "the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:19; Isaiah 61:2). Do not refuse, for we must not assume that we shall still be honored again with the delivery of the message.

Sound the message of the Gospel loudly, plainly, urgently, with earnestness and with the emotion of one beggar telling another beggar where to find food. Soft words will not arouse a pagan world wrapped in the shroud of spiritual death. Speak of sin and grace, not with hushed whispers as though you were ashamed of it; nor with hesitation as though you were not sure of it; nor with coldness as though it were not urgent.

Preach "the preaching that God bids thee" — not your opinions, your imaginations, your speculations, your dissertations. "We preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus the Lord" (2 Corinthians 4:5). Do not try to prove to the pagan world how God could make a fish big enough and with a mouth big enough to swallow a Jonah, nor how God is almighty enough to do things that can be understood only by faith and because we believe; do not even try to prove how truthful God is to tell us no lies. Just preach "the preaching that I bid thee."

The sermon topic for Jonah was: "Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown" (Jonah 3:4). Ours is: "Repent, and believe the Gospel. The Lord is coming. Today, if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." (See Mark 1:15; Revelation 22:20; Hebrews 4:7; Acts 16:31)

To slur over the declarations of His wrath is just as untrue to God as to mumble about His great love in Christ Jesus. But the overpowering topic of our witness is the Gospel of the God who "so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (See Jonah 4:1-3)

VIII. Missouri Finds Receptive Hearts

"So the people . . . believed God," and they said: "Who can tell if God will turn and repent and turn away from His fierce anger that we perish not? And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way." (Jonah 3:5, 9, 10)

"So the people believed God," and "He counted it to them for righteousness" (see Genesis 15:6). "The men of Nineveh shall rise up in the judgment with this generation and shall condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonas." (Luke 11:32)

This has been the experience of every true and faithful herald of God's grace: People believe God. They not only *believe* Him, they *act* like they believe Him.

Missouri finds receptive hearts to the preaching of sin and grace because this is the message of the only true God, who turns away from His fierce anger over sin to a free grace which forgives for Jesus' sake.

Missouri knows the power of the Gospel. You know it. You are under its power.

IX. Missouri Is Amazed and Mortified

"But it displeased Missouri exceedingly, and she was very angry. And she prayed unto the Lord and said . . . I knew that Thou art a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness and repentest Thee of the evil. Therefore now, O Lord, take, I beseech Thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live." (See Jonah 4:1-3)

Incredible!

Missouri is amazed, angry, mystified, and miffed! God has embarrassed Missouri! Imagine, Negroes believing the Gospel just like white people. Can you beat it, those ignorant savages in New Guinea are church members in our Synod, and they can't even read, write, and certainly don't understand the difficulties in the Bible texts! The United Lutherans are prospering in Tanganyika, and the Roman Catholics are under the cross in Ghana! Incredible!

Lord, take us to heaven. We can't take it any more. We'd rather be with You in heaven than see You so gracious to other people.

O blessed Lord, "merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin" (Exodus 34:6, 7), forgive us our inconsistencies! Pardon us for our quarreling with Thee and Thy abounding and abundant grace!

X. Missouri Stands Corrected

"And God said to Missouri, Doest thou well to be angry? Should not I spare the pagan world, wherein are millions of persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand?" (See Jonah 4:4, 11)

"Doest thou well to be angry, Missouri?" "I have loved thee with an everlasting love" (Jeremiah 31:3). Why are you angry with Me "because I show mercy to thousands"? (See Exodus 20:6)

Missouri, God "will have all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4). Missouri, don't you understand that you yourselves are eleventh-hour conversions in My economy of grace? "Salvation is of the Jews" (John 4:22). You are Gentiles. You are the evidences of My total and all-embracing grace! Listen to Luther: "Would to God that

we were thankful and would avail ourselves of it, as the people of Nineveh did, lest we by our ingratitude perish more miserably, as the Ninevites did at a later date."

O my Missouri, do not be angry with your God, rather, "rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, Rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4)

"A greater than" Missouri "is here" (see Luke 11:32). Christ is come! He is become one of you, He has borne the burden and the heat of your day. He has kept the Law for you. Rejoice! He has suffered the punishment of your sins for you. Rejoice! He has conquered death and the devil for you. Rejoice! He has opened Paradise to you. Rejoice! He has ascended on high and makes intercession for you. Rejoice! He is coming to judge you in justice and grace. Rejoice! He has given you a purpose for being, a reason for living, a motive for serving, a message to proclaim. Rejoice!

Oh, rejoice, ye Christians, loudly,
For our joy hath now begun;
Wondrous things our God hath done.
Tell abroad His goodness proudly
Who our race hath honored thus
That He deigns to dwell with us.
Joy, oh, joy, beyond all gladness,
Christ hath done away with sadness!
Hence, all sorrow and repining,
For the Sun of Grace is shining!

Lord, how shall I thank Thee rightly?
I acknowledge that by Thee
I am saved eternally.
Let me not forget it lightly,
But to Thee at all times cleave
And my heart true peace receive.
Joy, oh, joy, beyond all gladness,
Christ hath done away with sadness!
Hence, all sorrow and repining,
For the Sun of Grace is shining!

(*The Lutheran Hymnal,* 96:1, 3)

Amen! Hallelujah! Amen!

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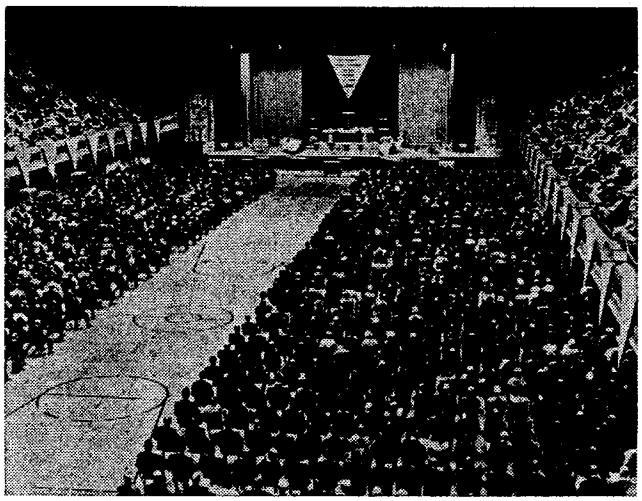
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Synodical District	Delegates Present								Delegates Absent				
	Voting			Advisory					Voting		Advisory		
	Pastors	Laymen	Totals	Presidents	Pastors	Teachers	Other	Totals	Pastors	Laymen	Pastors	Teachers	Total
1. Alberta-British Columbia	5	5	10	1	2	0	0	3	0	0	—	—	—
2. Argentina	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	—	—	—
3. Atlantic	16	15	31	1	13	4	1	19	0	2	—	1	3
4. Brazil	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	3	0	0	—	—	—
5. California and Nevada	14	14	28	1	4	4	0	9	0	0	1	—	1
6. Central	27	24	51	1	16	13	2	32	0	3	2	—	5
7. Central Illinois	12	12	24	1	2	3	0	6	0	0	—	—	—
8. Colorado	9	9	18	1	4	2	0	7	0	0	1	—	1
9. Eastern	12	12	24	1	5	2	0	8	0	0	—	—	—
10. English	19	18	37	1	11	4	1	17	0	1	1	—	2
11. Florida-Georgia	6	6	12	1	5	1	0	7	0	0	1	—	1
12. Iowa East	10	10	20	1	3	2	0	6	0	0	—	—	—
13. Iowa West	16	15	31	1	4	1	0	6	0	1	—	1	2
14. Kansas	13	13	26	1	6	4	0	11	0	0	—	—	—
15. Manitoba-Saskatchewan	6	5	11	1	2	0	0	3	0	1	—	—	1
16. Michigan	25	25	50	1	7	4	0	19	0	0	—	—	—
17. Minnesota	39	38	77	1	11	4	0	16	0	1	—	—	1
18. Montana	3	2	5	1	2	0	0	3	0	1	—	—	1
19. North Dakota	5	4	10	1	3	1	0	5	1	2	—	—	3
20. Northern Illinois	21	20	41	1	7	12	0	20	0	1	—	—	1
21. Northern Nebraska	11	10	21	1	5	2	0	8	0	1	—	—	1
22. Northwest	10	10	20	1	4	2	0	7	0	0	—	—	—
23. North Wisconsin	7	9	16	1	1	3	0	5	2	0	—	—	2
24. Oklahoma	8	7	15	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	—	—	1
25. Ontario	5	5	10	1	2	0	0	3	0	0	—	—	—
26. South Dakota	10	10	20	1	3	1	0	5	0	0	—	—	—
27. South Wisconsin	12	12	24	1	8	8	0	17	0	0	—	—	—
28. Southeastern	9	9	18	1	7	2	1	11	0	0	—	—	—
29. Southern	6	6	12	1	3	1	2	7	0	0	—	—	—
30. Southern California	12	12	24	1	5	6	0	12	0	0	—	—	—
31. Southern Illinois	7	7	14	1	2	2	1	6	0	0	—	—	—
32. Southern Nebraska	12	11	23	1	4	5	0	10	0	1	—	—	1
33. Texas	14	14	28	1	11	8	0	20	0	0	—	—	—
34. Western	22	23	45	1	12	12	0	25	2	1	—	—	3
							Total	339	—	—	—	—	—
Boards and Committees	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	170	—	—	—	—	—
General Officials	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	—	—	—	—	—
Boards of Control	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32	—	—	—	—	—
Faculty Members	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	125	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	405	393	798	34	176	121	8	696	5	17	6	2	30
				Voting Delegates				798					
				Registered Guests				550					
				Grand Total				2,044					



President John W. Behnken (left), First Vice-President Oliver R. Harms, and Executive Director Walter F. Wolbrecht discuss church growth charts after Dr. Wolbrecht had addressed the convention.

Business 134), adopting the reports of the Committees on Pastor and Teacher Colloquies (*TB* 152, 6 and 7), authorizing certain changes in the requirements of ministerial training in Brazil (*TB* 155, 12), approving a sixth professorship at the seminary in Porto Alegre (*TB* 156), ceding the Crespo property to the Argentine District (*TB* 157), and approving the revised preministerial program in Obera, Argentina (*TB* 158).

Survey Commission

The Survey Commission reviewed the assignment given it by the previous convention.

Elections Committee

Since no majority had been established, the Elections Committee distributed another ballot for President containing the names of O. Harms, O. Hoffmann, and R. Wiederaenders.

A motion to hear the number of votes cast for each candidate on the previous ballot failed to carry.

Committee 6 — Constitutional Matters

Committee 6 introduced a resolution declaring unconstitutional the resolution adopted by the 1959 convention, the so-called Resolution 9 (*TB* 166, 1). Discussion was not completed.

Elections Committee

The Elections Committee reported that a final ballot for President would be necessary containing the names of O. Harms and R. Wiederaenders.

Appeals Case

The chair stated that it was still puzzled by the point of order raised concerning the appeals case and wished additional time for consideration.

After various announcements the session adjourned with a table prayer spoken in unison.

Session 3

June 21, Afternoon

The opening devotion was led by First Vice-President Oliver Harms.

The minutes of the morning session were approved as read. Various greetings were brought to the attention of the Convention. A woman doctor from India, Dr. Victoria James, and a nurse from New Guinea, Marianne Denman, made presentations to Dr. Behnken.

Elections Committee

The Elections Committee distributed the final ballot for President.

After the Committee on Missions had started presenting its resolutions, the Elections Committee reported that Dr. Oliver Harms had been chosen by the convention as the new President of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. The assembly rose to sing a hymn (No. 2). Dr. J. W. Behnken congratulated Dr. Harms, who responded briefly but declared that he would make a more detailed statement later. The convention proceeded to the write-in primary for Vice-Presidents.



Immediately after his election as President of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, Dr. Oliver R. Harms (left) shares a special convention greeting with retiring President Behnken.

read a statement in which he thanked the Synod for its confidence in the past but declared that in view of his advancing years he would be grateful if the convention would elect another man to the presidency. In any event he would be happy to serve until the close of the convention.

Committee on Nominations

Chairman Martin J. Zschoche of the Committee on Nominations presented the list of candidates for various offices and boards. At various junctures the following names were added from the floor:

Secretary: Pastor A. O. Gebauer; Board of Directors: Dr. George Beto, Pastor G. C. Schramm, Pastor Harold Romoser, Pastor Theodore Wittrock, Mr. Theodore Smithey, Mr. William Fenske, Mr. Theodore Schlacke, Mr. John Rhame; Board of Appeals: Dr. Alfred Rehwinkel, Teacher Vincent Hohmann; Board for European Affairs: Pastor Horace H. Erdman; Board for North American Missions: Pastor C. Thomas Spitz, Pastor John Uhlig, Pastor Arthur Yoss; Board for Missions to the Blind: Pastor Edward Heinicke (replacing Martin Lieske), Pastor Fred Hertwig; Board for Missions to the Deaf: Pastor Theodore Gerken (replacing Edward Wescott); Commission on College and University Work: Pastor Richard Jesse, Pastor Fred Gumz; Stewardship Board: Pastor Carl Hiller; Board of Parish Education: Pastor Carl Hoffmeyer, Pastor George Reule, Pastor Paul Lassanske, Pastor Wilbur Fields, Professor Wilbert Rusch, Dr. Waldemar Link; Board for Young People's Work: Pastor William Backus, Pastor Paul Lehenbauer, Pastor Julius Dahms, Pastor Edwin T. Brown, Mr. Ben Jorns, Mr. William Zeitler; Concordia Publishing House Board of Directors: Pastor Richard Koenig, Dr. L. W. Faulstick, Dr. Robert Preuss, Mr. William Lahrmann; Committee on Nominations: Pastor C. F. Baase, Pastor Kenneth Miller, Pastor Edwin T. Brown, Mr. Ewald Hubb. The nominations were closed, and the slate was adopted as amended.

Appeals Case

The President asked the Committee on Nominations to prepare a list of candidates to review an appeals case. A point of order was raised as to whether the case could be reviewed since neither party had made an appeal within the prescribed 10-day period. The President explained that a tie vote made the matter difficult to decide and stated that he would take the point of order under advisement until the following day. A delegate who objected was informed that he could record his objection after Dr. Behnken makes his ruling.

After various announcements the meeting adjourned with the Apostolic Blessing.

Session 2

June 21, Morning

Opening Devotion

President Edgar Kroeger of the Argentine District served as liturgist for the opening devotion. Dr. H. J. A. Bouman presented his essay "The Inspired Word and the Lutheran Confessions." We strive to be the kind of church which the Confessions picture: a church committed to the Scriptures, preaching repentance, truly evangelical, anxious to share the Gospel, doctrinally sensitive, with a strong sense of history, and insisting on a solid theological education for its servants.

The minutes of the previous session were adopted in their corrected form. The chair gave special recognition to Dr. M. F. Kretzmann and Dr. Herman Harms.

Elections Committee

The elections committee distributed ballots containing the following men who had polled the highest number of votes in the write-in primary balloting: O. Harms, O. Hoffmann, W. H. Krieger, T. Nickel, R. Wiederaenders.

Committee 15 — Applications for Membership

The following were received into membership:

Congregations: St. Paul, Tomahawk, Wis.; Immanuel, Plum City, Wis.; St. John, Bay City, Wis.; St. John, Cameron, Wis.; Bethany, Bruce, Wis.; Salem Barron, Wis.; St. John, Rice Lake, Wis.; St. John, Buffalo, Minn.; Good Shepherd, Canandaigua, N. Y.; Good Shepherd, Mentor, Ohio; Trinity, Culver, Ind.; Prince of Peace, Martinsville, Ind.; Faith, Avon, Ohio; Holy Cross, Portage, Ind.; Our Savior, Plantation, Fla.

Pastors and Ministerial Candidates: John Schaadt, Roger Uitti, Edwin R. Becker, Theodore Zaremba, E. R. Berwald, Robert Faga, Wendel Brustman, Richard Radde, Melvin Spenn, Clifford Gade, Henry W. Bojarzin, Philip Florip, Emanuel Blomquist, Douglas Laub, Herman Fink, Frank Machina, Charles A. Brehmer, Robert Holst, Charles Webb, Richard Holland, Robert Coleman, Robert Brueckner, Paul Albers, Dave Anderson, Paul Tuchardt, Arthur Dauer, Arthur Mead, Roddy Braun, James Wiese.

Teachers: Robert Barnes, Herbert Treichel, Franklin Martens, Marlin Schulz, Orville Walz, Kenneth Koehler, Clinton Haertling, Robert Golnitz, Jerome Kline, Terry L. Hovis, Gerald Rabe, Jerald Fangmann, Gerald A. Boyles, David Briese, Lowell Dickmeyer, Glenn Geffert, Donald Sandor, Ron Stallman.

Dr. Wolbrecht's Address

Executive Director Walter F. Wolbrecht gave an illustrated presentation of the accelerating growth of our church and delineated the meaning of this growth for our present and future planning.

Elections Committee

Ballots for President were distributed containing the following names: O. Harms, O. Hoffmann, T. Nickel, R. Wiederaenders.

Committee 1 — Colleges and Seminaries

The convention adopted resolutions stressing the necessity of recruiting especially for the parish ministry and doing this primarily on the local level (*Today's*

Committee 2 — Missions

The convention resolved to intensify the evangelism program (*TB* 174,1), adopted a resolution containing proposals for an expansion program on the District level (*TB* 174,2), approved the establishment of a national church and an indigenous seminary in Latin America (*TB* 175,3), and thanked all men and women who work in the mission to the blind (*TB* 176,4). A resolution was offered (*TB* 177,5) to place a resident counselor in Europe and to continue subsidies and other assistance to various church groups in Europe. The last "Resolved" was amended to read that support be granted to the Polish Lutheran Church in Exile until it can be amalgamated with the ELCE. It was pointed out that the implementation of the entire resolution would be subject to the approval of the Fiscal Conference. The discussion could not be completed.

Honorary Presidency

While Second Vice-President Wiederaenders was in the chair, it was decided to instruct Committee 13 to prepare a proper resolution naming Dr. Behnken Honorary President.

Committee 3 — Doctrinal and Intersynodical Matters

The Committee on Doctrinal Matters proposed a resolution memorializing the Lutheran Synodical Conference to take immediate steps to form an international Lutheran Synodical Conference (*TB* 196,1). A motion to amend the resolution by inserting the Word "orthodox" on line 42 failed to carry. The resolution was then adopted. It was resolved to continue the graduate fellowships sponsored by the Committee on Doctrinal Unity (*TB* 197,2). After the word *"Praesidium"* had been changed to "President" in both "Resolveds," a resolution (*TB* 198,3) was approved to continue to send observers to various national and international conventions and conferences. A proposed resolution (*TB* 200,5) to approve acceptance of the invitation to participate in doctrinal discussions between Lutherans and Presbyterians was discussed at length. Later the committee was recalled, and discussion was continued but not completed. When the previous question was moved, the chair advised against it since a doctrinal matter was involved and ruled accordingly. No objection was offered to the ruling of the chair.

Committee 13 — Miscellaneous Matters

The convention received with gratitude the report of First Vice-President Harms (*TB* 192,1), of the Concordia Historical Institute (*TB* 192,2), of the Committee on Church Architecture (*TB* 194,3), of the Lutheran Hour (*TB* 194,4), and of the Nominations Committee for Executive Secretaries (*TB* 195,5).

Elections Committee

The Elections Committee reported that 159 men had been proposed for the four vice-presidencies and that Dr. R. Wiederaenders had been elected by securing more than the required 75 percent of the votes. The nine highest remaining candidates were listed on the ballot which was distributed.

After announcements the meeting was adjourned with the Apostolic Blessing by the chairman.

Session 4

June 22, Morning

President Gustav Karkau of the Eastern District served as liturgist for the opening devotion. "Thou Art the Man — Behold the Man" — the essayist, Prof. M. L. Koehneke, declared that these two statements of Scripture, representing Law and Gospel, summarize the burden of a confessing church's message to the world. The Lutheran Confessions themselves stress the necessity of properly distinguishing between and properly applying Law and Gospel. It is not *much* use but the *proper* use of the Bible that makes a church strong. The essayist pleaded that convention issues themselves might be brought into relationship with Law and Gospel.

The minutes of the previous session were adopted.

Elections Committee

The Elections Committee informed the convention that Dr. Theodore Nickel had been elected to a vice-presidency and distributed ballots to fill the two remaining vacancies.

Committee 1 — Colleges and Seminaries

The convention adopted the following *Handbook* paragraph revisions: 1.59, 2.147, 4.09, 4.109, 4.111, 4.113, 5.81, 6.03, 6.07 (amended to read "pastoral and teaching ministries," lines 12 and 13), 6.27. The committee itself held back action on 2.15, 5.23, and 6.23. Paragraph 2.09 was referred back to the committee for the purpose of clarifying "full-time employ." The convention decided to implement immediately the provision of 6.27 d (see *TB* 137,5 ff.). It was decided to defer the introduction of coeducational teacher education at Milwaukee (*TB* 163,17). The committee presented for action the general planning and operating principles (*TB* 159,16). After the first three propositions had been adopted, all remaining propositions were read at one time. The motion was then made and seconded to adopt the remaining propositions. The chair ruled that each point would now be discussed in order. Point 4 was discussed. An amendment was offered to proposition 5 to call for the elimination of *all* education on the high school level. The debate on this amendment was not completed.

Committee 6 — Constitutional Matters

The convention took up again the proposed resolution declaring the so-called Resolution 9 unconstitutional (*TB* 166,1). A motion to postpone action until later failed to carry. The previous question was moved since the point at issue in this resolution is a constitutional rather than a doctrinal matter. The chair declared that it was only on this basis that he would place the question to the convention, as requested, before all who had asked for the floor could be heard. Resolution 1 was thereupon adopted. Dr. Behnken then asked

for the privilege of making a statement. He hoped that the Synod would realize that it had acted here only on a constitutional question and that this action did not indicate that the Synod is not in accord with the *Brief Statement,* the *Statement on Scripture,* and the *Common Confession.* He emphasized that there is a need in our day for statements to make our stand clear on current issues. It may become necessary for the Synod to make definite statements on the central teaching of justification by faith alone, on Law and Gospel, and on other important doctrines.

Elections Committee

The Elections Committee informed the convention that Dr. Arthur Nitz and Dr. George Wittmer had been elected Vice-Presidents. The chairman addressed words of congratulations to all four men. The ballot for the ranking of the Vice-Presidents was distributed.

Committee 6 — Constitutional Matters

The Committee on Constitutional Matters continued its report. A resolution was adopted calling for the preparation of a manual of synodical operations (*TB* 167,2). A resolution (*TB* 180,3), called for the creation of a Commission on Theology and Church Relations and gave detailed *Handbook* revisions for the same. An amendment to delete the words "appoint or" from line 33, page 180, failed to carry by a rising vote of 253—277. Another amendment to add the words "and unity" on lines 6 and 9, page 182, also failed. The resolution itself was then adopted.

Committee 17 — Nominations Committee

With Dr. Wittmer in the chair, all slates proposed by the Nominations Committee for the various Boards of Control of our synodical institutions were adopted with the following additions: Mr. Edw. Kuhlmann (Springfield), Dr. Harold Riggert (Seward), Mr. Albert Herbert (Austin), Mr. John Boelke (Milwaukee), Mr. Walter Czerwinski (Porto Alegre). The committee announced that Manfred Mueller was to be removed from the Oakland slate.

The session adjourned with a table prayer spoken in unison.

Session 5

June 22, Afternoon

The opening devotion was conducted by Vice-President George Wittmer.

The minutes of the morning session were adopted as read.

Elections Committee

The Elections Committee reported on the election for the ranking of the Vice-Presidents: First — Roland Wiederaenders; Second — Theodore Nickel; Third — George Wittmer; Fourth — Arthur C. Nitz.

Committee 4 — Parish Education

The convention went on record favoring school opportunities for more children (*TB* 216,1), the continuing education of our parish teachers (*TB* 216,2), the raising of standards in our parochial schools (*TB* 218,3), the giving of special attention to the problems and needs of inner-city and rural schools (*TB* 219,4), the recruitment of more youngsters for church vocations (*TB* 220,5), a greater stress on the responsibilities of parents and congregations in Baptism (*TB* 221,6), the organization of Nursery Rolls (*TB* 221,7), the enlistment of Sunday school teachers in ongoing training programs (*TB* 222,8), the providing of more hours of Christian education for children in the parishes (*TB* 224,9), and the establishment of more vacation Bible schools (*224,*10). The resolution concerning Nursery Rolls (*TB* 221,7) was amended in line 36 to read "children from the church rolls" and to contain the additional paragraph after line 9: "*Whereas,* The Cradle Roll has been demonstrated to be a powerful mission agency for children of unchurched parents." During the presentation of this report, newly elected President Oliver Harms took the chair.

Committee 12 — Public Relations

The convention resolved to encourage the greater development of the public relations program (*TB* 231,1), to commend the 700 public relations workers (*TB* 231,2), to encourage the wider showing of the motion picture *Question 7* (*TB* 232,3), to approve the national advertising undertaken by the Lutheran Laymen's League and other agencies (*TB* 233,4), to continue the appointment rather than the election of the Board for Public Relations (*TB* 246,6). It was also resolved to establish a public relations regional office in Chicago (*TB* 241,5).

Committee 3 — Doctrinal and Intersynodical Matters

After recess Dr. Behnken returned to the chair for the report of the Committee on Doctrine and Intersynodical Matters. The convention continued the discussion of the resolution dealing with doctrinal conversations with Presbyterians (*TB* 200,5). Two amendments asking our men to take the initiative in making any arrangements for such meetings and calling upon our representatives to conduct themselves properly failed to carry. A motion to table the resolution for one day also failed to carry. After much additional discussion a motion was offered to close debate. When those who had called for the floor had either spoken or yielded, Resolution 5 was put to a vote and was adopted. A resolution endorsing the work of the Exchange Study Committee (*TB* 251,6) was referred back to the committee. Memorial 345 was declined since in the opinion of the convention its concern is already adequately satisfied (*TB* 251,7). Memorial 347 was referred to the editorial committees of our church periodicals (*TB* 252,8). With reference to the supervision of doctrine and practice the convention declined to take the extraordinary action requested in several memorials and reiterated the present provisions set forth in the Synodical *Handbook* (*TB* 253,9 replacing *TB* 199,4). All members, servants, institutions, and teaching personnel of the Synod were pledged to the preservation and promotion of pure and correct teaching (*TB* 254,10).

Committee 13 — Special Ministries and Miscellaneous

The convention received with thanks the reports of the Armed Services Commission (*TB* 213,6), of the Commission on Fraternal Organizations (*TB* 213,7), and of Valparaiso University (*TB* 245,12). The request to increase the levy of congregations toward sharing the cost of synodical conventions was referred to the Board of Directors (*TB* 244,11). The convention declined the memorial which had requested that the congregations of Synod refrain from the financial support of Valparaiso University until certain alleged evils are removed (*TB* 245,13). In this connection, Dr. Behnken stated that the *Praesidium* had met recently with the administration of the university to discuss the allegations and had received reassurances.

Armed Services Commission

In a special ceremony several chaplains and members of the Armed Services Commission were introduced. Chaplain J. Floyd Dreith addressed the convention.

The chairman pronounced the Apostolic Blessing.

Session 6

June 22, Evening

After a brief opening devotion by President Behnken, the minutes of the afternoon session were adopted as read.

Committee 4 — Parish Education

The assembly adopted resolutions calling for a goal of vacation Bible schools in 75 percent of our congregations (*TB* 225,11), proposing teacher training programs through VBS workshops (*TB* 227,12), reiterating the expectation that high school teachers attend District conventions and use the regular excuse channels whenever this is not possible (*TB* 228,14), and endorsing the "Train Two" Bible study program (*TB* 229,15). Certain *Handbook* changes (*TB* 227,13) were postponed until the Committee on Constitutions could be consulted.

Elections Committee

Dr. Oliver Harms took the chair. Ballots were distributed for the election of various officers and boards.

Electoral College

After adjournment the Electoral College met to fill the vacancies on the Boards of Control of the colleges and seminaries.

Session 7

June 23, Morning

In the opening devotion, in which President W. Harry Krieger of the Michigan District functioned as liturgist, Dr. Fred Kramer sketched the development of the modern ecumenical movement, the organization of the World Council of Churches, and a confessional church's attitude toward the same. A confessional church points to the Scriptures as the source and norm of faith and life and also judges all things according to the Gospel of justification by faith in Christ. Accordingly, in considering the question of affiliation with the World Council of Churches, a confessional church is constrained to ask two questions: Can our attitude toward Scripture be maintained? What happens to the Gospel of salvation by grace through faith in Christ?

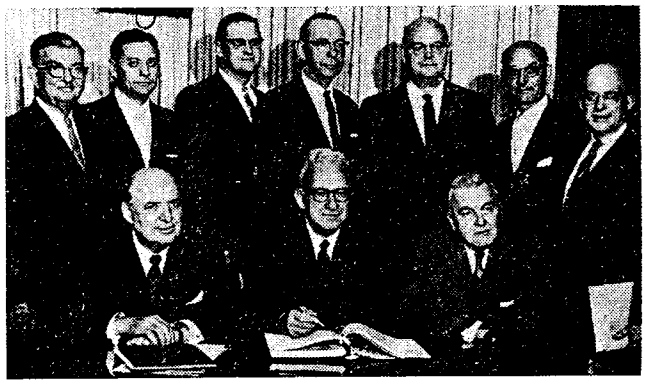
The minutes of the previous session were adopted as read.

Elections Committee

The Elections Committee reported the following results: Secretary: W. C. Birkner; Treasurer: Milton Carpenter; Board of Directors: Pastors William Buege, E. T. Bernthal, William Kohn; laymen Jay Pfotenhauer, Paul Friedrich, William Fenske, Walter Koch, and Walter Hinck.

Committee 11 — Finance and Stewardship

The convention accepted with thanks the report of the Board of Directors with the exception of Section VII (*TB* 373,1). Treasurer Martin Strieter introduced the members of the finance department, who were thanked by the convention. Mr. Strieter then read his Treasurer's Report to the convention. The report was adopted and Mr. Strieter was given a standing vote of thanks for his services (*TB* 374,2). The convention received with thanks the report of the Stewardship Staff (*TB* 374,3), of the Board of Trustees (*TB* 375,4), and of the Pension Fund Accounting Department (*TB* 376,6). It authorized the appointment of persons other than United States citizens as trustees when national laws require this arrangement (*TB* 376,5). The recommendations of the Stewardship Department concerning corporate stewardship (*TB* 377,7), mission education (*TB* 377,8), and every-member stewardship visits (*TB* 377,9) were approved. The recommendations, as amended by the Floor Committee concerning every-congregation visits (*TB* 378,11), training of circuit stewardship representatives (*TB* 379,12), and District Fiscal Conferences (*TB* 379,13) were also approved. The convention adopted the 1961 Fiscal Conference's "proposal plan" as amended by the floor committee (*TB* 378,10).



The newly elected Board of Directors of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod — seated (l. to r.): Treasurer Milton Carpenter, President Oliver R. Harms, Secretary W. C. Birkner; standing: Dr. E. T. Bernthal, Jay Pfotenhauer, Rev. Wm. H. Kohn, Walter Koch, Dr. Wm. A. Buege, William Fenske, and Paul Friedrich.

John W. Boehne, Jr., Statement

During the previous presentation, Dr. J. W. Boehne, Jr., who declined renomination to the Board of Directors, was privileged to make a farewell statement from the rostrum.

Committee 6 — Constitutional Matters

The delegates approved *Handbook* changes concerning the Commission on Constitutional Matters (*TB* 209,4) and declined a memorial taking exception to certain appointments to 1962 convention committees (*TB* 210,5). The committee offered a resolution proposing *Handbook* changes concerning the right of the President to suspend (*TB* 211,6); the chair ruled that each of the two "Resolveds" be considered separately. Under the first "Resolved" the chair then asked whether "professor" should not be removed since the paragraph referred to District Presidents. The resolution was referred back to the committee. The next resolution offered called for biennial conventions (*TB* 371,7). Since this involves a constitutional change, the chair called attention to the necessity of a two-thirds affirmative vote and to the *Handbook* provisions regarding the submission of any affirmative action to the congregations. The resolution was adopted by a standing vote of 431 to 186. On a point of order a delegate asked for a recount. The chair put the question of a recount to the convention, which declined the suggestion.

Committee 5 — Young People's Work

Mr. William Sornborger, president of the Walther League, presented a Walther Cross to be worn by the present and all succeeding Presidents of the Synod. The convention authorized the Board for Young People's Work to enter into a joint executive office arrangement with the Walther League on a three-year trial basis (*TB* 380,1) and enlarged the Board for Young People's Work (*TB* 381,2).

Concordia Publishing House

Concordia Publishing House gave a special presentation with slides.

The meeting adjourned with a table prayer spoken in unison.

Session 8

June 25, Morning

Prof. Willis Laetsch discussed the doctrine of Baptism in the opening devotion, defining Baptism as the divinely instituted act of applying water in the name of the Triune God, who is present and effectively offers His gift and works acceptance of the same. The liturgist was President Alfred Buls of the Southern Illinois District.

The minutes of the Saturday morning session were adopted as read.

Elections Committee

The following election results were announced: *Board of Appeals:* Pastors Theodore Zeile, Lorenz Wunderlich, Walter Lichtsinn, Carl Eberhard, William Krueger, Herbert Bohlmann; Teachers Delbert Schulz, Herbert Gross; laymen Julius Friedrich, Elmer Theis, Carl Thrun; *Board for World Missions:* Pastors Victor Bartling, Lorman Petersen, Arnold F. Meyer, Paul Martens, Alfred M. Rehwinkel, Henry Simon; laymen Paul F. Bente, Jr., Charles G. Obermeyer, Marvin F. Borgelt, Carl Zschiegner, Alfred E. Jordan; *Board for European Affairs:* Pastors Martin Naumann, Waldo J. Werning, John Oppliger; laymen O. A. Dorn, Louis Menking. *Boards of Control — St. Louis:* Pastor George Loose, laymen August Beckemeier, Eugene Fincke, Ralph Petering; *Springfield:* Laymen Edmund Kuhlmann, Herbert Schwomeyer; *River Forest:* Teacher Walter Hartkopf; laymen Edgar Elbert and Lawrence Forster; *Seward:* Teacher Fred Kaufelt; laymen Donald Kolterman, A. C. Bek, Oscar Wilk.

Committee 4 — Parish Education

The convention adopted resolutions encouraging Bible institutes in all circuits (*TB* 229,16), urging the creation of family-life education committees in all congregations (*TB* 404,17), making provisions for more effective marriage education and counseling (*TB* 404,18), continuing the Coordinating Council (*TB* 405,19), and approving the appointment of five additional persons to the staff of the Board of Parish Education (*TB* 407,21). The committee presented a resolution (*TB* 406,20) reaffirming in greater detail the Synod's official position on state aid to nonpublic schools. A motion to postpone this resolution for further study failed to carry. After it had been amended to include the additional paragraph: "*Whereas,* State or Federal aid to any educational institution must be accompanied by controls of some sort and to some degree," the resolution was adopted.

Committee 12 — Public Relations and Mass Media

The committee requested that resolution *TB* 243,7 be canceled. Resolutions were then adopted with reference to the *Lutheran Witness* and *Der Lutheraner* commending the boards and editors (*TB* 388,8), continuing the publication of *Der Lutheraner* (*TB* 388,9), reaffirming the previous decision to place responsibility for editorial policy decisions in the editorial board (*TB* 389,10), continuing the readership surveys concerning format and frequency of publication (*TB* 390,11), encouraging more expeditious theological review of articles (*TB* 390,12), concurring in the aims and purposes of the two periodicals as stated in their report to the convention (*TB* 391,13), and endorsing the appointment of editors for an indefinite period (*TB* 392,14).

Committee 13 — Special Ministries and Miscellaneous

After deaconess graduate Nobuko Sasaki from Japan had been introduced, Committee 13 presented its report. The assembly declined the memorial regarding the sale of individual Communion ware (*TB* 250,20), decided that convention sites should be designated 10 years in advance (*TB* 246,14), approved the publication of a convention handbook and referred the resolution

for implementation to the Board of Directors (*TB* 246,15), and decided to accept the following invitations for forthcoming conventions: 47th convention, New York City; 48th convention, Denver; 49th convention, Milwaukee (*TB* 431,21). An amendment to invert the first two failed to carry. The Synod in convention assembled reaffirmed its position on lodge membership (*TB* 214,8). Third Vice-President George Wittmer took the chair. After the floor committee had dropped the third "Resolved" from the resolution, the convention accepted with thanks the report of the Walther Sesquicentennial Committee (*TB* 215,9). It decided to take no action on a memorial regarding East Ridge (*TB* 250,19). A resolution reaffirming the Synod's belief in the relevance of the Gospel to the social problems of our day (*TB* 249,18) was referred to Committee 7.

Committee 1 — Colleges and Seminaries

The convention took up again the general planning and operating principles for the Board for Higher Education (*TB* 159,16). After further discussion of the proposed amendment to Proposition 5 (the amendment calling for the elimination of all education on the high school level), the previous question was finally moved. The amendment was then lost. A motion to recommit the question to the Board for Higher Education for further study during the next triennium carried. Discussion of the propositions followed in turn. An amendment to strike Proposition 10 failed to carry by a rising vote of 195 for and 278 against. Proposition 10 was then amended to read: "Graduates from both seminaries should be recognized and received as precious gifts of God to the church. The closely articulated high school-junior college-senior college-theological seminary route continues to be the preferred program of distinctive theological education of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod for those who at an early age are urged by the Spirit to commit themselves to the ministry." Further discussion of the propositions was held in abeyance.

Dr. Paul Empie, Executive Secretary of the National Lutheran Council, addressed the convention.

The meeting adjourned with a table prayer spoken in unison.

Session 9

June 25, Afternoon

Fourth Vice-President A. C. Nitz led the opening devotion. Dr. Behnken returned to the chair. The minutes of the morning session were adopted as read.

Elections Committee

During the afternoon the following election results were announced: *Board for North American Missions:* Pastors Edward Buchheimer, Harlan J. Hartner, C. Thomas Spitz, Louis H. Deffner, Edwin E. Pieplow; laymen Oscar T. Doerr, Walter F. Brunn, Elmer R. Kiehl, Robert W. Hirsch; *Board for Missions to the Blind:* Pastors Harry A. Timm, Theodore A. Weiss, Edward Heinicke; laymen Ernst Berger, E. O. Schiewe; *Board for Missions to the Deaf:* Pastors Ernest Drews, Ervin Schroeder, Elmer Koberg; laymen C. J. Jacobsen, E. N. Mitchell; *Stewardship Board:* Pastors Elmer A. Neitzel, Howard G. Barth; Teacher Ben Eggers; laymen Gerhard Wiederaenders, Theodore Hartmann; *Board for College and University Work:* Pastors Donald L. Deffner, Richard Jesse; layman Walter H. Gross; *Board for Young People's Work:* Pastors George Hoyer, Roland Seboldt; Teachers Leonard Ramming, Dean Dammann; layman Roy L. Schinnerer. *Boards of Control — Fort Wayne:* Pastor Allen Fedder, laymen Carl Heldt, Herbert Thober; *Austin:* Teacher William Nielsen; laymen Elmer Gast, Martin Klammer; *Bronxville:* Teacher Carl Kretzmann; laymen Fred Schurmann, Bernard Guenther; *Milwaukee:* Teacher William Ahlbrand; laymen Harland Kirchner, George Metzger; *Oakland:* Teacher Paul Hillmann; layman V. C. Eggerding; *St. Paul:* Teacher Carl Stelling; laymen O. H. Swanson, Walter Schmalz; *Edmonton:* layman David Appelt. Pastor Reinking introduced a deaf pastor, William Ludwig, who addressed the convention in sign language.

Committee 9 — Worship, Hymnology, and Liturgics

The report of the Commission on Worship, Hymnology, and Liturgics was received with thanks (*TB* 416,2). After amending the resolution by adding "*Whereas,* The constant relevancy of the Christian faith to life in all its aspects should be reflected in our worship and singing and instrumental music," the convention adopted a resolution (*TB* 416,1) calling for the possible inclusion, in the next revision of the hymnal, of hymns dealing with the church's relationship to contemporary society. Since this concluded the work of the floor committee, it was dismissed by the chair.

Committee 3 — Doctrinal and Intersynodical Matters

The Committee on Doctrinal Unity was instructed to draw up guidelines in the problem of the fellowship of daughter churches on the mission fields in foreign countries (*TB* 255,11). The floor committee proposed a detailed resolution (*TB* 439,16) in answer to questions raised in various memorials with respect to the doctrine of Scripture. Division of the resolution into its three sections followed. Section A was adopted. An amendment to strike everything from line 33 to the end of section B was defeated. A motion to refer the section back to the committee was also lost. Motions to insert the words "however, the heresy of these statements shall always be shown from Scripture" after line 35 and to insert the words "six months prior to the convention" in line 2 on page 440 failed to carry. The convention did, however, adopt the amendment to insert "and congregations" into line 39. Further discussion of Section B was broken off. The committee now presented a lengthy resolution (*TB* 441,17) reaffirming Article II of the Constitution, referring current theological problems and the question of the status of doctrinal statements to the Commission on Theology and Church Relations, and calling upon all members to honor and uphold the doctrinal content of synodically adopted

statements. Amendments to insert the words "prior to promoting them publicly" in line 36, page 442, and to substitute the word "instruct" for "beseech" on line 25 were lost. The resolution was then adopted in its entirety.

Before recess, Dr. M. Piehler inquired about transportation plans of the delegates.

Committee 1 — Colleges and Seminaries

The general planning and operating principles of the Board for Higher Education (*TB* 159,16) were again taken up. The floor committee inserted into Proposition 25, line 21, the words "for the regular and specialized ministries within the church." Propositions 4 through 27 were then adopted. The basic assumptions for educational planning were approved without making them absolute, binding propositions (*TB* 208,27). The proposals for campus planning were also approved (*TB* 208,28). The resolution (*TB* 165,21) concerning the institution in Selma was adopted after an amendment to substitute "southeast" for "south" in the last line failed to carry.

Dr. Oliver Harms's Statement

Dr. Oliver Harms made a formal statement accepting the presidency of the Synod, expressing appreciation for the leadership of Dr. J. W. Behnken, voicing his own desires for the prayers of the membership, and declaring his trust in the gracious promises of God. The assembly sang a hymn after which Dr. Behnken responded briefly to the words of Dr. Harms.

Committee 10 — Pensions

The convention expressed its appreciation of the faithful services of Dr. Edwin A. Sommer, retiring Executive Secretary of the Board of Support and Pensions (*TB* 383,1). The committee presented an extensive resolution calling for major revisions in the pension program of our Synod (*TB* 383,2). There was no time for discussion.

The meeting adjourned with the Apostolic Blessing.

Session 10

June 26 Morning

President F. W. Lorberg served as liturgist for the opening devotion. Prof. Willis Laetsch spoke on the doctrine of the Lord's Supper. He presented the doctrine on the basis of the first paragraph of the Words of Institution.

The minutes of the previous session were adopted in their corrected form.

Elections Committee

The following election results were announced: *Board of Parish Education:* Pastors Justus P. Kretzmann, Arthur H. Ziegler, Erwin J. Kolb; Teachers B. H. Arkebauer, Paul W. Lange, Arthur E. Wittmer; laymen Edgar Fritz, John H. Strietelmeier, Donald A. Canar. *Concordia Publishing House Board of Directors:* Pastor Kenneth R. Hoffmann; Teacher Theodore Gassner; laymen Richard Bock, Enno Sauer. *Portland Board of Control:* Teacher Arthur Schoenhauer; laymen Paul Richter, Martin Mueller.

Committee 15 — Membership

The following were received into membership: *Congregations:* Our Savior, Norfolk, Nebr.; Beautiful Savior, Ralston, Nebr.; Atonement, Omaha, Nebr.; Faith, Stanton, Nebr. *Pastors:* Lloyd Sprick, James A. Schmidt, Ronald Seitz, A. Fautsch. *Teachers:* Martin Honig, Ronald Cornett, Arlo Lehmann. (*TB* 489)

Committee 11 — Finance and Stewardship

The floor committee canceled Resolution 17 (*TB* 435). It presented a major resolution (*TB* 433,16) calling for a $50,000,000 "Forward in Faith" offering. An amendment to delete line 38, naming the amount, was being debated when the time expired.

Committee 1 — Colleges and Seminaries

The convention expressed satisfaction with present provisions for supervising student publications (*TB* 135,2), endorsed present policies governing leaves for instructors (*TB* 135,3), provided for the continuation of professors' conferences (*TB* 136,4), referred the question of the call status of instructors on limited tenure to a research committee (*TB* 153,8), directed the Board for Higher Education to restudy the relationship between tenure and rank (*TB* 154,10), reminded members of the Synod to suggest names of prospective instructors (*TB* 155,11), approved the basic principles of the curriculum (*TB* 206,25), gave recognition to the institutions which have been accredited during this triennium (*TB* 207,26), and declined the memorial regarding the use of heterodox books (*TB* 366,29). A resolution (*TB* 153,9) was offered by the committee setting forth in greater detail the procedures for promoting assistant professors. An amendment to add a final "Resolved, That in the event that only one candidate is nominated, the Board of Control may proceed with the election" failed to carry. The resolution was then adopted. (*TB* 153,9)

American Bible Society

Dr. Robert Taylor of the American Bible Society addressed the convention briefly.

Committee 6 — Constitutional Matters

With Vice-President Wiederaenders in the chair, the convention took up again the resolution regarding the right of the President to suspend (*TB* 211,6). The committee reported that Article XII of the constitution places professors under the jurisdiction of District Presidents. At the suggestion of the committee the words "a copy of the charges and a memorandum of the administrative action which has been taken shall be sent to the party involved" were inserted after line 26 and after line 8 on page 212. The resolution was then adopted. The convention resolved to shorten the synodical conventions if the biennial plan is approved (*TB* 371,8), to establish a Board for Service to the Men-

tally Retarded (*TB* 413,10, corrected), to approve initial steps on the part of the Brazil District toward the status of a sister church (*TB* 485,15, corrected), and to instruct the Board of Directors to study the problem of internal public relations (*TB* 486,17). It declined memorials with respect to a sweeping reorganization of the Synod (*TB* 413,9), the establishment of a Review Commission (*TB* 415,11), the use of certain Bible translations (*TB* 484,14), and annual District conventions (*TB* 483,12). In separate resolutions the Synod decided by request of the Districts involved to divide the Minnesota District into Minnesota North District and Minnesota South District (*TB* 486,16) and to divide the Central District into the Indiana District and the Ohio District (*TB* 483,13).

The session adjourned with a table prayer spoken in unison.

Session 11

June 26 Afternoon

President W. J. Stelling served as liturgist for the memorial service. President Carl Bensene of the Northwest District preached on Hebrews 13:14, 15.

With Dr. Behnken again in the chair, the minutes of the morning session were approved as read.

Elections Committee

The following election results were reported: *Church Extension Board:* Pastor Armin W. Born; Teacher Paul H. Koschmann; laymen Herbert H. Hast, Sr., Carl T. Koester; *Board of Support and Pensions:* Pastors Walter Lichtsinn, Lewis C. Niemoeller, Emmett H. Fastenau; Teachers Paul G. Nickel, Clarence W. Moses; laymen Harold C. W. Bohlmann, Arthur H. Hahn, Arthur C. Sommers, Hubert Fairchild, Carl F. Heitmeyer; *Committee on Nominations:* Pastors Richard Jesse, Clarence Peters, John P. Uhlig, Alfred E. Behrend, Rudolph P. F. Ressmeyer, Carl Hiller, Erich F. Brauer; Teachers Walter Hartkopf, Paul Steffens, Carl Waldschmidt; laymen Wallace Bronner, James Bode, Carl Heldt, Calvin Woodward, G. F. Kroeger. Slate 1 in each election for the Boards of Control of the South American institutions was elected. The Elections Committee was dismissed tentatively with thanks.

Committee 2 — Missions

Resolutions were adopted stressing a more agressive policy in overseas missions (*TB* 497,15), a continuing literacy and literature program (*TB* 499,16), and the medical mission program (*TB* 500,17). The convention gratefully acknowledged the activities of the Southern District in taking over from the Synodical Conference the work among Negroes in the South (*TB* 501,18) and expressed a willingness to take over the work in Nigeria and to invite the SELC to participate with us (*TB* 501,19). President Emil Heino of the National Evangelical Lutheran Church addressed the convention briefly.

Committee 4 — Parish Education

A resolution prepared in conjunction with Committee 8 was adopted expressing continuing interest in the various translations of the Scriptures and reiterating the right of the congregations to use Bible translations within the limits of Article II of the constitution (*TB* 471,5). *Handbook* paragraph revisions concerning the vacation Bible school were adopted (*TB* 227,13). It was decided that the new intersynodical translation of Luther's Small Catechism should be studied and tested by pastors and teachers (*TB* 408,22). Thanks were extended to various auxiliary agencies for their educational projects (*TB* 409,23). The Catechism Committee was instructed to take every precaution that the new catechisms be faithful to Scripture and the Confessions (*TB* 410,24).

Committee 3 — Doctrinal and Intersynodical Matters

The floor committee, in answer to a memorial asking that Dr. Martin Scharlemann be removed from office, presented a detailed resolution (*TB* 518,19). Dr. Scharlemann read a statement which was incorporated in the floor committee's report. The proposed resolution was discussed at length.

Committee 13 — Special Ministries and Miscellaneous

A resolution was read (*TB* 505,22) declaring Dr. J. W. Behnken Honorary President for life and instructing the Board of Directors to provide properly for his future temporal needs. The resolution was adopted with a rising vote and a standing ovation. Dr. Oliver Harms, who had taken the chair, addressed the Honorary President briefly. Dr. Behnken replied extemporaneously and then read the statement which he had prepared for the closing ceremonies of the convention. Dr. Oliver Harms led the assembly in prayer in behalf of Dr. J. W. Behnken, his family, and his beloved Synod.

The meeting then stood adjourned.

Session 12

June 26, Evening

After the singing of a hymn, the minutes of the afternoon session were adopted as read.

Committee 7 — Social Welfare and World Relief

The convention received with thanks the reports of the Board of World Relief (*TB* 450,1) and of the Social Welfare Board and Staff (*TB* 455,6). After striking the words "Lutheran Welfare Sunday and as" from line 9, the convention adopted a resolution suggesting that congregations give Lutheran Welfare work special emphasis during the Advent or Christmas season (*TB* 451,2). It was resolved to develop standards for the recognition and accreditation of welfare agencies seeking financial support from the congregations (*TB* 452,3). A resolution was adopted calling into being a Commission on Social Action (*TB* 453,4).

Committee 3 — Doctrinal and Intersynodical Matters

The resolution with respect to Dr. Martin Scharlemann (*TB* 518,19) was placed once more before the delegates. Dr. Behnken made a statement analyzing the statement submitted by Dr. Scharlemann and reminding the delegates of the spirit of Christian forgiveness.

A motion was made to close debate after all who had asked for the floor had had the privilege to speak. The motion carried. The resolution was adopted by a rising vote of 650 to 20. Later three delegates asked for the privilege of withdrawing their negative vote. After other matters had been taken up, a delegate raised the question from the floor whether the adoption of this resolution constitutes a settlement. The chair answered that it took for granted that Dr. Scharlemann's statement represents a settlement unless he shows otherwise and that he will be held to his statement.

Committee 10 — Support and Pensions

The resolution proposing major changes in the Pension Program was discussed once again (*TB* 383,2) and was finally adopted with Vice-President Wiederaenders in the chair.

Committee 1 — Colleges and Seminaries

The convention adopted changes in the following *Handbook* paragraphs as proposed (*TB* 137,5): 6.53 a, b, c. Paragraph "c" was amended through the insertion of the words "in writing" after "notice," line 44.

After the singing of a hymn the delegates viewed the motion picture "This Is Our Challenge."

Session 13

June 27, Morning

Dr. H. J. A. Bouman spoke on "Unionism and Proper Practice" in the opening devotion, sketching the development of this extra-Biblical word from the days of the Prussian Union. Today it refers to inter-Christian contacts on religious levels. Each such instance must be evaluated separately on the basis of God's Word and with due consideration to loyalty, unity, and love, "three beautiful daughters" of saving faith. President Arlen Bruns of the Kansas District officiated.

The minutes of the previous evening were adopted as read. Pastor Machina on a point of privilege submitted a written statement taking exception to the action of the convention on resolution (*TB* 518,19). The chair stated that others could sign if they so desired and that he would announce later what would be done with the statement. Delegations were appointed during the session to place wreaths on the graves of two former Presidents of the Synod, Drs. Wyneken and Schwan.

Committee 2 — Missions

The convention adopted resolutions with reference to the intensification of the mission work in Asia (*TB* 536,21), the upgrading of the seminaries in the Orient (*TB* 536,22), increased appropriations for missions (*TB* 537,23), the use of mass media of communications (*TB* 494,11), the church in town and country (*TB* 492,9), intercultural outreach (*TB* 493,10), possible mission work in Bermuda (*TB* 496,14), and mission activities in Brazil (*TB* 179,7). After the convention declined to strike "Resolved, b," it adopted a resolution calling for the development of a Synodwide mission approach to the Negro American (*TB* 502,20). After the word "substantial" had been deleted from line 2 (*TB* 491) by a standing vote of 238 to 189, a resolution was adopted with reference to the problems of the inner city (*TB* 490,8). The work among the deaf was gratefully acknowledged (*TB* 495,13). In a special ceremony the John of Beverly Award was presented to Dr. George Gaertner, senior missionary to the deaf.

Committee 11 — Finance and Stewardship

Discussion was again given to Resolution 16 (*TB* 433) calling for a special offering. The amendment to strike the amount ($50,000,000) failed to carry. A motion to refer the resolution back to the committee with instructions to rewrite it in terms of Memorial 816 failed to carry. Discussion could not be continued.

Committee 13 — Special Ministries and Miscellaneous

Dr. Behnken relinquished the chair to Vice-President A. C. Nitz. By means of a standing vote the convention expressed its appreciation to Dr. Martin Strieter, Mr. Clarence Amling, and Dr. John W. Boehne (*TB* 508,25). The former two responded briefly. The assembly thanked God for the services of the workers who had died during the past triennium (*TB* 506,23). A resolution declining Memorial 1129 (*TB* 507,24) was referred back to the committee for a better statement or tie-in with a previous resolution. The convention declined (*TB* 508,26 substituted for TB 244,10) Memorial 324-A requesting the dismissal of a congregation and its pastor from the Synod. Later in the session a motion calling for a recount of the vote on this resolution failed to carry. Resolution 27 (*TB* 509) was withdrawn by the committee. The assembly expressed sympathy to the H. W. Niermann and Walter Brockopp families (*TB* 510,28) and voiced opposition to communism and materialism (*TB* 248,17). It was decided (*TB* 247,16, corrected) to refer Memorial 1127 to the Committee on Constitutional Matters (Section A) and to the Board of Directors (Section B).

President John Kovac of the SELC brought the greetings of his Synod.

The evening sessions for Wednesday and Thursday were extended by one hour by common consent.

The meeting adjourned with a table prayer spoken in unison.

Session 14

June 27, Afternoon

The opening devotion was conducted by President Karl Graesser of the Atlantic District.

With Dr. Oliver Harms in the chair, the minutes of the morning session were adopted as read.

Elections Committee

The slate of candidates for the Commission on Theology and Church Relations was approved with the addition of Pastor Kenneth Miller and the substitution of Dr. Leonard Dierker for Teacher Delbert Schultz. Later the following were declared elected: Pastors Henry G. Hartner, Louis T. Wohlfeil, Herbert E. Hohen-

stein; Teacher Erwin F. Sagehorn; laymen Richard P. Jahn, Oscar Kunz. The convention extended its thanks to the numerous tellers, tabulators, and runners.

Committee 1 — Colleges and Seminaries

The convention instructed the Board for Higher Education to study the possible inclusion of certain subjects in the curricula (*TB* 366,30) and provided for the identification and development of instructional staff members (*TB* 367,31), for the acceleration of the program of studies for qualified students (*TB* 368,32), for the centennial observance of Concordia Teachers College, River Forest (*TB* 369,34), and for the strengthening of the St. Louis school for graduate studies (*TB* 370,35). It declined Memorial 170 (*TB* 369,33). It reaffirmed the unique function of the Springfield seminary (*TB* 418,36) and the scholarship plan for graduates of Lutheran high schools (*TB* 418,37). The Northern Illinois District (*TB* 419,38), the Michigan District (*TB* 419,39), and the South Wisconsin District with certain English District congregations (*TB* 420,40) were commended for certain capital contributions at River Forest, Ann Arbor, and Milwaukee. The assembly referred to the Board for Higher Education the request for a commission to study the interrelationship of various programs (*TB* 421,42) and the purchase of a site in the Chicago area (*TB* 461,44). It provided for a study commission concerning Lutheran lay education (*TB* 421,43) and authorized the levy of a use charge for users of auxiliary buildings at our colleges (*TB* 461,45). Time ran out during the discussion of a resolution which would increase the program of teacher education by one year beginning with the freshman class of 1966 (*TB* 462,46). During this time Dr. Behnken returned to the chair.

Committee 12 — Public Relations and Mass Media

The Synod's television program was committed to the prayers of its members (*TB* 392,15). After amending a proposed resolution to include the Board for World Missions and the Missionary Board of the Lutheran Synodical Conference and after inserting on line 19 the words "by way of preparing for the early inauguration of indigenous program production," the convention decided to have foreign language sound tracks of "This Is the Life" prepared (*TB* 393,16).

Committee 3 — Doctrinal and Intersynodical Matters

The convention took up again Section B of Resolution 16 (*TB* 439), which the committee read in its revised version. The words "and firm refutation" were inserted on line 35. Sections B and C and the entire resolution were then adopted. Resolutions were adopted with respect to the doctrine of the immortality of the soul and the resurrection of the flesh (*TB* 445,18, corrected), and the Exchange Study Commission (*TB* 437,6z, corrected). Memorial 306 was declined (*TB* 426,14). The convention referred to the new Commission on Theology and Church Relations the suggested review of the *Brief Statement* (*TB* 425,13, corrected), as well as Memorials 320 and 322-A (*TB* 438,15). The question what is a doctrine? (*TB* 524,22, corrected) was referred to the same commission with the addition of another Resolved — "That the results of this study be sent to all pastors and teachers at least one year before the next convention so that conferences can study it before it is acted on by the convention." The *Theology of Fellowship* document was commended to the Synod and to the commission for restudy (*TB* 574g, 28). Amendments to insert "one holy Christian church" on line 31 and to strike the first three lines on page 574i had failed to carry. Memorials concerning this document were referred to the new commission.

Committee 4 — Parish Education

The assembly expressed its concern over the moral crisis in our society (*TB* 411,25) after inserting in line 33 the words "in consultation with the Commission on Social Action." Another amendment for line 5 — "toward sharpening the consciences of the individual members" — was lost. Plans for financing the production of school textbooks were approved (*TB* 412,26). The assembly decided to sit until 5:30 in the afternoon and until 9:30 in the evening.

Committee 8 — Church Literature and Publications

Resolutions were adopted accepting the report of Concordia Publishing House (*TB* 469,1), permitting it to expend $2,000,000 from its income for expansion (*TB* 470,3), providing for the publication of theological literature now out of print (*TB* 469,2), continuing publication of *The Lutheran Chaplain* (*TB* 471,4), renewing the Synod's assignment to the Family Life Committee and channeling requests for formal statements to the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (*TB* 473,6), providing for a continuing index of periodicals (*TB* 474,7), receiving the report of the Concordia Tract Mission (*TB* 475,8) and of the Young People's Literature Board (*TB* 476,9), as well as the Committee for Research (*TB* 477,11, corrected), and providing for wider distribution of the book of *Reports and Memorials* (*TB* 476,10). A resolution was adopted encouraging Districts to publish their convention proceedings through Concordia Publishing House after the word "instructed" had been changed to "encouraged" on line 20 and after the addition of the words "that Concordia Publishing House provide a standard format" had been attached to the Resolved and after a final Resolved had been added — "That all District Secretaries furnish a copy of the District *Proceedings* to all libraries of our colleges and to Concordia Historical Institute." (*TB* 478,12)

The session adjourned with a table prayer spoken in unison.

Session 15

June 27, Evening

After a brief opening devotion the minutes of the afternoon session were adopted as read. A delegate stated that he wished to withdraw his negative vote on the Scharlemann resolution.

Committee 6 — Constitutional Matters

The committee withdrew Resolution 18 (*TB* 487). The convention declined to change the *Handbook* paragraphs on the self-government of congregations (*TB* 529,19) and to change the name of Synod (*TB* 531,21). It did change the following *Handbook* paragraphs: 16.01, changes in the bylaws (*TB* 530,20); 3.01 and 3.02 on the relationship of Districts to Synod (*TB* 531,22); 3.21, District Presidents and Vice-Presidents (*TB* 553,29); 1.59, Foreign Missionaries at synodical conventions (*TB* 553,30, corrected); 2.134, 2.135, 2.137, the election of synodical Vice-Presidents (*TB* 574a,31); and 8.155, Armed Services Commission (*TB* 574b,33). It added Paragraph 2.32, Acting President (*TB* 532,23) and deleted 8.29 a—n (*TB* 551,26). It took steps to study the realignment of Districts and circuits and referred the question of regional Vice-Presidents to the College of Presidents (*TB* 550,24 and 25). It declined Memorials 628 (*TB* 552,27) and 626 (*TB* 552,28). The convention voted down a resolution declining to limit the terms of office (*TB* 574a,32).

Appeals Case

Referring to a point of order raised on the first day of the convention, President Behnken stated that the appointment of an Appeals Case Review Committee would not be necessary.

Committee 11 — Finances and Stewardship

Resolution 16 was placed once again before the convention. The assembly permitted a substitute motion to be placed before it. The chair asked that it be submitted to the delegates in print before being discussed further. Somewhat later in the session a request for a recount on the question of entertaining the substitute motion showed 339 for and 196 against. The convention accepted the report of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod Foundation (*TB* 432,14), declined Memorials 824 (*TB* 432,14), declined Memorials 824 (*TB* 432,15), 825 (*TB* 544,17a replacing *TB* 435,17), 826 (*TB* 549,26), and 827 (*TB* 549,27). It commended the Council of Lutheran Agencies (*TB* 467,18), encouraged Districts to set up a fund-raising function (*TB* 545,19), referred Recommendation VII of the Stewardship Department to the Survey Commission (*TB* 546,20), adopted Recommendation I of the 1961 Fiscal Conference in revised form (*TB* 546,21), left the allocation of synodical appropriations in the hands of the Fiscal Conference (*TB* 547,22), adopted Memorial 820 (*TB* 548,23), urged economy in arranging synodical meetings (*TB* 548,24), and accepted the Stewardship Board regulations in revised form (*TB* 548,25).

Committee 4 — Parish Education

With Vice-President Nitz taking the chair, the assembly authorized the Board of Parish Education to decide which Bible translation to use in the new catechisms (*TB* 436,27), encouraged our membership to become thoroughly acquainted with the dangers of present anti-Christian ideologies (*TB* 458,28, corrected), and created the position of Director of Family Life Education (*TB* 459,29). This completed the work of Committee 4.

Committee 12 — Public Relations and Mass Media

The convention accepted the report of KFUO (*TB* 534,17), revised the *Handbook* provisions for KFUO (*TB* 534,18), and declined Memorial 718b (*TB* 535,19). This concluded the work of Committee 12.

Committee 3 — Doctrinal and Intersynodical Matters

The convention decided to take no further action on Memorial 312 (*TB* 525,24), and to strive to reestablish fellowship with other synods in the Synodical Conference (*TB* 424,12, corrected).

The substitute motion regarding finances was read once again after distribution. The Secretary announced that a delegate had requested that his vote on the Scharlemann resolution be changed from negative to affirmative.

The meeting adjourned with a brief devotion.

Session 16

June 28, Morning

In the opening devotions, led by President L. Frerking of the Southeastern District, Prof. Fred Kramer gave a historical review of our Synod's lodge practice from the first reference to the subject in *Der Lutheraner*, June 26, 1849, to the adoption in 1929 of resolutions which still form the heart of the *Handbook* provisions.

The minutes of the previous evening were adopted as read. The chair referred to Committee 13 the question of publishing the convention essays. Since Dr. Behnken had been invited to address The Lutheran Church in America, now being organized, he was authorized to extend greetings and to speak words of encouragement toward sound Lutheranism. Another delegate changed his vote on the Scharlemann resolution from negative to affirmative.

Committee 1 — Colleges and Seminaries

It was decided to have all delegates read the proposed *Handbook* changes (*TB* 137,5) so that these could be considered as a unit. The Synod decided to establish a junior college in the Southern California area with September 1965 as the target date for opening (*TB* 202,22) and to endorse the purchase of a site in the Southeast for a junior college (*TB* 205,24). It adopted an omnibus resolution regarding the expansion of the Synod's schools in the Western area (*TB* 204,23).

Committee 11 — Finance and Stewardship

It was moved and seconded to adopt the substitute motion offered on the previous evening in place of Resolution 16 (*TB* 433). An amendment was offered to attach a final Resolved: "That in the event a 20-percent increase in the 'Venture of Faith' is not forthcoming by January 31, 1964, the Synod immediately adopt in toto and be bound by the original Resolution 16 as prepared by Committee 11, page 433." The amendment

failed to carry. A motion was finally made to close debate. The substitute motion was then lost by a standing vote of 295 for and 333 against. The original Resolution 16 was then taken up again. After the motion to close debate had been adopted, the last speaker on the list moved to recommit the resolution. This motion was passed.

Committee 8 — Church Literature and Publications

The convention accepted the report of the General Literature Board (*TB* 479,13) and of the Editorial Committee of *Advance* magazine (*TB* 481,16). It arranged for the publication of Dr. Walther's writings (*TB* 480,14), for the production of reading materials against communism (*TB* 481,15), and for the review of the revised edition of *Adventuring in the Church* (*TB* 482,17). This finished the work of Committee 8. During this presentation Vice-President George Wittmer took the chair.

Committee 2 — Missions

In Church Extension Fund matters it was resolved that annual loan goals be set in the various Districts (*TB* 539,24), that uniform management principles and procedures be developed (*TB* 540,25), and that the capital-account portion of the Synod's fund be increased annually (*TB* 541,26). The assembly adopted various proposals for College and University Work (*TB* 542,27) and gave a rising vote of thanks to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (*TB* 543,28).

The meeting adjourned with a table prayer spoken in unison.

Session 17

June 28, Afternoon

President Paul Jacobs of the California-Nevada District had the opening devotion. The minutes of the morning meeting were adopted as read. Mrs. Walter Hoppe, president of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, addressed the convention.

Committee 10 — Pensions

The convention decided to appoint a committee to study a proposed housing plan for pastors and teachers (*TB* 596,5, corrected), to encourage employers to assume the workers' share of pension fund payments (*TB* 598,6), to accept the report of the Lay Retirement Board (*TB* 528,3), and to refer to the responsible boards the question of increasing the minimum pension benefits (*TB* 596,4).

Committee 7 — Social Welfare and World Relief

The assembly commended various social welfare programs (*TB* 454,5), reaffirmed the Synod's resolutions on race relations (*TB* 456,7), adopted a resolution on the Christian's responsibility in social action (*TB* 468,9 replacing *TB* 249,18), and recommitted Resolution 8 (*TB* 457).

Committee 2 — Missions

After deleting lines 24 to 26 concerning a resident counselor in Europe, the delegates adopted Resolution 5 on mission work in that part of the world (*TB* 177). The convention emphasized work among Spanish-speaking people (*TB* 178,6) and decided to abandon the term "subsidized Districts" (*TB* 495,12). Committee 2 was dismissed with thanks.

Committee 6 — Constitutional Matters

Dr. Oliver Harms took the chair. The floor committee on Constitutional Matters presented a new resolution limiting all terms of office except those of the President and the First Vice-President. An amendment to limit also these terms was lost, as well as an amendment to exclude the other Vice-Presidents from the limitation. The entire resolution was then adopted as presented (*TB* 608,39). *Handbook* revisions were adopted regarding the ordination and commissioning of missionaries (*TB* 574b,34) and the prerequisites for ordination (*TB* 574c,35). The convention approved the development of an indigenous church in Canada (*TB* 574e,36).

Committee 3 — Doctrinal and Intersynodical Matters

After recess Dr. Behnken returned to the chair. The convention decided to urge congregations and pastors who have severed relations to return (*TB* 575b,23, revised, replacing *TB* 524,23), to define more precisely the relationship between Valparaiso University and the Synod (*TB* 585,26), to take initial steps toward forming a Lutheran interchurch association (*TB* 586,27, corrected), to decline Memorial 336 (*TB* 614,32, corrected) and Memorial 361 (*TB* 588,30) after closure of debate in both of the latter instances. Discussion on a proposal to take no action on Memorial 314 (*TB* 522,20) was not completed.

Committee 5 — Young People's Work

Resolutions were adopted changing *Handbook* paragraphs 7.73 (*TB* 527,4) and 7.71 (*TB* 607,5, replacing *TB* 527,5) and disposing of the charges against the Executive Board of the Walther League (*TB* 382,3). Committee 5 was dismissed with thanks.

Committee 1 — Colleges and Seminaries

Resolutions were passed providing for a joint study of a proposed House of Studies in Berkeley, Calif. (*TB* 420,41), for an intensified training program for directors of Christian education (*TB* 462,47), for a review of the bachelor of sacred music program (*TB* 463,48), for the recruitment of church musicians (*TB* 464,49), for the synodical recognition of the parish workers program at Winfield (*TB* 464,50), for the early development of a policy on faculty housing purchase (*TB* 465,51), for additional professorships at various institutions (*TB* 576,55), for the ratification of additional subsidies to the St. Louis seminary (*TB* 578,57), and for the appropriation of $20,000 toward the expansion of St. John Lutheran School in Seward (*TB* 581,63). The committee reported that Memorials 169, 181 (*TB* 466,52), and 1111 (*TB* 581,64) had already been covered by previous resolutions. The convention gratefully acknowledged special gifts to the Bronxville (*TB* 579,59) and to the Win-

field (*TB* 579,60) institutions. It declined Memorials 182 (*TB* 577,56) and 159 (*TB* 580,61) and referred Memorial 164 to the proper boards for study (*TB* 580,62). A resolution regarding the report of the Commission on Theological Foundations of the Ministry was recommitted (*TB* 582,65).

The chair announced that those who wished to sign the statement which was prepared by one delegate concerning the so-called Scharlemann resolution could have their names recorded in the minutes and that the statement itself would be kept on file by the Secretary of the Synod. It was announced that still another delegate had withdrawn his negative vote.

The session adjourned with a table prayer spoken in unison.

Session 18

June 28, Evening

After the singing of a hymn the minutes of the previous session were adopted as read.

Committee 1 — Colleges and Seminaries

The convention took up once again the many *Handbook* changes proposed by Committee 1. With the approval of the convention the committee withdrew 2.09b, 2.15, 5.23. A new version (*TB* 423,5) was substituted for 6.83. Paragraph 6.23 was recommitted. All of the other paragraphs were now adopted by the convention with changes noted (*TB* 137,5). The convention decided to make provisions for the orderly transfer of woman teachers (*TB* 584,68), to give continued support to the Lutheran Lay Training Institute (*TB* 584,69), to further pursue the study of a four-year teacher education program at Bronxville (*TB* 163,18, with the added Resolved: "That these groups report to the next convention of the Synod") and at Winfield (*TB* 164,19), and to institute a four-year teacher education program for women at St. Paul (*TB* 164,20). A resolution to approve the classification of capital projects at our synodical schools as submitted in corrected form was presented (*TB* 555,53) but could not receive action in the allotted time.

Installation

In a special ceremony Dr. J. W. Behnken installed the newly elected officers and members of various boards.

Committee 11 — Finance and Stewardship

Committee 11 presented a new resolution (*TB* 614,16A) in place of the $50,000,000 special offering resolution. This new proposal called for a program of education, for an intensification of the "Venture of Faith," and for the inclusion of an additional $10,000,000 every year from 1963 to 1965 in the synodical budget. The convention inserted into line 29 "all pastors, teachers." The resolution was adopted by a rising vote of 496 to 69. A motion to make the vote unanimous failed of unanimity. The Board of Directors was empowered to borrow needed funds within prescribed limitations (*TB* 593,28). Committee 11 was excused with thanks.

The meeting adjourned with a brief devotion.

Session 19

June 29, Morning

President H. W. Niermann of the Southern Nebraska District served as liturgist for the opening devotion. In speaking on "Our Witness to the Pagan World" Prof. M. L. Koehneke placed the Missouri Synod in the position of Jonah and sketched how Missouri receives its commission, is in flight, is overtaken by turbulence, is spared, goes to the pagan world, finds receptive hearts, is amazed and mortified, and stands corrected.

The minutes of the previous session were adopted as read.

Committee 1 — Colleges and Seminaries

The convention decided to limit all speakers to two minutes. It accepted the list of capital projects (*TB* 555, 53) for our colleges and seminaries, provided for their inclusion in the synodical budgets (*TB* 568, 54), approved the introduction of a five-year teacher training program (*TB* 616, 70, replacing *TB* 462, 46), reaffirmed the primary functions of the teachers colleges (*TB* 578, 58), referred the research materials of the Commission on Theological Foundations (*TB* 637, 65, replacing *TB* 582, 65) and the status of woman teachers (*TB* 583, 66) to the school for graduate studies, approved the new suggested wording for *Handbook* paragraph 6.23 (*TB* 140, corrected), thanked the Lutheran Education Society in Oakland (*TB* 617, 71), and received with thanks the reports of all boards in the field of higher education (*TB* 617, 72, amended). After the floor committee stated that Memorial 404 had been taken care of by an earlier resolution (*TB* 583, 67), the committee was dismissed with thanks.

Committee 3 — Doctrinal and Intersynodical Matters

The convention declined to take action with regard to Memorial 314 (*TB* 522, 20), instructed the St. Louis faculty to continue its study of the doctrine of Scripture (*TB* 588, 29, corrected and amended through the insertion on line 22 of "Commission on Theology and Church Relations." An amendment to insert "with antitheses" on line 20 failed to carry), adopted a resolution concerning the witness opportunities given our pastors through various means of communications (*TB* 526, 25), urged the Board of Parish Education to exercise caution in the editing of Bible class materials (*TB* 613, 31, corrected), and extended greetings to the sister church in India (*TB* 618, 21 R, replacing *TB* 523, 21). The committee was dismissed with thanks.

Committee 6 — Constitutional Matters

The assembly referred to the College of Presidents the question of limiting the size of conventions (*TB* 574e, 37), referred Part III of the Survey Commission report to the standing Committee on Constitutional Matters (*TB* 610, 40), referred to the proper authorities the transfer requests of two congregations (*TB* 621, 43), and referred Memorial 350 to the College of Presidents (*TB* 626, 48). It authorized changes in the *Handbook*

paragraphs for the functions of the President (*TB* 574f, 38, amended by substituting "advised" for "authorized," line 32), the Board for Lutheran Television Productions (*TB* 620, 42), the Department of Archives (*TB* 622, 44), institutional chaplaincies (*TB* 622, 45), and Responsibility of Delegates (*TB* 623, 46). Resolution 41 (*TB* 610) was withdrawn since it had been covered by an earlier resolution. A proposed *Handbook* change concerning transcripts in appeals cases (*TB* 626, 47) was referred to the Appeals Committee for further study in consultation with the officials of the Synod. The convention approved the merger or discontinuation of various boards and committees (*TB* 627, 49), officially recognized the Lutheran Laymen's League and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (*TB* 628, 50), declined Memorial 635 (*TB* 628, 51), thanked the standing Committee on Constitutional Matters (*TB* 629, 52) as well as the Survey Commission and Pastor August Suelflow (*TB* 634, 54, amended), and adopted the resolution on the Commission on Church Literature as corrected (*TB* 630, 53). Resolutions were adopted establishing a single division of Missions (*TB* 644, 54a, corrected) and referring all unfinished matters with reference to the Survey Commission report to various boards and committees (*TB* 643, 55, replacing *TB* 635, 55). This completed the work of Committee 6.

Committee 10 — Pensions

The convention approved a plan for reciprocal pension fund membership within the Synodical Conference (*TB* 612, 7, corrected). Committee 10 was dismissed with thanks.

Committee 13 — Special Ministries and Miscellaneous

Resolution 30 (*TB* 590) was withdrawn. Memorial 1129 was declined (*TB* 591, 31, replacing *TB* 507, 24). Arrangements were made for printing the devotional essays (*TB* 592, 32, corrected). The Secretary was given editorial powers (*TB* 611, 34, corrected). Sympathy was extended to the Walter Bergman family (*TB* 616, 35). All Districts were encouraged to establish a Commission on Fraternal Organizations (*TB* 590, 29, corrected). Provisions were made for studying means of expediting the business of the convention (*TB* 635b, 36). A resolution of thanks was adopted (*TB* 606, 33, corrected) and members of the Convention Committee were introduced. This completed the assignment of Committee 13.

Committee 15 — Membership

The following were received into membership (*TB* 619, corrected): *Candidates:* Marvin H. Rafert, Harold Hingst, Lowell Thomas; *Congregations and Pastors:* St. Augustine, Troy, Mich., J. Monson, pastor; Saint Michael, Wayne, Mich., Paul Dorn, pastor; Holy Trinity, Livonia, Mich., W. W. Koenig, pastor; Grace, Elk Rapids, and Salem, Coloma, Mich., Robert Voss, pastor; St. Paul, Hale, and Our Savior, Glennie, Mich., Charles Boeder, pastor.

Committee 7 — Social Welfare and World Relief

After the memorializer stated that he was withdrawing Memorial 1120, the covering resolution was likewise withdrawn (*TB* 625 replacing *TB* 457, 8). Committee 7 was dismissed with thanks.

Committee 14 — Registration

The Registration Committee gave the preliminary closing report of 798 voting delegates present.

Closing Ceremonies

President W. Harry Krieger of the Michigan District spoke on the next convention, which will be held in Detroit. Dr. Behnken addressed closing words to the convention. Adjournment followed a brief devotion.

HERBERT MUELLER, *Assistant Secretary*

Officers and Boards Elected

Officers

(R — Reelected; N — Newly elected)

President of Synod: Dr. Oliver R. Harms, St. Louis (N)

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Fourth Vice-President: Dr. Arthur C. Nitz, San Francisco (R)

Secretary of Synod: Dr. Walter C. Birkner, Fort Wayne (R)

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Boards

Board of Directors: The President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, ex officio; Dr. Edwin T. Bernthal, Detroit (R); Dr. Wm. A. Buege, Minneapolis (R); Rev. Wm. H. Kohn, Hyattsville, Md. (R); William F. Fenske, Milwaukee (R); Paul Friedrich, St. Louis (N); Walter Hinck, Minneapolis (N.); Walter Koch, Denver (R); Jay Pfotenhauer, San Francisco (R)

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(17 additional members to be chosen by the College of Presidents, the theological faculties, and the Synod's President)

Board for World Missions: Dr. Victor Bartling, St. Louis (R); Rev. Paul Martens, Memphis, Tenn. (R); Rev. Arnold F. Meyer, Minneapolis (N); Dr. L. M. Petersen, Springfield, Ill. (R); Dr. Alfred M. Rehwinkel, St. Louis (N); Rev. Henry Simon, Appleton, Wis. (N); Paul F. Bente, Jr., Wilmington, Del. (R); Marvin F. Borgelt, Minneapolis (N); Alfred E. Jordan, Mission, Kans. (N); Dr. Charles Obermeyer, St. Louis (R); Carl Zschiegner, Red Bud, Ill. (N)

Board for European Affairs: Prof. Martin Naumann, Springfield, Ill. (R); Rev. John Oppliger, St. Louis (R); Rev. Waldo J. Werning, Lincoln, Nebr. (N); Dr. O. A. Dorn, St. Louis (R); Louis Menking, River Forest, Ill. (R)

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Concordia College, St. Paul: Teacher Carl Stelling, Osseo, Minn. (R); Walter E. Schmalz, St. Paul (R); O. Harold Swanson, Minneapolis (R)

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Chairman: President Niedner (NN). — *Pastors:* H. Barth (We), M. Baumann (Mt), H. Bode (Mn), M. Brauer (Mc), W. Hanser (SW), F. Jacobsen (CN), R. Krueger (NI), M. Mappes (Ks), W. Meyer (Co), E. Neunaber (Tx), A. Pingel (SD), G. Rattelmuller (We), R. Ressmeyer (At), A. Schelp (Nw), W. Schoedel (Ce). — *Teachers:* W. Cloeter (SC), L. Dierker (We), M. Dobberfuhl (Nw), R. Krause (SW), R. J. Mueller (Ks), W. Odean (NI), M. Reisenbichler (Ce). — *Laymen:* Wm. Birk (NW), H. Carter (Ce), F. Frandsen (CN), E. Heuer (Mn), H. Hilst (Ok), H. Hutter (En), Arlo N. Mueller (SC), H. Reininga (We), R. Repass (FG), P. Schleusener (SN), Don Schmidt (Mc). — *Professors:* Beisel, Kramer, C. S. Meyer, E. F. Scaer, Zimmerman. — *District Presidents:* Fiess (On), Graesser (At), Kleiner (En), Miller (AB), Schneider (Brazil).

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Chairman: President Nickel (NI). — *Pastors:* M. Buerger (So), H. Frincke (Ea), C. Gaertner (Tx), W. Huth (On), A. Klug (NW), G. Kramer (We), H. Neunaber (SI), J. Pauperas (NI), W. Schoenow (Mc), G. Wagner (SE), R. Weiland (Nw), E. Weis (Ce). — *Teachers:* Arthur Bangert (SN), E. Duensing (At), L. Heidemann (NI), Otto Meyerhoff (CN). — *Laymen:* R. Bardolph (SE), L. Eggert (SW), R. Geuther (NI), R. Jungemann (Mt), V. Larsen (CI), G. Lindeberg (NW), R. Linnemeier (Ce), J. Martin (We), H. Meyerhoff (Ks), E. Meyer (Ok), L. Prange (En), A. Wadewitz (CN). — *Professors:* Bretscher, Franzmann, Albert Meyer, Poellot, J. Preus, Walle. — *District Presidents:* Bruns (Ks), Jacobs (CN), Krieger (Mc), Mueller (CI), Stahlke (Mn).

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Committee 5 — Young People's Work

Chairman: President Enge (Co). — *Pastors:* E. Bartels (NW), C. Brueggemann (Mc), E. Dobelstein (Ce), R. Fechner (IW), R. A. Koch (Nw), C. Korte (SD), L. P. Roehrs (Tx), W. Scar (At), R. Temme (NN), M. Wegner (SW), W. Wollenburg (We). — *Teachers:* J. Fischer (Ce), R. Maag (Mn), H. Meerkatz (Mc), D. Staffeld (SI). — *Laymen:* G. Gockel (NI), D. Loomis (En), H. Pagel (CI). — *Professor:* Goltermann.

Committee 6 — Constitutional Matters

Chairman: President Krueger (Ce). — *Pastors:* K. Biel (We), C. Brege (NW), R. Buck (En), M. Fritz (NI), H. Gallman (At), A. Herpolsheimer (SI), O. Hussmann (SN), L. Kleinhans (So), H. Kupke (SC), G. Obenhaus (Tx), G. W. Schoedel (Mc), A. Seltz (Mn), P. Sohn (IW), H. Wangerin (SW). — *Teachers:* W. Bergman (Mc), R. Eckhardt (Mn), E. Gutz (Tx), E. Masenthin (Ce), N. Rogers (NI). — *Laymen:* F. Dow (SE), R. Grubaugh (Ce), H. Freise (Nw), E. Juedes (NW), L. Kuhlman (En), Paul Lange (We), R. McWilliams (Mc), F. Oatman (NI), E. F. Tieman (We), O. Wyneken (SC). — *Professors:* Coiner, Kruse, Langevin, Neeb, Von Fange. — *District Presidents:* Freiburger (Mt), Homrighausen (So).

Committee 7 — Social Welfare and World Relief

Chairman: President Lobeck (IW). — *Pastors:* R. Bannon (Mc), A. Bringewatt (At), L. Draheim (Ce), T. Hinz (SW), R. Marquardt (Mn), E. Rauff (Ce), L. Schuth (NI), B. Streufert (Mn), E. Zanow (SW). — *Teachers:* D. Lorenz (En), E. Wiese (Mc), W. Zimmerschied (Ce). — *Laymen:* J. Cross (Tx), L. Eggert (SW), M. Shields (Ks), J. Tolpo (SC), Wm. Yost (NW). — *Professors:* Frantz, Luecke, Schuller. — *District President:* Stelling (We).

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Chairman: President Buls (SI). — *Pastors:* V. Albers (At), L. Behnken (NN), A. Brommer (CN), R. Dinda (Tx), A. Franzmeier (Mn), H. Hecht (En), J. Israel (NW), H. Muhl (We), J. Potratz (SW), G. Schramm (SC). *Teachers:* V. Engebrecht (Mc), M. Gutzler (Ce). — *Laymen:* D. Freiberg (Mc), T. Kreft (Nw), A. Lechelt (AB), C. Schild (NI), F. Speer (Ea), H. Steffen (SW). — *Professors:* Lueker, L. Otto, Reinisch.

Committee 9 — Worship, Hymnology, and Liturgics

Chairman: President Baxmann (SW). — *Pastors:* W. Petrich (Ce), M. Ramming (Tx). — *Teachers:* C. Brose (Co), A. Eilers (Mc), T. Goehring (Sc), C. Goldenstern (NI), L. Janzow (CN), P. Klopp (Ea), E. B. Koester (IW). — *Laymen:* H. Blanchard (En), R. Wenzel (SW). — *Professors:* Gehrke, Precht, Rosel, Waldschmidt.

Committee 10 — Pensions

Chairman: President Jesse (Tx). — *Pastors:* Wm. Adam (Ce), O. Arndt (NI), W. L. Barth (NN), F. Feinsinger (At), H. Gaertner (Mn), J. Knippenberg (SN), R. Rein (CI), A. Thiem (ND), J. Tietjen (En), E. Tolch (CI), L. Wentzlaff (On). — *Teacher:* P. Stohlmann (Mc). — *Laymen:* W. Dahl (IE), G. Heinert (SD), W. Hussmann (Ce), W. Jenneman (SC), A. Knispel (NN), R. Kuhlman (We), G. Oberdorfer (At), W. Riegelman (SW), J. Tippin (FG), H. Treude (Tx), C. Wendt (Mc) — *Professors:* Poehler, Spurgat.

Committee 11 — Finance and Stewardship

Chairman: President Bensene (NW). — *Pastors:* Geo. Albers (CI), D. Brickhoff (En), E. T. Claus (Mc), A. Fellwock (Mn), T. Gerken (NI), E. Happel (NI), C. Heckmann (Tx), V. P. Heine (Ce), E. Heuer (Ea), E. Jaech (Nw), Arn. Meyer (Mn), P. C. Mueller (IW), E. Passow (SC), R. R. Raedeke (MS), H. Roepe (SE), C. F. Schmidt, Jr. (Ok), H. Scherer (We), H. Schroeter (SW), E. Stammel (At), R. Uecker (SD), R. Zehnder (FG), M. Zill (IE). — *Teachers:* W. Ahlbrand (SW), M. E. Dobberfuhl (NW), H. Wieting (NN), A. Wittmer (At). — *Laymen:* M. Echtenkamp (Ea), Th. Eckhart (We), L. Going (Ce), D. Knack (Mn), A. Larson (SN), R. Ruppel (On), H. Windolph (Ks), L. Zick (Mc). — *Professors:* Heyne, Koehneke, Kuhlmann, Schulz. — *District Presidents:* Behnken (SC), Goetz (NW), Luessenhop (SD).

Committee 12 — Public Relations and Mass Media

Chairman: President L. Frerking (SE). — *Pastors:* Eug. Beyer (Mc), E. Drews (Mn), R. Leege (SN), Don Miller (SW), E. H. Mueller (At), R. Scherer (Ce), C. Seegers (NI), A. Yoss (En). — *Laymen:* P. Blohm (We), L. DeGroot (Co), W. Haare (CI), E. Hellbusch (Tx), O. Narr (Mn), L. Schroeder (IW). — *Professors:* Garmatz, Weber.

Committee 13 — Special Ministries and Miscellaneous

Chairman: President Niermann (SN). — *Pastors:* M. Bertermann (Mc), H. Blanke, Jr. (Ce), J. Ehlers (NN), A. Ferber (We), Ph. Gerken (FG), C. Hammell (SE), W. Hilpert (Mn), D. Knick (Mn), W. H. Koenig (Ea), H. Krach (Mc), Lou. Meyer (At), O. L. Mueller (NN), H. Pragman (CI), Aug. Schmidt (En), J. Ulmer (AB), G. B. Wunrow (CI). — *Laymen:* D. Bode (Mn), H. Fenske (SW), M. Schubel (We), P. Weidenschilling (At). — *Professor:* Kruger, C. E. Huber.

Committee 14 — Registration, Credentials, and Excuses

Chairman: Rev. R. Lassanske (Ce). — *Pastors:* J. Bundschuh (Ok), A. Keck (Ce), C. W. Koch (We). — *Teachers:* A. Fuchs (Mn), N. Wenzel (IE). — *Laymen:* H. Frank (Mc), H. Gemoll (SW), H. Heinecke (Mn).

Committee 15 — Membership Application

Chairman: Rev. Max Weissbach (En). — *Pastors:* G. Bluhm (Mn), J. Gagern (Mc), E. Schwandt (Mn). — *Laymen:* E. Armon (SI), W. Reisdorf (MS), R. Rod (IW).

Committee 16 — Elections

Chairman: Rev. H. Steinbauer (Mc). — *Pastors:* W. Ave-Lallemant (CN), F. Gerken (Ce), R. Schuler (Mn). — *Teacher:* E. Heimsoth (NI). — *Layman:* P. Hennig (En).

Committee 17 — Nominations

(This committee was appointed by the Selections Committee elected at the San Francisco convention.)

Chairman: Rev. M. Zschoche (Mc). — *Pastors:* A. C. Burroughs (Ks), Wm. Bruening (SE), F. Geske (Mn), W. S. Graumann (SC), R. Jesse (En), E. Kieninger (FG). — *Teachers:* W. Hartkopf (NI), V. Koehler (En), H. F. Miller (Mc). — *Laymen:* H. Bacher (On), E. Heiden (IE), B. Jutzi (Tx), F. Polzin (SW), A. H. Schmidt (Co).

New Members

Congregations and Pastors

St. Paul's Lutheran Congregation, Tomahawk, Wis.; Pastor John Schaadt

Immanuel Lutheran Congregation, Plum City, Wis.; and St. John's Lutheran Congregation, Bay City, Wis.; Pastor Roger Uitti

St. John's Lutheran Congregation, Cameron, Wis.; and Bethany Lutheran Congregation, Bruce, Wis.; Pastor Edwin R. Becker

Salem Lutheran Congregation, Barron, Wis.; and St. John's Lutheran Congregation, Rice Lake, Wis.; Pastor Theodore E. Zaremba

St. John's Lutheran Congregation, Buffalo, Minn.; Pastor E. R. Berwald

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Canandaigua, N. Y.; Pastor R. R. Krueger

Good Shepherd Lutheran Congregation, Mentor, Ohio; Pastor Arden Mead

Prince of Peace Lutheran Congregation, Martinsville, Ind.; Pastor E. J. Harmann

Faith Lutheran Congregation, Avon, Ohio; Pastor Victor Bohlmann

St. Augustine Lutheran Congregation, Troy, Mich.; Pastor J. Monson

St. Michael's Lutheran Congregation, Wayne, Mich.; Pastor Paul Dorn

Holy Trinity Lutheran Congregation, Livonia, Mich.; Pastor W. W. Koenig

Grace Lutheran Congregation, Elk Rapids, Mich.; (vacant)

Salem Lutheran Congregation, Coloma, Mich.; Pastor Robert Voss

St. Paul's Lutheran Congregation, Hale, Mich.; and Our Savior Lutheran Congregation, Glennie, Mich.; Pastor Charles Boeder

Congregations

Trinity Lutheran Congregation, Culver, Ind.
Holy Cross Lutheran Congregation, Portage, Ind.
Our Savior Lutheran Congregation, Norfolk, Nebr.
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Congregation, Ralston, Nebr.
Atonement Lutheran Congregation, Omaha, Nebr.
Faith Lutheran Congregation, Stanton, Nebr.

Pastors and Ministerial Candidates

Paul Albers
David Anderson
Emanuel Blomquist
Henry W. Bojarzin
Roddy Braun
Charles A. Brehmer
Robert Brueckner
Wendel Brustman
Robert Coleman
Arthur Dauer
Robert Faga
Herman Fink
Philip Florip
Clifford Gade
Harold Hingst
Richard Holland
Robert Holst
Douglas Laub
Frank Machina
Alfred Pautsch
Richard Radde
Marvin H. Rafert
James A. Schmidt
Ronald Seitz
Melvin Spenn
Lloyd Sprick
Lowell Thomas
Paul Tuchardt
Charles Webb
James Wiese

Teachers and Teacher Candidates

Robert Barnes
Gerald A. Boyles
David Briese
Ronald Cornett
Lowell Dickmeyer
Jerald Fangman
Glenn Geffert
Robert Golnitz
Clinton Haertling
Martin Honig
Terry L. Hovis
Jerome Kline
Kenneth Koehler
Arlo Lehmann
Franklin Martens
Gerald Rabe
Donald Sandor
Marlin Schulz
Ron Stallman
Herbert Treichel
Orville Walz

RESOLUTIONS

Note: Text of "Unprinted Memorials" will be found beginning p. 169

COMMITTEE 1 — Colleges and Seminaries

Recruitment for the Parish Ministry

RESOLUTION 1-01

Report 123, I, D, pp. 44—47, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Recruitment for the parish ministry has not kept pace with that of other church vocations; and

WHEREAS, An increased supply of theological students and graduates is needed especially in view of projections of the Synod's growth; and

WHEREAS, Early vocational counseling at the local level is particularly effective; therefore be it

Resolved, That The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod encourage all pastors, teachers, and congregations to be active in recruiting gifted and consecrated men for the parish ministry at the various levels (high school, junior college, senior college) but especially at the beginning of high school education, and be it further

Resolved, That congregations be encouraged to provide liberal scholarships, especially for those who are in training for the parish ministry, and be it finally

Resolved, That District Recruitment Committees and District Student Aid Committees be encouraged to continue to exercise leadership in recruitment activity.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Student Publications

RESOLUTION 1-02

Memorial 326, p. 157, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Memorial 326 does not offer proof of its charge against the *Seminarian;* and

WHEREAS, The regulations of the *Handbook* (6.75) provide procedures for evangelical discipline and community student life; and

WHEREAS, The faculty of Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, does exercise supervision over student publications; therefore be it

Resolved, That the convention express the opinion that adequate provisions exist to accomplish the purposes requested in Memorial 326.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Sabbatical Leave and Leave of Absence Program

RESOLUTION 1-03

Memorials 158, 163, 164, pp. 93, 95, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Policies regarding sabbatical leave and leave of absence for instructors are provided for in the *Handbook* (6.71); and

WHEREAS, An increasing supply of help for advanced study and research is becoming available; therefore be it

Resolved, That the convention express its opinion that existing policies are sufficiently flexible to permit the continuance of professional vitality and to expedite research and literary productivity by members of the teaching staffs of the synodical schools; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board for Higher Education and its advisory council continue the study of existing policies to stimulate further literary production and research by staff members.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Professors' Conferences

RESOLUTION 1-04

Memorial 165, pp. 95 f., *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That this convention encourage the holding of periodic professors' conferences, as well as conferences and institutes of instructors teaching in various areas and academic disciplines, but that these conferences do not displace the traditional conference of synodical college and seminary faculties referred to in Section 6.11 of the synodical *Handbook.*

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

"Handbook" Changes

RESOLUTION 1-05

Reports 123, 174, 175, pp. 70—77, 98, 99, 101, 102, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That the following *Handbook* changes be adopted.

1.59 Other Advisory Representatives

b. Each of the Synod's educational institutions shall be represented at synodical conventions by at least one of its board members in addition to the District President, by its president, and by one faculty member for every ten or major fraction thereof.

c. Each board, commission, and standing committee of the Synod shall be represented at the convention of the Synod by at least one of its members.

Action: Section 1.59 was *adopted.*

2.09 Executives Without Vote

Executives shall not be voting members of the board, commission, or committee under which they serve.

Action: Section 2.09 was *adopted.*

b. No person in the full-time employ of the Synod, its Districts, or its agencies shall be elected or appointed to membership on a synodical or District board or agency except as this is explicitly provided by synodical regulation. An employee may serve on synodical or District study committees or specific committees or other groups on which his professional leadership or contribution is necessary.

Action: Section 2.09 b was *withdrawn* by the committee with common consent.

2.15 Holding More than One Office

No person shall hold more than one elective office or board membership in the Synod and its Districts or in both, nor shall one person hold more than two synodical or District offices or board memberships, elective or appointive, nor shall one person hold two board memberships of which one is directly responsible for the work of the other. Doubtful cases shall be decided by the President of the Synod.

Action: Section 2:15 was *withdrawn* by the committee with common consent.

2.139—2.153

Since it is desirable to make careful distinctions and avoid confusion, it is *recommended* that wherever in these paragraphs "Committee on Nominations" now appears, the designation be changed to "Committee on Convention Nominations."

Action: Sections 2.139—2.153 were *adopted.*

It is also *recommended* that the Committee on Nominations, established by the San Francisco convention on recommendation of the Synodical Survey Commission, be called consistently the Synodical Service Commission and that a statement of its responsibilities and functions be included in future editions of the synodical *Handbook.*

2.147 Suggestions for Boards of Control *(etc.)*

a. The Committee on Convention Nominations shall solicit from the board of directors of each District in which one of the Synod's educational institutions is located, as well as from boards of directors of adjacent Districts, the names of suitable candidates for the school's Board of Control. The respective Board of Control and the Board for Higher Education shall also be requested to furnish names and qualifications of prospective candidates for Board of Control membership.

Action: Section 2.147 was *adopted.*

4.09 Assignment of Calls

a. The College of Presidents, acting as the Board of Assignment, shall regularly assign to the graduates and available supply students, interns, and vicars of the Synod's educational institutions, and to workers available from colloquy programs and church-work training programs, the calls and appointments for pastors, teachers, deaconesses, missionaries, and church workers which congregations, qualified associations, and synodical and District boards have sent.

b. The placement officers of the respective institutions shall be consulted before the assignments are made.

Action: Section 4.09 a, b was *adopted.*

4.109 Intersynodical Conferences

Intersynodical conferences for the study of theology are desirable and are encouraged on a regular basis.

Action: Section 4.109 was *adopted.*

4.111 Purposes of Conferences

The official conferences of pastors and teachers shall be conducted for the spiritual and professional growth of their members. Matters pertaining to Christian doctrine and practice, to professional problems, to the proper conduct in office, to private study, to the welfare of the respective congregations and schools, to the work of the District and of the Synod, or to any other professional matter shall at all times receive due and sympathetic attention. The members of the conferences shall aim to cultivate brotherly relationship, be mutually helpful in every way possible, and encourage, instruct, and admonish one another in a spirit of sincerity and Christian love. Professional conferences have no synodical administrative functions.

Action: Section 4.111 was *adopted.*

4.113 Attendance at Official Conferences

Attendance at the official conferences shall be obligatory for pastors and teachers serving in congregations and parishes. Those whose office in the Synod, District, or synodical institution imposes professional or service requirements on which full and regular conference attendance makes undue demands, shall nevertheless, in consultation with their supervisory boards, arrange for their own partial or occasional attendance and participation in their own official conferences.

Action: Section 4.113 was *adopted.*

5.23 Ineligibility for Service

If the member involved is a pastor or teacher serving in a congregation or parish and his offense makes him ineligible for further official service in the church and he pleads guilty, the District President shall publish in the official organs of the Synod the fact that he is ineligible for further service and shall so report to the District. If the President of the District is charged with any action that would disqualify him from holding office, the Vice-Presidents of the District shall initiate proceedings, and the First Vice-President shall act. If the District officers fail to act, the President of the Synod, by virtue of the power given him in the Constitution (Article XI, B, 1, 2, 3) may on his own initiative institute proceedings, take administrative action, and, if necessary, present charges to the District Board of Appeals.

Action: Section 5.23 was *withdrawn* by the committee with common consent.

5.81 Original Cases in the Synod

The original jurisdiction of the Synod's Board of Appeals shall include controversies concerning membership in the Synod and eligibility for service in a particular field of work or in the church in general arising in connection with activities directly under the control of the Synod or its boards. However, the plaintiff in these cases shall make every effort to settle the matter. The President of the Synod may also initiate proceedings in such cases. Only when all administrative efforts have been exhausted, shall the President of the Synod refer the case to the Synod's Board of Appeals. If the President of the Synod is charged with any action that would disqualify him from holding office, or if he shall be disqualified or is unable to act in a particular case, the Vice-Presidents of the Synod, according to rank, shall undertake to settle the matter or, if administrative efforts have failed, refer the case to the Board of Appeals of the Synod.

Action: Section 5.81 was *adopted.*

6.03 Advisory Council

The presidents and acting presidents of the Synod's educational institutions in the United States and Canada shall constitute an Advisory Council, which shall meet at the call of the board.

Action: Section 6.03 was *adopted.*

6.07 Duties

n. develop plans and procedures for Synodwide recruitment and enlistment of students for the pastoral and teaching ministries and other approved synodical training programs.

Action: Section 6.07 n was *adopted* as printed above, after several minor changes had been made.

6.23 Personnel of Boards of Control

b. At least five and no more than nine members, as specified by the charter or corporate articles of the institution, who shall be elected at the conventions of the Synod for terms of four years in such a manner that about one half of the members shall be elected at each convention of the Synod. The elective members shall include:

1. one to three pastors;
2. one or two teachers;
3. three to five laymen.

(This wording assumes the adoption of two-year convention cycles after 1965.)

Action: Section 6.23 was *adopted* as printed above after an amendment was passed defining the terms of members of Boards of Control as four years and stipulating that one half of the members of the Boards of Control should be elected by each convention of the Synod.

6.27 Election of Elective Members

a. The Committee on Convention Nominations shall solicit names of suitable candidates for the Board of Control of each educational institution of the Synod and compile a list of candidates in accordance with the specific provisions of Section 2.147 a and Sections 6.23 and 6.25 of the Bylaws of the Synod.

b. Each District President shall designate from his District's delegation a voting pastor and a lay delegate who shall help to constitute an Electoral College for the required number of elective members for each Board of Control.

c. At a time designated by the President of the Synod, the chairman of the Convention Elections Committee shall convene this Electoral College, which shall then organize itself and hold the elections.

d. The members of the Board for Higher Education and its advisory council are authorized to attend the meetings of this Electoral College.

Action: Section 6.27 a, b, c, d was *adopted.*

6.53 Members of Teaching Staff

The following classifications of the faculties of synodical institutions are provided:

a. *Graduate Assistants:* On recommendation of the president of the institution the Board of Control shall appoint an approved number of graduate assistants recruited primarily from the ranks of current recent graduates of the seminaries and teachers colleges. The original appointment shall be for one year and may be renewed for one-year terms if the appointee is enrolled as a resident student in a formal program of graduate studies.

b. *Instructors:* On recommendation of the president of the institution the Board of Control shall appoint an approved number of instructors for two-year terms. The original appointment may be renewed more than once. After completing at least one full term, instructors may be advanced to the rank of assistant professor by the Board of Control with the prior consent of the Board for Higher Education, or they may be appointed to the staff of another synodical institution. If reappointment to the teaching staff is not contemplated in a particular case, the Board of Control shall so notify the instructor, through the president, six months prior to the expiration of the current appointment.

c. *Assistant Professors:* On recommendation of the president of the institution the Board of Control shall appoint an approved number of assistant professors. The period of appointment shall be four years. If there is no intent to renew the appointment, the Board of Control shall convey notice in writing, to the person involved, through the president, at least six months prior to the date of expiration of the current appointment.

d. *Associate Professors:* Associate professors shall be chosen in accordance with the synodical regulations. The position of associate professor shall involve permanent tenure.

e. *Professors:* Associate professors may be advanced to the rank of professor by the Board of Control on the recommendation of the president of the institution and with the consent of the Board for Higher Education. Qualified persons not on the teaching staff of a given school may be called as professor according to synodical regulations. This position shall involve permanent tenure.

f. *Substitute Teachers:* On recommendation of the president of the institution the Board of Control may appoint substitute teachers in extraordinary situations. The original appointment shall not exceed one academic term in length and may be renewed once only without the prior consent of the Board for Higher Education.

g. *Visiting Professors:* A faculty member with tenure at one synodical institution may be appointed as a visiting professor on another synodical faculty for renewable terms of one or two years without loss of tenure, with the approval of the Board for Higher Education and the consent of both Boards of Control.

h. *Criteria for Appointment:* From time to time the Board for Higher Education shall issue general statements of selection criteria and criteria for differentiation in rank, based on academic, professional, ministerial, or other applicable qualifications and achievement levels. Appointments or elections proposed to Boards of Control shall be in accordance with these criteria.

Action: Section 6.53 was *adopted* after the words "in writing" had been inserted after the word "notice" in paragraph c.

6.51 *(Change in numbering only)*

Action: Section 6.53 was *changed* to 6.51.

NOTE: At this point the convention proceeded to review the proposed changes in the *Handbook* paragraph by paragraph without, however, adopting the sections individually, it being understood that a vote to adopt all of the approved sections would be taken after all of the proposed changes had been reviewed.

6.54 Approval of Staff Appointments

d. The Board of Control of each institution, with the approval of the Board for Higher Education, shall appoint the necessary administrative officials or employees whose election or appointment is not provided for otherwise and shall fix the conditions of their synodical service.

6.55 Ranking of Members of Staff

The Board of Control of each institution, with the approval of the Board for Higher Education, shall determine the work assignment and rank of members of the faculty and of the administrative officers according to synodical regulations. It shall fix their salaries according to the salary schedules established from time to time by the Board of Directors on recommendation of the Board for Higher Education.

6.57 Salary Schedules

The salary schedules of all institutional employees shall be fixed by the Board of Directors on recommendation of the Board for Higher Education.

6.59 Faculty Organizations and Meetings

a. Instructional staff size or special synodical responsibilities may lead to the organization of a faculty senate.

6.65 Evangelical Discipline and the Right of Appeal

a. Each faculty shall develop, formulate, promote, and foster ideals, standards, and criteria of personal conduct and of the community life of the campus worthy of the Christian calling and of ministers in training for the church.

b. Each Board of Control on recommendation of the faculty shall adopt a comprehensive policy statement committing the school and its officers to the principles of Christian discipline, evangelical dealing, and good order governing the students individually and collectively.

c. Each student, together with his parents and advisers, shall be informed regarding the disciplinary policy and procedure and under what conditions and to whom an appeal from a disciplinary decision may be made. The proper line of appeal proceeds from the student and his faculty counselor through the dean of students to the president as chief executive of the institution.

6.71 Sabbatical Leave and Leave of Absence

b. A Board of Control, with approval of the Board for Higher Education, may grant any member of the instructional staff a leave of absence for a fixed period of time to pursue advanced studies in his special field of work or to render particular service to the Synod or to its agencies. Time so spent on a special leave shall ordinarily not be accumulated toward a subsequent sabbatical leave. Budgetary

provisions shall be arranged in advance by the boards and agencies involved.

c. A faculty member with permanent tenure on one synodical campus may be appointed as exchange professor on another synodical campus in exchange for the services of a colleague to his school for a period of one year with the two Boards of Control concurring.

d. A faculty member with permanent tenure may be transferred from one synodical faculty to another at the same rank, with the two Boards of Control and the Board for Higher Education concurring.

Section 6.75 was *deleted.*

6.77 Tenure of Office

Permanent tenure may be terminated for the following causes only:

a. acceptance of another call
b. retirement
c. resignation
d. incompetency
e. incapacity
f. refusal to cooperate
g. neglect of office
h. conduct unbecoming a Christian
i. adherence to false doctrine

6.79 Modified Service and Retirement

a. The president of a synodical institution may be honorably retired from his presidential responsibilities at the end of the school year in which he attains the age of 60, or after 15 years of service as president at the same school. He shall be relieved of his presidential responsibility at the end of the school year in which he reaches the age of 65.

d. Faculty members may be honorably retired or transferred to modified service at the age of 65 or any year thereafter and shall be retired at the age of 75.

6.81 Incompetency or Incapacity

A Board of Control, after due investigation of the facts and circumstances and after consultation with the Board for Higher Education, may relieve of his office any member of the administrative or teaching staff who is manifestly and demonstrably incompetent or incapacitated for the successful performance of his duties because of physical, mental, or emotional disabilities. If he is eligible for another call or church position, the Board of Control may continue his salary for a period not to exceed six months, or may render other financial assistance as the necessities of the case may require.

6.83 Removal from Office

The Board of Control shall duly investigate all the facts and circumstances and shall refer its findings to the Board for Higher Education when a member of the administrative or teaching staff of any institution is to be formally charged with contumacious refusal to cooperate with the president and faculty of the institution and officers and boards of the Synod to an extent that will injure or interfere with the purpose and objectives of the institution, or with willful neglect of official duties, or with conduct unbecoming a Christian, or with promulgation of and adherence to false doctrine. If the Board for Higher Education concurs in the findings, it shall make necessary recommendations to the District President, who is to proceed according to Sections 5.23 and the following.

6.91 Authority and Duties

f. He shall advise and admonish in a fraternal spirit any member of the faculty found dilatory, neglectful, or inefficient in his duties. Should this action prove ineffective, he shall request selected members of the faculty privately to engage their colleague in further fraternal discussion. If this results in failure to correct or improve the situation, the president shall report the matter to the Board of Control with his recommendations for action.

g. He may, in his efforts to devise the most effective administrative structure for the institution, delegate one or more of his functions to a member of the faculty or may assign previously delegated functions to another faculty member. Standing administrative assignments shall be made by the Board of Control on his recommendation.

6.101 Electors

a. On behalf of the Synod and in accord with its regulations, the synodical Board of Control shall issue authorized calls to faculty service.

b. At a meeting of the Board of Control held to issue calls to permanent tenure, there shall be present and voting: the members of the Board of Control as a group with one vote, the President of the synodical District who is a member of the Board of Control with a distinct vote, the synodical President or his official representative with one vote, and the chairman of the Board for Higher Education or his official representative with one vote. The president of the institution shall be present in an advisory capacity.

6.107 Call for Nominations

The Board of Control of each institution shall issue, in the official publications of the Synod, a call for the nomination of candidates whenever a professorship or associate professorship is to be filled. The call for nominations shall describe the office and the desired qualifications to fill it. Approval for filling vacancies must first be obtained from the Board for Higher Education.

6.113 Publication of Names of Nominees

a. Nominations, together with recommendations and statements of qualifications, must be filed with the Board of Control which has issued a request for them, within thirty days of their first publication, unless the request sets a later date. All information shall be made available to the president of the institution.

b. The Board of Control shall thereupon officially publish the names of the nominees in the synodical publications. Copies of the notice shall be sent to the President of the Synod and the office of the Board for Higher Education at the same time that the notice is furnished to the editors. The election is to be held not earlier than three weeks after the date of the publication.

6.145 Current Operating Budget of Institutions

a. All funds of an institution shall be budgeted and shall be subject to budgetary control.

c. A general reserve for contingencies, repair, remodeling, and minor capital replacements shall be included in its annual budget by the Board for Higher Education. This fund shall not exceed five (5) percent of the total replacement and repair items included in the annual budget for all institutions.

Paragraphs d and e were *deleted.*

6.146 Budget Adjustments

a. The Board for Higher Education shall have responsibility for the proper administration of the subsidy of the educational institutions.

b. The Board of Control may on recommendation of the president of the school make necessary transfers of current budget funds from one classification to another within the institution's budget, not exceeding the amount of $100.00 per transfer. Notification of this internal transfer of current funds is to be conveyed in duplicate copy to the Board for Higher Education. Larger amounts may be transferred from one budget account to another with prior approval of the Board for Higher Education.

Paragraphs c and d were *deleted,* and the former paragraph e, with changes, became paragraph c, as follows:

c. All expenditures which exceed the total synodical budgetary allowance for higher education must be authorized by the Board of Directors in advance.

6.153 Business Management

a. The Board of Control, on recommendation of the president, shall appoint a business manager. He shall keep ac-

curate accounts of all funds, goods, property, and assets received and disbursed by the institution in accordance with the system of accounting and business records prescribed by the Board for Higher Education in consultation with the Board of Directors. He shall deposit all funds in a bank or banks designated by the Board of Control, prepare regular financial reports to be transmitted to the Board of Control through the president, submit his books, records, files, and inventories for inspection and audit, under bonding for the faithful performance of his duties.

b. The Board of Control is responsible for the supervision and management of student affairs, of the finances and budgets of student organizations, ventures, and services, and of properties used or acquired by student enterprises and organizations. The policies governing each student organization and its enterprises are to be submitted to the Board of Control for its review and approval.

c. All surplus institutional funds above an adequate working balance shall be deposited with the Treasurer of the Synod.

6.169 Teachers Colleges

Paragraph b was *deleted,* and paragraph c was *changed* to b.

7.73 Functions

d. The Board for Young People's Work shall make suggestions to the Board for Higher Education for course work and activity experience in youth work and leadership.

8.117 The Fund

a. The Church Extension Fund is a permanent fund from which loans may be made to erect or purchase churches, schools, parsonages, and teacherages or to acquire property for new preaching places or congregations and, if approved by the Board of Directors, to assist boards or agencies in other areas of the Synod's work to acquire land or to purchase or erect improvements in conformity with the functions and regulations of the Church Extension Fund and in accord with synodical authorization.

8.119 Loans

a. Loans shall be granted at the discretion of the board to incorporated Districts, whether subsidized or self-supporting, and to synodical boards and agencies for other areas of our church program approved by the Board of Directors, in conformity with the functions and regulations of the Church Extension Fund.

13.15 Duties of Board

b. The Board of World Relief shall give assistance to congregations or through them to their members, or to others in dire emergencies or disaster situations resulting from floods, famines, fires, earthquakes, wars, and related situations. Assistance may take the form of cash grants, loans without interest, distribution of food, clothing, medical and other supplies, or whatever other means best suit the need.

4.61 Requirements for Applicants with Partial Training

a. Applicants with partial training shall have completed one full year of standard theological training to be considered eligible by the committee for admission to the program of qualifying for the pastoral ministry by colloquy. Additional training shall be carried out under the guidance of the committee.

4.59 Publication of Applicant's Request

After the District President has furnished the Committee on Colloquies with the required documents and the committee has assured itself that the applicant qualifies for the colloquy program, the Committee on Colloquies shall publish the request of the applicant in the official publications of the Synod. If no valid objection is filed within four weeks after the notice of the application has been published, the Committee on Colloquies shall proceed with the colloquy program.

4.75 Committee on Colloquies

a. *Membership.* The Committee on Colloquies for the Teaching Ministry shall consist of a Vice-President of the Synod and the presidents of the synodical colleges offering a bachelor degree in teacher education.

b. *Functions.* The Committee on Colloquies for the Teaching Ministry shall —

1. direct the synodical activity in matters of colloquies for the teaching ministry according to regulations adopted by the Synod;

2. establish academic and theological standards for admission to the teaching ministry by colloquy. In the establishment of these standards the committee shall consult the faculties of the synodical colleges offering a bachelor degree in teacher education;

3. approve for admission to the colloquy program for the teaching ministry those applicants who meet the preliminary requirements;

4. make a full report of its activities to every convention of the Synod.

4.77 Academic and Theological Requirements for the Colloquy

Applicants for the colloquy shall be expected to meet the following academic and theological requirements before their final colloquy examination:

a. A college program culminating in the bachelor degree;

b. The completion of certain required courses or their equivalent in the areas of education, doctrine, Biblical interpretation, church history, and practice to meet the academic and theological standards established by the Committee on Colloquies;

c. One year of successful teaching in a school within the Synod prior to permanent placement in the church, or student teaching under the supervision of a synodical college offering a bachelor degree in teacher education;

d. Residence work for at least one full quarter, either in the summer or during the school year, at a synodical college offering a bachelor degree in teacher education.

4.79 Procedures

a. Applications of men and women for admission into the colloquy program shall be directed to one of the synodical colleges offering a bachelor degree in teacher education. The application shall be accompanied by the following documents:

1. An autobiographical statement setting forth clearly the applicant's background, religious affiliation, and training and his reason for wishing to qualify for the teaching ministry in the Synod;

2. Official transcripts of the applicant's secondary and collegiate training and a full description of noncredit academic work done by the applicant;

3. Whenever applicable, a recommendation from the Superintendent of Schools or from the chairman of the Board of Education of the District in which the applicant taught;

4. Testimonials as to Christian character and life, personality, ability, and previous service from the applicant's pastor, and two references from a previous employer or people who have observed the applicant for at least two recent years.

b. The college shall forward the application together with all required documents to the following for their recommendation: to the President of the synodical District in which the applicant resides and to the individual members of the Committee on Colloquies.

c. The college shall submit for publication in the official publications of the Synod the requests for colloquies of all persons whose applications have been approved by the District President and the Committee on Colloquies. If no valid objection is filed within four weeks after the publication of such notice, the colloquy procedure may continue.

d. The college shall appoint an adviser for the applicant and an examining committee.

e. The adviser shall assist the applicant in arranging the appropriate qualifying program and, when all requirements

have been met, recommend the applicant to the examining committee for a review of his competency and readiness for admission to the office of the teaching ministry. Ordinarily the adviser shall participate in the final oral examination.

4.81 Certification of Eligibility for Placement

a. The examining committee shall recommend to the faculty for endorsement those applicants who have satisfactorily passed written and oral examinations.

b. The college certifying the applicant as a candidate for the teaching ministry shall —

1. report its action to the members of the Committee on Colloquies and the President and Superintendent of Schools of the synodical District in which the candidate resides;

2. publish a report of its favorable action in the official publications of the Synod.

4.83 Placement

Every applicant whom the college declares qualified for the teaching ministry shall receive his first placement from the College of Presidents, acting as the Board of Assignment, on recommendation of the Committee on Colloquies.

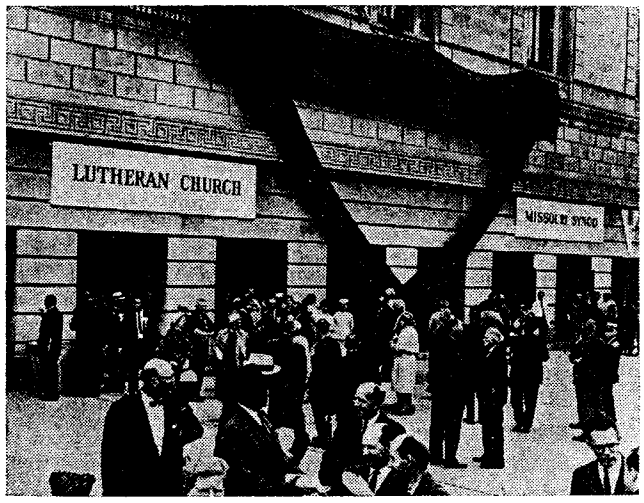
4.85 Applicants from Affiliated Church Bodies

Applications from teachers or candidates for the teaching ministry who are members of an affiliated church body and who have previously given satisfactory evidence of their qualifications for a teaching position in the Synod may be received without examination of the applicant.

4.87 Teacher Colloquies in South America

Teacher colloquies in the two South American Districts shall also be conducted according to these regulations, adapted to requirements of the respective District. A Vice-President of the District and the faculty engaged in teacher education shall constitute the Committee on Colloquies for Teachers. A District Committee on Assignment shall make the first placement.

Action: Resolution 5 was *adopted* as here printed, showing such amendments and deletions as had been approved when discussing the various sections.



Delegates and guests chat outside before one of the sessions.

Report of Committee on Pastor Colloquies

RESOLUTION 1-06

Report 174, pp. 98, 99, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, To adopt the report of the Committee on Pastor Colloquies with thanks.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Report of Committee on Teacher Colloquies

RESOLUTION 1-07

Report 175, pp. 99—102, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, To adopt the report of the Committee on Teacher Colloquies with thanks.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Study of "Calls" for Instructors and Assistant Professors

RESOLUTION 1-08

Report 123 and Memorial 146, pp. 75, 88, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, A research committee of the School for Graduate Studies of Concordia Seminary is studying the question of "Church and Ministry"; therefore be it

Resolved, That the question of the "call" of instructors, assistant professors, and other personnel of synodical schools be referred to this committee; and be it further

Resolved, That this committee be asked to report on this point to the next convention of the Synod.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Promoting Assistant Professors

RESOLUTION 1-09

Memorial 145, pp. 87, 88, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The procedures given in the synodical *Handbook* apply to calling associate professors both from the parish and from the ranks of synodical faculties; and

WHEREAS, It is essential that the method of promoting assistant professors at our synodical institutions to the rank of associate be clearly defined; therefore be it

Resolved, That existing synodical procedures be reaffirmed; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Control be encouraged to express its desire to promote a faculty member by exercising its right not only to issue calls for nominations but to nominate one or more persons for an associate professorship; and be it finally

Resolved, That a valid election to an associate professorship may take place also in those instances where only one candidate has been nominated.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Tenure for Assistant Professors

RESOLUTION 1-10

Memorial 145, pp. 87, 88, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, It may be desirable in some instances to grant permanent tenure to those at synodical schools holding the rank of assistant professor; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board for Higher Education be

requested to restudy the question of the relationship between tenure and rank on the faculties of synodical schools.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Listing Prospective Instructors

RESOLUTION 1-11

Memorial 147, p. 89, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That the members of the Synod be reminded of their privilege and responsibility to call the attention of the Board for Higher Education and the synodical college and seminary presidents to the names of men and women who are particularly well suited for service in the Synod's colleges and seminaries; and be it further

Resolved, That we reaffirm Resolution 4 of Floor Committee 1 of the 1953 convention. (*Proceedings,* 1953, pp. 219, 220)

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

NOTE: Resolution 4 of Floor Committee 1 of the 1953 convention reads as follows:

> WHEREAS, It is of vital importance that those who teach in our institutions should not only be well qualified academically, but also should be men of practical experience in the work of the Church and dedicated to the task of Christ-centered teaching; and
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> WHEREAS, The need for a larger number of such well-qualified men at our institutions is constantly increasing as our system of higher education is being expanded; and
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> WHEREAS, Every effort should be made to discover such well-qualified men in order that this talent which God has given to the Church may be used as the opportunity presents itself; therefore be it
>
> *Resolved,* That we accept the recommendations of our Board for Higher Education "That Synod's Board for Higher Education be directed to prepare general nominations forms and to send them to every pastor and to every congregation in Synod at appropriate intervals. Each mailing of these forms shall be accompanied by an invitation to nominate candidates for listing in the Board's file of personal and academic data on potential faculty personnel for Synod's colleges and seminaries. A statement defining the purposes of Synod's schools and describing the general characteristics for successful work on these staffs shall also be included in the mailing."

Revision of Requirements of the Theological Department of Concordia Seminary, Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, America do Sul

RESOLUTION 1-12

Report 118, pp. 40, 41, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Lack of manpower in Brazil and future stipulations of the Theological Association make it desirable to eliminate the vicarage requirement and to substitute an additional year of study in the program of ministerial training; therefore be it

Resolved, That this convention grant the request of the Board of Control of the Theological Department of Concordia Seminary, Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, upon receiving the concurrence of the Brazil District, to eliminate the present vicarage requirements in the ministerial training program but to retain required field work during the school years and especially during summer vacations and to substitute for the vicarage requirements another year of studies in the program.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Sixth Professorship at Porto Alegre

RESOLUTION 1-13

Report 118, p. 41, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That the Synod grant the Board of Control of the Theological Department of Concordia Seminary, Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, America do Sul, permission to call a sixth full-time professor in accordance with the established procedures.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Crespo Property

RESOLUTION 1-14

Memorial 166, p. 96, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod grant permission to its Argentine District to use the Crespo property with its buildings for purposes of higher education; and be it further

Resolved, That The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod relinquish all rights and claims to said property and buildings to the Argentine District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, since the property and the buildings were originally acquired and donated by our Argentinian Lutherans.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Preparatory School at Obera, Misiones, Argentina

RESOLUTION 1-15

Report 116, pp. 38, 39, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Argentine District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod operates a Concordia Lutheran College at Obera, Misiones; and

WHEREAS, It is possible for Concordia students to enroll at the state college at Obera, where they can earn the credits required by the state for a scholastic degree; and

WHEREAS, The students from Concordia can currently earn additional credits at Concordia College for admission to our Concordia Seminary at Villa Ballester, a suburb of Buenos Aires; and

WHEREAS, The Argentine District, with the approval of its Board for Higher Education, the college faculty, and the Board of Control of Obera, has already sanctioned this procedure; and

WHEREAS, The Argentine District desires the approval of the Synod, which provides 50 percent of the operating expense (about $3,000 for 1962); therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod give its full approval to this program.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

General Planning and Operating Principles

RESOLUTION 1-16

Report 123, II, B, pp. 53-55, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That the Synod adopt the following propositions as general planning and operating principles for the Board for Higher Education.

Proposition One. An intensified and continuing enlistment program is a prerequisite for the steady growth in number of pastors, teachers, deaconesses, and parish workers which will be needed throughout this planning period to provide the necessary constituted leadership for the members of the Synod. No fruitful effort can be spared in impressing on pastors, teachers, and congregations not merely the problem of the acute present shortage but also the continuing and possibly intensifying shortage which a growing Synod faces.

Proposition Two. Our pastors, teachers, and lay leaders should encourage prospective and enlisted students to use every available opportunity for spiritual, intellectual, and social maturation and to persist in full stewardship of talents rather than to seek the shortest possible route of entrance into the church's ministry.

Proposition Three. Priority in enrollment is to be given to the most promising and best-qualified students who apply for entrance at any level of church work training which the Synod is able to provide. This implies that pastors, teachers, and laymen will foster the recruitment of interested and qualified students without inhibiting the stirrings of God the Holy Spirit or postponing commitment to the ministry and its demands, and that each synodical institution will view itself as an information resource and recruiting center for the entire system of synodical schools. When prospective students declare themselves ready and are found ready to begin their formal training, the synodical schools will admit qualified young and more mature men from the age of junior confirmation up to an age which will allow for a reasonable service expectancy in the church.

Proposition Four. The orderly development of an individual institution and the necessary changes and adjustments in the entire system of schools may from time to time make it imperative for an individual institution, at the direction of the Board for Higher Education, to apply temporary priorities, quotas, or limitations on certain types and at certain levels of enrollment. In general the enlistment program for pretheological students and male teacher education students on the high school and junior college levels must receive high priority.

Proposition Five. Consideration should be given to the gradual elimination of coeducation on the high school level on all campuses.

Proposition Six. The junior college level is expected to be both the level of maximum enrollment and the desirable level for coeducational church work curricula. It is also the level at which the deliberate commingling of pastors and teachers in training is best fostered.

Proposition Seven. A program of preventive maintenance is to sustain existing synodical physical plants at a high level of use and efficiency.

Proposition Eight. Since depreciation reserves are not accumulated for campus or church buildings, care must be taken gradually to eliminate or to replace obsolescent or retired facilities.

Proposition Nine. Existing physical plants are to be expanded both where a realistic appraisal of available land indicates such a plan to be economically feasible and where further growth is educationally sound. This expansion is carried out, however, so that a proper balance of all the facilities and capacities is achieved and maintained.

Proposition Ten. Graduates from both seminaries should be recognized and received as precious gifts of God to the church. The closely articulated high school-junior college-senior college-theological seminary route continues to be the preferred program of distinctive theological education of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod for those who at an early age are urged by the Spirit to commit themselves to the ministry.

Proposition Eleven. The Synod is to continue to train for its Christian day schools all male teachers needed and as many women teachers as it can for the Christian day schools of the congregations.

Proposition Twelve. The Synod is obligated primarily for competent parish service and not for the exceptional or advanced training necessary for increasing specialized ministries.

Proposition Thirteen. While the Synod is obligated to provide the requisite training for teachers, directors of religious education, and church and school musicians, it is not obligated to provide the specialized or advanced training necessary in all curricular areas to meet the demand for community Lutheran high school teachers, guidance personnel, and administrators.

Proposition Fourteen. The approved colloquy programs should remain as a workable alternate way of entering the professional ministries of the church.

Proposition Fifteen. The Board for Higher Education will continue, according to *Handbook* provisions, to recommend to the synodical Board of Directors the purchase of property for addtional campuses and for the suitable expansion of existing campuses.

Proposition Sixteen. The actual establishment of new colleges and seminaries is to be left to the decision of a synodical convention.

Proposition Seventeen. The Synod at any one time should have as few theological seminaries as its needs require.

Proposition Eighteen. The Synod at any one time should establish and maintain as few graduate schools as are needed for essential professional service to the church.

Proposition Nineteen. The Synod at any one time should have as few four-year colleges and senior colleges as its needs require.

Proposition Twenty. The synodical high school is the desirable agency by which a significant core of able and dedicated young men can begin early pursuit of a church vocation. Community Lutheran high schools likewise make a significant contribution in this respect.

Proposition Twenty-one. No synodical school operating at any level is to exceed the maximum student enrollment defensible for it, nor is it other than temporarily to disrupt its balanced campus development at its optimum enrollment level.

Proposition Twenty-two. The plans and problems necessary for the development of an indigenous Canadian ministry require that the future of Edmonton be considered apart from the long-range plans for the synodical schools in the United States.

Proposition Twenty-three. Colleges and seminaries engaged primarily in training pastors and teachers for the church have a valid claim on the church's budget and capital dollar.

Proposition Twenty-four. The leaders and the constituents of our schools and the administrative heads thereof are to concern themselves with the securing of funds on a noncompetitive basis from sources other than the Synod's current treasury and with increasing emphasis on rising student fees.

Proposition Twenty-five. Congregations and their organizations are urged to consider the various forms of proper student aid for the regular and specialized ministries within the church as a valid means of exercising stewardship.

Proposition Twenty-six. As the number of students in the system grows, increasing attention needs to be given to early identification and training of additional instruction staff members.

Proposition Twenty-seven. The Board for Higher Education is to continue to study the necessary development of the Synod's system of ministerial and teacher training in the light of the growth of the Synod and the opportunities confronting it and report its findings to the Synod.

Action: Propositions 1 through 27 were *adopted* with the *exception* that Proposition 5 was *recommitted* for further study during the triennium, and after Proposition 10 had been reworded and Proposition 25 had been amended as printed above.

Defer Coeducational Teacher Education Program at Milwaukee

RESOLUTION 1-17

Report 123, C, p. 58, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That the recommendation to introduce the program of coeducation at Milwaukee during the 1963 to 1965 triennium be deferred.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Study of Four-Year Teacher Education Program at Bronxville

RESOLUTION 1-18

Report 123, C, and Memorial 142, pp. 59, 86 *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That this convention urge the Synod's Board for Higher Education, the Board of Control, and the Faculty to pursue the study of a four-year teacher education program at Concordia Collegiate Institute, Bronxville, N. Y.; and be it further

Resolved, That these groups report to the next convention of the Synod.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Study of a Four-Year Teacher Education Program at Winfield

RESOLUTION 1-19

Report 123, III, C, and Memorial 143, pp. 59, 86, 87, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That the Board for Higher Education, in conjunction with the local Board of Control and the Faculty, pursue the study of a four-year coeducational teacher training program at St. John's College, Winfield, Kans.; and be it further

Resolved, That these groups report to the next convention of the Synod.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Expanded Teacher Education Program at Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn.

RESOLUTION 1-20

Report 123, III, C, and Memorials 140, 141, pp. 59, 85, 86, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That the Board of Control and the Faculty of Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn., under the direction of the Board for Higher Education, be authorized to institute a four-year college teacher education program for women; and be it further

Resolved, That the present pretheological program at Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn., be retained and intensified.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Program at Selma, Ala.

RESOLUTION 1-21

Report 123, III, C, and Memorials 133, 134, pp. 69, 83, 84, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorials 183, 184, p. 49, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, The Southern District is addressing itself aggressively to the problem of raising the level of the Lutheran elementary schools which supply students for Selma Lutheran Academy and College, Selma, Ala.; and

WHEREAS, There is a critical need for recruiting an adequate supply of Negro pastors and teachers; and

WHEREAS, The improvement of the educational level of the recruits for professional work in the church will enable them to enter other institutions in the Synod; therefore be it

Resolved, That the institution at Selma, Ala., be continued as an ungraded high school; and be it further

Resolved, That the Fiscal Conference be instructed to permit the expenditure of $200,000 over and above available synodical and extrasynodical funds for new building construction and/or to bring the existing plant up to the acceptable standards of health and safety; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Board for Higher Education be instructed to expedite its studies for the possible establishment of a synodical school in the South.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Junior College in Southern California

RESOLUTION 1-22

Report 123, III, C, and Memorials 125, 126, pp. 60, 78, 79 *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorials 125 A, 125 B, pp. 38, 44, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, God has graciously granted our church an increase in numbers with the demand for more pastors and teachers; and

WHEREAS, The Southern California District contains a large metropolitan-interurban area with a large concentration of churches and a large membership of our Synod; and

WHEREAS, The Board for Higher Education has carried on extensive studies showing the desirability of establishing a junior college in Southern California; therefore be it

Resolved, That this convention authorize the Board for Higher Education to establish a two-year junior college in Southern California; and be it further

Resolved, That this junior college be opened, if possible, in September 1965; and be it further

Resolved, That this junior college be coeducational and have as its function providing preministerial and teacher education and predeaconess training; and be it further

Resolved, That its organization, administration, and curriculum be comparable to the present synodical coeducational junior colleges; and be it further

Resolved, That final site determination be made by the Board of Directors upon recommendation of the Board for Higher Education; and be it further

Resolved, That the initial capacity be planned for approximately 350 to 400 students; and be it further

Resolved, That the President of the Synod, in consultation with the Vice-Presidents of the Synod, be authorized to appoint a Board of Control for the new school when the services of a board become desirable or essential to the operation of the school; this board is to consist of the District President, two pastors, one teacher, and three laymen to serve until the second synodical convention after the school opens; and be it further

Resolved, That a president of the school be called before the start of construction and as early in the planning as may be feasible; and be it further

Resolved, That the necessary staff be obtained as the needs for the various services are evident; and be it further

Resolved, That an initial maximum of fourteen permanent members of the faculty be allowed; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Control, with the Board for Higher Education concurring, determine whether to open the first year with the thirteenth grade only or with the thirteenth and fourteenth grades; and be it finally

Resolved, That a total of $6,850,000 be made available as a project budget for construction, plus the cost of a suitable site and faculty housing, and that the Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Board for Higher Education, approve the project budget.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Expansion of the Synod's Schools in Western Area

RESOLUTION 1-23

Report 123, III, C, and Memorials 124, 125, 126, 127, pp. 60, 61, 77—81, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorials 124 A, 125 A, 125 B, pp. 38, 39, 44, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, The Synod has determined that the closely articulated high school-junior college-senior college-theological seminary route continues to be the preferred program of distinctly theological education of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod; and

WHEREAS, The establishment of a junior college in Southern California is only a further step in promoting this program in the western part of this country; and

WHEREAS, The desirability of strengthening the existing schools of our system on the West Coast and the prospects for expanding this system in that area seem evident; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board for Higher Education in conjunction with the local board of control and faculty study the question of continuing the functions of California Concordia College, Oakland; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board for Higher Education study the feasibility of a high school department for preministerial students in connection with or separate from the new junior college in Southern California; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board for Higher Education study the feasibility of providing for preministerial training and teacher education on the senior college level in the western area of this country; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod take no action at this time on establishing a synodical school in the Denver-Boulder area; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod instruct the Board for Higher Education to formulate specific plans for establishing a theological seminary in the San Francisco Bay area; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Board for Higher Education make specific recommendations on each point in these resolutions to the next synodical convention.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Establishing a Junior College in the Southeast

RESOLUTION 1-24

Memorials 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, pp. 81—83, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorials 128 A, 128 B, 128 C, 128 D, 130 A, 132 A, pp. 38—41, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, Studies show that in the southeastern section of the United States there is a rapid increase in population and in synodical membership; and

WHEREAS, Studies have shown that under the blessing of God there will be a continuing need for additional professional workers in the church; and

WHEREAS, Existing synodical schools are geographically located where they are not readily accessible to many of the prospective students from the Southeast; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Directors be encouraged to purchase a site in the southeastern section of the United States of America on the recommendation of the Board for Higher Education; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board for Higher Education be directed to formulate specific plans for establishing a junior college in the southeastern section of our country; and be it finally

Resolved, That these plans be presented to the next convention of the Synod for action.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Development of Curriculum

RESOLUTION 1-25

Report 123, I, F, pp. 49—52, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, A systemwide approach to an articulated and well-integrated curriculum for the Synod's system of schools is mandatory; and

WHEREAS, The development of the curriculum is an ongoing process in which the faculty of the school, the local board of control, and the Board for Higher Education must be engaged; and

WHEREAS, The basic principles for the curriculum of the St. Louis seminary, the Fort Wayne senior college, and the junior college and high school departments of the preparatory schools have been expressed in detail in the report of the Board for Higher Education; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod express its agreement with these principles; and be it further

Resolved, That the faculties, boards of control, and the Board for Higher Education continue the study and improvement of the entire curriculum for an educationally integrated and fully developed program.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Recognition and Pursuit of Accreditation

RESOLUTION 1-26

Reports 103, 104, 105, 107, 111, 123, I, E., pp. 10, 13, 16, 17, 21, 30, 31, 48, 49, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, the graduate program of Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, the high school department of Concordia College, Milwaukee, and the junior college department of St. John's College, Winfield, have been accredited with the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools during the past triennium; and

WHEREAS, Concordia Teachers College, Seward, was fully accredited with the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) in 1961; therefore be it

Resolved, That these schools and the Board for Higher Education be commended for achieving this status recognition; and be it further

Resolved, That all other schools and departments in the synodical system of schools be encouraged to secure regional and special accreditation where this is lacking, but without jeopardizing the functions or character of any unit which the Synod has determined within its system of schools.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Endorsement of Basic Assumptions for Educational Planning

RESOLUTION 1-27

Report 123, II, A, pp. 52, 53, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Board for Higher Education has presented thirty propositions stating explicitly the basic assumptions for the planning of the synodical system of training church workers; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod endorse these assumptions without making them absolutely binding propositions in every instance.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Basic Agreement with Normative Development Principles

RESOLUTION 1-28

Report 123, IV, A, pp. 61—63, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Board for Higher Education has enumerated twenty basic principles for the master planning of synodical colleges and schools; and

WHEREAS, This statement of principles can be only a basis for judgment and a broad guide for policy decisions; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod hereby express its basic agreement with the principles as given in the report.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Limit Use of Heterodox Books

RESOLUTION 1-29

Memorial 325, p. 157, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The synodical convention cannot determine in what manner "heterodox books can be used only where their use cannot be avoided"; and

WHEREAS, The Literature Board has encouraged the production of Scripturally oriented books for the subjects taught in our secondary schools, colleges, and seminaries; and

WHEREAS, It is not possible to keep our students from becoming acquainted with heterodox views; therefore be it

Resolved, That the memorial petitioning the Synod to limit the use of heterodox books be declined.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Board for Higher Education to Study and Report on Subject Requirements

RESOLUTION 1-30

Report 123, I, F, and **Memorials 147, 148, 161, 162, 171, pp. 49—52, 89, 90, 94, 95, 97, 98, *Reports and Memorials***

Unprinted Memorial 181, p. 47, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, The Synod has been petitioned to provide instruction in Spanish (Memorial 171), to establish a chair of administration and stewardship (Memorial 148), to provide for the admission of qualified social-work students to synodical institutions (Memorials 161, 162), to direct teachers of the social sciences in the Synod's educational institutions to instruct students regarding the destructive character of communist ideology (Memorial 169 and Unprinted Memorial 181); therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board for Higher Education be requested to study these questions and to report its findings with recommendations to the next synodical convention.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Identification and Development of Staff Members

RESOLUTION 1-31

Memorial 157, p. 93, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The need for competent and trained teaching personnel for the Synod's high schools, colleges, and seminaries will under the blessing of God greatly increase in the foreseeable future; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod encourage the Board for Higher Education to make substantial budgetary provisions for staff identification in its annual budgets, and for advanced study in the budgets of the various schools.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Encouraging Accelerated Program for Training Pastors

RESOLUTION 1-32

Memorial 160, p. 94, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorials 176, 177, pp. 41, 42, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, Prospective and enlisted students for the ministry should be encouraged to use their God-given opportunities for spiritual, intellectual, and social maturation; therefore be it

Resolved, That our theological seminaries be encouraged to provide the necessary opportunity for students to reach such levels of spiritual, intellectual, and social maturation also by accelerating their program; and be it further

Resolved, That individuals and congregations be encouraged to make scholarships and grants available to our seminaries; and be it finally

Resolved, That the seminaries and colleges be encouraged to develop their summer sessions.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Visitations by Boards of Control

RESOLUTION 1-33

Memorial 170, p. 97, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The *Handbook* (6.39 a) provides for the supervisory functions of the boards of control; therefore be it

Resolved, That the procedures outlined in Memorial 170 be declined.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Celebrate Centennial of Concordia Teachers College, River Forest

RESOLUTION 1-34

Memorial 172, p. 98, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, In 1964 Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, will celebrate the centennial of its establishment as an independent school; and

WHEREAS, God has bestowed many blessings upon the Synod through this school; therefore be it

Resolved, That the proper boards be permitted to carry out the projected plans for the observance of this centennial in accordance with existing regulations.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Strengthening the School for Graduate Studies

RESOLUTION 1-35

Report 101 and Memorial 149, pp. 2, 90, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorial 178, p. 43, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, The blessing of God on the School for Graduate Studies is evident in its increased enrollments and services; and

WHEREAS, The 1959 convention of the Synod encouraged "making Concordia Seminary a greater center of research also in the Biblical manuscripts" (*Proceedings,* 1959, p. 148); and

WHEREAS, The coordination of research activities within the Synod is desirable; and

WHEREAS, The increased teaching and research functions of the School for Graduate Studies require adequate manpower; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod encourage the Board of Control of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and the Board for Higher Education to continue to strengthen the School for Graduate Studies; and be it further

Resolved, That two additional graduate professors be appointed as they are needed; and be it further

Resolved, That this convention encourage the allocation of special funds to implement the research functions of the School for Graduate Studies; and be it further

Resolved, That pastors and laymen be urged to make gifts in money or rare books, so that manuscripts and books for Biblical research may be acquired; and be it finally

Resolved, To request that the research activities of the School for Graduate Studies be coordinated with other research activities and agencies within the Synod.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Maintaining Entrance Requirements to Springfield

RESOLUTION 1-36

Unprinted Memorials 176, 177, pp. 41, 42, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, An effective ministry of service with the blessings of the Spirit of God is correlated with the best possible training for the ministry; and

WHEREAS, Rising educational levels in the population of our country in general demand adequate educational levels for our pastors; and

WHEREAS, The full development of able ministers argues against the use of shortcuts into the parish ministry; and

WHEREAS, The faculty and the Board of Control of Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., in consultation with the Board for Higher Education, have engaged in continued curriculum revision in accord with the *Handbook,* 6.167; therefore be it

Resolved, That unprinted Memorials 176 and 177 be declined; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod reaffirm its policy that the unique function of Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., is to train men of greater chronological maturity whose age will allow for a reasonable service expectancy in the church.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Tuition Scholarships

RESOLUTION 1-37

Memorials 150, 151, 152, pp. 90, 91, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorial 152 A, p. 40, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, The Synod has adopted a workable plan for providing scholarships for graduates of Lutheran high schools; therefore be it

Resolved, That Memorials 150, 151, and 152, and unprinted Memorial 152 A be declined.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Commendation of Northern Illinois Congregations for Thankoffering for Concordia Teachers College, River Forest

RESOLUTION 1-38

Memorial 173 p. 98, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The congregations of the Northern Illinois District have pledged themselves to substantial sums as a thankoffering for a chapel-auditorium at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod commend the congregations of the Northern Illinois District for this expression of gratitude and support.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Commendation of Michigan and Central District Congregations for Offerings for Concordia Junior College, Ann Arbor

RESOLUTION 1-39

Report 106, p. 20, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The congregations of the Michigan District have resolved to supply funds for the construction of a campus chapel at Concordia Lutheran Junior College, Ann Arbor, Mich.; and

WHEREAS, The congregations of the Central District have resolved to permit collection of funds for furnishings and appointments for this chapel; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod commend the congregations of the Michigan District and the Central District for their expressions of love and support.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Commendation of South Wisconsin and Area English District Congregations for Offerings for Concordia College, Milwaukee

RESOLUTION 1-40

Report 107, p. 21, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The South Wisconsin District and the congregations of the English District of that area have resolved to raise a substantial sum for campus expansion of Concordia College, Milwaukee; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod commend these efforts of the congregations of these Districts in behalf of Concordia College, Milwaukee.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

House of Studies at Berkeley, Calif., Referred to Commission on College and University Work

RESOLUTION 1-41

Memorials 135, 136, 137, pp. 84, 85, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Commission on College and University Work has been charged to care for the spiritual welfare of members of the Synod who are attending colleges and universities not affiliated with the Synod (*Handbook,* 8.133); therefore be it

Resolved, That the question of establishing a house of studies at Berkeley be referred to this Commission with the recommendation that it consult with the proper District Boards and the Board for Higher Education.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Board for Higher Education to Study Interrelationship of Various Programs

RESOLUTION 1-42

Unprinted Memorial 179, pp. 44, 45, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, The Synod has been petitioned to request the Board for Higher Education to initiate a study of interrelationships of various programs and fields of service in the Synod; therefore be it

Resolved, That this petition be referred to the Board for Higher Education.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Appointing Study Commission for Lutheran Lay Higher Education

RESOLUTION 1-43

Unprinted Memorial 180, pp. 46, 47, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, The Synod has been petitioned to authorize the appointment of a Study Commission for Lutheran Lay Education; therefore be it

Resolved, That the President of the Synod, in consultation with the Executive Director of the Board of Directors of the Synod and the Executive Secretary of the Board for Higher Education, appoint such a commission; and be it further

Resolved, That this Commission report to the next convention of the Synod through the Board for Higher Education.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Authority for Site Purchases in the Greater Chicago Area

RESOLUTION 1-44

Memorials 138, 139, p. 85, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Synod has the authority to purchase sites for schools on the recommendation of the Board for Higher Education; therefore be it

Resolved, That Memorials 138 and 139 be referred to the Board for Higher Education.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Initiate Nonrefundable Use Charge

RESOLUTION 1-45

Report 123, IV, E, p. 67, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The problem of capital procurement for the erection and replacement of buildings on the campuses of the Synod's schools has been a continuous one; and

WHEREAS, A partial answer to the problem involving auxiliary buildings can be found by making a nonrefundable use charge per term to each user for these buildings; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board for Higher Education, in consultation with the Executive Director of the Board of Directors and the Treasurer of the Synod, be authorized to develop and implement policies for nonrefundable use charge per term for users of auxiliary buildings of synodical educational institutions.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Five-Year Teacher Education

RESOLUTION 1-46

Memorial 156, pp. 92, 93, *Reports and Memorials*

Action: This resolution was *replaced* by Resolution 1-70.

To Intensify Program of Training for Directors of Christian Education

RESOLUTION 1-47

Memorial 155, p. 92, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Synod has obligated itself to provide the requisite training for teachers and directors of religious education; and

WHEREAS, It has obligated itself to provide primarily for competent parish educational services; therefore be it

Resolved, That the teachers colleges at River Forest and Seward be encouraged, with the approval of the Board for Higher Education, to intensify the program for training directors of Christian education in their curricula, within the framework of their training as teachers of Lutheran parish schools.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Review Adequacy of Sacred Music Program

RESOLUTION 1-48

Memorial 153, p. 91, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Our teachers colleges offer programs designed to preserve and extend the heritage of sacred music; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable to intensify and emphasize the music programs to encourage the recruitment and preparation of church musicians; therefore be it

Resolved, That the teachers colleges at River Forest and Seward be urged to review, in consultation with the Board for Higher Education, the adequacy and emphases of their programs of sacred music, and make adjustments as may be found desirable; and be it further

Resolved, That attention be given to keeping any program adjustments within the framework of preparation for the office of Lutheran teacher.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Encourage Recruitment and Utilization of Church Musicians

RESOLUTION 1-49

Memorial 154, p. 92, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That the Synod concur in Memorial 154, "To Encourage the Recruitment and Utilization of Church Musicians"; and be it further

Resolved, That District and congregational recruitment committees; pastors, teachers, and particularly church councils; and the teachers colleges at Seward and River Forest be encouraged to implement these resolutions.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

NOTE: The memorial reads as follows:

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod recognizes the value of music for the worship services; and

WHEREAS, The growing number of church musicians trained in the philosophy and heritage of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod still appears to be insufficient to fill the demand; and

WHEREAS, In the past years there has been an insufficient number of male graduates from Synod's teachers colleges qualified to serve as organists and choir directors in the expanding church; and

WHEREAS, Many congregations in their requests for church musicians have failed to recognize the increasing number of competent women musicians; therefore be it

Resolved, That musically gifted young people of the church be made aware of the opportunities for using these talents, and be encouraged to develop them for use in the church; and be it further

Resolved, That the pastors and teachers of the Synod be requested to submit the names of musically gifted young people to the District Recruitment Committees and the teachers colleges of the Synod; and be it further

Resolved, That recruitment materials describing the profession of teacher and minister of music be developed by the Board for Higher Education and/or the teachers colleges of the Synod; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Parish Education be asked to direct a survey to determine the present use of musical talent among the teachers of the church, with a view to utilizing available talent more effectively; and be it finally

Resolved, That the congregations of the Synod be made aware of the increasing number of competent women musicians who annually graduate from the teachers colleges of the Synod.

To Approve and Implement Parish Worker Program at Winfield

RESOLUTION 1-50

Memorial 144, p. 87, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, St. John's College at Winfield, Kans., was founded for training for wider service in the church; and

WHEREAS, This school has successfully fulfilled this function in the past; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod recognize the two-year parish worker program at St. John's College, Winfield, as an approved synodical program; and be it further

Resolved, That the implementation of this resolution be made by its board of control and faculty with the concurrence of the Board for Higher Education.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Report Faculty Housing Purchasing Policy to Next Synodical Convention

RESOLUTION 1-51

Memorial 167, p. 96, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Board for Higher Education has repeatedly been reminded of the request to develop policies on faculty housing purchase and to report to the Synod; and

WHEREAS, The Board for Higher Education, its Advisory Council, and the Board of Directors have studied this matter without arriving at a conclusion; therefore be it

Resolved, That this request and reminder be repeated with the urgent plea that this resolution be honored at the next convention of the Synod.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Instructions to Social Science Teachers to Warn Against Communism

RESOLUTION 1-52

Memorial 169, p. 97, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorial 181, p. 47, *Today's Business*

Resolved, That these memorials have been acted on by Resolutions 1-30, and 13-17.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Classification by Urgency and Source of Funds for Capital Investments at Synodical Schools

RESOLUTION 1-53

Report 123, IV, B, C, pp. 63—66, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Good stewardship demands wise planning and cooperative consultation in the expenditure of funds for capital investments at synodical schools; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod approve the classification of projects and the tabular listing as recommended by the Board for Higher Education and revised by Committee 1; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod authorize the Board for Higher Education to recommend to the Board of Directors of the Synod whatever adjustments within these listings of allocation priorities other actions of this convention or unexpected circumstances and developments in the intervening years make necessary or desirable.

CODE
E — Educational
A — Auxiliary
I — To preserve, protect, modernize, or improve existing facilities
II — To reach a balanced campus development level
III — To increase plant capacity for essential functions
IV — To provide for other functions
V — To replace obsolete and outworn buildings and facilities

			PRIORITY							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Projects	Class	Purpose	For Provision 1963–1965	For Provision 1966–1968	For Provision 1963–1968 After Reworking	To Be Reconsidered	To Be Deferred	Synodical Building and Loan Funds	Plant Funds from Regular Budget	Local Funds
Austin										
Classroom Building	E	III	225,000			275,000				
Service Building	E	III	55,000							
Physical Education Building	E	III		350,000						
Site Acquisition	E	II			200,000					
Roads and Curbing	E	I, V							50,000	
Women's Residence Hall	A	III				400,000				
Kitchen Facilities	A	I, III	100,000							
Enlarge Library-Administration Bldg.	E	II, III, IV		150,000						
Men's Residence Hall	A	III		400,000						
Bronxville										
Third Unit, Women's Residence Hall	A	III				175,000				
Physical Education Building	E	II, III	575,000							
Convert Gym. to Chapel-Auditorium	E	II, III		390,000						
Enlarge Food Service Facilities	A	III	165,000							
Men's Residence Hall	A	III			360,000					
Heating Plant	E	V			50,000					
Concordia										
Clinic Facilities, Kitchen Staff Res., Maintenance Facilities	E, A	II, V				150,000				
Women's Residence Hall	A	III			392,000					
Men's Residence Hall	A	III	363,000							
Library	E	III			475,000					
New Faculty Dwellings	A	III						240,000		
Tuckpoint, Sandblast Founders and Kaeppel Halls	E, A	I							11,000	
Relocate Faculty Res.	A	I							18,000	
Baepler Hall, Remodel for Office, Classroom Space	E	I, III							15,000	
Library Stacks	E	III							5,000	
Edmonton										
Classroom Add., Chapel Renovation	E	I, III	140,000							
Men's Residence Hall	A	III	150,000							
Women's Residence Hall	A	III	125,000							
Additional Office Space	E	III				50,000				

MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION

On the evening prior to the convention, First Vice-President Oliver Harms conducted an orientation meeting.

The convention was opened on Wednesday morning with a Communion service conducted by the host congregation, Zion of Cleveland. The pastor, Clarence T. Schuknecht, served as officiant, assisted by various clergymen of the area. Dr. E. T. Bernthal of the Board of Directors delivered the confessional address. Dr. Roland P. Wiederaenders, Second Vice-President of the Synod, preached the convention sermon on 1 Corinthians 15:58, "Stand Fast, but Do Not Stand Still."

Session 1

June 20, Afternoon

Opening Devotion

President Arnold Schneider of the Brazil District served as liturgist in the opening devotion. In his presidential meditation on Isaiah 66:1, 2, Dr. J. W. Behnken discussed the attitude with which we should open the business sessions of this convention, namely, with deep contrition and repentance and with renewed loyalty to God's Word.

Organization

The Registration Committee reported 598 voting delegates and 394 advisory members present as well as 205 guests. A quorum having been established, President Behnken declared the convention in session. Pastor Herbert Mueller of Dundee, Ill., was appointed Assistant Secretary.

Opening Ceremonies

Pastor Werner H. Jurgens of the Arrangements Committee introduced Acting Mayor Ralph Locher and Mr. E. F. Sagehorn, who welcomed the delegates to the Cleveland area. President Edgar Homrighausen of the Southern District responded. Various dignitaries of the church both in this country and overseas addressed the convention or were introduced from the floor. Other official greetings were read.

President's Report

In the President's Report, Dr. Behnken listed the various vacancies on boards and committees that were filled by appointment, named the servants of the Synod who had passed away during this triennium, spoke of the doctrinal tensions within our Synod, expressed his thanks to the Vice-Presidents, reported on various meetings attended by him or by his representatives, explained the developments leading up to the Wisconsin Synod resolution suspending fellowship, and reported that church bodies in fellowship with us have been invited to send observers to our convention and to meet afterwards to discuss developments. He also reported on the work of the Board of Directors and on the appointment of Dr. Walter Wolbrecht as Executive Director. He elaborated on the preconvention meetings of Committee 3 and stated that the doctrinal essays on the theme "A Confessional Church in Christendom and in the World" would be combined with the opening devotions. He closed by reminding the delegates that other Lutheran bodies are watching closely the actions of this convention.

Convention Agenda

The convention adopted the agenda submitted in *Today's Business* with the understanding that changes would be made at the discretion of the chair.

Official Reporters

The editors of the *Lutheran Witness* and of *Der Lutheraner* were appointed as official reporters.

Public Relations Resolution

The convention adopted the customary resolution channeling all public announcements and interviews through the Public Relations Committee.

Committee Appointments Challenged

The President stated that appointments made to Committees 3 and 6 had been challenged by correspondents. He declared that the appointments would stand unless he heard objections. No objection being heard, it was so ordered.

President's Statement

Dr. Behnken read a prepared statement in which he referred to the doctrinal controversies and called attention to the fact that if any charges are to be brought, they should be made through the proper channels and not published indiscriminately.

Elections Committee

The Elections Committee initiated the primary balloting for the office of President. Dr. J. W. Behnken



Acting Mayor Ralph Locher (left), who officially welcomed the convention to Cleveland, with President Edgar Homrighausen of the Southern District, who gave the response, and Superintendent Erwin F. Sagehorn of Cleveland's Lutheran high schools, who welcomed the delegates in the name of the area Lutherans.

Projects	Class	Purpose	PRIORITY 1 For Provision 1963–1965	2 For Provision 1966–1968	3 For Provision 1963–1968 After Reworking	4 To Be Reconsidered	5 To Be Deferred	6 Synodical Building and Loan Funds	7 Plant Funds from Regular Budget	8 Local Funds
Fort Wayne										
Music-Fine Arts Bldg.	E	II, III, IV			600,000					
Swimming Pool	E	II, IV					125,000			
Residence Halls (2)	A	III	314,000							
Residence Halls (2)	A	III		316,000						
Faculty Residences (10)	A	III						340,000		
Milwaukee										
Classroom Building	E	III	383,000							
Men's Residences	A	II	525,000							
Auditorium	E	II			200,000					
Dining Hall Ventilation	A	I							15,000	
Fuel Oil Tank	E	I							3,000	
Chapel Remodeling	E	I							13,000	
Kilbourn Hall Remodeling	A	I							35,000	
Wunder Hall, Gym., Kilbourn Hall, Dining Hall Roofs	A, E	I							12,000	
President's Residence	A	III						35,000		
Kilbourn Athletic Field Development	E	II, IV							31,000	
Office Equipment	E	I, IV							12,000	
Gymnasium Remodeling	E	I, IV							35,000	
State Street Athletic Field Developm.	E	I							35,000	
Administration Building	E	III			220,000					
Faculty Residence	A	III						30,000		
Dining Hall Remodeling	A	I							27,000	
Remodel Present Administration Bldg.	E	I, III							15,000	
Mall	E	I, II							22,000	
Classroom Building Roof	E	I							5,000	
Parking Area	A	IV							10,000	
Site Acquisition	E	II								350,000
Oakland										
Physical Education Building	E	II, V				300,000				
Property Acquisition	E	II, IV				450,000				
Classroom Remodeling	E	I							2,500	
Pipe Organ	E	IV							12,000	
Music Building Remodeling	E	I							1,500	
Pianos (2)	E	I							1,200	
Addition to Classroom Building	E	III			50,000					
Men's Residence Hall	A	III					650,000			
Library Expansion	E	III					25,000			
Kitchen Remodeling	A	I							7,500	
Portland										
Site Acquisition	E	II			150,000					
Kitchen Alterations	A	I, III	60,000							
Physical Education Building	E	III, IV			645,000					
Elizabeth Hall Addition	A	III	145,000							
Classroom and Administration Bldg.	E	III			150,000					
Men's Residence Hall	A	III		310,000						
Convert Existing Gym. to Boiler and Physical Plant	E	II, III, IV		381,000						
Water Distribution System	E	I, III, IV		37,000						
Storm Sewer System	E	I, III, IV							9,000	
Electrical Service	E	I, III, IV		41,000						
Exterior Lighting	E	I							17,000	
Classroom Building	E	III		197,000						
Roadways, Walks, Parking	E	II, III							20,000	
River Forest										
Infirmary Remodeling	E	I	239,000							
College Union Facilities, Phase I	A	I, III								37,500
Campus Air-Conditioning Development, Phase I	E	IV	115,130							
Faculty and Staff Housing	A	III						175,000		
Physical Education Facilities	E	II, III	680,000				150,000			100,000
Classroom Addition to Music Center	E	III, IV	778,000							
Residence Hall	A	III	450,000		470,200					
Dining Hall Remodeling	A	I	60,000							
Campus Air-Conditioning Development, Phase II	E	IV							7,000	
Addl. Tunneling to Central Heating	E, A	I	117,700							
Chapel-Auditorium	E	II, III, IV				125,000				875,000
Library Addition	E	III	450,000							
College Union Facilities, Phase II	A	I, III, IV				225,000				225,000
Campus Air-Conditioning Development, Phase III	E	IV			85,000					
Residence Hall	A	III		736,160						
Parking Building	A	III				230,000				120,000
Classroom Building Remodeling	E	I		125,000						
Classroom Building	E	III			225,000					
Eifrig Hall Addition	E	III		399,000						
College Union Facilities, Phase III	A	I, IV				87,500				87,500
Residence Hall	A	III		736,160						
Athletic Field Building	E	I		30,000						
Athletic Field Development	E	I		70,000						15,000
Professional School Campus							36,797,500			
New Residence Hall	A	III		368,000						
Faculty and Staff Housing	A	III						125,000		
St. Louis										
Chapel	E	II, III	950,000							
Classroom Building	E	III				551,000				
Roadways, Street Lighting, Parking	E	I	250,000							

Projects	Class	Purpose	PRIORITY 1 For Provision 1963–1965	2 For Provision 1966–1968	3 For Provision 1963–1968 After Reworking	4 To Be Reconsidered	5 To Be Deferred	6 Synodical Building and Loan Funds	7 Plant Funds from Regular Budget	8 Local Funds
Health Service	E	II, IV					202,000			
Athletic Field and Service Building	E	II, III		140,000						
Site Acquisition on Campus Perimeter	E	II	100,000	125,000						
Warehouse	E	III			66,000					
Second Floor for Business Office Wing of Loeber Hall	E	III				48,000				
Stoeckhardt Hall	A	I	60,000							
Kitchen and Dining Hall	A	I	285,000							
Auditorium Renovation	E	I		115,000						
Faculty Housing Improvements	A	I						150,000		
Married Student Housing	A	IV					500,000			
President's Home	A	III						50,000		
Swimming Pool	E	IV								160,000
Wyneken, Pieper Halls Renovation	E	I, III	450,000							
Pritzlaff Hall Renovation	E	I, III, IV	190,000							
St. Paul										
Chapel Organ	E	I	65,000							
Athletic Field Development	E	I, III	50,000							
New President's Residence	A	III						45,000		
Science Building	E	III	450,000		350,000					
Classroom Building	E	III		600,000						
Library Addition	E	III		400,000						
Administration Building	E	III			425,000					
Central Heating Plant	E	III			450,000					
Remodel Classroom Building	E	I		160,000						
Remodel Dining Hall	A	I	80,000							
Four Residence Halls	A	III	900,000		500,000	445,000				
Seward										
Women's Residence Hall	A	III	400,000							
Men's Residence Hall	A	III	480,000							
Science Building	E	III, V	450,000							
Music Building	E	III, V	650,000							
Campus Center	A	III, V			150,000					
Faculty Residences (6)	A	III						120,000		300,000
Land Acquisition, Development	E	II			100,000					
Paving	E	I			40,000					
Women's Residence Hall	A	III		650,000						
Classroom Building	E	III		400,000						
Convert Jesse Hall to Classrooms	E	I, III		150,000						
Men's Residence Hall	A	III		400,000						
Men's Residence Hall	A	III		400,000						
Women's Residence Hall	A	III		400,000						
Faculty Residences (6)	A	III						120,000		
Land Acquisition	E	II			40,000					
Lab. School Addition	E	III	20,000							
Springfield										
Administration Building	E	II, IV		350,000						
Site Acquisition	E	II			500,000					
Married Student Housing	A	IV					750,000			
Tennis Courts	A	IV							48,000	
Chapel	E	II			800,000					250,000
Swimming Pool	A	IV					125,000			
Parking	A	II				100,000				
Walks, Roadways, Curbing, Lighting	E	II							20,000	
Dirt Fill and Grading	E	II							10,000	
Landscaping	E	II							10,000	
Dining Hall Renovation	A	I	100,000							
Craemer Hall Renovation	A	I	200,000							
Extend Utility Distribution	E	IV	100,000							
Complete Luther Hall Renovation	E	I							20,000	
Winfield										
Land Acquisition	E	II			150,000					
Power Plant Expansion	E	I, III	22,100							
Repair Sewer System	E	I							10,000	
Fine Arts-Auditorium	E	III, IV				655,000				
Men's Residence Hall	A	III	360,000							350,000
Student Union, Food Service	A	III, IV, V			200,000					
Meyer Hall Renovation	E	I							49,000	
Men's Residence Hall	A	III		545,000						
Convert Rehwinkel Hall to Classrooms	E	III				341,000				
Landscaping	E	I							5,500	
Mundinger Hall Repairs	A	I							25,000	
Air-Condition Gym.	E	IV					30,000			
Language Laboratory Equipment									9,300	
Men's Residence Hall	A	III				458,000				
Classroom Furniture	E	I							9,700	
Men's Residence Hall	A	III				270,000				
Closed Circuit TV							11,000			
Meyer Hall Air-Cond.	E	IV							18,000	
Rehwinkel Hall Air-Cond.	E	IV				32,000				
Southern California	EA	II	6,850,000							
San Leandro-Chabot	EA	II		4,842,000						
Alabama Lutheran Academy and College	EA	II	200,000							
Site Acquisition	EA	II	2,000,000							
Southeast	EA	II		7,200,000						

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Capital Fund Inclusions for the Triennium 1963—65 and Estimates for the Triennium 1966—68

RESOLUTION 1-54

Report 123, IV, D, p. 67, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That the Synod authorize for recommendation to the next three fiscal conferences the following appropriations for capital investment in educational plants:

For fiscal year 1963	$3,175,000
For fiscal year 1964	$3,465,000
For fiscal year 1965	$3,800,000

and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod receive the report of the following estimates of annual budget appropriations for capital investments in educational plants which the Board for Higher Education now believes it may recommend to the Synod for approval in 1965:

For fiscal year 1966	$4,160,000
For fiscal year 1967	$4,555,000
For fiscal year 1968	$4,985,000

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Establish Additional Professorships

RESOLUTION 1-55

Reports 101—123, pp. 1-77, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The synodical institutions in the United States and Canada are in need of new professorial chairs to provide for institutional growth and faculty stability; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod establish the following number of chairs at the indicated schools:

Concordia, St. Louis	2
Concordia, Springfield	2
Concordia, River Forest	14
Concordia, Seward	10
Concordia, Milwaukee	2
Concordia, Portland	2
Concordia, Austin	3
Concordia, Bronxville	2
Concordia, St. Paul	5

and be it further

Resolved, That upon request of the respective board of control the Board for Higher Education, within the budgetary limitations established, authorize the filling of the granted chairs.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Mandate to Transfer Property to Concordia Seminary

RESOLUTION 1-56

Report 101, p. 4, *Reports and Memorials*
Unprinted Memorial 182, p. 48, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, The 44th regular convention of the Synod resolved (*Proceedings,* 1959, Resolution 45, Committee 1, p. 149) to transfer title of property at Concordia Seminary to Concordia College of St. Louis (the corporate name of Concordia Seminary); and

WHEREAS, The Concordia Seminary Board of Control has requested the carrying out of this resolution; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod's Board of Directors be instructed and hereby is instructed to carry out the transfer of title in accord with the resolution cited; and be it further

Resolved, That the unprinted memorial to rescind said resolution be declined.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Concur in Granting Additional Funds to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, to Cover "Transition Years"

RESOLUTION 1-57

Report 101, p. 4, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The "transition years" of the revised requirements for entrance to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, have caused financial difficulties for the seminary; therefore be it

Resolved, That this convention concur in the decision of the Board for Higher Education to grant necessary additional subsidies to Concordia Seminary, so that the financial condition of the seminary be sound at the close of the transition period.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Program at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, to Emphasize Primary Function to Train Teachers

RESOLUTION 1-58

Report 103, pp. 8, 9, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, has expressed its desire "to recruit and to participate in the preparation of pastors at the junior college level" and also "to be more concerned with and active in the preparation of future teachers for colleges and seminaries of the church"; and

WHEREAS, Such an expansion of the functions of Concordia Teachers College seems to weaken its pri-

mary function of preparing Lutheran elementary school teachers; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod reaffirm its desire that the teachers colleges at this time concern themselves with their primary functions.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Thank Individuals and Congregations of Atlantic District for Gifts to Concordia Collegiate Institute, Bronxville

RESOLUTION 1-59

Report 110, p. 28, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Funds have been made available by individuals and congregations of the Atlantic District for the music hall and for part of a women's residence at Concordia Collegiate Institute; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod commend these individuals and congregations and express its gratitude to God for these gifts.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Commend Congregations of Kansas District for Campus Center at St. John's College, Winfield

RESOLUTION 1-60

Report 111, p. 31, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Kansas District has resolved to raise $350,000 for a campus center at St. John's College, Winfield; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod commend the congregations of the Kansas District for their readiness to undertake this project.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Not to Discontinue Synodical High Schools at This Time

RESOLUTION 1-61

Memorial 159, p. 93, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Synod has instructed further study on the question of synodical high schools; therefore be it

Resolved, That the memorial to discontinue the synodical high school training program be declined.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Refer to Boards the Request for Release of Professors for Revision of Hymnal

RESOLUTION 1-62

Memorial 164, p. 95, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That the memorial to have The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod release "a sufficient number of seminary or college professors" for revision of the liturgy be referred to the proper boards for study.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Have the Synod Assume 40% of the Cost of Expanding Facilities of St. John's School, Seward

RESOLUTION 1-63

Memorial 168, pp. 96, 97, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, St. John's Lutheran School, Seward, Nebr., has been used since 1906 as a "practice school"; and

WHEREAS, The expansion of this training school is needed for the teacher education program at Concordia Teachers College, Seward; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Fiscal Conference be instructed to include in the appropriations during the coming triennium not more than $20,000 of the cost of expanding the elementary school of St. John's Congregation, Seward.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Social Work Students

RESOLUTION 1-64

Memorial 1111, 1, p. 390, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That this memorial is covered by Resolution 1-30.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Refer to Research Committee Study Materials of Commission on Theological Foundations of the Ministry

RESOLUTION 1-65

Rewording of Resolution 65, p. 582, *Today's Business*

Report 123, I, E, p. 49, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Board for Higher Education recommends that the Special Study Commission on the Theological Foundations of the Ministry (*Proceedings,* 1959, Resolution 12, Committee 1, p. 129) refer its materials to a research committee of the School for Graduate Studies of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, on "Church and Ministry," which has been set up as a research project approved by the Committee for Research; and

WHEREAS, The resolution to license teachers to preach was tabled pending the study of this question (*ibid.,* 1959, Resolution 3, Committee 1, pp. 113, 114); therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod concur in referring these materials and questions to said research committee of the School for Graduate Studies in consultation with the Commission on Theology and Church Relations.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Research Committee to Study Status of Women Teachers

RESOLUTION 1-66

Memorial 403, pp. 214, 215, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, A research committee of the School for Graduate Studies at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, is studying the question of "Church and Ministry"; and

WHEREAS, The status of the graduate woman teacher can well come under the purview of this committee; therefore be it

Resolved, That the study asked for in Memorial 403 and its directions be referred to this research committee.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Colloquizing Nonsynodically Trained Women Teachers

RESOLUTION 1-67

Memorial 404, p. 215, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That the Committee on Teacher Colloquies be asked to study the question of colloquies for nonsynodically trained women teachers; and be it further

Resolved, That this committee be asked to report on this study to the next synodical convention.

Action: Committee 1 reported that this matter had been covered by Section 4.79, "Procedures," as a part of the adopted Resolution 1-05.

College of Presidents to Set Up Guidelines for Orderly Transfer of Woman Teacher

RESOLUTION 1-68

Memorial 403, p. 214, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Regulations providing for the orderly release of the woman teacher from one congregation to another and from one District to another are needed; therefore be it

Resolved, That the College of Presidents be asked to set up guidelines for the orderly transfer of the woman teacher from one congregation to another and from one District to another; and be it further

Resolved, That the College of Presidents report to the next synodical convention on this point.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Support Lutheran Lay Training Institute

RESOLUTION 1-69

Report 107, p. 22, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Lay Training Institute has been established in Milwaukee in response to the Synod's authorization for such an institute; and

WHEREAS, For this venture the continued support, prayers, and understanding of our people are sought; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod expresses its gratitude to God for this program; and be it further

Resolved, That continued recruitment for this program be stimulated; and be it finally

Resolved, That congregations be encouraged to use and support the graduates of the Lutheran Training Institute as they become available for parish services.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Require Five-Year Teacher Education

RESOLUTION 1-70

(Replaces Resolution 1-46, p. 462, *Today's Business*)

Memorial 156, pp. 92, 93, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The increasing complexity, scope, and responsibility of the Lutheran teacher's ministry to the church demands an increase in the diversity and intensity of the education particularly of male teachers; and

WHEREAS, An increasing number of states are requiring additional training (beyond a four-year program) for certification; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod, beginning with the freshman class of 1966, require five years of preparation beyond the twelfth grade for all its male teacher graduates; and be it further

Resolved, That the policies for this program be worked out by the Board for Higher Education in consultation with the boards of control of Concordia Teachers College, Seward, and of Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, and their executive officers (presidents and academic deans); and be it finally

Resolved, That the program and policies be submitted to the next convention of the Synod.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Congratulate and Thank Lutheran Education Society, Oakland

RESOLUTION 1-71

Special Request

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Education Society of California Concordia College for a half century has supported the Oakland Concordia significantly, e. g., the purchase of the site, the provision of the first science unit, the first women's dormitory, and a generous annual scholarship and student aid program; and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Education Society in observance of its fiftieth anniversary has adopted as its project a golden anniversary drive in the interest of California Concordia College and its program; therefore be it

Resolved, That the convention extend its congratu-

lations to the Lutheran Education Society; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod thank the Lutheran Education Society for its support of California Concordia College and invoke the Lord's blessings on its anniversary endeavor.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Resolution of Appreciation

RESOLUTION 1-72

Reports 101—123, pp. 1—77, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That the Synod hereby expresses its appreciation to the boards of control of its educational institutions, their teaching and service staffs, to the Board of Directors of the Synod, and to the Board for Higher Education and its staff for faithful services; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod receive their reports with thanks.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

COMMITTEE 2 — Missions

To Intensify Training for Evangelism

RESOLUTION 2-01

Report 201, p. 104 ff., *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Board for Missions in North and South America, particularly in its recommendation on evangelism (page 104), stresses the strengthening of the believer and the community of saints as basic for the mission of the church; therefore be it

Resolved, That the board be commended for this emphasis and that this policy be recommended also to other mission agencies; and be it further

Resolved, That the board be empowered to staff the program of strengthening the home church, conserving the existing members, and exploring and training individual Christians for the best possible witness; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod's educational institutions, the Lay Training School, and Valparaiso University be encouraged to train for this potential; and be it further

Resolved, That the "Spiritual Life Mission" be strengthened as a method for training of pastors and congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That special institutes, seminars, and other devices be developed for enlisting our lay members in various vocations to bear witness throughout the world; and be it finally

Resolved, That, as necessary, programs for special age groups, such as children and youth, be developed and intensified.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Visit All Districts and Establish Realistic Expansion Goals

RESOLUTION 2-02

Report 201, I, F, pp. 106, 107, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The church must be established where people have not been reached with the Gospel; and

WHEREAS, Since 1956 we, working through our Districts, have not kept pace with our projected goals of establishing new missions, as endorsed by two synodical conventions; and

WHEREAS, Factors preventing the Synod from reaching such established goals include lack of initiative and support from local congregations and inadequate funds, as well as lack of staff for preliminary research and evaluation of these opportunities; therefore be it

Resolved, That during the coming three-year period the board carry out a visitation program in each District. The aim should be to assist in establishing realistic expansion goals on a short-term and long-range basis; and be it further

Resolved, That new expansion goals be determined on the basis of size, location of population growth, and number of unchurched; and be it further

Resolved, That especially the larger congregations be encouraged to make full use of expansion possibilities by seeking to establish new missions in adjacent areas of mission opportunity in consultation with the District Mission Board; and be it finally

Resolved, That a plan be established for advance site acquisitions, and to that end to place more emphasis on solicitation of moneys for the Church Extension Fund.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Attempt to Establish a National Church in Caribbean Area (Middle America)

RESOLUTION 2-03

Report 201, III, C-1, p. 110, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Christian Gospel continues to be obscured or inadequately communicated in Latin America; and

WHEREAS, In this area of the world's fastest-growing population our missionary activity has been limited or obstructed by the lack of a national ministry; therefore be it

Resolved, That we encourage the Board of Missions in North and South America to continue to pursue the objective of establishing a national church and an indigenous seminary in order that our evangelistic efforts in this region may become increasingly fruitful.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Report on Missions to the Blind

RESOLUTION 2-04

Report 202, pp. 112, 113, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Our missions to the blind have been so effective and this work has been so wonderfully blessed of the Lord, both in this country and in others; and

WHEREAS, A large number of men and women throughout the Synod have given wonderful service without cost to the church through the transcription of material into Braille; and

WHEREAS, The need to produce effective materials, publications, and transcripts continues and requests constantly are received for additional service; therefore be it

Resolved, That we thank God for the wonderful blessing upon the labors of our men and women who work in missions to the blind; and be it further

Resolved, That we thank the volunteers who helped in making effective our mission program for the blind; and be it finally

Resolved, That we urge the Synod to continue to grant ample support and aid to this important ministry of the church.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

The Lutheran Free Churches of Europe

RESOLUTION 2-05

Report 206, pp. 120—122, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Free Churches on the European continent have responded to the stimulation and guidance our church has provided with energetic programs in stewardship and evangelism; and

WHEREAS, The voice and witness of the Free Churches should continue to be heard; therefore be it

Resolved, That we commend the Free Churches of Germany for having achieved financial independence in their current church operations and for soliciting funds to erect a student dormitory at Oberursel; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod continue to offer financial support for the theological training program at Oberursel and for the publication of its theological quarterly with the understanding that the Free Churches continue to increase their contributions for this purpose; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the Board for European Affairs to develop and implement an aggressive mission policy for France and Belgium; and be it further

Resolved, That we recognize, with appreciation, that the Evangelical Lutheran Church of England has adopted a master plan which envisions twenty congregations by 1984 and full self-support by that date; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod grant increased subsidy until 1970 to enable them to add one additional pastor annually; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod assist the Evangelical Lutheran Church of England with the needed loans to acquire the necessary church facilities and parsonages; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod assist in the development of the theological program which has been established on a limited scale at Cambridge; and be it finally

Resolved, That support be granted to the Polish Lutheran Church in Exile until it can be amalgamated with the ELCE.

Action: This resolution was *adopted* as printed above, after the sentence, contained in the submitted resolution, "that a resident counsellor be placed in Europe, to maintain closer contact with the scattered churches and to render them meaningful assistance" had been deleted.

Work Among Spanish-speaking People

RESOLUTION 2-06

Memorial 213, p. 136, *Reports and Memorials*
Unprinted Memorial 213-A, p. 50, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, There are reportedly over four million Spanish-speaking people already residing in the United States and this population influx is steadily continuing so that some of our large cities expect their Latin-American population to increase sixty-five percent before 1975; and

WHEREAS, Many of our churches in urban areas find an increasing number of Spanish-speaking people within their parish boundaries; and

WHEREAS, An extremely high percentage of these people are not formally affiliated with nor active in any church and not acquainted with the Gospel; therefore be it

Resolved, That we commend the Synod's Board for Missions in North and South America for its continuing concern for these people; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the Board for Missions in North and South America to undertake the coordination of our Gospel witness to these people, especially in the local congregation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board for Missions in North and South America be instructed to help recruit persons able to work in the Spanish language; and be it finally

Resolved, That adequate linguistic training for this work in the Spanish language be encouraged in every possible way in our Synod's institutions, including its institutions of higher learning.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Commend Brazil District; to Authorize Initiation of "Sister-Church Status"; to Permit Mission Work in Portugal; to Refer Salary Matters of North American Workers to Brazil District

RESOLUTION 2-07

Report 201, III, C-2, B, and Memorial 617, pp. 111, 277, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorials 217, 218, pp. 52, 53, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, The church in Brazil is responding to its challenge, developing splendid leadership on the official, pastoral, and lay levels, displaying strong support of home missions and church extension, and improving its education program; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members and leaders of the Brazil District be warmly commended by this convention and receive the pledge of assistance towards future spiritual growth; and be it further

Resolved, That the request of the District to be authorized to take the initial steps toward "sister-church status" be granted, with the understanding that the definite request, accompanied by a statement as to its long-range objectives and plans, be brought before a future convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod; and be it further

Resolved, That The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod grant the Brazil District the permission to regard mission work in Portugal as its project; and be it finally

Resolved, That the question of salaries of North American workers in Brazil be left to the discretion of the Brazil District.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Christian Responsibility to Minister to the Inner City

RESOLUTION 2-08

Report 201, I, and Memorial 215, pp. 104, 105, 138, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorial 215-A, p. 50, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, The removal of many of our city churches to suburban areas has left a veritable spiritual wasteland in the heart of many large metropolitan areas; and

WHEREAS, The Scriptural position of serving the community without regard to racial origin or social status, steadily affirmed by the Synod, is not reflected in the practice of all congregations; and

WHEREAS, God is sending to our doorstep many people whom our churches are not reaching because of racial, language, or cultural barriers; and

WHEREAS, The inner North American city is the frontier of Christianity on our continent and a growing challenge to our Synod; and

WHEREAS, Churches and pastors in the inner city have experienced a feeling of loneliness in serving an area that is properly the responsibility of the entire church; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the congregations of the Synod, with their pastors and teachers, help one another to become aware of the urgency of this problem, alert one another to God's judgment upon all lovelessness and apathy toward human beings, and through the Word and sacrament of Christ's atoning work stir one another to repentance and responsibility; and be it further

Resolved, That full attention be given to the unusual and baffling problems confronting our workers in changing communities and that we endeavor to provide them with adequate staffs, including whatever specialized and multiple ministries (education, youth, music, social work, medical aid, etc.) are necessary to discharge our responsibility; and be it further

Resolved, That lists of qualified and concerned men and women who are prepared to render service in the inner city be accumulated and made available to the boards and congregations who must meet the challenge; and be it further

Resolved, That special training be afforded to pastors, teachers, and lay leaders working in such areas or interested in such work; and be it further

Resolved, That a portion of the vicars who are available each year be placed in service with inner-city churches — at synodical expense if necessary; and be it further

Resolved, That special study commissions and pilot projects be initiated for the purpose of research and demonstration and that the benefits accruing be shared with all churches and agencies serving in inner-city operations; and be it further

Resolved, That financial aid for capital-investment and operating expenses be provided through Districts for the support of our work in the inner city and that the distribution of such grants be determined by the extent of the opportunities at hand evaluated in terms of unchurched population and the willingness of the congregations involved to undertake the task of an all-inclusive ministry and to engage in an energetic outreach in the communities in which they are located; and be it further

Resolved, That all of our churches in the major urban centers be alerted to anticipate sociological changes well in advance, so that preventive measures can be instituted to avoid unnecessary deterioration or collapse; and be it further

Resolved, That full consideration be given to the possibility of undertaking new ministries and witnessing centers where huge vacuums exist and where human needs are immense; and be it further

Resolved, That the possibilities be explored and the potential benefits be evaluated in using Lutheran schools as important instruments for advancing Christian educa-

tion and bolstering neighborhood stability in areas of ferment and racial unrest; and be it finally

Resolved, That the ideal of the Communion of Saints be visualized, that the isolation of one sector of the city from another be overcome, and that our mutual love for one another be demonstrated —

a) by encouraging our members living in suburban areas to exercise their missionary responsibility toward people in the inner city by personal involvement;

b) by proposing a "redistribution of leadership potential" wherever feasible among our congregations; and

c) by suggesting an occasional exchange of pulpits and by arranging for exchange visits of youth groups and other societies between inner-city and suburban churches.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Assist Town and Country Churches to Reevaluate Their Role

RESOLUTION 2-09

Report 201, I, C, p. 105, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The church in town and country has become so greatly affected in the changing social and technological advances that many parishes must reevaluate their traditional role; and

WHEREAS, The church in town and country plays a vital role in our Synod and deserves special attention as a sending church in all areas: support for missions, Christian education, training, and recruitment; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod, through its Board for Missions in North and South America, assist Districts in encouraging congregations to reevaluate their role, using existing tools to help them in matters regarding mergers and consolidations for more effective service and outreach; and be it further

Resolved, That the pastors be urged to be better prepared through specialized courses to serve this strategic ministry in the town and country church and thus to emphasize the unified nature of the church; and be it finally

Resolved, That, through the Board for Missions in North and South America, the Synod continue research, provide literature, hold institutes, and do whatever is necessary to assist congregations, circuits, Districts, and pastors to equip members of these congregations for service wherever the members may go.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Intercultural Outreach — to Overcome the Barriers of Class and Race

RESOLUTION 2-10

Report 201, I, D, pp. 105, 106, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, All human beings, no matter how lowly their station in life or how destitute they have become, are the products of God's creative purpose and objects of Christ's redeeming love; and

WHEREAS, The enemies and critics of the church have accused us, not without some justification, of being a class-conscious church and of ignoring or slighting some elements of the population in our missionary enterprise; and

WHEREAS, Our Lord Jesus Christ taught and exemplified the concern that we should have for the physical and spiritual welfare of the downtrodden and dispossessed ("The least of these My brethren"); and

WHEREAS, Among the teeming masses of our major cities there are to be found new arrivals who are lonely and confused such as unskilled laborers, people of less than average income, unfortunates of all kinds, men and women of subnormal intelligence, derelicts, and the like; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we express our determination, under the leveling power of the cross of Jesus Christ and the compulsion of the Holy Spirit, to overcome the barriers of class and race that would prevent us from "becoming all things to all men in order that by all means we might save some"; and be it further

Resolved, That our Board for North and South American Missions initiate a theological study on the implications of the doctrine of redemption, the doctrine of the church, and the doctrine of man in order that we may overcome the misconceptions and sinful attitudes which prevent the Word of God from having free course among all people and that a total cultural outreach be undertaken; and be it further

Resolved, That we investigate and seek to utilize new approaches and methods in a serious attempt to serve those segments of the population which have hitherto escaped our attention; and be it finally

Resolved, That our Board for North and South American Missions, in conjunction with the Districts and local congregations where the needs are most evident, thoroughly explore the possibilities of reaching and ministering to all neglected groups such as Oriental and Jewish American, migrant workers, southern whites from the hill country who have moved near or within our metropolitan parishes, Indian Americans who are being relocated from their reservations to urban centers, and anonymous "lost" men and women in the slums and on the skid rows of our cities.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Make Maximum Use of Media of Mass Communications

RESOLUTION 2-11

Report 201, I, E, p. 106, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, In the media of mass communications the church has tools for reaching great segments of the populations which it can reach in no other way; and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

continues to attract wide attention for its aggressive and intelligent use of the media of mass communications for the proclamation of the Gospel of Christ; and

WHEREAS, There are in the United States and overseas many avenues of mass media unused by our church body; and

WHEREAS, The Civilians Overseas program has become the responsibility of the Board for Missions in North and South America; therefore be it

Resolved, That both the limitations and the potentials of the media be recognized in using them for the total task of the church in bringing others into the fellowship of the worshiping, serving church; and be it further

Resolved, That efforts be made to enlist the aid of Lutheran Christians here at home and overseas in the further use of mass media.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Discontinue Using Term "Subsidized District"

RESOLUTION 2-12

Report 201, II, D, p. 109, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The term "subsidized District" is often misleading; and

WHEREAS, District subsidy may constantly be necessary because the Synod views its home mission program as a unified project; and

WHEREAS, Allocations of subsidy are made to the Districts in line with basic principles and procedures on which the Board for Missions in North and South America and District Mission Boards are agreed; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board for Missions in North and South America no longer use the term "subsidized District"; and be it further

Resolved, That individual Districts of the Synod be encouraged to undertake special mission projects and open new fields in order that the maximum impact be made where maximum opportunities exist; and be it further

Resolved, That where necessary all Districts be encouraged to accept funds for mission work for such mission projects; and be it finally

Resolved, That no District curtail its contributions to the Synod because of such projects.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Alert Congregations to Their Responsibility in Missions to the Deaf

RESOLUTION 2-13

Report 203, pp. 113—116, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, God's bountiful blessings on the mission to the deaf are evident as thousands of deaf gather in churches and chapels, not only in the United States and Canada but also foreign areas, to learn of the love of God in Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, The great opportunities to expand this mission demand both additional men and subsidy; therefore be it

Resolved, That all congregations be alerted to their responsibility in the area of missions to the deaf; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod be requested to intensify its training of workers and to make available additional manpower and money to carry on this work both at home and abroad.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Study Bermuda as a Possible Mission Field

RESOLUTION 2-14

Special Resolution

WHEREAS, It has come to our attention through the Armed Services Commission that the opportunities for establishing a Lutheran Church in Bermuda warrant further exploration; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod authorize the Board for Missions in North and South America, acting through an established District, to give further study to this field and initiate the work if the findings warrant it.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Report of Division of World Missions

RESOLUTION 2-15

Report 204, pp. 116, 117, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The church has been charged by the Lord with a prime concern for the evangelizing of all the world; and

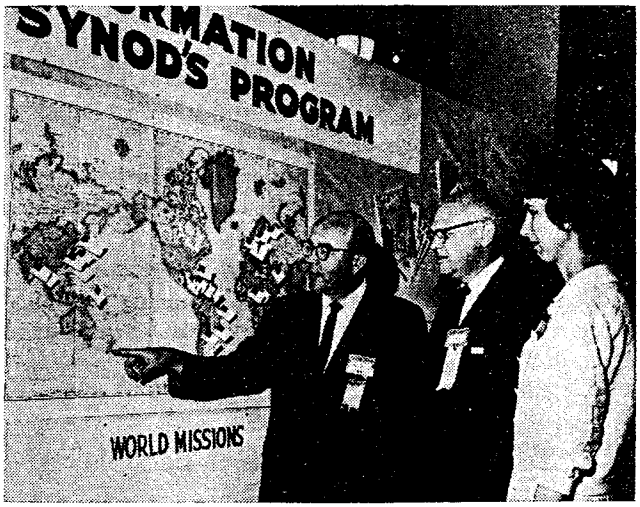
WHEREAS, The members of the Synod indicate their concern of meeting their responsibility through many inquiries concerning missions, the conduct of mission fairs, the expressed desire for personal involvement and through their ready outpouring of gifts for general and specific mission projects; and

WHEREAS, The Christian church is growing faster than ever but nevertheless is not keeping pace with the population increases; and

WHEREAS, The time is short and doors are closing in some parts of the world while at the same time the Lord is also placing new opportunities and means of communication before us; and

WHEREAS, The Lord has poured superabundant material and spiritual wealth upon our church, expecting us to share this wealth with others; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Division of World Missions alert and lay upon the conscience of the church the challenging need and the present opportunities of bringing the Gospel to the unevangelized peoples of the world; and be it further



President Lloyd H. Goetz (left) of the North Wisconsin District, member of the convention floor committee on finances and stewardship, points out for Walter R. Rugland of Appleton, Wis., and Miss Marie Louise Gebhardt of St. Louis, employed in the Synod's Stewardship Department, countries in the world where the Missouri Synod has planted the banner of the Kingdom.

Resolved, That our Board for World Missions, in cooperation with the national churches overseas wherever they are located, but otherwise independently, study all possible opportunities for the expansion, consolidation, and intensification of its outreach to the non-Christian world on the basis of a careful and detailed survey of its present operations; and be it further

Resolved, That our Board for World Missions develop an aggressive and imaginative plan of outreach by using to best advantage modern means of communication, especially literature, radio, and television; and be it further

Resolved, That the Division of World Missions always be mindful of the need for sharing mission responsibility of the Missouri Synod with sister churches and missions everywhere; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Board of Directors and the Fiscal Conference be urged to take all possible steps to increase our Synod's expenditures for overseas missions in proportion to the rich measure with which God has blessed us as individuals and as a church body.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Literacy and Literature — to Encourage Greater Emphasis

RESOLUTION 2-16

Report 204, p. 116, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Through various literacy programs millions of people annually are learning to read and then eagerly look for suitable literature to read; and

WHEREAS, Godless and anti-Christian literature, in attractive dress at very low cost, is flooding the book markets of the world or is given away free; and

WHEREAS, The Synod in its 1959 convention created a Literacy and Literature Committee consisting of the executives and one board member of each of the mission boards, which committee, together with Concordia Publishing House and Concordia Tract Mission, has coordinated and expanded the literature programs in our world mission; and

WHEREAS, Many individuals have generously contributed toward this program, and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League has made a grant of $70,000 available to develop and implement special pilot projects for mass dissemination of Christian literature; therefore be it

Resolved, That the mission boards of our Synod be encouraged to give even greater emphasis to the development of effective indigenous literature programs including —

1) recruitment and training of writers on the mission fields;
2) publication of all types of Christian literature;
3) effective methods of mass distribution of literature;
4) establishment of book stores and distribution centers;

and be it further

Resolved, That, in accordance with the resolution of the 1959 synodical convention, "the mission boards be encouraged to request the necessary funds from the Fiscal Conference to carry out this program."

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Support Medical Missions

RESOLUTION 2-17

Reports 207, 208, pp. 122—124, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The medical mission work of our church, despite its setbacks and difficulties, should stir the entire church to gratitude to God for its results at home and overseas; and

WHEREAS, The chief handicap experienced by its workers is the difficulty to reach doctors, nurses, and students with the information and challenge of medical missions; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod express its appreciation to the medical missionaries and their national co-workers, the Medical Mission Council and the Lutheran Medical Mission Association and to the Wheat Ridge Foundation, for this work; and be it

Resolved, That the Synod urge all clergymen, teachers, and laymen who receive reports and appeals of the Medical Mission Council and the Lutheran Medical Mission Association to share in the task of enlisting personnel in this great lay ministry and include medical missions in programs of recruitment for Christian vocations; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod take to heart the great need of long-term key staff workers in the major areas of the mission field; and be it further

Resolved, That continued specific support, financial and otherwise, budget and "above budget," be channeled into this area of the church's activity; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Synod give encouragement and financial support to the medical mission scholarship program.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Missionary Board of the Lutheran Synodical Conference — Recognizing That All Work in North America Has Been Taken Over by Districts

RESOLUTION 2-18

Report 209, pp. 124—126, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The process begun in 1946 of having synodical Districts take over the work among the Negroes in their territories, which until then had been conducted by the Synodical Conference, has now been completed by the action of the Southern District; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod express its gratitude to God for the working of His Holy Spirit in administrators, pastors, and people in completing this momentous program; and be it further

Resolved, That all congregations of the Synod continue in prayer for the steadying and the expansion of work among Negroes carried on in these Districts.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Missionary Board of the Lutheran Synodical Conference — Taking Over Mission Work in Africa

RESOLUTION 2-19

Report 209, pp. 126, 127, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorial 220, p. 55, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, The Lord of the church has granted His blessing to the mission of the Lutheran Synodical Conference in Nigeria and has permitted its work to be extended into Ghana; therefore be it

Resolved, That this convention offer special thanks to God for the completion of 25 years of work in this field; and be it further

Resolved, That this convention humbly entreat Almight God to heal the rupture in the Synodical Conference according to His good pleasure; and be it further

Resolved, That this convention declare that The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod is ready and willing to take over the mission work in Africa, assuming subsidy costs for current operations and capital costs for necessary capital investments, until the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Nigeria (ELCN) is able to operate as an independent and self-supporting church, guaranteeing that all investments made thus far for land and buildings will be used for the purpose of enabling the ELCN to become more effective in spreading the Gospel; and be it further

Resolved, That details of the transfer, if undertaken, be worked out by mutual agreement through authorized representatives, synodical responsibility to be undertaken by the Board for World Missions within the Division of Missions; and be it further

Resolved, To invite the SELC (Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches) to share this work with us or have assigned to its direct and exclusive care some specific phase or area of the African work; and be it finally

Resolved, That this convention extend greetings to the Reverend Karl Kurth, D. D., Executive Secretary of the Missionary Board of the Lutheran Synodical Conference, at present convalescing from surgery.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Develop a Synodwide Mission Approach to the Negro American

RESOLUTION 2-20

Memorial 214, pp. 136—138, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Scriptures clearly assert that "God is no respecter of persons" and that Jesus Christ sacrificed His life in self-giving love for all the children of men; and

WHEREAS, A primary concern of the church today must be its witness and missionary outreach in the world, where the resurgence of ancient pagan religions (Islam and Buddhism) are threatening the future of the church in many lands, and where there are virulent hate groups (Communists, Black Muslims) who are eager to exploit to their advantage any discrepancy between Christian principle and practice; and

WHEREAS, The mobility of our population has caused the nonwhite population in our cities to increase sharply; and

WHEREAS, The Council of Administrators of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod has called attention to the disturbing fact that our membership gains among Negroes in the United States have been less than 17,000 when they should have been 229,000 if they had kept pace with our acquisition among the rest of the population; and

WHEREAS, Our 1956 convention reminded us of "our responsibility as a church to provide guidance for our members to work in the capacity of Christian citizens for the elimination of discrimination, wherever it may exist in community, city, state, nation, and world"; therefore be it

Resolved, That we acknowledge with gratitude toward God the growing concern in our midst for an effective ministry among non-Caucasians as evidenced by the study and recommendations submitted to this convention by the Council of Administrators; and be it further

Resolved, That this convention endorse in principle the propositions setting forth the need for the development of an intensive Synodwide mission approach to the Negro American; and be it further

Resolved, That we call upon the Board of Missions in North and South America and the District Mission Boards to devote special attention to nonwhite and racially mixed communities, using expanded resources of men and money for this purpose; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage and direct our congregations of traditionally white membership which confront a changing community to educate and counsel their members so that they do not panic and withdraw but see the challenge and opportunity in their new situation and minister to the total needs of people of all ethnic backgrounds; and be it further

Resolved, That we respect the worthy aspirations of minority groups and endeavor to assist them in combating any social, political, and economic evils that harm people and bring about the denial of many of the good things God in His creation intended for all mankind; and be it further

Resolved, That we assist our congregations and individual members in suburban areas in working toward the eradication of the unjust and inhumane distinctions which bar some minority groups from these communities and thus make it practically impossible for their churches to welcome all people without discrimination into their fellowship; and be it finally

Resolved, That we demonstrate our sincerity and expedite our outreach among Negro Americans and other nonwhites —

a) by affirming that on all educational levels in the church's system of education there should be no separate schools for nonwhites; and

b) by working toward the ideal that our Board of Assignment assign the graduates of our terminal schools to congregations and that they be accepted by them on the basis of Christian character and personal ability, thus making available to the church in every sphere the best that God has provided in personal consecration and fitness, without weakening the church's witness and program.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Intensification of Work in the Far East and the South Pacific

RESOLUTION 2-21

Report 205, pp. 117—120, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Lord has bountifully blessed our mission activity in Asia and the South Pacific; and

WHEREAS, The All-Asia Conference, held in January 1962, brought together representatives from each of the Far East and South Pacific countries who met with several of our synodical representatives for doctrinal and practical studies; and

WHEREAS, A number of these countries are anticipating the day in which they, too, under God, can organize their own church, which is also in the plan and thinking of our Board for World Missions; therefore be it

Resolved, That we thank Almighty God for His gracious blessing upon this area of our work in bringing the Gospel to the vast numbers of those who are without Christ; and be it further

Resolved, That we recognize the continued need for our prayers for and support of the faithful labors of missionaries in these areas; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board for World Missions be encouraged to conduct further All-Asia Conferences, as has been requested by the churches of Asia; and be it finally

Resolved, That we encourage our Board for World Missions to use every possible means, including radio, TV, and suitable literature, to bring the Gospel to the hearts of the people.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Continue Developing Seminaries in Asia and South Pacific

RESOLUTION 2-22

Report 205, p. 117, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, We now have seminaries in India, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Taiwan, and Japan which have supplied some 160 national pastors for the churches in Asia; and

WHEREAS, These seminaries are calling for additional staff members for their faculties; therefore be it

Resolved, That this convention commend the Board for World Missions for its outstanding work in setting up a program of training a national ministry and developing a guide for the establishment and conduct of the ministerial colleges; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the Synod to make further provisions in filling the needs of equipping these seminaries with staff members where needed; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board for World Missions be encouraged to upgrade its seminaries; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Board for World Missions bring recommendations on the establishment of a graduate seminary in the Orient to the next convention of the Synod.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Step Up Proportion of Contributions for Missions

RESOLUTION 2-23

Reports 201—205, pp. 103—120, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The proportion of synodical funds expended for missions has not kept pace with the rise in gifts and expenditures for other purposes; and

WHEREAS, This problem is due in part to sluggishness in carrying out the Great Commission and also in part to the difficulties of the church on every level in apportioning the gifts of God's people among many urgent demands; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod on every level of its operations — congregational, District, and synodical — earnestly seek to step up the present low proportion of budget appropriations for missions; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod encourage its members, after they have provided for primary, planned, and budgeted objectives, to contribute according to their means to causes also beyond budget requirements and that it draw attention to the "Mission Projects Catalog" of the synodical Stewardship Department; and be it finally

Resolved, That all receipts for "Mission Projects Catalog" be designated as special gifts not to be included among the allocated amounts by the Fiscal Conference but regarded as supplementary funds.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Establish Annual Loan Goals for Church Extension

RESOLUTION 2-24

Report 210, pp. 127—129, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, An analysis and review of results in participation of District Church Extension promotional programs discloses a vast range of difference between the highest and lowest per-communicant loan average on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, Mission expansion opportunities are not equally distributed among the thirty-two synodical Districts; and

WHEREAS, The capacity of the synodical fund to provide financial assistance to many of the District Church Extension Funds will determine the ability of our church body to meet its Church Extension needs for a growing mission expansion program; therefore be it

Resolved, That all Districts establish annual loan goals to provide more effectively for the necessary funds to meet expansion opportunities for both District and synodical requirements; and be it further

Resolved, That all Districts promote the needs for both the District and the synodical Church Extension Fund in joint promotional efforts; and be it finally

Resolved, That in solicitation of loans each District demonstrate the unity of purpose between the District and the synodical Church Extension Fund program and encourage, in reasonable proportions, direct loans both to the District and to the synodical Church Extension Fund.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Develop Management Principles, Accounting Structures, and Reporting Procedures

RESOLUTION 2-25

Report 210, pp. 129, 130, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The substantial growth in both District and synodical Church Extension Funds involves our increasing liabilities; and

WHEREAS, A responsibility for the security, safety, and soundness of the total program demands a greater attention to the management aspect of these funds; and

WHEREAS, The safeguarding of the total program suggests the advisability of more uniformity in policy, program, and annual certified audits; therefore be it

Resolved, That the synodical Church Extension Board, in consultation with representatives of our various District Funds —

a) develop uniform management principles for policies and program;

b) provide for standardized accounting procedures similar to and consistent with those prepared by the Fiscal Office for our synodical Districts; and

c) provide for uniformity and regularity in reporting and auditing procedures to both the District and the synodical Church Extension Departments.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Capital Investment Needs for Home Mission Expansion

RESOLUTION 2-26

Report 210, pp. 130, 131, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The capital account portion of the Church Extension Fund is a most important factor in assuring the stability and security of our Church Extension Fund; and

WHEREAS, Substantial and regular annual increases in the capital account add to the safety and soundness of an increased borrowing program; and

WHEREAS, All increases of the capital account build up the assets of our church's financial structure; and

WHEREAS, An ample capital account fund would significantly contribute to the capacity of the fund to aid the low-income type of expansion functions in meeting the challenging opportunities in our home mission program by providing facilities for inner-city developments, various ethnic group programs, and student centers and chapels on campuses of colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, A substantial capital account increase would make an advance site acquisition program more readily feasible and possible; therefore be it

Resolved, That the projected capital fund needs of Church Extension be approved; and be it further

Resolved, That a solution for providing these capital account funds be pursued; and be it finally

Resolved, That a proportionate commitment of each annual budget be assured to supply an annual increase to the capital account portion of the Church Extension Fund.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Intensify Work on Campuses of Colleges and Universities

RESOLUTION 2-27

Report 212, pp. 134—136, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The vast majority of the Synod's young people must seek a higher education in colleges and universities not sponsored by our Synod; and

WHEREAS, The church's mission to these colleges and universities has been fruitful and resourceful, aided by the efforts of the Synod's Commission on College and University Work; and

WHEREAS, The number of the nation's and the world's youth in colleges (also junior colleges) and universities is rapidly increasing; therefore be it

Resolved, That this convention direct the Synod to implement the resolution of the delegate convention of 1959 to grant funds to finance handicapped Districts for work in colleges and universities; and be it further

Resolved, That synodical Districts who have not yet created a District Commission on College and University Work be encouraged to do so; and be it further

Resolved, That the synodical Commission on College and University Work continue its efforts to establish Lutheran chairs of religion in universities and that a maximum of five new chairs be financed and established, if possible, during the next triennium; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Synod's Board for World Missions be encouraged to explore and develop a college and university program including the support of student hostels in the overseas mission fields.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Thank the Lutheran Women's Missionary League

RESOLUTION 2-28

Unprinted Memorial 221, pp. 56, 57, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Women's Missionary League this year observes the 20th anniversary of its founding; and

WHEREAS, In those years the league has gathered millions of dollars for missionary work throughout the world, pledging $240,000 in specific grants during the current biennium; and

WHEREAS, The benefits to the church through its Christian Growth program institutes, contact with missionaries and missionary education, and thoughtful planning for the future, add significant dimensions to the substantial financial operations of the league; therefore be it

Resolved, That this convention express its heartfelt thanks to God for the fruits of faith and Christian labors of the church's women in this organization throughout these years, commend its activities to all of its congregations, and encourage its leadership to continued zeal in guiding many to practice its motto: "Serve the Lord with gladness."

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

COMMITTEE 3 — Doctrinal and Intersynodical Matters

Preamble to the Report of Committee 3

The task committed to your Floor Committee 3 is an exacting one, and we are laboring with a deep sense of our responsibility to the church and to the Lord of the church, before whose judgment seat we shall have to give an account of our work.

We have endeavored to avoid two dangers. The one is that we evade the issues that confront us at this convention. The other is that we oversimplify our problems and give pat solutions that resolve nothing. We have attempted, therefore, within the time allotted us, to hear all our brethren, to learn their concerns, and to assess their presentations.

We have worked in a spirit of profound concern for all members of our Synod, for all those in our larger fellowship, for our separated brethren, and for the cause of confessional Lutheranism generally. We have labored, with prayer, to maintain a charitable objectivity toward all the persons and problems involved in our work.

We have at times found our work disheartening; but we have not been, in the last analysis, disheartened by it. We do have grave problems; but it would be ingratitude to a bountiful God to say that the church in which we are privileged to work has only problems. God has blessed the work of our hands wondrously, and it is marvelous in our eyes. And it would be littleness of faith to let these problems themselves dismay us. The lively and passionate zeal for purity of doctrine is a gift of God to our church, even if this zeal may seem to us at times to be an overimpetuous one. We consider the unusual measures taken for the fair solution of doctrinal problems, and the unusual amount of time allotted to them, to be a mark of our church's strength. And if we let these problems drive us again and again to the Gospel proclaimed in the Scriptures and witnessed by our Confessions, we shall find that the clouds we so much dread are big with mercy and will break in blessing on our head.

We therefore plead with the convention to work in the same spirit, with a charitable objectivity, and in the high and joyous confidence that even while the Lord is trying us, He is at work tempering and strengthening us. *Deus vult suos fortes facere* — "God would make heroes of His own" (Luther). Let us submit to His fatherly hand and quit ourselves like men.

International Lutheran Synodical Conference

RESOLUTION 3-01

Report 301 and Memorial 319, pp. 140—148, 154, *Reports and Memorials*

The fellowship and joint work of the synods in the Lutheran Synodical Conference was a gift of God to our synodical fathers. Even as they cherished it and were ever concerned about preserving it, so the Synod today cherishes this gift and continues to show its concern for it through its support and prayers.

We are now in fellowship with an increasing number of sister churches throughout the world. This circumstance presents a glorious and God-given opportunity as never before to enlarge the Lutheran Synodical Conference into an international organization of confessional Lutheran churches.

That opportunity was emphasized when the Lutheran Synodical Conference in convention at Milwaukee, Aug. 2—5, 1960, requested all constituent Synods to express themselves on the formation of a worldwide organization of confessional Lutheran bodies in fellowship with the present Synodical Conference.

These facts prompt us to offer the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Synodical Conference in a resolution at its convention in Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 2—5, 1960 (see *Proceedings,* pp. 140 f.), requested our Synod to express itself with regard to the creation of an international federation of confessional Lutherans; and

WHEREAS, The Igreja Evangelica Luterana do Brasil has requested The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod to consider as urgent the forming of a federation or association of all confessional Lutheran churches of the world; and

WHEREAS, The Committee on Doctrinal Unity also recommends the advisability of investigating every possibility of drawing the other members of our worldwide fellowship into a more closely knit association; therefore be it

Resolved, That The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod memorialize the Lutheran Synodical Conference, which is to meet in convention in Chicago, Nov. 13—15, 1962, to take immediate steps to form an International Lutheran Synodical Conference.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Have Graduate Fellows Continue Assembling and Cataloguing Materials of a Doctrinal and Historical Nature

RESOLUTION 3-02

Report 301 II, A, p. 145, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The graduate fellows sponsored by the Committee on Doctrinal Unity have done much valuable work in assembling and cataloguing materials of a doctrinal and historical nature, which have been useful to the committee, but since much still remains to be done in this area; therefore be it

Resolved, That the request of the Committee on Doctrinal Unity (II, A, p. 146) for the continuation of this project be approved; and be it further

Resolved, That its development be carried out under the supervision of the Committee on Doctrinal Unity or its successor [i. e., the Commission on Theology and Church Relations].

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Observers at National and International Church Council and Federation Conventions and Conferences

RESOLUTION 3-03

Report 301, I, E, F, and Memorial 349, pp. 145, 146, 176, 177, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorial 362, pp. 69, 70, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, Our Synod's relationship to the World Council of Churches and other federations of churches has not been changed; and

WHEREAS, The practice of sending official observers to conventions and conferences of such organizations under the direction of the *Praesidium* of the Synod in consultation with the Committee on Doctrinal Unity or its successor has the approval of the Synod (44th regular convention *Proceedings,* 1959, Resolution 21, p. 197); and

WHEREAS, Such representation has value in keeping our Synod abreast of theological developments and trends in various sectors of the church world; and

WHEREAS, Experiences of such official observers indicate opportunities for effective witnessing to God's truth; be it therefore

Resolved, That our Synod continue to send official observers to such national and international conventions and conferences at the direction of the President in consultation with the Committee on Doctrinal Unity [now the Commission on Theology and Church Relations]; and be it further

Resolved, That the President communicate to the Synod and her affiliates the evaluations and reports submitted by such official observers.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Supervise Doctrine and Practice

RESOLUTION 3-04

Memorials 343, 348, pp. 170, 171, 172, *Reports and Memorials*

Action: Resolution 3-04 (p. 199, *Today's Business*) was canceled and replaced by Resolution 3-09.

Meetings with Presbyterians

RESOLUTION 3-05

Report 301, H, and Memorial 348, pp. 146, 175, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, An invitation was extended to our Synod to send representatives to a series of discussions of those doctrinal areas in which Lutherans and Reformed have historically disagreed; and

WHEREAS, This invitation was accepted and our Synod was represented by the President and two members of the Committee on Doctrinal Unity; and

WHEREAS, Additional meetings are scheduled for such doctrinal discussions between Lutherans and Presbyterians; and

WHEREAS, Our Synod must heed the Scriptural injunction to "endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3) and to be "ready to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (1 Peter 3:15); therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod commend its President and the Committee on Doctrinal Unity for their action; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod encourage participation of duly appointed representatives of our Synod in future discussion conferences between Lutherans and Presbyterians; and be it further

Resolved, That our representatives participate in such conferences in conformity with the stated principles of our Constitution (Article III, 1) and the Scriptural principles of fellowship; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Synod implore the gracious blessing of the Lord of the church on these conferences.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Report of Exchange Study Committee

RESOLUTION 3-06 A

Report 301, pp. 143, 144, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The experience thus far of the Exchange Study Committee (p. 143, Report of the Committee on Doctrinal Unity) warrants the continuation and expansion of this program; therefore be it

Resolved, That this synodical convention endorse the work of the Exchange Study Committee; and be it further

Resolved, That in the future the selection of candidates favor the exchange of professors; and be it further

Resolved, That both seminary faculties be represented on the Exchange Study Committee; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Commission on Theology and Church Relations supervise this program and that the financial need involved be referred to the Board of Directors of the Synod.

Action: This resolution was *adopted* after Resolution 3-06 (p. 251, *Today's Business*) had been referred back to the committee and replaced by this resolution.

To Insist that All Synod's Missionaries Believe and Teach Scripturally

RESOLUTION 3-07

Memorial 345, p. 171, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Article II of the Synod's Constitution requires all of our missionaries faithfully to teach the Word, including the truth that Christ is the only way to heaven; and

WHEREAS, Existing procedural directives provide for proper supervision in this matter; therefore be it

Resolved, That we decline this memorial since its concern is already adequately satisfied.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Alert Synod's Members to Developments in Some Divinity Schools and Churches

RESOLUTION 3-08

Memorial 347, p. 171, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That Memorial 347 be referred to the Editorial Committee of our church periodicals (e. g., *The Lutheran Witness*) to consider informing our people of trends mentioned in this memorial as they pertain to certain divinity schools.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Supervise Doctrine and Practice

RESOLUTION 3-09

Memorials 335, 343, 344, 348, pp. 164, 165, 170, 171, 172, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorials 350 A, 350 B, 354, pp. 63, 68, 61, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, The confessional basis of our Synod is clearly stated in the Constitution of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, Article II; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution and Bylaws make comprehensive provision for careful supervision of teaching and practice in our church's life and work (Art. III, Objects, 1, 4, 5, 7, 8; Art. XI, Rights and Duties of Officers, B, 1—3; Art. XII, Districts of Synod and Their Regulations, 7, 8; Art. XIII, Expulsion from Synod; Bylaws, 1.09 a, b; 1.11; 2.27 a; 2.119 d, e, f, g; 3.41; 3.43; 3.71; 3.73 b, c; 3.75 a, b, c, d, e, f; 4.05; 4.07; 4.15; 4.17; 4.19 c; 4.21; 4.23; 4.25; 4.41; 4.53; 4.61 d; 4.63; 4.81 a, 1; 4.85 c; 4.87 a; 4.101; 4.103; 4.111; 6.05; 6.07 c, e; 6.21;

6.39 a; 6.81; 6.83; 6.91 f; 6.115; 7.01 b; 7.03; 7.07 a, c; 7.63 b; 8.79 c; 8.155 c; 11.23 a, b; 11.49; 11.51; 11.113; 12.03 a; XIV); and

WHEREAS, Adequate provisions have been established for disciplinary action in such cases where a pastor, teacher, professor, official, or congregation needs to be dealt with in matters of doctrine and practice (see Constitution, Art. XIII, and Bylaws V, Suspension, Expulsion, and Appeals); therefore be it

Resolved, That the request for extraordinary action in Memorials 343, 344, 348, 350 A, 350 B, and 354 be declined; and be it further

Resolved, That the responsible officers of the Synod, the Districts, and the colleges and seminaries continue to discharge their responsibilities of supervision of doctrine and practice in our Synod and inaugurate prompt and effective disciplinary action when warranted; and be it finally

Resolved, That all members of the Synod assist these responsible officers of the Synod in these important matters by remembering them in their prayers and following the orderly procedure set forth for all in the Synod's Constitution and Bylaws.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Preserve and Promote Pure and Correct Teaching

RESOLUTION 3-10

Memorial 341, p. 169, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Our gracious God in His Word has placed it upon the conscience of all the members of our church body to be Scriptural in doctrine and practice and to be constantly on guard against any weakening of the Scriptural stand of the Synod; therefore be it

Resolved, That we thank God for the blessing of purity of doctrine and practice He has granted to our Synod without any merit on our part; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod and all its members courageously, forthrightly, and joyfully present our Scriptural doctrine and practice to the world through preaching, teaching, and private witnessing; and be it further

Resolved, That those entrusted with the solemn duty of preparing future pastors, teachers, and missionaries at all our colleges and seminaries continue to teach in full accord with the sacred Scriptures and our Lutheran Confessions; and be it finally

Resolved, That the administrations of said institutions, together with the boards of control, exercise careful supervision over the curricula and that they be urged to apply proper disciplinary action when necessary.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Fellowship on Mission Fields

RESOLUTION 3-11

Report 301, II, D, E, p. 147, *Reports and Memorials*

The question of fellowship relations on mission fields is relatively new in our circles. This question is becoming more acute as congregations on mission fields organize themselves into daughter or sister churches. The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod should have stated policies regarding fellowship in mission fields, and for that reason the following resolution is offered:

WHEREAS, The Synod has until now not articulated a policy regarding proper relations with sister churches in mission fields outside the United States (e. g., India Evangelical Lutheran Church and Evangelical Lutheran Church of England); and

WHEREAS, Questions regarding fellowship relations, the training of pastors, teachers, catechists, and evangelists, and other concerns are constantly arising; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Commission on Theology and Church Relations, in consultation with the mission boards involved, continue to study these and related problems involving daughter and sister churches in mission fields outside the United States, develop policies and guidelines for the Synod's Boards for Missions, and make a full report of its findings with specific recommendations to the next convention.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Relations in the Lutheran Synodical Conference

RESOLUTION 3-12

Report 301, I, B; II, B; and Memorial 348, pp. 140—142, 146, 147, 171, 172, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorial 360, p. 67, *Today's Business*

In surveying 90 years of fraternal fellowship and joint work in the kingdom of God as a member of the Lutheran Synodical Conference, The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod finds many reasons for sincere thanksgiving to the Lord of the church for His undeserved blessings. At the same time we share a sense of deep regret with many fellow Christians of the Lutheran Synodical Conference over the deterioration of fraternal relations within the Conference. May our Synod in a spirit of repentance and in rededication to our joint responsibilities seek the grace of God and His blessing on our determination to heal the breach in the Lutheran Synodical Conference.

WHEREAS, Our Synod subscribes to the doctrinal basis (Article II) and the purpose (Article IV) of the Lutheran Synodical Conference (see Constitution of Lutheran Synodical Conference — *Proceedings,* 1958, p. 108); and

WHEREAS, The Committee on Doctrinal Unity of our Synod and the synodical officials have made persistent efforts to continue in doctrinal discussions with official

representatives of sister synods in the Lutheran Synodical Conference in order to reach agreement in doctrinal statements on controversial subjects in conformity with resolutions of Lutheran Synodical Conference conventions (*Proceedings,* 1956, pp. 144—146; *Proceedings* 1958, pp. 45, 46; *Proceedings* 1960, p. 51; *Proceedings* of recessed convention, 1961, p. 17, No. III); and

WHEREAS, The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod through its Commission on Doctrinal Matters in May 1960 declared an impasse in discussions and declined to be represented at future meetings of the doctrinal committee of the Lutheran Synodical Conference; and

WHEREAS, The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in 1961 resolved to continue its suspension of fellowship with The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod and to ask for dissolution of the Lutheran Synodical Conference; and

WHEREAS, The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod in 1961 suspended fellowship with The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod; therefore be it

Resolved, That The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod in convention assembled express profound regret over these suspensions of fellowship by the two mentioned sister synods of the Lutheran Synodical Conference; and be it further

Resolved, That, in order to remove the impasse that developed in 1960, our Synod give further study to the doctrines and practices in controversy within the Lutheran Synodical Conference, and with God's help reestablish fellowship and unity in this Conference; and be it finally

Resolved, That to this end the Commission on Theology and Church Relations, in consultation with the President of the Synod, make every effort to reestablish meetings with representatives of sister synods in the Lutheran Synodical Conference.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Review "A Brief Statement"

RESOLUTION 3-13

Unprinted Memorial 358, p. 65, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, Unprinted Memorial 358 requests a review of *A Brief Statement;* therefore be it

Resolved, That the Commission on Theology and Church Relations take this matter under advisement.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Demand Signing "A Brief Statement"

RESOLUTION 3-14

Memorial 306, p. 149, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Memorial 306 requests a procedure contrary to the Constitution of the Synod (Art. VI, Conditions of Membership, and Art. XIV, Amendments); therefore be it

Resolved, That we decline this memorial.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Inviting Lutheran Churches of Augsburg Confession to Free Conferences

RESOLUTION 3-15

Memorial 320, p. 155, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorial 322 A, p. 59, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, This convention has resolved to memorialize the Lutheran Synodical Conference to take immediate steps to form an International Lutheran Synodical Conference; and

WHEREAS, The reports of the Doctrinal Unity Committee (cf. p. 142, *Reports and Memorials*) and of the Synodical Survey Commission (cf. p. 251, *ibid.*) recommend that our Synod carry on theological discussions with other Lutheran bodies in the United States of America and our worldwide fellowship; and

WHEREAS, Previous synodical conventions have expressed the desire to promote confessional Lutheranism throughout the world; therefore be it

Resolved, That Memorials 320 and 322A be referred to the President of the Synod and to the Commission on Theology and Church Relations for careful consideration and study; and be it further

Resolved, That a progress report be made at the next regular convention of the Synod.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Questions on Doctrine of Scripture

RESOLUTION 3-16

Memorials 331 (Questions 1-13), 338, 339, 340, pp. 161, 166—169, *Reports and Memorials*

Section A

WHEREAS, Memorials 331, 338, 339, and 340 in a variety of ways are concerned with the doctrine of Scripture — the establishment of the canon and of the nature, inspiration, inerrancy, proper interpretation, and clarity of Scripture; therefore be it

Resolved, That we reaffirm our belief in the plenary, verbal inspiration of Scripture, the inerrancy of Scripture, and that Scripture is in all its words and parts the very Word of God, as taught in the Scripture itself (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:19-21) and in the Lutheran Confessions; and be it further

Resolved, That we reaffirm the Scripturally implicit hermeneutical principles that the Bible does not contradict itself and that the clear passages of Scripture must interpret the less clear; and be it finally

Resolved, That we confess unequivocally that all true theological statements and propositions must be in accord with the above stated Biblical principles.

Action: Section A was *adopted* as presented by Floor Committee 3.

Section B

Memorial 331 presents for doctrinal judgment a number of propositions related to the nature of the Word of God and to the inspiration, inerrancy, interpretation, and clarity of Scripture. As they stand without context, these propositions do not express the consensus of our church and should not be taught as truths. However, the effective teaching of theology, especially in the training of ministers of the Word, may well require the frank examination, the critical evaluation, and the firm refutation of some of the views reflected in these propositions. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the questions raised in Memorial 331 be referred to the Commission on Theology and Church Relations, to pastoral conferences, and to congregations for study; and be it further

Resolved, That the commission be directed to prepare a progress report within two years, and if necessary to develop a statement on the doctrine of Scripture, with consideration of its relation to the issues raised in Memorial 331; and be it finally

Resolved, That this progress report be distributed to the church for study and be presented to the next synodical convention for approval.

Action: After several minor amendments were accepted, Section B was *adopted* as printed above.

Section C

WHEREAS, Memorials 338, 339, and 340 present questions involving historical problems, regarding the canonicity and authorship of sections of the Holy Scripture which are related to the doctrine of Scripture; therefore be it

Resolved, That the questions raised in these memorials be referred to the Commission on Theology and Church Relations for inclusion in the study of the doctrine of Scripture indicated in Section B above.

Action: Section C was *adopted* as presented by Floor Committee 3. The entire resolution was then *adopted.*

Resolution 9 and Synodically Adopted Doctrinal Statements

RESOLUTION 3-17

Memorials 302, 303, 304, 305, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 334, 613 A, 613 B, 613 C, pp. 148—151, 164, 273—275, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorial 311 A, pp. 117—121, *Today's Business*

Introduction. At various times the Synod has adopted doctrinal statements which have grown out of her witness to important issues of the day. Applying the truths of Holy Scripture and standing under the Confessions, these doctrinal statements have served as the Synod's response to the problems and controversies which confronted the church.

By way of illustration we note that the Synod in 1881 in her discussions with other members of the Lutheran Synodical Conference adopted the *Thirteen Theses on Election and Conversion* as a simple and clear statement of her beliefs.

In 1932 the Synod adopted *A Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod,* which dealt with questions and controversies among Lutherans and with the theological issues disturbing the church.

In 1950 the Synod adopted the *Common Confession Part I* as a joint statement to serve as a basis for fellowship between the Missouri Synod and the former American Lutheran Church; in 1956 *Part II* was added to form one document composed of Parts I and II and recognized as a statement in harmony with the Sacred Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. (*Proceedings,* 1956, p. 505)

The convention of 1959 adopted the *Statement on Scripture,* which the Synod declared to be a correct exposition of the doctrine of the Holy Scriptures. This *Statement on Scripture* was also adopted by the Synodical Conference.

Such doctrinal declarations stand in the history of our Synod as specific responses to contemporary issues. There is every expectation that such witness will continue as issues arise on which the Synod feels compelled to speak. The Synod has not placed one statement above the others. The Synod regards all the statements as standing under the Holy Scriptures and under the Confessions.

WHEREAS, Without prejudice to the doctrinal content of any of these statements, the Synod in convention assembled in 1962 has declared Resolution 9 of Committee 3 of the 1959 synodical convention to be unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, The status and use of synodically adopted doctrinal statements calls for further study and clarification (some memorials urge the Synod to place *A Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod* on the level of the Lutheran Confessions and to add it to Article II of the Constitution of the Synod; other memorials urge the Synod not to expand the confessional basis of our church by the addition of synodically adopted declarations); and

WHEREAS, The Synod is genuinely concerned about maintaining doctrinal purity and confessional unity; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod reaffirm its confessional basis as stated in Article II of the Constitution: "Synod, and every member of Synod, accepts without reservation:

"1. The Scriptures of the Old and the New Testament as the written Word of God and the only rule and norm of faith and of practice;

2. all the Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as a true and unadulterated statement and exposition of the Word of God"; and

WHEREAS, Synodically adopted doctrinal statements,

such as those referred to in the introduction to this resolution, express the conviction of fathers and brethren with whom all members of the Synod are united in their obedience to the Scriptures and the Confessions; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod beseech all its members by the mercies of God to honor and uphold the doctrinal content of these synodically adopted statements; and be it further

Resolved, That the further study of theological and practical problems disturbing the Synod, together with the study of the status and use of synodically adopted doctrinal statements, be referred to the Commission on Theology and Church Relations; and be it further

Resolved, That all who believe these synodically adopted doctrinal statements to be faulty in their formulation of Scriptural doctrine, or to have other deficiencies, be asked to present their concerns to the Commission on Theology and Church Relations; and be it finally

Resolved, That we call upon God's Holy Spirit for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ to keep us in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace. Amen.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Emphasize the Sure Truth and Comfort of Scripture Regarding the Immortality of the Soul and the Resurrection of the Flesh

RESOLUTION 3-18

Memorial 331 (Questions 14, 15), p. 161, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorials 357, 361, pp. 64, 68, 69, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, Memorial 357 and items 14 and 15 of Memorial 331 call attention to public statements by members of our church on the immortality of the soul and the resurrection of the flesh, which statements are unclear and may be understood to have a meaning not in accord with the teachings of Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions; and

WHEREAS, Such unclear statements are particularly disturbing to our members because they tend to raise doubts concerning the end and goal of our faith, the blessedness of the dead, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting with our risen and triumphant Lord; therefore be it

Resolved, That we remind all pastors, teachers, professors, and writers of the church in their presentation of these doctrines to emphasize the sure truth and comfort as clearly stated in Scripture and in the Lutheran Confessions (e. g., John 11:21-26; Luke 23:43, 46; 1 Cor. 15; Matt. 10:28; Heb. 12:23; Phil. 1:23; Luke 20:37, 38; Rom. 14:7, 8; Luther's explanation of the First and Third Articles of the Apostles' Creed; Luther's explanation of the Seventh Petition; Athanasian Creed, par. 30).

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Relieve Dr. M. Scharlemann of His Office as Teacher, etc.

RESOLUTION 3-19

Memorial 335, pp. 164, 165, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorial 356

I

Introduction. Your committee comes before you with a full awareness of the seriousness and implications of the issue before us all. The Synod is to respond to the request of an unprinted memorial addressed to the convention, asking that Dr. Martin H. Scharlemann, a professor at Concordia Theological Seminary, Saint Louis, Mo., be removed from office for having "publicly expressed teachings contrary to the clear doctrine of Scripture" and for failure to make a "clear-cut and decisive correction of these errors."

The committee has labored over an examination of the events of the past several years and of the information that has been laid before us. Your committee has given opportunity for the church to express its views, and we gratefully acknowledge the assistance that has been given by those who appeared at the open hearings and before Committee 3, including the President and other officers of the Synod, representatives of the administration and of the Board of Control, and Dr. Scharlemann.

We have been assured by those who have the responsibility for supervision, that charges of false doctrine made against Dr. Scharlemann have not been sustained to date.

The committee has been entrusted with the responsibility of counseling the convention in its efforts to meet the will of its Lord, the needs of His church, and the spiritual welfare of His people.

Your committee recognizes its limitations for this task. We humbly bespeak your prayerful regard for what we are about to offer to this assembly.

Dr. Scharlemann has expressed the desire to make a statement to the convention. Your committee has taken this request under advisement, has heard and considered the statement, has consulted with the President of the Synod, and has his approval for its presentation. We now respectfully ask him to grant Dr. Scharlemann the opportunity to read his statement to the convention.

At this point Chairman Behnken granted the floor to Dr. Scharlemann, who read the following statement:

II

DEAR BROTHERS IN CHRIST:

Permit me to address you in a matter of great importance to the Synod and to myself.

At the outset I wish to emphasize that, by the grace of God, I am — as I have been in the past — fully committed to the doctrine of the verbal inspiration of the Sacred Scriptures. I hold these Scriptures to be the Word of God in their totality and in all their parts and

to be utterly truthful, infallible, and completely without error.

This is the presupposition and basis for all my work as professor of New Testament Interpretation. It is to this Word of God that I have pledged obedience, and to it I want, with the help of God, to continue to subject myself and all my thinking, my speaking and writing.

It has become obvious that several essays I have written have become the source of much difficulty, disturbance, and confusion because of their inadequate formulation and their failure to guard carefully against misunderstanding. I realize that basically they have addressed themselves to the wrong question, namely: In what sense are the Scriptures the Word of God? The proper inquiry would have been and is: How are the Scriptures, as the Word of God, to be used?

I deeply regret and am heartily sorry over the part that I played in contributing to the present unrest within the Synod. Since last Tuesday especially I have been haunted by the statement of the lay delegate from Bethel Lutheran Church in Chicago, namely: "If only he would say that he is sorry!" I do so herewith and I ask of my fellow members in the Synod that they forgive these actions of mine which have contributed to the tension in the church.

Herewith then I withdraw the following papers in their entirety:

1) "The Bible as Record, Witness, and Medium of Revelation"
2) "Revelation and Inspiration"
3) "The Inerrancy of Scripture" and
4) "God Is One"

Such withdrawal is here understood to mean that the questions to which these essays proposed to address themselves will not again be dealt with by me on the basis of anything written in them. If and when I need to address myself to these issues again, any such effort will be undertaken only in full cooperation with my colleagues on the seminary faculty and any others in Synod delegated to carry out this task. At that time, I want to assure you, a new, more considered, and properly safeguarded approach will be used.

I trust that you will find this declaration of mine to be acceptable and that, by the grace and with the help of God, the unrest in the Synod will be ended so that we may all devote our full energies to our God-given tasks. I thank you very much.

MARTIN H. SCHARLEMANN

At this point the committee offered the following resolution:

III

WHEREAS, Certain essays by Dr. Martin H. Scharlemann, namely, "The Bible as Record, Witness, and Medium of Revelation"; "Revelation and Inspiration"; "The Inerrancy of Scripture"; and "God Is One" (declared by Dr. Scharlemann to be "exploratory in nature"), have been doctrinally misleading, have been subject to much misunderstanding and misconstruction, and have been a source of unrest within the church; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Scharlemann has now declared his penitence for what he had done, has asked for forgiveness, and has assured the Synod that there would be no recurrence of such an act; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod gratefully acknowledge the mercy of God in this action now taken by Dr. Scharlemann; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod assure Dr. Scharlemann of its forgiveness and manifest this forgiveness by prayers on his behalf, by brotherly encouragement for his ministry, and by the request that its members refrain from attacks upon him on the basis of these essays; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Synod request its Commission on Theology and Church Relations to address itself to issues raised by Dr. Scharlemann in his essays.

Action: This resolution was adopted by a rising vote of 650—20.

NOTE: Subsequently, before adjournment of the convention on Friday, June 29, eight negative votes were withdrawn, and three of these were changed to the affirmative.

To Decline Request to Sever Connections with the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America and the World Council of Churches

RESOLUTION 3-20

Memorial 314, pp. 152, 153, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Various departments of the Synod have found it advantageous to use certain resources of the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches; and

WHEREAS, The utilization of such resources does not involve membership in the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches nor violate the Scriptural principles of fellowship; therefore be it

Resolved, That no action be taken with regard to Memorial 314.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

India Evangelical Lutheran Church

RESOLUTION 3-21 R

Report 301, I, C, and II, D, and Memorial 318, pp. 142, 143, 147, 154, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The San Francisco convention in 1959 (*Proceedings,* p. 165) resolved "that we recognize the India Evangelical Lutheran Church as a sister church" and "that we pledge it our assistance in men and money, as circumstances permit" and "that the Board for Missions in Foreign Countries is to serve as administrative liaison between the India Evangelical Lutheran Church

and The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod" (India Evangelical Lutheran Church was formed on January 8 and 9, 1958); and

WHEREAS, This young sister church has shown courageous initiative and dedicated service in sound Scriptural witness, and after thorough theological study has resolved to apply for membership with the Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod express its joyful thanks to the Lord for holding His protecting hand over the India Evangelical Lutheran Church in permitting it to intensify its missionary outreach; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod urge our sister church in India to exercise care in entering into fellowship with other churches or federations of churches, fully conscious of its responsibility under the Word of God and the Lutheran Symbols; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod assure the India Evangelical Lutheran Church of its continued prayers for the preservation and growing strength of our cherished ties and for the abundant success of its labors; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Board for World Missions report this action of the Synod to our brethren in the India Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Action: This resolution was *adopted* as replacement for Resolution 3-21, p. 523, *Today's Business.*

To Restudy "What Is a Doctrine?"

RESOLUTION 3-22

Memorial 351, p. 178, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Memorial 351 points up the importance of the question: What is a doctrine? and particularly the relationship of doctrine and practice, or application of doctrine; therefore be it

Resolved, That this memorial and the supporting brief be referred to the Commission on Theology and Church Relations for serious study, consideration, and report; and be it further

Resolved, That the results of this study be sent to all pastors and teachers at least one year before the next convention so that conferences can study it before it is acted on by the convention.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

For Reunion of Separated Brethren with the Synod

RESOLUTION 3-23 R

Unprinted Memorial 353, pp. 60, 61, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, Some pastors and congregations have severed their relations with The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod; and

WHEREAS, The Synod in this 1962 convention has reaffirmed by resolution its Scriptural and Confessional position; therefore be it

Resolved, That congregations and pastors who have severed their relations with the Synod be urged to reevaluate their position and action in the light of the Scriptures, the Lutheran Confessions, and the Synod's Constitution and Bylaws; and be it further

Resolved, That they be encouraged to return to our fellowship and to the work of our church; and be it finally

Resolved, That the officials of our Districts and of the Synod endeavor to be helpful in negotiations with pastors and congregations desiring to return to membership in our Synod.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Limit Contact with Heterodox, etc.

RESOLUTION 3-24

Memorial 312, pp. 151, 152, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, This memorial addresses itself to a number of matters which have been adequately covered in previous resolutions; therefore be it

Resolved, That no further action be taken in regard to this memorial.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Ministers of the Gospel in the Performance of Their Wider Ministry

RESOLUTION 3-25

Unprinted Memorial 322 B, pp. 59, 60, *Today's Business*

Your committee, in consultation with the District President concerned, has been assured that the subject matter of Memorial 322B has received official attention and is under continuing review.

In view of this action the committee is making no direct recommendations in response to this memorial.

Nevertheless, Memorial 322B prompts us to think of the many opportunities of the Synod's ministers of the Gospel to bear witness in the world of journalism, through other mass media of communication, and on public platforms. The Synod rejoices in this and thanks God for the faithful witness of many. In presenting the following resolution, your committee is mindful of concerns expressed also by our overseas brethren.

WHEREAS, The world, both secular and religious, judges our Synod's doctrinal position largely by the preaching, teaching, lecturing, and literary productions of the Synod's ministers of the Gospel; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod encourage all its ministers of the Gospel in the performance also of the wider ministry noted above to discharge their obligation to give a clear witness to the grace and glory of God by responsibly representing our Savior, the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and our Synod.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

The Relationship Between Valparaiso University and the Synod

RESOLUTION 3-26

Memorial 346, p. 171, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Synod recognizes its opportunities and obligations in the field of Christian higher education; and

WHEREAS, Valparaiso University is assuming an increasingly responsible role in the church through the growing influence of its educational program, including its training of deaconesses, youth leaders, and teachers; and

WHEREAS, There is justifiable concern that the teaching of the university remain consonant with the doctrinal position of the Synod; and

WHEREAS, The relationship between the university and the Synod should be formally defined; therefore be it

Resolved, That the convention instruct the President of the Synod to initiate a process by which representatives of the university and of the Synod would join in the formulation of articles of relationship and mutual responsibility and to offer these articles for acceptance to the next convention of the Synod.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Lutheran Interchurch Association in the United States

RESOLUTION 3-27

Report 301, I, F, and II, F, and Memorials 313, 315, 316, 317, 321, 322, pp. 145, 146, 147, 152—154, 155, 156, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorials 321 A, 359, pp. 62, 63, 65, 66, *Today's Business*

Since 1918 there has been a Lutheran agency in the United States known as the National Lutheran Council. While not holding membership in this agency, our Synod did coordinate some of its activities with the NLC with the understanding that such joint activities would not compromise our doctrinal principles.

A significant development has taken place as a result of an invitation from the NLC to all unaffiliated Lutheran bodies to discuss "the possibilities and extent of cooperation among Lutherans in America." Our Committee on Doctrinal Unity, in accepting the invitation, suggested that consideration of the theological and confessional aspects should be given priority. The NLC officials declared themselves willing to proceed along these lines. This willingness is highly significant because it marks the first time that conversations on theological issues relevant to cooperation would take place between representatives of our Synod and representatives of the NLC.

The reasons for a favorable response to the invitation by the NLC to the Committee on Doctrinal Unity, and a report on the outcome of meetings held thus far, are given on p. 145f. of *Reports and Memorials.* The resolutions of our committe follow:

WHEREAS, The President of the Synod, in consultation with the Committee on Doctrinal Unity, accepted the invitation of the National Lutheran Council to enter into preliminary conversations regarding the possibilities and extent of cooperation among Lutheran bodies in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Theological and confessional aspects were given priority in the conversations noted above; and

WHEREAS, Tentative agreement was reached that a requirement for membership in the proposed association be participation in serious theological discussions by all member churches; and

WHEREAS, No commitments are to be made without proper authorization by the Synod at the next convention; and

WHEREAS, The Committee on Doctrinal Unity requests authorization to continue conversations with representatives of other Lutheran church bodies in the United States regarding the possibility of forming a Lutheran interchurch association; and

WHEREAS, All Lutheran church bodies in the United States are to be invited to participate in these conversations; therefore be it

Resolved, That the President of the Synod, in consultation with the Commission on Theology and Church Relations, appoint seven representatives of the Synod to meet with a similar number of representatives of other Lutheran church bodies in the United States willing to enter into conversations regarding a Lutheran interchurch association; and be it further

Resolved, That this committee of seven issue a full report to the Synod three months prior to the next convention; and be it finally

Resolved, That all pastors, teachers, and congregations of the Synod study the pertinent documents ("Toward Cooperation Among American Lutherans" and "Essays on the Lutheran Confessions Basic to Lutheran Cooperation," copies of which are available to members of the Synod from the headquarters of the Synod) and that they send comments to the proposed committee of seven representatives of the Synod.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

"The Theology of Fellowship"

RESOLUTION 3-28

Appendix, pp. 9—21, *Reports and Memorials*
Memorials 332, 333, pp. 163, 164, *Reports and Memorials*

It is the confession of our church body that "Synod, and every member of Synod, accepts without reservation:

"1. The Scriptures of the Old and the New Testament as the written Word of God and the only rule and norm of faith and of practice;

"2. All the Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as a true and unadulterated statement and exposition of the Word of God" (Const., Art. II).

Concerning the fellowship of believers with one another, the Word of God teaches that they should:

1) "walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called . . . endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:1, 3); and

2) "mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, and avoid them" (Romans 16:17); and

3) "sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason for the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." (1 Peter 3:15)

The Lutheran Confessions insist that the pure teaching of the Gospel and the right administration of the sacraments are the indispensable basis for the true unity of the church (Augsburg Confession, Art. VII); and they set forth and defend the Gospel in Word and sacrament very explicitly. This confessional rigor is coupled with a will to win all men and a desire for unity which preserves them from confessional harshness. They pronounce condemnations upon false teachers; but it is not their "design and purpose to condemn these men who err from a certain simplicity of mind but are not blasphemers against the truth of the heavenly doctrine, much less, indeed, entire churches." (Preface to the Christian Book of Concord, *Triglot,* p. 19)

The constitution of the Lutheran Synodical Conference includes the following points as the purpose of its organization (Art. IV):

> The purpose of the Lutheran Synodical Conference shall be:
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> a) To give outward expression to the unity of spirit existing among the constituent synods;
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> b) To encourage and strengthen one another in faith and confession;
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> c) To further unity of doctrine and practice and to remove whatever might threaten to disturb this unity;
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> d) To strive for true unity in doctrine and practice among Lutheran church bodies;
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> e) To invite into membership with the Lutheran Synodical Conference such church bodies as agree with the constituent synods of the Lutheran Synodical Conference in doctrine and practice (Articles II and III);
>
> f) To cooperate in such matters of mutual interest as:
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> 1. Conducting and directing domestic and foreign missions;
> 2. Encouraging the joint publication of a theological journal;
> 3. Fostering joint educational endeavors;
> 4. Promoting theological conclaves at regular intervals within the confines of the Lutheran Synodical Conference.

In the history of our Synod certain expressions of fellowship, such as joint prayer, have sometimes been practiced and sometimes omitted in meetings with Christian bodies not yet in fellowship with it, and have thus been treated as a matter to be dealt with in Christian judgment under varying circumstances.

Our Synod has recognized the above in its resolution of 1944 pertaining to joint prayer: "Joint prayer at intersynodical conferences, asking God for His guidance and blessing upon the deliberations and discussions of His Word, does not militate against the resolution of the Fort Wayne Convention, provided such prayer does not imply denial of truth or support of error." (*Proceedings,* 1944, pp. 251, 252)

In meeting with other Lutheran bodies (not in fellowship) for the purpose of discussing doctrine, joint prayer has been practiced in the early and in the present-day history of our Synod and of sister synods:

1. meeting of Missouri and Buffalo, 1867, after years of separation;

2. meeting with Michigan Synod in 1904;

3. meetings of our Doctrinal Unity Committee with the Commission of the American Lutheran Church, according to 1944 resolutions;

4. meetings in Germany between synods, now in fellowship with us, during their discussions prior to the establishment of church fellowship with one another;

5. meetings in Australia between our sister synod and the sister synod of the ALC.

The consideration of these and related issues prompted our Synod in 1956 to ask the faculties of the two seminaries to restudy this question.

The floor committee, after weighing the questions occasioned by *The Theology of Fellowship* and Memorials 332 and 333 (pp. 163, 164), asking repudiation and rejection of *The Theology of Fellowship,* herewith presents the following recommendations:

A

WHEREAS, The 1956 convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod requested the two theological faculties to undertake a fresh study of "fellowship, prayer fellowship, and unionism" (1956 *Proceedings,* p. 550); and

WHEREAS, *The Theology of Fellowship,* the result of this study, represents a conscientious effort to deal Scripturally with the question of fellowship and is a study document open to revision, clarification, or correction; and

WHEREAS, The reaction to *The Theology of Fellowship, Part II,* by members of our Synod and by churches in fellowship with us has shown that this portion of the study is open to misunderstanding and criticism; and

WHEREAS, At this juncture of our history, where new opportunities to witness to other churches are being presented to the Synod, a common understanding of fellowship and a common conviction concerning the practice of fellowship are of critical importance; and

WHEREAS, A fresh approach to the study of fellowship has been suggested by overseas representatives and by the Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches and has been urged by a resolution of the Synodical Conference; and

WHEREAS, Such a fresh approach may have the effect

of enabling the Synod to renew discussion with our separated brethren in the Synodical Conference; therefore be it

Resolved, That this convention commend *The Theology of Fellowship* to the Synod for restudy; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod encourage its members to submit their reactions to the Commission on Theology and Church Relations; and be it further

Resolved, That on the basis of reactions received from members of our Synod and from sister churches, the Commission on Theology and Church Relations either revise the present document or undertake a new study along the lines recommended by the resolution of the Synodical Conference; and be it further

Resolved, That the results of the commission's work be distributed to the members of our Synod and be made available to the churches in fellowship with us at the earliest possible date for comment and criticism; and be it finally

Resolved, That we implore the blessing of the Lord of the church upon our endeavors in this crucial matter.

Action: Resolution "A" was *adopted.*

B

WHEREAS, *The Theology of Fellowship,* to which these memorials are directed, has been referred to the Commission on Theology and Church Relations; therefore be it

Resolved, That Memorials 332 and 333, *Reports and Memorials,* pp. 163, 164, be referred to the Commission on Theology and Church Relations.

Action: Resolution "B" was *adopted,* and the entire report was then *adopted.*

To Continue Study of Statement on "The Form and Function of Scripture"

RESOLUTION 3-29

Memorial 337, p. 166, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorial 356A

WHEREAS, "A Statement on the Form and Function of the Holy Scriptures" was prepared by the Concordia Seminary faculty, St. Louis, and gives the report of the study on the doctrine of Scripture; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis faculty asked for "comments and suggestions" to determine the possible usefulness of its statement to the pastors of the Synod; and

WHEREAS, The faculty's statement does not purpose to settle any doctrinal controversies; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod ask the St. Louis seminary faculty to continue its study of the doctrine of Scripture with a view toward giving a more definitive statement which will more fully express its thinking on the theology of the Word, and submit this statement to the Commission on Theology and Church Relations and the pastors, teachers, and congregations of the Synod for their study in pastoral conferences that they may convey their thinking to the faculty.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Regarding Reassurance of a Specific Doctrine

RESOLUTION 3-30

Unprinted Memorial 361, pp. 68, 69, *Today's Business*

Statement: Unprinted Memorial 361 quotes from *The Cresset,* Volume XXV (1962), No. 5, p. 9:

> Scripture clearly states that "the soul that sinneth, it shall die." It states as clearly: "He that liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." To apply the same rubric — "teachings found in inspired Scripture" — to both of these statements is to become guilty of what Walther calls con-fusion, a fusing together of diverse elements which ought to be kept distinct.

Memorial 361 requests that the Synod reject this "doctrine" as "destructive of the Christian faith." Your Committee 3 calls attention to the following:

The sentence, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die," is certainly a "teaching found in inspired Scripture," but it is a teaching of Law. The sentence, "He that liveth and believeth in Me shall never die," is also a "teaching found in inspired Scripture," but it is a teaching of Gospel. In this sense these sentences cannot simply be placed into one category or under one rubric, that is, they cannot be applied in one and the same sense. The one should be used as Law, the other as Gospel. Failure to do this is to confuse Law and Gospel. It is against this confusion of Law and Gospel that the above paragraph in *The Cresset* addresses itself.

This is clear also from the sentence in the original article which immediately follows the quotation above and which reads:

> The Gospel of Jesus Christ, a message wholly unique in itself, can not be fused together with any other Word of God (the Law) or any word of man. It is not merely one of many truths that the Scriptures teach. It is not even one of two equally important Scriptural truths. It is "*the* power of God unto salvation" and, as such, must be kept distinct and unalloyed.

Another statement in the same article says:

> What distinguishes Scripture as Law from Scripture as Gospel? Is one human and the other divine? No, they are both the Word of the living God.

WHEREAS, Memorial 361, by failing to quote and note the necessary context of *The Cresset* article, misinterprets and in effect misrepresents it; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod decline Memorial 361.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Removing a Bible Class Editor

RESOLUTION 3-31

Unprinted Memorial 363, pp. 70, 71, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, This request for disciplinary action was not brought to the attention of the responsible officials; therefore be it

Resolved, That the author of this memorial direct his proper concern to the Board of Parish Education; and be it further

Resolved, That in its important and fruitful work the Board of Parish Education be careful to avoid the introduction of materials which disturb rather than edify the lay members of our churches in their Christian faith.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Principles Regarding Discipline

RESOLUTION 3-32

Memorial 336, p. 165, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The manner in which we deal with one another's frailties and offenses is an integral part of our Gospel witness for the glory of our Father in heaven; and

WHEREAS, It is the will of our Lord that all rebuke serve to win and restore the offending brother and that the church be the vehicle of His Father's abundant forgiveness (Matt. 18:12-35); and

WHEREAS, Public correction of a public sin, where necessary, dare not evade or frustrate this gracious intention of our Lord; and

WHEREAS, The law of love is neither "vague" nor "formless" but concrete, personal, and practical: "This is My commandment, That ye love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12); therefore be it

Resolved, That the convention decline Memorial 336; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod deplore those features of our common life that have in the past done violence to our Lord's will for His church: harshness and intemperance in attack and in defense; public exposure of an offending brother without personal, loving confrontation with the brother; the airing of our internal difficulties through media of communication directed to a public whom these difficulties do not concern; and a disregard for the duty and the dignity of our duly constituted officials; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod, constrained by the love of Christ, ask all who have offended in these respects to seek the forgiveness of those whom they have injured and implore those who have been injured freely to forgive; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Synod henceforth let the love of God, the seeking Shepherd of the lost, be the informing power of our discipline, in order that we may restore one another in that spirit of meekness which St. Paul enjoins: "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." (Gal. 6:1)

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

COMMITTEE 4 — Parish Education

To Provide School Opportunities for More Children

RESOLUTION 4-01

Report 401, II, E, 1, p. 185, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Christian day school, more thoroughly than any other church agency of child training, can educate the mind, heart, and soul under the influence of God's Word and will; and

WHEREAS, The Synod in 1947 established a goal of 50 percent of our own children in our own schools; and

WHEREAS, The percentage has remained at about 33 percent since 1947; therefore be it

Resolved, That congregations with schools be encouraged to set challenging enrollment goals and provide adequate staff and facilities for an expanded program; and be it further

Resolved, That congregations without schools be urged to enlist the help of their District boards and/or District superintendents in exploring school possibilities and laying sound bases for an eventual school; and be it further

Resolved, That congregations which cannot have schools of their own be encouraged to explore the possibilities of a cooperative arrangement with neighboring sister congregations; and be it finally

Resolved, That congregations be urged to establish a system of priorities for enrolling children in their schools as follows: children of members, children of unchurched homes, children of sister congregations, children of other churches. (When sister congregations join in a cooperative effort, the children of these congregations are classed as children of members.)

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Teacher Education

RESOLUTION 4-02

Report 401, II, E, 2, pp. 185, 186, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, It is essential to maintain the highest possible standards of education in secular areas and particularly in the teaching of the Christian religion; and

WHEREAS, It is important to have capable and qualified teachers in the Christian day schools; therefore be it

Resolved, To commend those teachers who engage in programs of study and to commend those congregations that provide financial support for their day school teachers who engage in programs of study; and be it further

Resolved, To encourage all day school teachers who do not meet state certification requirements to begin and/or to continue programs of study toward that end; and be it further

Resolved, To encourage all day school teachers to

enroll, from time to time, in the Synod's colleges in order to deepen their theological knowledge and to improve their teaching competencies particularly in subjects pertaining to religion; and be it further

Resolved, To encourage the Synod's terminal teacher training colleges to expand the program of off-campus extension centers which would provide study opportunities for teachers who live considerable distances away from the colleges; and be it further

Resolved, To encourage congregations to provide financial support to teachers for their continued professional study and to allow time for such study; and be it further

Resolved, To encourage pastors and principals to promote the study of Christian doctrine and church history by their school staffs, and particularly by nonsynodically trained teachers whom congregations engage; and be it finally

Resolved, To urge District officials concerned with teacher training, as well as pastors and principals, to encourage nonsynodically trained women teachers to avail themselves of the colloquy opportunities as outlined in the *Handbook,* sections 4.75—4.99.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Rising Standards of Education and the Religious Purpose of Lutheran Schools

RESOLUTION 4-03

Report 401, II, E, 3, p. 186, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Lutheran schools are part of the national educational effort and Lutheran school educators as well as public school educators are endeavoring to raise the quality of education; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran schools are under obligation to provide a good general education under Christian auspices; therefore be it

Resolved, That principals, teachers, and local boards of Christian education be encouraged frequently to evaluate their school's program to determine academic strengths and weaknesses, giving special attention to the improvement of the Christian instruction; and be it further

Resolved, That local boards of Christian education and congregations be urged to remain sensitive to curricular and administrative requirements in the states in which they operate and that they cooperate with District boards of education and with state departments of education in striving to meet them without sacrificing the distinctive objectives of the Lutheran school; and be it further

Resolved, That all who are responsible for teaching and administration in Lutheran schools be encouraged to make every effort to find the most effective ways of communicating and interpreting God's Word to children and that to achieve this purpose they give special attention to objectives, curriculum, evaluation, and methods of communication; and be it finally

Resolved, That District boards which sponsor Districtwide testing programs include testing of the religious program in their efforts to evaluate Lutheran schools.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Schools in the Inner City and in Rural Areas

RESOLUTION 4-04

Report 401, II, E, 4, pp. 186, 187, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Declining and changing populations affect some of our parish schools adversely; and

WHEREAS, Some schools could be saved and strengthened through cooperation between congregations that are affected by declining and changing populations; and

WHEREAS, District boards are often able to view such problems more objectively; therefore be it

Resolved, That congregations, both inner city and rural, be encouraged to become alert to changing population and economic problems in their communities, adapt their programs of Christian education to changing conditions, and put forth vigorous efforts to serve the people in the changing communities; and be it further

Resolved, That congregations in changing communities and areas of declining population consult early with neighboring sister congregations, parish and District boards of education and missions in sustained attempts to strengthen their school programs by joint effort, if necessary; and be it further

Resolved, That with special reference to interparish schools, District boards offer their services to groups of congregations for the basic studies and surveys which are necessary before establishing an interparish school; and be it finally

Resolved, That District boards advise inner city and rural congregations in adapting their approach and program to the changing community and that Districts offer financial aid for the school program of such congregations to the extent this is necessary or possible.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Recruitment for Church Vocations

RESOLUTION 4-05

Report 401, II, E, 5, p. 187, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, There is a continued and increasing need for competent and consecrated full-time workers in church vocations; and

WHEREAS, Recruitment is essentially the duty of local congregations; and

WHEREAS, It is believed that congregations would strengthen and stabilize their school programs by maintaining faculties composed of about 50 percent men and 50 percent women teachers; therefore be it

Resolved, That congregations be encouraged to intensify their efforts in identifying gifted and consecrated young people, alerting them to the privileges and opportunities of full-time service in a church vocation and encouraging them to enter appropriate colleges of the church; and be it further

Resolved, That pastors, teachers in Lutheran elementary schools, and teachers in Lutheran high schools be urged to make recruitment of consecrated and gifted young people for church vocations their personal concern, to teach congregations their responsibility concerning recruitment, and to counsel with both young people and their parents as opportunity offers; and be it further

Resolved, That congregations be encouraged to strive for the recruitment of more men teachers; and be it finally

Resolved, That congregations, Districts, and auxiliary organizations (LLL, LWML, NLPTL, etc.) be encouraged to provide scholarships or other financial assistance to students preparing for church vocations.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

The Responsibility of Parents and the Congregation in Baptism

RESOLUTION 4-06

Report 401, III, A, p. 189, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Statistics indicate a serious loss between the day of baptism and the day of confirmation; and

WHEREAS, The church should be deeply concerned with this loss; therefore be it

Resolved, That pastors and congregations consider the possibility of inaugurating prebaptism counseling for expectant parents to impress them with the responsibilities they assume in Holy Baptism; and be it further

Resolved, That introducing the practice of having one or two congregational officers present with the sponsors and parents at the baptismal font be considered; and be it further

Resolved, That in the production of another Agenda for official acts, our Synod include a direct exhortation reminding parents, sponsors, and congregations that God has made them responsible for the Christian nurture of all children presented for Holy Baptism; and be it finally

Resolved, That congregations, and particularly Christian elementary schools and Sunday schools, carefully follow through on transfer procedures, so that, under God's blessing, these sustained efforts will reduce this loss.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

The Nursery Roll

RESOLUTION 4-07

Report 401, III, B, pp. 189, 190, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, A serious loss of children from the church rolls is indicated in the statistics from baptism to confirmation; and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, through its Board of Parish Education, has recommended the use of the Nursery Roll (formerly the Cradle Roll) as a means of enrolling each child in the Sunday school immediately after baptism and thereby establishing contact with the child and parents; and

WHEREAS, The Board provides packeted material to guide parents in Christian nurture of their children while they are still of preschool age; and

WHEREAS, The Nursery Roll has been demonstrated to be a powerful mission agency for children of unchurched parents; therefore be it

Resolved, That congregations which have not yet organized a Nursery Roll be urged to do so promptly; and be it further

Resolved, That such congregations make use of the materials available through Concordia Publishing House.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Sunday School Teacher Training

RESOLUTION 4-08

Report 401, III, C, D, p. 190, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, For years The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod through its Board of Parish Education has stated as a desirable objective for Sunday schools: "Every teacher a trained teacher"; and

WHEREAS, The serious responsibilities in Christian education that are assumed by every teacher, when he or she humbly employs teaching talents in Sunday school and other educational work, call for ongoing lesson preparation and as much training as possible; and

WHEREAS, The Synod has provided well-organized, professional leadership training courses to be used in congregations and Bible institutes; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Parish Education is currently developing an introductory course for beginning teachers in addition to updating existing courses and establishing new courses in needed areas; therefore be it

Resolved, That pastors and congregations be exhorted in all seriousness to deal with the training of all teachers in Sunday school and similar educational agencies, urging them to attend all lesson preparation and training meetings; and be it further

Resolved, That pastors and congregations avail themselves of the synodical "Leadership Training" program for the improvement of teaching, having as a desired goal the study of at least one standard training course each year; and be it finally

Resolved, That in the interest of training teachers,

our pastors, our congregations, and especially our Sunday schools be encouraged to make available resources and tools such as libraries, audio-visual aids, subscriptions to *Interaction,* and similar materials for the spiritual and professional growth of their workers.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Time for Christian Education

RESOLUTION 4-09

Report 401, III, E, pp. 190, 191, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The many excellent programs for Christian education which are available will be of limited value unless more time is employed for teaching; and

WHEREAS, Most of our congregations do not maintain Christian elementary schools, which offer the best solution to the problem of providing adequate time for the Christian education of children; therefore be it

Resolved, That congregations be urged to make provision for more hours of Christian education by increasing the length of the Sunday school period, by keeping the Sunday school active throughout the year, by providing such additional opportunities as will best minister to the spiritual needs of the members, young and old, and by negotiating with public school administrators to prevent undue preemption of the pupils' time for extracurricular activities at the expense of time for Christian education.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Establishing More Vacation Bible Schools

RESOLUTION 4-10

Report 401, IV, A, pp. 191, 192, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, It can be reported that under the blessing of God the vacation Bible school continues to show an increase in the number of children enrolled, of schools conducted, and in the number of nonmember children in attendance at these vacation Bible schools; and

WHEREAS, The vacation Bible school is an effective agency to augment and supplement the Christian education of children; and

WHEREAS, A large number of congregations are even now not using the agency of the vacation Bible school; therefore be it

Resolved, That small, newly established congregations and preaching stations be urged to provide this agency if possible; and be it further

Resolved, That congregations which operate only a Sunday school give serious consideration to providing the vacation Bible school as an additional means of Christian education for their children; and be it finally

Resolved, That also congregations which operate both a Christian day school and Sunday school be urged to recognize and employ the vacation Bible school as an additional agency of Christian education available to them.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Plan of Action for Expanding Vacation Bible School Work

RESOLUTION 4-11

Report 401, IV, A, p. 192, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, It is the concern of every District Board of Parish Education in our Synod that congregations provide for a maximum amount of Christian education for their own children and for nonmember children in their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, It seems best that District leaders set their own goals and devise their own plans of action; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Parish Education of every District, under the leadership of the Executive Secretary and in cooperation with circuit or area representatives or other qualified persons, be asked to investigate the possibility of establishing vacation Bible schools in congregations that presently do not have one and, where feasible, urge such congregations to establish and conduct a vacation Bible school in addition to the other agencies of Christian education they may have; and be it finally

Resolved, That a Synodwide effort be made to raise the percentage of congregations operating vacation Bible schools from the present 62 percent level to a 75 percent level and that the Board of Parish Education in each District be asked to establish a realistic yet challenging goal to be reached in the next triennium relative to the number of vacation Bible schools in the District and to the number of pupils enrolled, both member and nonmember children; and be it finally

Resolved, To devise a plan of action for reaching this established goal.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Teacher Training Through Vacation Bible School Workshops

RESOLUTION 4-12

Report 401, IV, A, p. 192, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The quality of teaching in the various agencies of Christian education maintained by congregations is one of the important concerns of District boards of parish education; and

WHEREAS, Congregations look to these boards for leadership and assistance in raising the quality of teaching in their schools; and

WHEREAS, Many of those who teach in the vacation Bible school have not had the benefit of academic training and in some instances, lack even a limited amount of experience and realize and are aware of their inadequacies; therefore be it

Resolved, That the District boards be asked to provide, under the direction of circuit education representatives or other designated persons, annual workshops on a circuitwide or areawide basis for the improvement

of the quality of teaching to be carried on in the vacation Bible schools within the District by instructing the teachers who lack academic training in special techniques peculiar to the vacation Bible school; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Synod's Board for Parish Education be ready to give assistance in conducting these workshops where necessary.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Change Section 7.09 b of the Synodical "Handbook"

RESOLUTION 4-13

Report 401, IV, A, p. 193, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The wording of Section 7.09 of the synodical *Handbook* is inadequate for the following reasons:

1) Nearly all of our congregations have reduced the number of weeks of conducting vacation Bible schools from an an original three weeks to two weeks;

2) Our congregations have been accepting for enrollment children both younger and older than those designated in the *Handbook;*

3) A large number of congregations, now totaling 62 percent, use the vacation Bible school to augment and supplement the Christian education of their children as provided by one or several of the other agencies; therefore be it

Resolved, That the original wording of Section 7.09 b of the *Handbook,* reading as follows:

> b. That congregations organize daily vacation Bible schools for children between the ages of five and thirteen, that these schools be held over a period of at least three weeks, and that they be utilized as a missionary agency.

be changed to read as follows:

> b. That congregations be encouraged to organize vacation Bible schools for children from the nursery level through the eighth grade or above and that these schools be utilized to augment and supplement the Christian education provided by one or several of the other agencies and to serve in a missionary capacity.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Attendance of High School Teachers at District Conventions

RESOLUTION 4-14

Report 401, V, p. 194, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Some of our Lutheran high schools have expressed a concern with respect to the required attendance of their teachers at District conventions (this attendance is required by the synodical *Handbook,* section 3.11); and

WHEREAS, The convention excuse system has been designated to provide for special problems; therefore be it

Resolved, That all teacher members of the Synod be encouraged to meet the requirement of section 3.11 of the synodical *Handbook* by attending District conventions whenever possible or feasible; and be it further

Resolved, That school administrators or teachers who find that such compliance creates unusual problems or hardships be directed to follow the normal procedures for convention excuses and to seek the advice and guidance of the respective District President.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

"Train Two" Bible Study Advance

RESOLUTION 4-15

Report 401, VI, A, pp. 194, 195, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, To fulfill its God-given mission in the world today, the church must have its people solidly rooted in the Word of God; and

WHEREAS, Bible classes with quality curricula, well-trained leaders, and constantly expanding enrollments are essential in the process of grounding God's people in God's Word; and

WHEREAS, The "Train Two" project has become the accepted and successful operating means to provide leadership training and to help every congregation to face more realistically its Bible study potential; therefore be it

Resolved, To commend the congregations which have expanded opportunities for Bible study by offering weekday as well as Sunday classes, short-term courses according to the institute plan, and face-to-face Bible study groups; and be it further

Resolved, To encourage Districts which have not yet carried through a District wide "Train Two" Bible study advance program to provide this service for their congregations; and be it finally

Resolved, To encourage the Districts which have completed the "Train Two" project to give further stimulus to learning-for-living Bible study by setting up Bible study missions and to encourage all Bible study groups to engage in Bible distribution or similar projects.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Leadership Education in the Bible Institute

RESOLUTION 4-16

Report 401, VI, B, p. 196, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Christian education is more than a mere formal presentation of the facts of faith which may be taught once in childhood and held in memory; and

WHEREAS, The need for a continuing Christian education of adults, not only in Bible and Christian doctrine but also in all areas of practical church work, should be of vital interest in all congregations; and

WHEREAS, The training of leaders through Bible institutes has steadily increased; therefore be it

Resolved, That every circuit in the Synod be encouraged to study the possibility of founding and supporting a continuing Bible institute; and be it further

Resolved, That every congregation in the circuit be urged to direct every effort to making the Bible institute an effective agency of Christian adult education.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Family-Life Education in the Local Church

RESOLUTION 4-17

Report 401, VII, B, pp. 197, 198, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Family-life education has become an increasing concern and responsibility of the local congregation; and

WHEREAS, Family-life education has usually not been assigned either to a person or a committee in the local congregation; therefore be it

Resolved, That congregations be encouraged to appoint qualified persons to a family-life committee to serve under the directives of the Board of Christian Education, which will give guidance to this committee with the new congregational manual "Ministry to Families."

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Marriage Education and Counseling

RESOLUTION 4-18

Report 401, VII, C, p. 198, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The 1960 survey on divorces within Missouri Synod homes reveals a sharp increase in the divorce rate from 1951 to 1960; and

WHEREAS, There is evidence of a general decline of moral values in marriage and family life; therefore be it

Resolved, That we encourage our seminaries and colleges to serve pastors and church workers by arranging workshops, seminars, and courses in this field; and be it further

Resolved, That the Family Life Committee be directed to call together for consultation leaders of related groups and agencies (Wheat Ridge Foundation, Department of Social Welfare, Walther League, the Commission on College and University Work, and representatives from our terminal schools) in order —

1) to explore our church's needs and its resources regarding marriage education and family counseling;

2) to propose to the next convention of the Synod a long-range overall approach and an adequate program of action; and be it finally

Resolved, That pastors be encouraged to utilize opportunties to become better equipped for marriage and family counseling by taking courses or participating in workshops and conferences dealing with this area of the ministry.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Board of Parish Education and Coordinating Council

RESOLUTION 4-19

Report 401, VIII, A, pp. 199, 200, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Coordinating Council has contributed much to the simplification, unification, and intensification of the work of congregations through its cooperative planning and issuance of "Parish Activities" with annual and monthly themes and through the development of educational materials for the annual programs; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Coordinating Council be continued for the purpose of unifying the programs of the local parish under an annual theme and monthly emphases; and be it further

Resolved, That this educational coordination be initiated by the Board of Parish Education as part of its assignment to coordinate and integrate educational activities (*Handbook* 7.25 d and 7.35); and finally be it

Resolved, That the Board of Parish Education involve the Executive Director and leaders of other departments of the Synod in setting up the program for the annual meeting of the Coordinating Council and the annual issue of "Parish Activities" (June issue of *Advance*).

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Federal Aid to Church-related Schools

RESOLUTION 4-20

Report 401, VIII, G, pp. 201—203, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The opinion of the Board of Parish Education of March 21, 1961, dealt with specific matters related to the question of federal aid to church-related schools which are submitted to the Synod for examination and reaction; and

WHEREAS, State or federal aid to any educational institution must be accompanied by controls of some sort and to some degree; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod reaffirm its official position on state aid to non-public schools and emphasize its position also in further discussion of federal aid to church schools; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod go on record as opposed to loans for the construction of church-related elementary and secondary schools; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod approve the inclusion of payments of tuition as contributions on federal and state income tax returns as a means of providing some relief for parents who are paying educational fees, whether at the elementary or the secondary level, in church-related schools; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod go on record as opposing allowance of "tax credits" for the full cost of the school tuition; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Synod urge all its members to

study and evaluate legislation coming before the various state legislatures and the Congress with respect to state or federal aid to church schools and to take the proper action.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Staff Needs for the Board of Parish Education

RESOLUTION 4-21

Report 401, Recommendations 6, 19, 25, pp. 187, 188, 197, 206, 207, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorial 401 A, pp. 72—77, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, There is need for a wide variety of services in the field of parish education; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Parish Education has called attention to areas of work which cannot be taken care of by the present staff; and

WHEREAS, The following positions have been given a priority rating for the next triennium: Director of Family Life Education; Associate Editor of School Materials; Coordinator of Curriculum Materials; Editor of Lutheran High School Materials; and Associate Secretary of Schools; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod pass an enabling act empowering the Board of Parish Education to appoint additional manpower according to the following schedule and with the following description:

1. Director of Family Life Education (1962). The Director of Family Life Education is to give ongoing leadership for the work of the Family Life Committee. He is to give attention to special studies, advance planning, general promotion, production of materials, and overall supervision of the work on family-life education.

2. Associate Editor of School Materials (1962). The Associate Editor of School Materials would help speed up the production of materials for our Lutheran elementary schools. The Board of Parish Education attempts to involve nonstaff personnel from the field and from our colleges and seminaries, but the School Department needs an additional staff member to help in the planning and editorial process.

3. Coordinator of Curriculum Materials (1962). The Coordinator of Curriculum Materials would work with other members of the staff in organizing and supervising curriculum studies in the interest of a coordinated program of parish education and would give leadership in executing the program developed. Among the concerns to be dealt with by this staff member are: (a) acquainting the staff with new insights in curriculum building; (b) interrelationship of curriculum materials used in the various agencies; (c) surveying the curriculum needs of the congregations of the Synod; (d) reviewing the theological content of curriculum materials; (e) planning a new overall curriculum in parish education.

4. Editor of Lutheran High School Materials (1963). The Editor of Lutheran High School Materials would provide leadership in developing instructional materials to serve our high schools both in religion and in other school subjects. He would give attention to the following matters: (a) the editorial refinement of teaching units in religion; (b) the development of an ongoing program of revising these materials periodically; (c) cooperating with the religion teachers of Lutheran high schools in the revision of teaching units; and (d) preparing, editing, and revising of other materials in the high school curriculum as time permits and interest warrants.

5. Associate Secretary of Schools (1964). With the retirement of Dr. A. C. Stellhorn the Board of Parish Education has been left with a Secretary of Schools but no Associate Secretary. The comprehensive leadership required by our schools is beyond the capacity of one person. An Associate Secretary will help give attention to school problems and the development of promotional and administrative materials; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod encourage the Board of Directors and the Fiscal Conference to allow the budget appropriations needed to add these additional persons to the staff of the Board of Parish Education; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Board of Parish Education be commended for the long-range exploration of staff needs in its report to the Synod and that the positions not covered by this resolution be brought to the Synod at the time of the next convention.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Intersynodical Translation of Luther's Small Catechism (Enchiridion)

RESOLUTON 4-22

Report 401, IX, B, pp. 207—212, *Reports and Memorials*
Unprinted Memorial 412

WHEREAS, Luther's Catechism is used by the members of the church more extensively than any other of the confessional symbols of the Lutheran Church; and

WHEREAS, It is essential that a translation of the Enchiridion accurately reflect the true meaning the original writer had intended; and

WHEREAS, Concern was expressed that, although the new translation is more simple, it may tend to replace the official version and weaken specific doctrinal emphases; and

WHEREAS, Only a small number of pastors and teachers have had an opportunity to use and examine the field-test edition of the new translation in classroom situations; and

WHEREAS, Insufficient time has been available for a general discussion of the merits of this intersynodical catechism; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Parish Education be asked to make copies of the intersynodical Enchiridion

available to pastors and teachers for the purpose of review and study; and be it further

Resolved, That pastors and teachers who desire to experiment with the new translation be encouraged to compare it with our own synodical catechism; and be it further

Resolved, That this new translation be made a topic of discussion on conference programs during the next triennium; and be it finally

Resolved, That individuals and conferences submit their findings to the Board of Parish Education by Jan. 1, 1964.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Thanking Auxiliary Agencies for Educational Projects

RESOLUTION 4-23

Reports 401, 402, pp. 196, 197, 203, 213, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Various adult auxiliary agencies of the Synod have actively inaugurated and supported excellent projects in many areas of Christian education; therefore be it

Resolved, To express the appreciation and gratitude of the Synod to the following auxiliary agencies for their significant activities in the field of education:

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League for its Christian Growth workshops and churchwide survey of women's work;

The Lutheran Laymen's League for its topic studies, senior citizens program, seminar programs, and support of the Bible study program;

The National Lutheran Parent-Teacher League for its assistance to local groups in the development of sound programs of parent education and home-church cooperation, its annual materials packet and quarterly newsletter *Nurture,* its guidance for church libraries, its aid in combating offensive literature, and its work in encouraging area parents conferences;

The Lutheran Education Association for its excellent convention programs and its distribution of materials on Lutheran education, especially in the yearbooks; and be it further

Resolved, To encourage congregations, pastors, and teachers of all of our churches to give enthusiastic support to these agencies and to make use of their excellent programs.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

The New Catechisms Faithful to Scripture

RESOLUTION 4-24

Memorial 330, pp. 159—161, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The sincere concern of our brother, certainly shared by those charged with the responsibility of producing these catechisms, seems to be predicated on a regrettable misunderstanding of the guide for prospective catechism writers; and

WHEREAS, These catechisms will be carefully and prayerfully processed through the synodical censorial procedure; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod direct the Catechism Committee of the Board of Parish Education to reexamine its "Guide for Prospective Catechism Writers" with a view to insuring that no door is left open for anti-scriptural error; and be it further

Resolved, That we assure our concerned brother that every precaution will be taken by the members of the Board of Parish Education, its staff members, and the Board's Catechism Committee that the prospective new catechisms will remain faithful to the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Christian Morals

RESOLUTION 4-25

Report 401, VII, pp. 198, 199, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Flagrant disregard of Christian moral standards is everywhere evident and is erupting with ever-increasing boldness in the world of entertainment and the arts; and

WHEREAS, The voice of history sounds the unmistakable warning that moral decay is a certain road to individual and national ruin; and

WHEREAS, The sacred writers of Biblical times condemned debauchery and immorality in clear and convincing words; and

WHEREAS, The conditions existent in our society also call for clear Christian witness, positive action, and a cooperative approach to the community; therefore be it

Resolved, That the church voice its concern over the serious moral crisis in our society; and be it further

Resolved, That it give Scriptural guidance and Christian counsel to the families of the church to acquaint them with the responsiblities of Christian living and to encourage them to exercise leadership in creating a better moral climate in their communities; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Family Life Committee of the Synod, which has demonstrated an intelligent approach to this problem, through its subcommittee on Christian morals in consultation with the Board of Social Welfare, continue to give guidance and leadership in this area to the end that—

a) it serve as a coordinating unit of our church boards, commissions, agencies, and societies; that

b) it develop a program of education and action that is constructive as well as defensive, based on sound Biblical and Christian principles; and that

c) it suggest procedures and supply materials for individual, congregational, and community action.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Preparation of Textbooks for Lutheran Schools

RESOLUTION 4-26

Memorials 405, 406, 410, pp. 215—217, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The plans of the Board of Parish Education include the production of new materials, for the teaching of religion; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Parish Education has reported that it is planning to make use of the talents of qualified pastors, teachers, professors, and other qualified personnel as needed for the production of textbooks; and

WHEREAS, These matters are receiving adequate attention at this time; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Fiscal Conference be requested to provide the funds to finance such projects; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Parish Education be commended for its effort to supply teaching materials for Lutheran schools.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Using the RSV in the Catechism and Other Teaching Aids

RESOLUTION 4-27

Memorials 408, 409, pp. 216, 217, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, These memorials express a concern regarding the use of the various Bible versions in the new catechisms and other teaching aids of the Synod; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Parish Education is authorized to "plan and direct the production of textbooks and other printed materials necessary to carry out an effective program of parish education" (Bylaws 7.25 c); therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Parish Education be authorized to make the decision as to which version might be used in the new catechisms and other teaching aids prepared for the congregations of the Synod; and be it further

Resolved, That the concerns of Memorial 409 be called to the attention of the above board.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Prepare Guidelines for a Study of the Religious Aspects of Communism and Other Ideologies

RESOLUTION 4-28

Memorial 709, p. 307, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Communism, secularism, and other insidious forces and ideologies that aim to identify Christianity with the American, or western, way of life are infiltrating our American society; and

WHEREAS, These forces, particularly Communism, have expressed religious philosophies which are atheistic by intent and purpose — namely, substituting the creature for the Creator and renouncing the need of a Savior from sin; and

WHEREAS, Many members of our church desire some guidance as they study these forces and ideologies so dangerous and possibly damaging to their Christian faith, specifically also a study of the religious aspects of atheistic and materialistic Communism; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod continue to emphasize the importance and power of the Gospel and the sacraments as the only means of building Christ's church and overcoming its enemies, and that the Synod urge its congregations to a persistent and emphatic use of the means of grace, privately and publicly, and to witness faithfully to the Savior by personal evangelism and with a prayerful and consecrated life; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod's congregations and their societies continue to be sensitive to such forces and ideologies and inform themselves regarding the nature and menace of such soul-destroying, enslaving ideolgies; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod commend the Literature Board and Concordia Publishing House for alerting the church to such dangers through the publishing of books and pamphlets; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod, in an ongoing sensitivity to such dangers, encourage both the Literature Board and Concordia Publishing House to continue the development and publication of such books and also urge congregations and their societies to make use of such materials; and be it finally

Resolved, That we as Christians prayerfully support our government in its conflict with all such morally destructive forces, particularly atheistic Communism.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Family-Life Committee

RESOLUTION 4-29

Report 401, VII, A, p. 197, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The family, along with the church has been charged with the nurture of the individual (Deut. 6:6-9; Eph. 6:4); and

WHEREAS, The influence of the home is vital for effective Christian nurture and is coextensive with life; and

WHEREAS, Equipping the parents for their teaching and training tasks and strengthening the family is implicit in the educational work assigned by the Synod's *Handbook* to the Board of Parish Education; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Parish Education has effectively served the Synod's congregations since 1947 through its Family-Life Committee; and

WHEREAS, Adequate *Handbook* provision and regulations for a Director of Family Life Education are needed for effective operation; and

WHEREAS, The Synodical Survey Commission has officially assigned family-life education to the Board of Parish Education and suggests an addition to the *Handbook;* therefore be it

Resolved, That a new section, 7.25 k, be added in the Synodical *Handbook* to the functions of the Board of Parish Education, to read as follows:

"k. Assist our families in the development of Christian family life on all age levels"; and be it further

Resolved, That the *Handbook* provisions for this work be made by the addition of a new section:

7.37 Director of Family-Life Education

The Board of Parish Education shall be empowered to appoint a full-time Director of Family Life Education, subject to the approval of the President of the Synod, who shall assist the local parish and the church at large in its ministry to families. He shall direct the work of the Board's Family Life Committee.

and be it finally

Resolved, That the Board of Parish Education implement this regulation by the appointment of a Family-Life Committee which is to serve from convention to convention.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

COMMITTEE 5 — Young People's Work

Relationship of the Synod's Board for Young People's Work to the Executive Board of the International Walther League

RESOLUTION 5-01

Report 501 and Memorial 502, pp. 218—226, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorial 505, p. 79, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, The joint endeavors of the Board for Young People's Work and the executive board of the international Walther League have been mutually helpful in fulfilling their several responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, The administrative arrangement proposed jointly by the Board for Young People's Work and the executive board of the international Walther League promises to provide a more excellent liaison between the two groups with an efficient, and economical use of personnel and funds; and

WHEREAS, The relationship between the Synod and its auxiliary agencies is scheduled for review within the next triennium; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod authorize its Board for Young People's Work to enter into the proposed arrangement concerning a joint executive officer with the executive board of the international Walther League during the next triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the experience of this arrangement during the next triennium serve as a basis for a specific and comprehensive study of this administrative relationship by the groups involved as well as by the Synod's Board of Directors; and be it finally

Resolved, That this arrangement be reviewed by the Synod in its next convention, when the expected report of the general review of the relationship between the Synod and its auxiliary agencies will be available.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Expansion of the Synod's Board for Young People's Work

RESOLUTION 5-02

Report 501, pp. 218—225, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The congregations of the Synod today are privileged to serve a tremendously increasing number of youth, whom God has placed into their care; and

WHEREAS, Special regard for the complex challenges of our times with which youth are confronted has greatly expanded the many concerns and responsibilities of the Synod's Board for Young People's Work; and

WHEREAS, The Board for Young People's Work has found it difficult to carry out its functions in serving especially the youth of the Synod not now members of nor falling within the proper scope of the program of the international Walther League (since many of our youth, e. g., belong to "junior organizations"); and

WHEREAS, The addition of four members to the Board for Young People's Work would facilitate greatly the development and promotion of this vital work for the benefit of the youth of the church; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board for Young People's Work be expanded to comprise nine members, namely: two pastors, two teachers, four laymen, and one seminary professor; and be it further

Resolved, That this convention express gratitude to almighty God for the fine, Christian ministry to the youth of the church which has been conducted through the activities of the Board for Young People's Work and of the international Walther League, and through the voluntary services of the many pastors, teachers, and youth counselors of our congregations.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Charges of Irresponsibility Against the International Walther League, Its Spokesmen and Official Publications

RESOLUTION 5-03

Memorials 503, 504, p. 226, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorial 506, pp. 79, 80, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, An evangelical concern for the program and publications of the Synod's auxiliary organizations (such as the international Walther League) always is proper, necessary, and commendable; and

WHEREAS, The bulk of the charges in Memorial 503 against the international Walther League and its official

publication, *The Walther League Messenger,* are either unsubstantiated, vague, or irrelevant; and

WHEREAS, In isolated instances, where an activity or publication was open to misinterpretation, the Walther League has taken appropriate, corrective action; and

WHEREAS, The Lord has continued to bless our Synod through the program and publications of the international Walther League; therefore be it

Resolved, That the executive board of the international Walther League, under the guidance of the Synod's Board for Young People's Work, be urged to continue to fulfill its purpose of building up the faith and consecration of our young people through its programs and official publications, being careful to avoid offense; and be it further

Resolved, That the executive board of the international Walther League be commended for its past and present efforts toward the fulfilling of this salutary purpose.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

"Handbook" Change Regarding Joint Executive Officer for the Executive Board of the International Walther League and the Board for Young People's Work

RESOLUTION 5-04

Report 501 and Memorial 502, pp. 218—226, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorial 505, p. 79, *Today's Business*

Resolved, That the following *Handbook* change be made: Under "G. Synodical Board for Young People's Work," Section 7.73, "Functions," add paragraph "i" as follows:

> i. The Board for Young People's Work may engage an executive officer and such assistants as are authorized by the Synod, subject to the approval of the President of the Synod.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

"Handbook" Changes Made Necessary by Adoption of Resolutions 5-01 and 5-02

RESOLUTION 5-05

Report 501, pp. 218-225, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That the following changes be made in the Synod's *Handbook:*

a) Under "G. Synodical Board for Young People's Work," section 7.71, delete paragraph "a" and substitute for it the following:

> a. The Board for Young People's Work, consisting of two pastors, two teachers, four laymen, and a seminary professor, shall be elected by the Synod.

b) Under "G," section 7.71 b, change "Executive Director" to "president."

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

COMMITTEE 6 — Constitutional Matters

Constitutionality of Resolution 9 of Committee 3 of the 1959 Synodical Convention

RESOLUTION 6-01

Memorials 611, 612, pp. 272, 273, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorial 601-A, pp. 81, 82, *Today's Business*

Article II — Confession, *Reports and Memorials,* "Reference Materials," p. 3

Resolution 9, Committee 3, *Reports and Memorials,* "Reference Material," pp. 21, 22

WHEREAS, The confessional basis which all members of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod are bound to accept without reservation is set forth in Article II of the Constitution of the Synod, namely: the Holy Scriptures and the Symbolical Books of the Lutheran Church (see *Reports and Memorials* "Reference Material" [yellow], p. 3); and

WHEREAS, Article VI of the Constitution of the Synod prescribes that one of the conditions for acquiring and holding membership in the Synod is: "Acceptance of the confessional basis of Article II," which Article prescribes only the Holy Scriptures and the Symbolical Books of the Lutheran Church; and

WHEREAS, The Synod at its 1959 convention, in answer to a question as to the binding force of statements on doctrine and practice, passed a resolution known as Resolution 9 of Committee 3, declaring that the Synod's pastors, teachers, and professors are held to teach and act in harmony with every doctrinal statement of a confessional nature adopted by the Synod, as a true exposition of the Holy Scriptures, which are to be regarded as public doctrine *(publica doctrina)* (see *Reports and Memorials* [yellow], "Reference Material" p. 22); and

WHEREAS, Questions have been raised as to whether this resolution, by making such doctrinal statements binding on members of the Synod, is not thereby requiring members of the Synod to subscribe to doctrinal statements additional to those which are required by the Constitution of the Synod and therefore has the effect of amending the Constitution by a simple resolution; and

WHEREAS, Article XIV of the Constitution of the Synod provides that an amendment of the Constitution requires a two-thirds majority vote of all votes cast and submission to all congregations of the Synod; and

WHEREAS, The Synod has been requested to declare Resolution 9 unconstitutional because (1) it has the effect of amending the Synod's Constitution and (2) was not submitted as an amendment as required by Article XIV; and

WHEREAS, The doctrinal content or the Scriptural correctness of any doctrinal statements is not being judged or questioned in the consideration of the consti-

tutionality of Resolution 9, but the question of constitutionality is confined to proper procedure, as fully set forth in the supplemental report of the standing Committee on Constitutional Matters, in which the committee rendered the opinion that Resolution 9 is unconstitutional (see Unprinted Memorial 601-A); and

WHEREAS, Your Floor Committee 6 of this convention is in agreement with the opinion of the standing Committee on Constitutional Matters; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod declare Resolution 9 of Committee 3 of the 1959 synodical convention unconstitutional on the ground that said resolution has the effect of amending the confessional basis of the Constitution of the Synod without following the procedure required by Article XIV of the Constitution.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

"Manual of Synodical Operations"

RESOLUTION 6-02

Unprinted Memorial 602-C, VII, p. 129, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, Many of the items now appearing in the Bylaws of the Synod are matters of procedure rather than of policy; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable to have a "Manual of Synodical Operations" outlining such procedural matters for all synodical boards, commissions, committees, councils, divisions, departments, and bureaus; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Council of Administrators prepare such a "Manual of Synodical Operations"; and be it further

Resolved, That all purely procedural matters now in the synodical *Handbook* be culled out and included in this manual; and be it finally

Resolved, That this manual be submitted to the Synod's Committee (Commission) on Constitutional Matters for approval and report to the next convention of the Synod.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Commission on Theology and Church Relations

RESOLUTION 6-03

Report 602, F, 4, pp. 251, 252, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, A number of different committees, such as the Committee on Doctrinal Unity, the Committee on Woman Suffrage, the Advisory Committee on Doctrine and Practice, the Committee on Finnish Relations, and the Committee on Bible Versions are now dealing with and speaking on matters of doctrine and practice; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable that the Synod speak with a unified, single voice in these matters when addressing itself to extra- and intra-synodical organizations; therefore be it

Resolved, That a Commission on Theology and Church Relations be established; and be it further

Resolved, That sections 2.115, 2.117, and 2.119 of the Bylaws be stricken; and be it finally

Resolved, That a new section 2.115 be adopted to read as follows:

2.115 Commission on Theology and Church Relations

a. *Membership.* Membership of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations shall consist of twenty-three voting and three advisory members, to be selected as follows:

1. The synodical convention shall elect six voting members in the same manner as other elected boards, commissions, and committees: three parish pastors, one teacher, and two laymen.

2. The College of Presidents shall elect by ballot five voting members: two pastors, two laymen, and one teacher.

3. The St. Louis and Springfield theological faculties shall each appoint or elect three members of its faculty as voting members.

4. The President of the Synod, in consultation with the Vice-Presidents, shall appoint six voting members: two pastors, two laymen, one professor from the theological seminaries, and one professor from an educational institution of the Synod other than the theological seminaries.

5. The President and the First Vice-President of the Synod and the managing editor of the *Concordia Theological Monthly* shall be the advisory members.

b. *Term of Office.* The term of office shall coincide with the synodical practice for commissions.

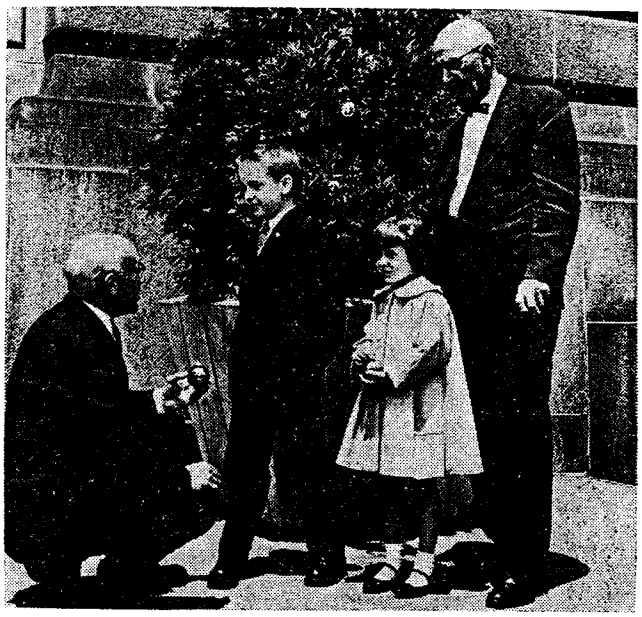
c. *Officers.* The commission shall elect its own chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and the chairmen of the various subcommittees as required. Vacancies in the elective membership shall be filled by the commission with the approval of the President of the Synod. Vacancies in the appointive memberships shall be filled by the respective appointing or electing agency.

d. *Subcommittees.* The commission shall divide itself into the following subcommittees:

1. A committee for internal theological matters;

2. A committee for theological relations with sister churches and their affiliates;

3. A committee for relations with other churches;



Pastor Clarence T. Schuknecht (left) of Zion, Cleveland, tells David and Carol Saboldt how Dr. H. C. Schwan was one of the first in the U. S. to set up a Christmas tree in a church (Zion, 1851). Alex C. Schwan, a descendant of Dr. Schwan, looks on.

4. A committee composed of representatives of the above three committees to serve in an advisory capacity to the officers, executives, boards, commissions, and committees of the Synod in theological matters;

5. A committee on Finnish Relations as long as it is deemed necessary;

6. Such other committees as may be required.

e. *Functions and Duties.* The commission shall:

1. Serve the members of the Synod as a clearinghouse for all matters relating to doctrinal unity in the Lutheran Church. It shall work closely with the President of the Synod;

2. Give guidance and advice in conducting institutes and seminars on theological matters of interest and concern in the Synod and provide opportunities for theological study by pastors and teachers in service;

3. Consider and seek to adjust matters concerning which differences of opinion have arisen in the Synod and which have been referred to it by the President and Vice-Presidents. The functions of this commission shall be strictly advisory in this capacity, along the line of brotherly effort in the interest of divine truth;

4. Assist the President of the Synod in representing the Synod in official contacts with other churches and synods in the interest of divine truth;

5. Assist the President in his official contacts with all sister churches of the Synod by aiding, counseling, and advising them and strengthening the relations with and between them. It may plan conferences and meetings and the exchange of personnel to implement the above;

6. Direct its activities toward preserving and strengthening the doctrinal unity which our church body enjoys with others and promoting the cause of true doctrinal unity wherever possible;

7. Advise and prepare special studies in theological matters, both of an internal and external nature, on request of the President of the Synod, the synodical officers, executives, boards, commissions, and committees;

8. Study Bible translations and revisions thoroughly and report its findings to the synodical constituency;

9. Keep the constituency of the Synod informed concerning its activities and report to the synodical convention.

f. *Budget.* The commission shall annually submit a budget to the Board of Directors of the Synod for recommendation and referral to the Fiscal Conference (or Fiscal Review Commission).

g. *Internal Policy.* While admitting the right of free expression and of public appeal as an inherent right of its members, the Synod urges and requests its members to refrain from circularizing the Synod or areas thereof until this commission shall have been consulted and a reasonable time shall have been accorded to adjust the matter concerned.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Commission (or Committee) on Constitutional Matters

RESOLUTION 6-04

Report 601, pp. 227, 228, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Committee on Constitutional Matters has suggested rewriting section 2.113 in order to clarify some of its functions and duties; therefore be it

Resolved, That the entire section 2.113 be changed to read as follows:

a. A Commission (or Committee) on Constitutional Matters shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the Vice-Presidents. This commission (or committee) shall consist of five members: two pastors, two laymen, and the Secretary of the Synod. The President shall appoint one of the Vice-Presidents as an advisory member.

b. All reports, overtures, and resolutions to the Synod asking for changes of or amendments to the Constitution of the Synod, or which in any manner affect the Constitution or Bylaws shall be submitted to the Commission (or Committee) on Constitutional Matters in order that it may examine their content and language as to their agreement with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod.

c. The commission (or committee) shall be represented at the meetings of the floor committee appointed to consider constitutional matters at the convention of the Synod.

d. The commission (or committee) shall immediately after each convention of the Synod revise the synodical *Handbook* to bring it into harmony with the resolutions or changes adopted by the convention.

e. The commission (or committee) shall interpret the Constitution, Bylaws, and resolutions of the Synod in cases of controversy. Its opinions shall be binding unless and until the Synod overrules them.

f. The commission (or committee) shall maintain a parallel edition of the *Handbook* reflecting the current regulations and those immediately preceding.

g. The commission (or committee) shall examine the constitutions and bylaws of newly created Districts, or the revised, amended, or changed constitutions and bylaws of the Districts, to ascertain whether the provisions are in harmony with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod. A District shall be asked to make such changes in its constitution and bylaws as may be deemed necessary. The commission shall keep and file copies of the constitutions and bylaws of all Districts of the Synod.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

President's Exercise of Sound Judgment in Appointing Floor Committees

RESOLUTION 6-05

Unprinted Memorial 642, p. 85, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, This memorial questions the propriety of certain appointments to the 1962 convention floor committees; and

WHEREAS, Section 1.25 of the Bylaws does not qualify the authority of the synodical President in the appointment of such floor committees; therefore be it

Resolved, That Memorial 642 be declined.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Right of President to Suspend

RESOLUTION 6-06

Report 601, p. 228, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Bylaws in the synodical *Handbook* do not clearly specify that the District President (5.25) or the synodical President (5.87) has the right to suspend, pending a hearing by the Board of Appeals; therefore be it

Resolved, That Section 5.25 be amended to read as follows:

If the member involved does not plead guilty and the officials of the District who have acted in the case, including the District President, have exhausted all administrative efforts and are convinced that final action must be taken, the District President in consultation with the Vice-Presidents may temporarily suspend the member

(pastor, professor, teacher, official, or congregation). The District President shall then submit the case promptly to the District Board of Appeals for adjudication. In doing so, he shall file with the Board of Appeals, in writing, the names of the parties involved, the charges against the accused member, all documentary evidence, and a memorandum of the administrative action which has been taken. A copy of the charges and a memorandum of the administrative action which has been taken shall be sent to the parties involved. In any case in which the District President is disqualified or unable to act, the First Vice-President or the next qualified District officer shall be authorized to suspend and to submit the case to the District Board of Appeals in the same manner.

and be it further

Resolved, That Section 5.87 be amended to read as follows:

If the member involved does not plead guilty and the President (or in case of his disqualification, a Vice-President) has exhausted all administrative efforts and is convinced that final action must be taken, the President, in consultation with the Vice-Presidents, may temporarily suspend the member. The President (or in the case of his disqualification, a Vice-President) shall then submit the case promptly to the Board of Appeals of the Synod. In doing so, he shall file with the Board of Appeals of the Synod, in writing, the names of the parties involved, the charges against such member, all documentary evidence, and a memorandum of the administrative action which has been taken. A copy of the charges and a memorandum of the administrative action which has been taken shall be sent to the parties involved.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Biennial Conventions

RESOLUTION 6-07

Report 602, pp. 235, 236, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The growing complexity of synodical operations, the need for deeper insights into synodical affairs, the desirability for greater participation in decision making, and the possibility of securing better-qualified delegates as a result of shorter conventions combine to make biennial conventions an essential step forward; therefore be it

Resolved, That Article VIII, A, 1, of the synodical Constitution, which reads: "Synod convenes every three years for its regular meeting," be amended, effective in 1965, to read: "Synod convenes every two years for its regular meeting."

Action: This resolution was *adopted* by the required ⅔ majority, the count being 431 affirmative and 186 negative.

NOTE: This resolution, involving a change in the Constitution, has now been submitted to the congregations of the Synod for ratification.

Length of Synodical Conventions

RESOLUTION 6-08

Report 602, p. 236, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The resolution of the Synod to meet biennially will now be submitted to the congregations in accordance with Article XIV of the Constitution, and

WHEREAS, One of the reasons for changing to biennial conventions was the hope that the time of the convention might be shortened; therefore be it

Resolved, That if this constitutional change is ratified by the congregations in accordance with Article XIV of the Constitution, Bylaw section 1.29 be amended to read:

The President shall conduct the sessions of the Synod according to accepted parliamentary rules and shall make every effort so to arrange the schedule of business that the sessions do not extend beyond one week.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Effect a More Sweeping Reorganization of the Synod

RESOLUTION 6-09

Memorial 610, pp. 270—272, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Survey Commission has studied the organizational structure of the Synod and has presented its findings; and

WHEREAS, The instrument proposed in Memorial 610 gives insufficient evidence for making a valid judgment on the organizational structure of the Synod; therefore be it

Resolved, That the memorial be declined.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Establishment of Board (Commission) for Service to Mentally Retarded

RESOLUTION 6-10

Memorial 1112, pp. 391—393, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorial 602-C, pp. 123, 124, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, The special committee appointed by the Board of Directors has recommended the establishment of a Board (Commission) for Service to Mentally Retarded; and

WHEREAS, The Survey Commission concurs in this recommendation; therefore be it

Resolved, That a Board (Commission) for Service to Mentally Retarded be established and that the Bylaws of the synodical *Handbook* be amended to include the following sections:

C. BOARD FOR SERVICES TO THE MENTALLY RETARDED

13.21 Personnel and Appointment

A Board (Commission) for Services to the Mentally Retarded, consisting of three pastors, two teachers, and three laymen and to be attached to the Division of Social Action and Welfare, shall be appointed by the President of the Synod in consultation with the Vice-Presidents.

13.23 Executive Secretary

The board (commission) may appoint an Executive Secretary subject to the approval of the President of the Synod. Nominations for the office shall be made by the Committee on Executive Nominations as prescribed in the Bylaws. The Executive Secretary shall perform such duties as are assigned to him by the board (commission).

13.25 Functions and Duties

The board (commission) shall —

a. coordinate and unify the work among the mentally retarded throughout the Synod and provide for cooperation among the synodical, District, and church-supported agencies, congregations, pastors, teachers, social workers, and families;

b. assemble information on public and private institutions for mentally retarded and determine needs, programs, materials, and aids based in addition on non-church-related and community resources;

c. assist in coordinating the work of synodically related institutions, serve as an exchange medium between these institutions, and render counsel;

d. acquaint itself with the best standards in state and community institutions and apply these where possible to the church-related agencies;

e. study and survey — where necessary, in consultation with the Department of Welfare — areas of opportunity preliminary to the establishment of agencies or of separate institutions of residential care for the mentally retarded;

f. cooperate with existing synodical and District agencies in the mission implications of the work among the mentally retarded;

g. cooperate with the Board of Parish Education on the synodical and District level in promoting the initiation of full-time or part-time educational agencies for mentally retarded and in providing literature, class materials, and helps for classes and families;

h. serve as the consultant to the workers of our church who are presently serving in the area of mental retardation;

i. review and evaluate, at the request of the Board of Directors, any Synodwide appeal for funds to be used in the field of mental retardation;

j. cooperate with the Boards of Social Welfare and institutional chaplaincies in areas of mutual interest;

k. consider conducting workshops and seminars of chaplains and other workers involved in the field of mental retardation;

l. keep the constituency of the Synod informed on its activities and render a detailed report to the synodical convention.

13.27 Budget

The board (commission) shall annually submit a budget to the Board of Directors of the Synod for recommendation and referral to the Fiscal Conference.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Establishment of a Review Commission

RESOLUTION 6-11

Memorial 631, p. 282, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Regular procedures for handling grievances and disagreements are provided for in Article XI, B, 1, 2, 3; Article XII, 7; and similar sections in the Bylaws, e. g., 2.27; therefore be it

Resolved, That this memorial be declined.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Provide for Annual District Conventions

RESOLUTION 6-12

Memorial 609, p. 270, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Memorials should be in the hands of the President fourteen weeks prior to the convention (synodical *Handbook,* section 1.25 b); and

WHEREAS, This memorial, if adopted, would necessitate the extremely difficult arrangement of having all Districts meet between Jan. 1 and March 15 in the years of the synodical convention; and

WHEREAS, Any particular District which feels it must meet every year may, according to Article XII, 13 of the Constitution, request the Synod to grant permission to do so; therefore be it

Resolved, That this memorial be declined.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Division of the Central District

RESOLUTION 6-13

Memorials 619, 620, pp. 279, 280, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Central District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod has requested permission to divide into two Districts — one District to include all of Indiana and Western Kentucky (with the exception of the areas now occupied by the Western District) and the other District to include all of Ohio, West Virginia, and Eastern Kentucky on a line drawn straight down through Kentucky from the Indiana-Ohio state line; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Board of the Central District has studied any and all legal requirements for division of the District, conditioned on synodical approval for division, has achieved complete harmony on the method and time of the division of assets, has prepared the necessary legal documents which will be filed on synodical approval, and has agreed on June 1963 as the time when the division is to become effective; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Central District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod be granted the permission to divide; and be it further

Resolved, That the two Districts be known as the Indiana District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod and the Ohio District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod; and be it further

Resolved, That the financial commitments previously established by the Executive Board of the Central District with respect to the financial considerations involved in the division be maintained.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Use of Bible Translations

RESOLUTION 6-14

Memorial 352, p. 178, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Synod has not designated any Bible translation as official; and

WHEREAS, The Synod has been studying the translations of the Bible and is in contact with Bible translators and publishers; and

WHEREAS, The Synod at this convention has created a Commission on Theology and Church Relations (Resolution 6-03); and

WHEREAS, This commission has the assignment to "study Bible translations and revisions thoroughly and report its findings to the synodical constituency"; therefore be it

Resolved, That this memorial be declined because adequate provisions have been made for the requests contained in this memorial.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Sister-Church Status of Brazil District

RESOLUTION 6-15

Memorial 617, pp. 277, 278, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Brazil District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod has requested permission to take the initial steps in order to obtain independence and sister-church status; and

WHEREAS, The Brazil District has also requested The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod to orient and counsel with it how to obtain this objective; therefore be it

Resolved, That the request of the Brazil District to take initial steps to obtain independence and the status of sister church be granted; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board for Missions in North and South America provide the necessary orientation and counsel toward this objective.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Division of Minnesota District

RESOLUTION 6-16

Memorial 618, p. 278, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Minnesota District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod has studied the matter of division and has voted in District convention to request permission of this convention to divide the present Minnesota District by creating a new district in Northern Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, The reasons given for division are centered on the alleviation of existing problems and the promotion of the welfare of the church; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the request of the Minnesota District to divide by creating a new district in Northern Minnesota be granted; and be it further

Resolved, That the names of the two districts be Minnesota North and Minnesota South; and be it further

Resolved, That the boundary of this new District follow as closely as possible the newly established circuit lines, including all the circuits of the Park Region Conference, the Arrowhead Conference, the West Central Conference, the Saint Cloud, Sauk Rapids, and Pine City circuits, as well as the Princeton-Milca congregations of the Capitol Conference; and be it finally

Resolved, That the exact District boundaries be reported to the 1965 convention for approval.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Internal Synodical Public Relations

RESOLUTION 6-17

Report 602, I, 6, and Memorial 804, pp. 263, 264, 328 ff., *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Stewardship Department is presenting proposals for its own regulation to this convention; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors has in general endorsed the proposals as a description of the Stewardship Department's assignment; and

WHEREAS, The allocation of responsibility for the area of internal synodical public relations and communications seems not to have been satisfactorily determined at this time; and

WHEREAS, The Stewardship Department's activity is only a part of the larger area of internal public relations and communications; and

WHEREAS, This area of activity is being listed by the Survey Commission as an item for further study in the new triennium; therefore be it

Resolved, That the matter of internal public relations and communications be studied in the new triennium by the Board of Directors, in consultation with the Council of Administrators and any other source the Board of Directors may desire to consult; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Directors be authorized to institute the implementation of the results of this study with the provision that an adequate report be made to the next synodical convention.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Establishment of a Board of Christian Social Action

RESOLUTION 6-18

Memorial 1118, p. 395, *Reports and Memorials*

Action: This resolution was *withdrawn* by the committee.

Clarification of "Self-Government"

RESOLUTION 6-19

Report 602, II, A, 3, p. 232, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorial 643, p. 86, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, The Survey Commission recommends that paragraphs d and e be added to *Handbook* section 1.09, to read:

d. The term "self-government" (Article VII of the Constitution) of a congregation includes the following:

1. Calling of pastors, teachers, and parish workers;
2. Ownership of congregational property;
3. Disciplining its members;
4. Collecting and disbursing of its moneys;
5. Arranging, conducting, and supervising its own programs;
6. Applying circuit, District, and synodical programs and policies.

e. Synodical membership is conditioned on adherence to Article II (Confession), Article VI (Conditions of Membership), and Article III (Objects).

Therefore Synod has the obligation to:

1. Encourage and solicit wholehearted support for all objectives and programs properly formulated by circuit, District, or Synod;

2. Insist on loyalty of its members (Article V) to the Scriptures and the Confessions (Article II); and

WHEREAS, Points 2 and 4 especially of the proposed paragraph d could create problems for a District in dealing with subsidized congregations; and

WHEREAS, Point 6 could be interpreted as coercion of a congregation by the District or the Synod; and

WHEREAS, Paragraph e is already adequately covered by the Constitution of the Synod (Article II, III, V, and VI); therefore be it

Resolved, That the suggestion of adding the proposed paragraphs d and e to section 1.09 be declined.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Procedure in Bylaw Changes and Additions

RESOLUTION 6-20

Report 602, II, A, 3, p. 232, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Some difficulty has been encountered in distinguishing Bylaw changes, amendments, and additions from ordinary resolutions passed at a synodical convention; therefore be it

Resolved, That Section 16.01, which now reads:

> Changes in the Bylaws and additions thereto may be made provided they (1) are not contrary to the Constitution, (2) are presented in writing to Synod, (3) are separately considered and acted on, and (4) are passed by a majority of the voting representatives.

be changed to read as follows:

> Changes in the Bylaws and additions thereto may be made provided they are:
>
> 1. Not contrary to the constitution;
> 2. Presented in writing to the Synod;
> 3. Specified as Bylaws and considered by a convention floor committee;
> 4. Submitted to the Convention Floor Committee on Constitutional Matters prior to presentation to the convention itself, which committee shall examine them for content and language and report to the convention as to their consistency with the Constitution and its recommendations thereto;
> 5. Passed by a majority of the voting representatives.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Change the Name of Corporate Body to "International Lutheran Church"

RESOLUTION 6-21

Memorial 639, pp. 287, 288, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, This name for the Synod has been proposed and rejected a number of times in recent years, even as late as 1959; and

WHEREAS, The reasons for this name are now no more persuasive than formerly; and

WHEREAS, There are many who feel that a still better name for the Synod might be found; therefore be it

Resolved, That we decline at this time to change the name of the Synod to "The International Lutheran Church"; and be it further

Resolved, That the President and the Vice-Presidents direct the Board for Public Relations or some other appropriate board, committee, or commission to study the matter of change of name of the Synod and to report to the next convention of the Synod.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Closer Definition of Relationship of Districts to the Synod

RESOLUTION 6-22

Report 602, II, A, 5, pp. 234, 235, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, There is need for a clearer definition of the relationship of Districts to the Synod; therefore be it

Resolved, That sections 3.01 and 3.02 be rearranged and amended to read:

> **3.01 Boundaries and Names of Districts**
>
> Synod shall determine the geographic boundaries of a District, and the name of a District shall be subject to ratification by the Synod.
>
> **3.02 Synod, District, and Congregations**
>
> a. The District, which is the Synod working in a geographical area, shall carry out synodical resolutions affecting it. The Synod is not merely an advisory body in relation to a District.
>
> b. The relationships of the congregations to their District are identical to their relationships to the Synod itself. Article VII of the Constitution and the Bylaw section 1.09, which define the relationships of the Synod to its congregations, apply also to the relationships of the District to its congregations.

and be it further

Resolved, That points 2—7 under "Synod and Districts" (*Reports and Memorials,* p. 235) be referred for possible inclusion in the "Manual of Synodical Operations."

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

First Vice-President to Serve as Acting President in Emergency

RESOLUTION 6-23

Report 602, II, B, 2, and Memorial 605, pp. 240, 269, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The synodical *Handbook* at present does not make proper provision in the event of a President's temporary or permanent incapacity; therefore be it

Resolved, That the *Handbook* be amended by adding section 2.32 to read as follows:

2.32 If President Is Unable to Serve

In case of prolonged illness or disability, the Board of Directors shall determine whether the President is unable to serve, in which event the First Vice-President shall assume the responsibilities and duties of the President and remain acting President during the emergency.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Appointment of Committee on Realignment of Circuits and Districts

RESOLUTION 6-24

Memorials 621, 622, 623, 641, pp. 280, 289, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorial 621-A, pp. 83—85, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, The Districts of the Synod have grown in membership; and

WHEREAS, Extensive changes and shifts in population have occurred; and

WHEREAS, Several requests have been made for a study involving the present alignment of the various Districts with a view to possible proposals for realignments which would result in actions that might solve existing problems and benefit the work of the church; therefore be it

Resolved, That a committee be created, the members to be appointed by the College of Presidents, whose task it shall be to study all existing District lines with a view to making proposals for such changes as will enable the congregations of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod to carry on the work of the church to best advantage; and be it further

Resolved, That the Districts be urged to study the alignments of the circuits which now exist within their borders and to take action so that the best alignments may be made.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Regional Vice-Presidents and Two Additional Vice-Presidents

RESOLUTION 6-25

Memorial 627, p. 281, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorial 627-A, p. 89, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, The Synod has adopted a resolution requesting the College of Presidents to appoint a committee to study the realignment of circuits and Districts; and

WHEREAS, A number of provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws must be amended if regional Vice-Presidents are to be provided; therefore be it

Resolved, That Memorials 627 and 627-A be referred for consideration to the College of Presidents.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Resolutions Pertaining to District Mission Boards

RESOLUTION 6-26

Memorial 634, p. 284, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The 1959 convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod adopted regulations defining the specific functions of District Mission Boards; and

WHEREAS, These specific functions were included in the Bylaws of the *Handbook* of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod (cf. section 8.29, "The District Mission Boards," paragraphs "a" through "n"); and

WHEREAS, These detailed functions sometimes conflict with the administrative procedures and accepted policies of District Mission Boards; therefore be it

Resolved, That the specific functions of District Mission Boards as found in Section 8.29 of the synodical *Handbook,* from paragraphs "a" through "n," be deleted from the *Handbook* and be considered for inclusion in the "Manual of Synodical Operations."

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Limiting Membership on Synodical Boards or Committees

RESOLUTION 6-27

Memorial 628, p. 281, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Bylaw sections 2.15 and 3.33 adequately limit the service of members in synodical and District offices; therefore be it

Resolved, That Memorial 628 be declined.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Right to Vote at Conventions

RESOLUTION 6-28

Memorial 626, p. 281, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Synod was organized on a congregational basis and the right to vote has been limited to a pastoral delegate and a lay delegate from each congregation or group of congregations, in order to maintain equal representation between clergy and laity; and

WHEREAS, To give the right of franchise to advisory members would change the representative structure of the Synod and would affect the equal balance of clergy and laity; therefore be it

Resolved, That Memorial 626 be declined.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Election of District Presidents and Vice-Presidents

RESOLUTION 6-29

Unprinted Memorial 601-B, pp. 86, 87, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, The rules heretofore generally observed in the election of District President and Vice-Presidents

may be impractical in such Districts as have established or may hereafter establish full-time District presidencies and regional vice-presidencies; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Synod provides (Article XII, 5) that the election and time of service of the District officers shall be determined by the Bylaws; therefore be it

Resolved, That Bylaw 3.21 be amended to read as follows:

a. A District President and two or more Vice-Presidents shall be elected by every District of the Synod. A majority of votes shall be required for election.

b. Each District may adopt regulations for the nomination and election of its President, the nomination, election, and ranking of its Vice-Presidents, the succession in case of vacancies, and the filling of vacancies.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Grant Missionaries in Foreign Countries Representation at Conventions

RESOLUTION 6-30

Unprinted Memorial 645

WHEREAS, Missionaries in foreign mission fields, though members of the Synod, seldom have an opportunity to serve as delegates to a synodical convention; and

WHEREAS, Missionaries have requested that missionaries on furlough may be recognized as delegates; therefore be it

Resolved, That mission areas, as defined by the Board for World Missions, be granted the privilege of electing one of their group on furlough for each ten of their male missionaries or major fraction thereof, to serve as advisory delegate to the convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, with the understanding that each area be entitled to representation by at least one advisory delegate; and be it further

Resolved, That synodical *Handbook* section 1.59 be amended to make provision for such representation.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Election of First Vice-President

RESOLUTION 6-31

Report 602 II, B, 2, p. 240, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The office of First Vice-President of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod is a full-time position, the election to which should be apart from the election of the other Vice-Presidents; therefore be it

Resolved, That section 2.134, "Election of First Vice-President," be inserted in the Bylaws to read as follows:

The First Vice-President of the Synod shall be nominated and elected in the same manner as the President of the Synod after the President has been elected.

and be it further

Resolved, That section 2.135 be amended to read as follows:

The primary election for the nomination of the remaining Vice-Presidents shall be held after the President and the First Vice-President have been elected.

and be it further

Resolved, That the Committee on Constitutional Matters be instructed to reword section 2.137 to reflect the above changes with reference to the election and ranking of the remaining Vice-Presidents.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Term of Office

RESOLUTION 6-32

Report 602, II, B, 7, and Memorials 629, 630, pp. 244, 281, 282, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, It has been the established principle of the Synod that all elective offices have been for specified terms without limitation as to reelection; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient cause for limiting the tenure of office has not been established; therefore be it

Resolved, That Memorials 629 and 630 and the recommendation of the Survey Commission on page 244 of *Reports and Memorials* titled "Term of Office," paragraphs 3—7, be declined.

Action: This resolution was *lost.*

Note: See resolution 6-39

Ordination and Commissioning of Military Chaplains

RESOLUTION 6-33

Memorial 624, p. 281, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The military authorities require that the Armed Services Commission solicits and processes applications for appointments as military chaplains; therefore be it

Resolved, That Section 8.155 of the synodical Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

The Commission shall —

a. solicit and process applications for appointments as military chaplains and request the President of the District in which the chaplain resides to issue the order for the ordination and commissioning or commissioning of such chaplains;

b. give counsel to chaplains;

c. insist on regular monthly reports to the commission from chaplains on active duty;

d. withdraw ecclesiastical endorsement from such chaplains as depart from the accepted Scriptural teachings and practices of our church body or persist in an ungodly life or when such withdrawal is demanded for the good of the services;

e. provide financial support for a reasonable length of time for chaplains who have been honorably discharged from the service.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Ordination and Commissioning of Missionaries to Foreign Fields

RESOLUTION 6-34

Memorial 625, p. 281, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The College of Presidents has recommended clarification of section 4.43 of the synodical Bylaws pertaining to commissioning of missionaries; therefore be it

Resolved, That section 4.43 of the Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

4.43 Order for Ordination and Commissioning

The order for the ordination and commissioning or commissioning of a missionary called into the foreign fields shall be issued upon the request of the respective Mission Board by the President of the District in which the missionary resides. The order for the commissioning of missionaries for service within a given District of the Synod shall be issued by the respective District President.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Prerequisites for Ordination

RESOLUTION 6-35

Memorial 632, p. 282, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The College of Presidents has reviewed section 4.15 of the synodical *Handbook* regarding prerequisites for ordination and submitted a revised statement for acceptance by this convention; therefore be it

Resolved, That section 4.15 as it now stands be stricken and replaced by the following statement by the College of Presidents:

4.15 Prerequisites for Ordination

a. A candidate for the office of the pastoral ministry in The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod may be ordained when the following prerequisites have been met:

1. He shall have completed the prescribed courses of study and have received a diploma from one of the church's seminaries, or have fulfilled the requisites for a colloquy according to the synodical *Handbook,* 4.55 to 4.71.

2. He shall have received endorsement by the proper faculty or the committee on colloquies and in every respect have been declared qualified by them for the office of the ministry of Word and sacrament in the church.

3. He shall have indicated complete dedication to the ministry and the readiness to accept a call extended to him by the Board of Assignments.

4. He shall have received and accepted a call to a position the incumbent of which may be ordained according to the regulations of the Synod.

5. He shall have received and accepted a call extended through the proper channels to assume full-time work in the church.

6. He shall have made application for membership in the Synod and have submitted a request for ordination to the respective District President (or the proper official of the Board through which the call was extended).

b. Graduates of the St. Louis and Springfield seminaries who have fulfilled the prerequisites stated in a, 1—4, and who wish to continue their professional studies shall be assigned and ordained upon their request under the following conditions:

1. A call shall have been extended by a congregation or a proper board expressing preference for a particular candidate to be assigned to the function of pastor, or other synodically approved office.

2. The District President shall approve the call, and the candidate shall be assigned by the Board of Assignments.

3. The District President shall approve the request for ordination and receive the candidate upon his application as a member of the Synod and the District.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Lutheran Church — Canada

RESOLUTION 6-36

Report 633, p. 282—284, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The three Districts of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod in Canada, together with the congregations of the English District in Canada, have been operating during the past triennium as a federation known as Lutheran Church — Canada; and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church — Canada is now planning to organize itself as a separate synodical body, in close relationship with The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, subject to the vote of the congregations in Canada; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to work out many details involving various synodical boards, such as the Board for Higher Education, the Board for Missions in North and South America, the Church Extension Board, and the Board for Support and Pensions; therefore be it

Resolved, That Lutheran Church — Canada be encouraged to proceed with its plans to build up a strong indigenous Lutheran Church in Canada; and be it further

Resolved, That the synodical Boards of Higher Education, Missions in North and South America, Church Extension, and Support and Pensions cooperate with Lutheran Church — Canada in formulating plans and making equitable arrangements with Lutheran Church — Canada and report to the next synodical convention.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Limiting the Size of Synodical Conventions

RESOLUTION 6-37

Memorial 608, p. 270, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The size of the synodical convention is constantly increasing; and

WHEREAS, There is a sincere concern to give all delegates the opportunity to become fully informed about the issues involved and to express their views; and

WHEREAS, A new method of establishing the number of delegates to the synodical convention requires further studies in apportionment and the realignment of electoral circuits; therefore be it

Resolved, That this memorial be referred to the College of Presidents for study and for a report to the next convention of the Synod.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Advisory and Executive Functions of the President

RESOLUTION 6-38

Request of Committee 3 for amendment of section 2.29 of the Bylaws.

WHEREAS, Floor Committee 3 of this convention has requested Floor Committee 6 to clarify section 2.29 of the Bylaws of the Synod with respect to the exercise of executive power of the President of the Synod where the exercise of such power is necessary in matters not specifically expressed; and

WHEREAS, Such matters may demand action between conventions of the Synod; therefore be it

Resolved, That paragraph "a" of section 2.29 of the Bylaws of the Synod be amended to read as follows:

> a. The President shall upon request, or in the exercise of his office, give counsel and advice to such as are under his supervision. He shall exercise executive power when the affairs of the Synod demand it and when he has been expressly invested with such power for such specific purpose. In the event that the affairs of the Synod require the exercise of executive power for a purpose for which there is no specific directive of the Synod, the President may be advised by the College of Presidents to exercise such power. Any member of the Synod shall have the right to appeal from his action to the Synod.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Terms of Office of Officers, Boards, Commissions, and Committees

RESOLUTION 6-39

Report 602, II, B, 7, and Memorials 629, 630, pp. 244 281, 282, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Survey Commission, at the direction of the 1959 convention of the Synod, has studied the matter of tenure of office of elected individuals and appointed personnel; and

WHEREAS, The Survey Commission has recommended favorable consideration for limiting the tenure of office; and

WHEREAS, The convention has indicated a preference for limiting the tenure of office; therefore be it

Resolved, That all existing regulations in the synodical Bylaws governing terms of office cease to be in effect at the 1965 convention and that the Bylaws be amended to read:

1) The term of office for all elected officers (President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer) and members of synodical boards, commissions, and standing committees shall be four years;

2) The elected officers, with the exception of the President and the First Vice-President, may serve a total of three successive terms; the members of boards may serve a total of three successive terms; and the members of commissions and committees may serve a total of two successive terms;

3) The office of the President and the First Vice-President shall be without limitation as to reelection;

4) The election (or appointment) of the members of boards, commissions, and committees shall be so arranged that their terms overlap, approximately half to be elected or appointed every two years;

5) Any officer or member of a board, commission, or committee, after being ineligible for reelection, may be elected or appointed to any other position. He may also be elected or appointed to his previous position after an interval of two or more years; and be it further

Resolved, That the Committee on Convention Nominations shall determine in the 1965 convention the procedure of election by which some members of boards, commissions, and committees shall serve a four-year term and some a two-year term; and be it further

Resolved, That the Elections Committee shall declare those members elected to boards, commissions, and committees for a four-year term who receive the greater pluralities in the election; the others are to serve a two-year term; and be it further

Resolved, That the Committee on Constitutional Matters place these regulations into the synodical *Handbook* in the pertinent sections and make the necessary changes; and be it finally

Resolved, That in the event of triennial conventions, the four-year term referred to above shall be six years. The Vice-Presidents, other than the First Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and members of boards shall then be eligible to suceed themselves once. Members of commissions and committees shall not succeed themselves in the same office after serving one term of six years.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Report of the Synodical Survey Commission

RESOLUTION 6-40

Report 602, III, pp. 264—268, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Part III of the report of the Synodical Survey Commission *(Reports and Memorials,* pp. 264—268) consists of recommended synodical *Handbook* wording of resolutions adopted by the Synod in its 1959 convention with respect to synodical structure; and

WHEREAS, Much of the proposed synodical *Handbook* terminology would more appropriately find its way into the "Manual of Synodical Operations"; therefore be it

Resolved, That Part III of the report of the Synodical Survey Commission be referred to the Committee on Constitutional Matters for placement of the respective item into the *Handbook* or for recommendation for inclusion in the "Manual of Synodical Operations."

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Establish System of Recognition of Social Welfare Agencies, etc.

RESOLUTION 6-41

Memorial 1119, p. 396, *Reports and Memorials*

Action: This resolution was *withdrawn* since it had been covered by Resolution 7-03, page 138.

Board for Lutheran Television Productions

RESOLUTION 6-42

Report 602, II, F, 7, pp. 258, 259, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Bylaw section 12.13 does not provide an adequate directive covering the objectives and functions of the Board for Lutheran Television Productions; therefore be it

Resolved, That Bylaw section 12.13 be amended to read as follows:

12.13 Board for Lutheran Television Productions

a. *Personnel.* The Board for Lutheran Television Productions shall consist of two pastors, three laymen, and two teachers to be appointed by the Board of Directors.

b. *Executives.* The Board for Lutheran Television Productions may appoint an executive secretary and a program director, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

c. *Objectives.* To make Jesus Christ, Christian truth, and the Christian way of life known and understood throughout the world.

d. *Functions.* The Board shall—

1. Initiate, develop, and execute scripts and television programs for general distribution presenting the message of the Word of God in a manner relevant to actual needs of individuals in their present situation;

2. Cooperate and consult with the respective mission boards, the Districts, and congregations in local personal follow-up of listeners for the purpose of bringing them into active membership and participation in the church;

3. Assist in the training for use of television as a medium in the church's educational program for the ministry and missionary service;

4. Assist the Synod, its Districts, congregations, and agencies in carrying out a continuous program of study and research through this medium in order to insure its effective and harmonious use in preaching the Gospel;

5. Keep the constituency of the Synod informed on its activities and render a detailed report to the synodical convention.

e. *Budget.* The Board shall annually submit a budget to the Board of Directors of the Synod for recommendation and referral to the Fiscal Conference.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Permit Congregations in Columbia, Pa., and York, Pa., to Transfer to Southeastern District

RESOLUTION 6-43

Memorial 637, p. 285, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The requests of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation at Columbia, Pa., and of St. John's Lutheran Church, York, Pa., to transfer to the Southeastern District were not previously presented to the Eastern District, of which District said congregations are now members; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 6-24 provides for a committee which will concern itself with matters of District realignment; therefore be it

Resolved, That the two congregations named above present their concerns to the Eastern District and, if desirable, to the Committee on Realignment of Circuits and Districts.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Copies of Official Documents to Archives; Addition to Bylaws, "Department of Archives and History"

RESOLUTION 6-44

Report 602, II, A, 5, p. 234, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, It is desirable that copies of all official documents be deposited in the archives of the Synod; therefore be it

Resolved, That copies of official documents of the Districts, such as articles of incorporation, constitutions, bylaws, convention proceedings, and other official publications shall be filed in the archives of the Synod; and be it finally

Resolved, That an appropriate section be incorporated in the synodical *Handbook* as section 15.15.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Institutional Chaplaincies

RESOLUTION 6-45

Report 602, II, F, 8, pp. 259, 260, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Institutional chaplaincies provide a growing and important ministry for our church; and

WHEREAS, In the vast majority of cases, the staffing of these chaplaincies by the Districts is administered through Mission Boards, the Board of Directors, or committees; and

WHEREAS, This specialized ministry must be supported by special research, planning, staffing, and training of staff; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod direct the Department of Social Welfare to assume a special concern for this ministry; and be it further

Resolved, That a new section be added to Article XIII, A, of the Bylaws to read as follows:

13.09 Institutional Chaplaincies

The Department of Social Welfare shall cooperate with the Districts which administer institutional chaplaincies or ministries, and to this end it shall—

a. Establish necessary study and guidance committees for suggesting appropriate standards and procedures;

b. Advise on staff and staff training;

c. Consult with the Districts or such synodical agen-

cies as may be related to the service of institutional chaplaincies;

d. Establish and staff the office of Secretary of Institutional Chaplaincies, with the prior approval of the Board of Directors.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Responsibility of Delegates

RESOLUTION 6-46

Report 602, II, A, 6, p. 236, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The present Bylaw 1.55 permits a delegate to a convention of the Synod to vote without consulting the circuit he represents; and

WHEREAS, A delegate has a responsibility to the circuit he represents; therefore be it

Resolved, That Bylaw section 1.55 be amended to read:

> Congregations shall not require their delegates to vote in accordance with specific instructions, but every delegate shall be permitted to vote according to his own conviction. Delegates are nevertheless responsible to their circuits, whom they represent, and shall attempt to discover the sentiment of the members thereof. After each convention they shall report to their circuits the action of the Synod.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Transcript in Appeal Cases

RESOLUTION 6-47

Report 901, p. 355, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The language of the synodical *Handbook* does not specify as to whether the parties in appeal cases are entitled to have a transcript of all the proceedings; therefore be it

Resolved, That section 5.159 be amended with an addition to read as follows:

> Such transcript or recording shall be the sole property of the board and of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod and for their use only; nothing herein contained shall be construed to require the board and/or the Synod to furnish or supply the same or any copy thereof, or any part thereof or excerpt therefrom, to any party, except at the sole and absolute discretion of the board under such restrictions and subject to such requirements at it shall impose.

Action: To *defer* and to have this matter restudied by the Synod's Board of Appeals and the officials of the Synod.

To Safeguard Purity of Doctrine and Practice

RESOLUTION 6-48

Memorials 350, 614, pp. 177, 275, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Dr. M. F. Kretzmann has expressed concern with respect to the problem of guarding against the intrusion of error which might became divisive of fellowship; and

WHEREAS, Dr. M. F. Kretzmann has suggested methods for maintaining the unity of the Spirit in all parts of the Synod, both in doctrine and in practice; therefore be it

Resolved, That we commend Dr. M. F. Kretzmann for his concern; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage our officials and one another to continue to exercise the supervision of doctrine in an evangelical manner according to our Constitution and the Bylaws; and be it finally

Resolved, That the specific proposals be referred to the College of Presidents for their consideration and action.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Merger or Discontinuation of Boards

RESOLUTON 6-49

Report 602, II, F, 10, pp. 261, 262, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, A number of boards are no longer active or have been merged with other boards; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Bible Institute Planning Commission be dissolved; and be it further

Resolved, That the Council on Bible Study be dissolved; and be it further

Resolved, That the Committee on Lay Enlistment and Training be dissolved and that its functions be performed by the faculty of the Lay Training Institute in Milwaukee until such time as expansion requires a change; and be it further

Resolved, That the Mass Communications Council be dissolved and that section 12.15 be deleted from the synodical *Handbook;* and be it further

Resolved, That the Mission Council be dissolved in view of the divisional structure and that sections 8.175 and 8.177 be deleted from the synodical *Handbook;* and be it finally

Resolved, That all references to the Committee on Doctrinal Unity, the Advisory Committee on Doctrine and Practice, the Committee on Finnish Relations, the Committee on Bible Versions, the Literature Board, the Young People's Literature Board, and the Committee for Research be stricken from the synodical *Handbook,* since these are merged with other boards.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Give Official Recognition to the Lutheran Laymen's League and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League

RESOLUTION 6-50

Report 602, II, I, 5, p. 263, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Laymen's League and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League have rendered valuable service to congregations, Districts, and the Synod; and

WHEREAS, These agencies have never been recognized formally in the Synod's Bylaws; therefore be it

Resolved, That a section 7.97 be added to the Bylaws to read as follows:

K. THE LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE

7.97 Affiliation Advised

The Synod recognizes the work of the Lutheran Laymen's League as the men's organization within the Synod and advises all men's organizations within the Synod to affiliate with the Lutheran Laymen's League.

and be it further

Resolved, That a section 7.99 be added to the Bylaws to read as follows:

L. THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

7.99 Affiliation Advised

Synod recognizes the work of The Lutheran Women's Missionary League as the women's organization within the Synod and advises all women's organizations within the Synod to affiliate with the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Study Procedure in Handling Cases of Doctrinal Discipline

RESOLUTON 6-51

Memorial 635, pp. 284, 285, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The regulations of the synodical *Handbook,* in the opinion of Floor Committee 6, adequately cover procedure in handling cases of doctrinal discipline; therefore be it

Resolved, That this memorial be declined.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Thank the Committee on Constitutional Matters

RESOLUTION 6-52

WHEREAS, The Committee on Constitutional Matters has been most helpful to the Synod assembled in convention; and

WHEREAS, The suggestions, guidance, and clear interpretation of the Synod's Constitution and Bylaws as offered by the committee have been invaluable to this convention of the Synod; therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend our sincere thanks to the Committee on Constitutional Matters.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Commission on Church Literature

RESOLUTION 6-53

Report 602, II, F, 1, pp. 248—250, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Synod at its 1959 convention resolved to merge the Literature Board, the Young People's Literature Board, and the Committee for Research into a single unit to be known as the Commission on Church Literature; and

WHEREAS, Each of the constituent groups in the Commission on Church Literature was constituted in a slightly different manner and the Survey Commission was instructed to further study and implement the 1959 convention resolution; and

WHEREAS, The Survey Commission has submitted the recommendations with reference to the composition and functions of the Commission on Church Literature; therefore be it

Resolved, That Bylaws 11.41—11.53, 11.61, and 11.101 to 11.105 be deleted from the synodical *Handbook;* and be it further

Resolved, That new sections be adopted beginning with 11.41 to read as follows:

B. COMMISSION ON CHURCH LITERATURE

11.41 Personnel and Appointment

The Commission on Church Literature shall consist of eleven members appointed by the President of the Synod in consultation with the Vice-Presidents. The majority shall be theologically trained. All shall have a sound judgment in literary matters, shall have a college education or its equivalent, and shall have practical experience.

11.43 Advisory and Consultative Members

a. A representative of Concordia Publishing House shall attend the meetings of the Commission on Church Literature as advisory member.

b. The commission may appoint specialists on a temporary basis, or full-time book editors, to examine manuscripts pertaining to specialties such as music, textbooks, art, audio-visual aids, and professional publications. These specialists and editors shall report their findings to the commission and shall act as advisory members of the commission in the matters submitted to them.

c. Representatives of synodical boards, commissions, committees, and auxiliary organizations may be invited for consultation by any of the subcommittees.

11.44 Meetings

The commission shall meet at least six times a year.

11.45 Officers

The commission shall elect its own chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary. Vacancies on the commission shall be filled by the appointing authority.

11.47 Relationships

a. The commission's relationship to the Board of Directors of Concordia Publishing House shall be advisory in recommendations on publications. The latter board, which may also initiate publications, shall determine whether or not to publish any material recommended by the commission, as well as the manner and style of publication. Should these two fail to agree in a given instance, the President of the Synod shall act as arbiter.

b. So far as doctrinal content is concerned, books, periodicals, official church papers, tracts, circulars, etc., published on the order of or in behalf of synodical boards or officers, do not come under the jurisdiction of the Commission on Church Literature but under the Commission on Censorship.

11.49 Duties

The Commission on Church Literature shall—

a. Study the needs of the church to determine what literature may be required and also select authors to undertake literary tasks, but the contract to write books shall be issued by the publisher;

b. Critically examine all manuscripts to determine their literary value, timeliness, and expediency. The censorship as to doctrine shall be exercised by the Commission on Censorship;

c. Study existing literature with a view to recommending for translation, distribution, or republication;

d. Consider research projects which may be proposed by members of the Synod, approve those which meet certain standards, and allocate funds for carrying on these projects;

e. Initiate studies in:

1. Biblical research;
2. Church history;
3. Contemporary church problems;
4. Other areas of interest and value to the church;

f. Encourage a high standard of scholarship as well as of literary and artistic excellence;

g. Report regularly to the President of the Synod, the synodical constituency, and the synodical convention.

11.51 Subcommittees

The commission may divide itself into subcommittees or may be augmented by additional members who shall be advisory to the commission. If the commission finds it necessary to be augmented through additional membership on its subcommittees, it shall recommend suitable candidates to the President of the Synod, who in conjunction with the Vice-Presidents shall appoint additional advisory members to the commission. Such subcommittees may consist of from three to five members and, where possible, shall include one pastor, one teacher, and one layman. The names of the subcommittee members shall be published in the usual manner together with the membership of the Commission on Church Literature. Synodical policies on the term of office and on holding more than one office shall apply. Decisions of the subcommittees shall be transmitted to the commission by means of their minutes. The commission shall be encouraged to conduct an annual plenary meeting in order to coordinate policy development and broad planning within the departments. The following areas shall be provided for, either in combination with another or in separate departments:

a. Practical
b. Systematic
c. Historical
d. Devotional
e. Homiletical
f. Exegetical
g. Scholarly Research
h. Christian Arts
i. Children and Youth
j. Tracts
k. Audio-visual Materials
l. Laymen's Literature

11.53 Expenses

The expenses of the commission shall be borne by Concordia Publishing House.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Thank the Survey Commission for Its Services

RESOLUTION 6-54

WHEREAS, The Survey Commission has labored faithfully for a period of three years, condensing thousands of pages of testimony, discussions, and surveys; and

WHEREAS, The Survey Commission had the tremendous assignment of evaluating operating procedures, the new departments of our growing Synod, the possibility of overlapping functions in the many departments of the Synod, the need to clarify the relationships of the Synod, Districts, circuits, and congregations to one another, and the task of defining the purpose and function of various boards and agencies, and of formulating the directives to provide adequate job descriptions of various officers and officials; and

WHEREAS, Existing boards, commissions, committees, and officers of the Synod have been assigned by the convention to continue the work begun by the Synodical Survey Commission; and

WHEREAS, The research and background materials will be extremely useful in the further study of the organization of the Synod and related matters; therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Survey Commission and to Executive Secretary Suelflow for their great service to the Synod and for the contribution which its report and recommendations will continue to make in the work of our Synod; and be it further

Resolved, That the research and background materials be kept on file at the Concordia Historical Institute for reference and study by those individuals and groups to which further study has been assigned.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Single Division of Missions

RESOLUTION 6-54-A

Unprinted Memorials 222 and 602-C, I, pp. 58, 122, 123, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, The Survey Commission has recommended the establishment of a single division of missions; and

WHEREAS, Virtually all mission boards have concurred; therefore be it

Resolved, That the recommendation as found on pp. 122, 123 of *Today's Business,* items 1 to 5, be adopted.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

NOTE: The recommendation reads as follows:

1. That the Cleveland convention authorize the merging of the Divisions of World Missions and North American Missions into a single "Division of Missions."

2. That the Board for Foreign Missions and the Board for North and South American Missions conduct at least one joint board meeting annually during the next triennium and that representatives of all boards in the Division of Missions conduct at least one annual meeting during the same triennium.

3. That the executive staff of all the boards in the Division of Missions meet at least quarterly each year during the next triennium.

4. That the functions of the individual boards constituting the Division of Missions and their relationship to the Division be reviewed and altered, where necessary, by the Board of Directors in the next triennium on the recommendation of the Executive Director in

consultation with the Executive Secretaries of the Division, the boards involved, and the Council of Administrators.

5. That the chairman of the Division of Missions be appointed in the usual manner.

Unfinished Items of Survey Commission

RESOLUTION 6-55

Report 602, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The limitations of time have prevented Floor Committee 6 from coming to definite conclusions and presenting its findings on every recommendation submitted by the Survey Commission; and

WHEREAS, These recommendations should receive further study; and

WHEREAS, It is the opinion of Floor Committee 6 that all items which it has not been able to handle should be referred to those officials, boards, committees, or agencies of the Synod which are best able to give further consideration to these matters; therefore be it

Resolved, That all matters contained in the report of the Survey Commission which have not been acted upon by this convention be referred for further study; *for implementation if the persons or groups to which the matters have been referred deem it advisable;* and for report to the next convention of the Synod, *on findings and actions taken, with requests for ratification of such actions, as follows* (with references in parentheses to part, sections, and items of Report 602 of the Survey Commission and page references to *Reports and Memorials* except as indicated):

To the President and the Vice-Presidents

Lutheran Laymen's League and Lutheran Women's Missionary League (II, I, 5), p. 263

To the Board of Directors

Retirement Policies and Retirement Provisions for Elected Officers; Review of Salaried Personnel (II, B, 7), pp. 244, 245

Central Office Service Department (Unprinted Memorial 602-C), pp. 128, 129, *Today's Business*

To Committees of Board of Directors and College of Presidents

Fiscal Review Commission (II, A, 7), pp. 237—239 (also Memorial 604, p. 269)

To Committee Appointed by Board of Directors and the Committee on Constitutional Matters

Synodical Convention (II, A, 6), items 3, 4, 6, 7, p. 235; item 3, p. 236

Convention Jurisdiction (II, A, 6), p. 236

Accountability of Officers, Boards, Commissions, and Committees (II, A, 6), p. 236

Synodical Convention Commission (II, A, 6), p. 237

President, First Vice-President, Other Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Synod (II, B, 1—5), pp. 239—243

Uniform Nomenclature (II, C), pp. 245—247

Location of Synodical Agencies (II, D), p. 247, 248 (also Memorial 1104-B, pp. 373, 374)

Boards, Commissions, and Committees in General (II, E), p. 248

Board of Directors (II, F, 5), pp. 252—257

To the Board of Directors of the Synod and the Board of Directors of Concordia Publishing House

Concordia Publishing House (II, F, 3), p. 251

To the College of Presidents

Circuits and Synod (II, A, 4), pp. 232—234

College of Presidents (II, B, 6), pp. 243, 244

To the Committee on Constitutional Matters

Commission on Worship, Hymnology, and Liturgics (II, F, 9, F), p. 261

Apparent Conflict in Bylaws on Loans (II, F, 9, G), p. 261

To the Board of Appeals and the Committee on Constitutional Matters

Adjudicatory Process in the Synod (II, I, 2), p. 263

To the Board of Parish Education

High School Associations (II, I, 4), p. 263

To the Council of Administrators

Minor Changes in Boards, Commissions, and Committees (II, B, 9, B—E), pp. 260, 261

Council of Administrators and the Research Director (II, H), p. 263

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

COMMITTEE 7 — Social Welfare and World Relief

Report of the Board of World Relief

RESOLUTION 7-01

Report 1104 A, pp. 370—373, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Board of World Relief in the nine years since it was established has enjoyed unparalleled blessings, growing from a small beginning to a point where the relief help annually given at incredibly low costs exceeds $4,000,000.00 in actual value; and

WHEREAS, In a world of trouble, sorrow, and need, terrorized and exploited by evil forces and ruthless and godless men, our church through the Board of World Relief has been able to demonstrate in a tangible way the love and concern of our Savior for suffering people; and

WHEREAS, The efforts of the Board of World Relief have enabled our people to move more closely toward the pattern of the perfect ministry of Jesus, which concerned itself with every need of man, both body and soul; and

WHEREAS, Through the Board of World Relief our

church is helping every day to feed approximately twice as many people as we have in our Missouri Synod and to provide clothing, medicine, and special emergency assistance of many kinds to additional hundreds of thousands; and

WHEREAS, It is also very significant, as many of our missionaries in the field point out, that through this ministry of love barriers are removed and a more favorable climate is established for our Gospel ministry; and

WHEREAS, It is heartening that so many of our congregations and of their organizations and members have responded generously in supporting this ministry of love; and

WHEREAS, It is hoped that more and more of our congregations and members will assist in reaching out to the hungry, homeless, forgotten, and helpless by making the contributions on which this work of mercy depends; therefore be it

Resolved, That we receive with thanks the report of the Board of World Relief; and be it further

Resolved, That we give thanks to our Lord for opening these opportunities of mercy and for His blessing on the work that has been done; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage one another and our congregations to support this blessed ministry with their earnest prayers and generous support; and be it finally

Resolved, That we commend the Board of World Relief and its Executive Director for faithful execution of the responsibilities placed upon them.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Observance of a Lutheran Welfare Sunday

RESOLUTION 7-02

Report 1111 and Memorial 1111, 2, pp. 385—390, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod has since its beginning encouraged and fostered the exercise of Christian love in corporate works of mercy as a fruit of faith and a testimony of the truth of the Gospel; and

WHEREAS, The agencies of mercy which have come into existence in her midst, such as agencies for the care and Christian nurture of homeless, abandoned, physically handicapped, and mentally retarded children and the agencies for the loving care of the sick, the aging, and others in need of our love, have long labored under great difficulties in the matter of securing adequate financial support for their God-pleasing work; and

WHEREAS, The 44th regular convention of the Synod resolved, "That a committee be appointed by the President of the Synod, in consultation with its Board of Social Welfare, to consider this matter, with instructions to report to the next regular convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod" *(Proceedings,* 1959, p. 294); therefore be it

Resolved, That in keeping with the planned parish program, the Advent and Christmas season of each year, during which time these agencies have traditionally made their appeals for support to fellow Christians, be recommended to all congregations as a suitable time to permit such appeals to be made to all their members; and be it further

Resolved, That the congregations be encouraged to observe one Sunday in this festive season as the day on which the needs and services of these agencies of mercy may be presented to their membership.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Approve and Accredit Lutheran Welfare Agencies

RESOLUTION 7-03

Report 1111 and Memorial 1111, 5, pp. 385—391, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, There are requests that the Synod adopt some form of recognition or accreditation of welfare agencies established by associations of individuals or congregations within the Synod; and

WHEREAS, It seems proper and wise to respond to these requests, which are motivated by a sincere desire to strengthen the work of such welfare agencies and to assure supporting congregations that they are rendering a truly Christ-centered service according to the highest standards of performance; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Social Welfare be directed to develop procedures for such recognition and standards for accreditation of Welfare Agencies seeking the support of the members of congregations affiliated with the Synod, keeping in mind the functions of District Welfare Committees and the advisory character of the Department of Social Welfare; and be it further

Resolved, That such procedures and standards be approved by a majority of the welfare agencies within the Synod and by the Board of Directors of the Synod before they are put into operation.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Church and Social Action, Church and State Relations, and Other Issues with Theological Implications

RESOLUTION 7-04

Report 1102 and Memorials 636, 1118, pp. 365, 366, 285, 395, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Questions regarding proper relations between church and state, church and social action, and other issues with theological implications are constantly arising in new forms; and

WHEREAS, A clear definition of principles is necessary as well as considered judgments in the application of such principles in the practical situations arising in these complex areas; and

WHEREAS, Our Synod is in a position to furnish

needed leadership in the areas both of principle and of practical application; therefore be it

Resolved, That the President of the Synod, in consultation with the Division of Social Action and Welfare, be authorized to establish a Commission on Social Action whose responsibility it would be to initiate necessary studies and to secure "position papers" on subjects of critical interest in these complex areas from those agencies of the Synod directly involved; and be it further

Resolved, That the findings and recommendations of the Commission on Social Action be forwarded to the President of the Synod, at whose direction they would be referred to the Department of Public Relations for dissemination; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Commission on Social Action be placed within the Division of Social Action and Welfare.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Commendation of Districts and Congregations for Social Welfare Activity

RESOLUTION 7-05

Report 1111, pp. 385—390, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Thirty-one synodical Districts, in accordance with resolutions of previous synodical conventions, have established Welfare Committees to give guidance to the concern of the church for those who are in need; and

WHEREAS, A considerable number of Districts have extended this ministry of mercy into the circuits by the appointment of capable welfare representatives to the Circuit Counselor's Cabinet; and

WHEREAS, Hundreds of congregations have already actively engaged in this service of love by establishing welfare committees within the congregation; therefore be it

Resolved, That we commend those who by their deeds of mercy have given Christian witness through their loving service to the afflicted; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage all Districts, circuits, and congregations to enlarge their witness of Christ through their organized service of love to people in need.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Commendation of Social Welfare Board and Staff

RESOLUTION 7-06

Report 1111, pp. 385—390, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The members of the Board of Social Welfare and its staff have served the Synod faithfully in the past triennium; therefore be it

Resolved, That we thank our heavenly Father for granting us such faithful servants; and be it further

Resolved, That we express our appreciation to the Board and staff for work well done; and be it finally

Resolved, That we implore the Lord of the church to grant our prayers that the vacancies in this department may soon be filled with qualified personnel.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Call Attention to and to Emphasize the Synod's Resolution on Race Relations

RESOLUTION 7-07

Memorial 1117, pp. 394, 395, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, We have not always addressed ourselves in our Christian witness against the open discrimination and vicious brutality often practiced toward Christ's brothers, our Negro members, and other minority groups; therefore be it

Resolved, That we bring with vigor and a sense of urgency to the attention of our people the race relations resolutions adopted at our synodical conventions in 1956 and 1959 with special emphasis on that section which applies to this matter:

> That since Christians are constrained to do justice and love mercy, we acknowledge our responsibility as a church to provide guidance for our members to work in the capacity of Christian citizens for the elimination of discrimination wherever it may exist in community, city, state, nation, and world.

and be it further

Resolved, That we enjoin upon all those who are in authority in the church and upon all Christians to work with zeal for the implementation of these resolutions in the lives of all members of the church as well as in the life of the individual congregations; and be it finally

Resolved, That we now as never before witness through the Christ who will on the Last Day say to them on His right hand: "Truly I say to you, If you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Declare Objections to Close-Embrace Dancing, etc.

RESOLUTION 7-08

Memorial 1120, p. 396, *Reports and Memorials*

Action: On June 28 this resolution was *recommitted* and on June 29 the substitute resolution was *withdrawn* at the request of the petitioner.

The Christian Responsibility in Social Action

RESOLUTION 7-09

Unprinted Memorial 1130 A

WHEREAS, The Head of the church has commanded His church to make disciples of all nations and to teach them to observe all that He has commanded them; and

WHEREAS, According to Martin Luther, the church must be the conscience of the state, addressing itself to the correction of problems and tensions which interfere with the fulfillment of God's will through His instrument the state; and

WHEREAS, The primary purpose of the church — the winning of people for Christ — may become blurred or muted as its concern for the temporal affairs of men is overemphasized; and

WHEREAS, Current questions should be answered in the light of the message of the Cross; therefore be it

Resolved, That this convention remind the pastors, teachers, leaders, and members of the Synod that they are committed to carrying out their total service as members of the body of Christ; and be it further

Resolved, That we reaffirm our belief in the relevance of the Gospel for the Christian in his relation to all his fellowmen and in his functions as a witness of the Lord who has redeemed him.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

COMMITTEE 8 — Church Literature and Publications

Report of Concordia Publishing House

RESOLUTION 8-01

Report 701, pp. 290—300, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The affairs of Concordia Publishing House have been conducted conscientiously, efficiently, and effectively; and

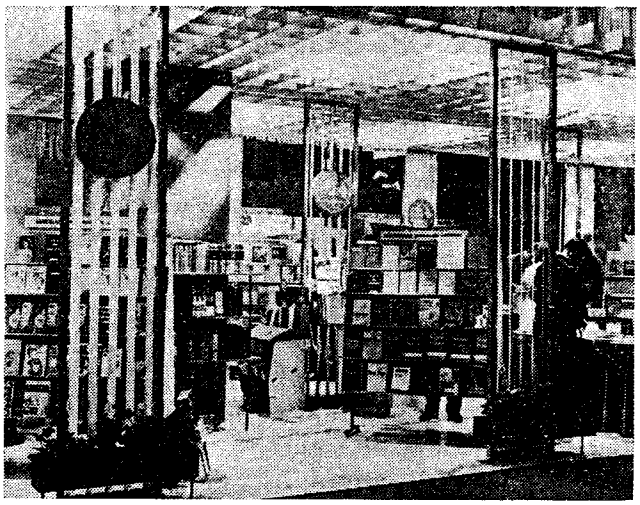
WHEREAS, Concordia Publishing House has been a mighty arm in disseminating the Word through the printed page and other media; therefore be it

Resolved, That we accept the report of Concordia Publishing House; and be it further

Resolved, That we commend the general manager, the board of directors, and the staff of more than 600 members for their dedicated service; and be it finally

Resolved, That we bespeak God's blessings for the continued expansion of plant and services.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*



The convention exhibit of Concordia Publishing House attracted much attention to the church's ministry of the printed word.

To Make Available Theological Publications Not Easily Accessible or Out of Print

RESOLUTION 8-02

Memorial 712, p. 308, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The fathers of our church were loyal to the Holy Scriptures and the Confessions of the Lutheran Church; and

WHEREAS, The writings of our fathers contain much that is pertinent to the understanding of Christian doctrine and the strengthening of our faith; and

WHEREAS, Many of the works of the eminent theologians of our church are not easily accessible; and

WHEREAS, It is highly desirable that we study and appreciate the rich literary heritage which we have received from our fathers; therefore be it

Resolved, That this convention of the Synod request the Commission on Church Literature to *consider* the publishing and reprinting of theological books and essays not now easily accessible, such as A. L. Graebner's *Outlines of Doctrinal Theology,* Theodore Engelder's *Scripture Cannot Be Broken* and *Reason and Revelation,* the *Concordia Triglotta* with its historical introduction, and any other books or essays which the commission feels would be pertinent to present-day needs.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Expansion of Concordia Publishing House Plant Facilities

RESOLUTION 8-03

Report 701, pp. 290—300, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, During the past decade the sales volume of Concordia Publishing House has nearly tripled; and

WHEREAS, Concordia Publishing House must expand its present plant facilities in order to continue to supply the needs of our growing church effectively; therefore be it

Resolved, That this convention authorize Concordia Publishing House to expend approximately $2,000,000.00 from its operating income for this purpose.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Publication of "The Lutheran Chaplain"

RESOLUTION 8-04

Memorial 216, p. 139, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, *The Lutheran Chaplain* fills a demonstrable need in the important cause of ministering to the large number of our men and women in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, The cost of this publication is also carefully reviewed annually by the Fiscal Conference; therefore be it

Resolved, To continue to publish *The Lutheran Chaplain.*

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Regarding Bible Translations

RESOLUTION 8-05

Report 401, Recommendation 24, and Memorials 342, 352, 714, pp. 205, 169, 170, 178, 309, *Reports and Memorials*

Unprinted Memorial 717, pp. 92, 93, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, Reliable Bible translations are a gift of God for the church's task of preaching and teaching the Holy Scriptures to all people in their own tongue throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Such translations possess the dynamic power of the Word of God in private, family, and group Bible studies as well as in formal worship services; and

WHEREAS, The Synod during the past decade has affirmed (a) that only the original texts constitute authority for its doctrine; (b) that it refrain from adopting any official translation (1953); (c) that its scholars and responsible boards work with editors and publishers of Bible translations toward improved translations and the correction of inaccuracies (1953, 1956); (d) that congregations be encouraged to use versions of Bible translations as aids in instruction under the wise guidance of pastors (1953, 1956); and

WHEREAS, Significant improvements have been made in the RSV during the past triennium (in the 1960 printing) at the suggestion of our Advisory Committee on English Bible Versions; therefore be it

Resolved, That The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod express gratitude to God, who has given His Spirit to members of the church throughout the world and moved them to study the Sacred Scriptures and to translate them into over 1,000 tongues; and be it further

Resolved, That we thank God for the privilege of participating in this work of putting God's Word into the languages of men and sharing in the fruits of this work in our homes, schools, and churches; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage individuals and groups to continue their efforts to bring the Sacred Scriptures to people in the languages of their lands and of their times; and be it further

Resolved, That we thank the Advisory Committee on English Bible Versions for its painstaking, detailed work during the past 12 years; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod instruct the Commission on Theology and Church Relations to continue the work of the committee by appointing a separate Committee on Bible Versions with representation from the faculties of our theological seminaries, the Commission on Church Literature, the staff of the Board of Parish Education, and other competent persons; and be it further

Resolved, That members of the Synod be encouraged to send properly documented evaluations and suggestions for the improvement of translations to this committee; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod reaffirm its policy of respecting the rights of individual congregations and recognize the Christian liberty of individual congregations to use Bible translations within the limits of Article II of the Synod's Constitution; and be it finally

Resolved, That the boards, committees, and agencies of the Synod serve the needs of congregations with regard to Bible translations and Bible use.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Research Project on Marriage, Divorce, Remarriage, and Related Subjects

RESOLUTION 8-06

Memorials 328, 329, 411, pp. 158, 159, 217, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod requested and initiated the study of "marriage, divorce, remarriage, and related subjects" (1947) and instructed the Committee on Marriage and the Family to continue the project; and

WHEREAS, This committee complied with all the directives of the Synod (1947, 1950, 1953, 1959); and

WHEREAS, This committee followed the censorial procedures of the Synod which safeguard Scriptural doctrine and the Lutheran Confessions and were assured that its publications are in harmony with the norm established in Article II of the Synod's Constitution; and

WHEREAS, This committee followed exegetical principles established by past theologians of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod; and

WHEREAS, The Synod commended and thanked "the authors and the Family Life Committee for their painstaking work in the field of engagement and marriage" (1959) and encouraged the Family Life Committee "to continue its research in the field of marriage and the family"; and

WHEREAS, The book *Engagement and Marriage* clearly states in its introduction and conclusion that its purpose is not to establish doctrine and practice for the Synod but to present and evaluate all factors involved in a research project on engagement; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod recognize the validity of the procedures employed by the Family Life Committee in carrying out the assignments of the Synod; and be it further

Resolved, That the Family Life Committee continue

to carrry out the assignments given to it by the Synod in 1947, 1950, 1953, and 1959; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod encourage its members to examine and evaluate the findings and conclusions of *Engagement and Marriage* and *Sex and the Church;* and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod direct requests for formal doctrinal and practical statements regarding entrance into marriage to the Commission on Theology and Church Relations; and be it finally

Resolved, That said commission, after adequate study, report to the Synod.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Indexing Periodicals Published by The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

RESOLUTION 8-07

Unprinted Memorial 718, pp. 94—97, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, The Synod adopted the resolution encouraging Concordia Publishing House to publish a continuing index of the Synod's magazines and periodicals (1959); and

WHEREAS, A special committee appointed by Concordia Publishing House has restudied the 1959 resolution and has recommended that favorable action be taken in implementing this resolution; therefore be it

Resolved, That this convention direct Concordia Publishing House to publish a continuing index of the Synod's magazines and periodicals; and be it further

Resolved, That any deficits involved in publishing the index be assumed by the Synod.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Report of Concordia Tract Mission

RESOLUTION 8-08

Report 707, pp. 306, 307, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Concordia Tract Mission has been engaged in tract distribution for 3½ years and has responded to the needs of congregations and individuals throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, The Lord of the church is providing ever-increasing opportunities for distribution of Christian tracts, especially in areas where our church's missionary outreach is limited; therefore be it

Resolved, That we commend the Concordia Tract Mission and its director for this valuable contribution to the missionary outreach of the church; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage congregations, organizations, and individuals to support the Concordia Tract Mission and to make diligent and prayerful use of its materials.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Report of Young People's Literature Board

RESOLUTION 8-09

Report 703, pp. 301, 302, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That we accept the report of the Young People's Literature Board with thanks and commend this board for its faithful work in the promotion of literature for children and young people of the church and in the promotion of libraries that will ably serve our Lutheran parishes and schools.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Provide for Wider Distribution of the Book of "Reports and Memorials"

RESOLUTION 8-10

Memorial 713, pp. 308, 309, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The book of *Reports and Memorials* of the convention of the Synod has become a large volume with much detailed information essential specifically for pastors, teachers, and lay delegates to conventions; and

WHEREAS, The cost of producing this volume for wider distribution would involve additional expense which may not have proportionate benefits to the Synod; and

WHEREAS, The *Lutheran Witness* and other publications disseminate much information about convention business both before and after conventions; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable that members of the Synod who specifically request a copy of the book of *Reports and Memorials* be given the opportunity to secure one; therefore be it

Resolved, That additional copies of the book of *Reports and Memorials* be made available through Concordia Publishing House at cost to members of the Synod desiring them; and be it further

Resolved, That details of implementing this be left to the management of Concordia Publishing House.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Report of the Committee for Research

RESOLUTION 8-11

Report 1107, pp. 380, 382, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Committee for Research has examined and properly processed 122 projects since its inception; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod commend this committee for its oustanding contributions in this research endeavor.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Establish Official Policy Regarding Publication of District Proceedings

RESOLUTION 8-12

Unprinted Memorial 719, pp. 97—99, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, The various District conventions of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod are considered to be official conventions of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod according to the synodical *Handbook;* and

WHEREAS, The proceedings of these conventions record important and official actions of the church in the various localities; and

WHEREAS, It is becoming more and more important that these proceedings be conveniently and safely filed and preserved in usable form; and

WHEREAS, Uniformity of format of the proceedings of each District would greatly simplify this work for the archivists and librarians throughout the Synod; therefore be it

Resolved, That the individual Districts be encouraged to publish their convention proceedings through Concordia Publishing House; and be it further

Resolved, That Concordia Publishing House provide a standard format for District proceedings; and be it finally

Resolved, That all District Secretaries furnish a copy of the District proceedings to all libraries of our colleges and to Concordia Historical Institute.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Report of the General Literature Board

RESOLUTION 8-13

Report 702, pp. 300, 301, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The General Literature Board, in cooperation with Concordia Publishing House and the faculty of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, has developed significant publications for the needs of the church during the past triennium; and

WHEREAS, There are continuing needs in the church for literature; and

WHEREAS, The relationships between all boards and committees producing church literature should be clarified; therefore be it

Resolved, That we offer our special thanks to our heavenly Father, who continues to bless the literature program of our church; and be it further

Resolved, That we accept the report of the General Literature Board with thanks and commend this board for its faithful work; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage the Commission on Church Literature to do all within its power to discover, train, and develop capable Christian writers who will produce manuscripts to meet the continuing literature needs of the church; and be it finally

Resolved, That we encourage the Commission on Church Literature to clarify relationships between all boards and committees producing literature for the church.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Concerning the Publication of Dr. Walther's Writings

RESOLUTION 8-14

Report 1109 and Memorial 708, pp. 382—384, 307, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, God gave to The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod an outstanding theologian in the person of Dr. C. F. W. Walther; and

WHEREAS, The writings of Dr. C. F. W. Walther are scattered in various journals, serials, tracts, books, and even unpublished manuscripts, many of which have not been translated into English; and

WHEREAS, Many of Dr. Walther's writings are relatively inaccessible; and

WHEREAS, The works of theological leaders are generally printed in collected editions; and

WHEREAS, There is a growing appreciation of the importance of Dr. Walther's writings among both Lutherans and non-Lutherans; therefore be it

Resolved, That the 1962 convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod authorize the Board of Governors of Concordia Historical Institute to be responsible for the publication of Dr. Walther's works; and be it further

Resolved, That this convention instruct Concordia Publishing House to print the volume(s) of this work, properly approved by the Board of Governors of Concordia Historical Institute and the Commission on Church Literature; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Fiscal Conference make available adequate funds for the cost of this project.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Publish Materials Against Communism

RESOLUTION 8-15

Memorial 710, pp. 307, 308, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Communism poses a tremendous threat to the church; and

WHEREAS, The church needs to be informed and fortified against this godless menace; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Commission on Church Literature recommend the publication of materials pointing out the true nature of Communism by competent authorities in this field.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Encourage Wider Use of "Advance" Magazine

RESOLUTION 8-16

Report 706, pp. 305, 306, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Communicating a work program of the Synod to local congregations is of prime importance to insure widespread knowledge of the program; and

WHEREAS, The presentation and promotion of a unified program of Kingdom work by the Departments of Missions, Stewardship, and Parish Education has been in effect since 1953, and for all departments since 1956, through the journal *Advance;* and

WHEREAS, *Advance* also serves as an effective means of exchange of practical church methods between the congregations of the Synod; and

WHEREAS, The "Hymn of the Month," the "Planned Parish Program," and inserts of suggested services for special observances proved welcome; and

WHEREAS, This publication has demonstrated itself to be an effective medium of the Synod, reaching beyond the pastor to the lay leader and congregational worker and thereby giving them a needed tool of information; therefore be it

Resolved, That we commend the editorial committee of *Advance* for its timely and useful presentations; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage the use of *Advance* ever more widely in the congregation.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

The Workbook "Adventuring in the Church"

RESOLUTION 8-17

Unprinted Memorial 716, pp. 91, 92, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, Some objections have been raised to the workbook *Adventuring in the Church;* and

WHEREAS, A revised edition of this workbook was published early in 1962; therefore be it

Resolved, That the new edition of the workbook *Adventuring in the Church* be reviewed in the *Concordia Theological Monthly* and the *Lutheran Witness.*

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

COMMITTEE 9 — Worship, Hymnology, and Liturgics

To Include Additional Hymns in Revised Hymnal

RESOLUTION 9-01

Memorial 711, p. 308, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, A revision of the *Lutheran Hymnal* is being prepared; and

WHEREAS, The constant relevancy of the Christian faith to life in all its aspects should be reflected in our worship and singing and instrumental music; therefore be it

Resolved, That the convention encourage the Commission on Worship, Liturgics, and Hymnology to consider the suggestion of Memorial 711 with regard to the inclusion of additional hymns which express the relationship of the church to contemporary society, such hymns being doctrinally sound and exalting our Lord Jesus Christ.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Report of the Commission on Worship, Liturgics, and Hymnology

RESOLUTION 9-02

Report 705, pp. 304, 305, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Commission on Worship, Liturgics, and Hymnology has faithfully pursued its tasks during the past triennium, as evidenced by the publication of revised and new rites, the initiation of various long-term studies, and by its efforts to gain from pastors, teachers, and church musicians their suggestions for improving the present hymnal; therefore be it

Resolved, That the report of this commission be accepted and that the convention encourage the commission to continue as speedily as possible the work of hymnal revision as outlined in Report 705, also continuing its mutually profitable and edifying contacts with representatives of the other Synods of the Synodical Conference; and be it further

Resolved, That the convention encourage the commission to continue publishing its proposed revisions through *Advance* Magazine and/or pamphlets in order that such revisions receive wide interest and attention; and be it finally

Resolved, That the convention concur in the judgment of the Synodical Survey Commission that the Commission on Worship, Liturgics, and Hymnology remain an independent commission attached to the Division of Doctrine and Church Relations (p. 261, Report 602, 2, F, 9, F) in order to carry out its work most effectively.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

COMMITTEE 10 — Pensions

Recognition of the Faithful Service of Dr. Edwin A. Sommer

RESOLUTION 10-01

WHEREAS, Dr. Edwin A. Sommer has resigned from the office of Executive Secretary of the Board of Support and Pensions, in which capacity he served capably and faithfully for a period of 15 years, during which time he promoted the cause of the retired and disabled servants of the Lord; therefore be it

Resolved, That the 45th convention of The Lutheran

Church — Missouri Synod commend him for making his experience available to the Board of Support and Pensions as counselor and assistant to the newly appointed Executive Secretary, and wish him God's choicest blessings in his continued service to God, his church, and his fellowmen.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Report of Pension Study Committee

RESOLUTION 10-02

Report 810, pp. 345—348, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The 1959 synodical convention resolved to authorize the President of the Synod to appoint a committee of representative personnel to study thoroughly the possibility and advisability of instituting a more comprehensive pension program for all qualifying lay employees of the Synod, of all Districts of the Synod, of colleges and seminaries, as well as lay persons serving boards, agencies, and other organizational units, wholly within the church; and

WHEREAS, It was further resolved that this committee recommend to the next synodical convention a course of action; and

WHEREAS, In March 1961 Dr. Behnken enlarged the scope of the work of the study committee by ruling that the study committee "should concern itself also with the study of the Pension Fund and its benefits, making such recommendations to the synodical convention in 1962 regarding changes of improvements as seem to be in order"; and

WHEREAS, Certain inadequacies are pointed out, for present-day conditions, in the present pension program for the professional workers of the Synod in the Report of the Board of Support and Pensions (pp. 342 ff., *Reports and Memorials*), which inadequacies were substantiated in open hearings; and

WHEREAS, The recommendation of the Board of Support and Pensions as contained in its report (pp. 340 ff., *Reports and Memorials*) is contingent on the action on Memorial 810; and

WHEREAS, Representatives of the Board of Support and Pensions were members of the Pension Study Committee; and

WHEREAS, The Pension Study Committee has given extensive study to this problem during the past triennium; and

WHEREAS, The report submitted by the Pension Study Committee was unanimously adopted by the committee for presentation to this convention; therefore be it

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Pension Study Committee (p. 348, *Reports and Memorials*) relating to the establishment of a new retirement and welfare program, be hereby adopted, ratified, and approved in principle, subject, however, to the provisions of the following resolutions; and be it further

Resolved, That since a general convention cannot give to the detailed provisions of such a retirement and welfare program, within the time made available, that degree of consideration and attention which will be required for the establishment, the implementation, and the administration of the program, the Board of Directors of the Synod is hereby authorized and instructed to study and to review all aspects of the new program and of the implementation and administration thereof as recommended by the Pension Study Committee, and is further authorized, before establishing and implementing such a program, to make any and all changes in the proposed program and in the proposed implementation and administration thereof which the Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, may deem advisable or desirable; and be it further

Resolved, That the appropriate officers, boards, committees, and agencies of the Synod are authorized and directed to take any and all action and to execute any and all documents which may be necessary or advisable to establish, implement, and administer the new retirement and welfare program (herein sometimes referred to as the "Benefit Program") as the same may be modified or changed by the Board of Directors; and be it further

Resolved, That at such time as the new Benefit Program is established, the existing Pension Plan for Pastors and Teachers (as set forth in the *Handbook* of the Synod at sections 10.41 through 10.55) shall be amended by the addition thereto of the following new section 10.57:

10.57 Integration with Benefit Program

On the date (to be determined by the Synod's Board of Directors) on which the Benefit Program (which was submitted to the Synod at its 1962 convention in a Report of the Pension Study Committee) becomes effective, the Pension Plan for Pastors and Teachers, as set forth in the preceding Sections 10.41 et seq., shall in all respects be subject to the following provisions which shall take precedence over any other provisions with which they might otherwise be in conflict:

a. Contributions (either by the worker or by an employer) shall no longer be made to this Pension Fund, and shall not be accepted by or on behalf of this Pension Fund, for or with respect to any worker who, pursuant to criteria established by the Synod in its adoption of the Benefit Program: (1) is automatically precluded from continuing as an active member of the Pension Plan; or (2) elects to exercise the option, which the Benefit Program may give him, to become an active member under the Benefit Program.

b. Contributions from the worker and/or the employer shall continue to be made to this Pension Fund only for and with respect to a worker who, pursuant to criteria established by the Synod in its adoption of the Benefit Program, does not exercise an election to become an active member under the Benefit Program and therefore continues as an active member under the Pension Plan.

c. The term "active member," as used herein, means a member for whose benefit continuing contributions are made.

and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Directors and the Board of Support and Pensions of the Synod hereby are authorized and directed to study and to consider the adoption of any other amendments of the present Pension Plan for pastors and teachers which may be necessary or advisable as a result of the establishment of the

new Benefit Program and to submit such other amendments to the Synod at its next regular convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Synod and the agencies of the Synod participating in the present Lay Retirement Plan are hereby authorized and directed:

1. to change, modify, or terminate the present Lay Retirement Plan and the trust being administered in connection therewith, in such manner as the Board of Directors of the Synod shall deem necessary or advisable to effect a proper integration of the present Lay Retirement Plan and of the trust into the new Benefit Program; and

2. that the officers of the Synod, the Lay Retirement Committee, the agencies of the Synod, as well as their respective boards and officers, and the trustees under the Lay Retirement Plan are hereby authorized and directed to take such actions and execute such documents as the Board of Directors of the Synod shall direct in order to effectuate such change, modification, or termination of the present Lay Retirement Plan; provided, however,

3. that no change, modification, or termination shall be effected in the present Lay Retirement Plan which would cause or permit any part of the corpus or income of the trust to be diverted to purposes other than for the exclusive advantage of participants under the Lay Retirement Plan or which would cause or permit any portion of the assets of the trust to revert to, or to become the property of, the Synod or any of its agencies; and be it further

Resolved, That each of the preceding resolutions and the approvals, authorizations, and directions therein contained hereby are made expressly subject to the Board of Directors' obtaining favorable rulings from the Internal Revenue Service concerning the tax aspects of the new Benefit Program; and be it further

Resolved, That in carrying out the foregoing resolutions the Board of Directors shall be governed by the following guidelines:

1. Consider the possibility of making Social Security features optional for the professional participants;

2. Consider the possibility of separating the welfare and pension programs;

3. Expedite the implementation of the new benefit program with all due caution; and be it further

Resolved, That the convention here assembled go on record encouraging all qualifying lay employees of the Synod, of all Districts of the Synod, of colleges and seminaries, as well as lay persons serving boards, agencies, and other organizational units, wholly within the church, to join "The Concordia Benefit Association (unincorporated)"; and be it finally

Resolved, That the convention express its thanks to the Pension Study Committee for its faithful work.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Report on Synod's Retirement Plan for Lay Employees

RESOLUTION 10-03

Report 811, pp. 348, 349, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Lay Retirement Board has continued to serve with faithfulness and concern for the dedicated lay employees of the Synod, its boards and agencies, colleges and seminaries, Districts, and congregations during the past triennium; therefore be it

Resolved, That the 45th regular convention here assembled accept this report with gratitude, especially thanking the board for the services performed on behalf of these faithful lay co-workers in the service of the church.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Increase Minimum Amount of Pension Payment

RESOLUTION 10-04

Memorial 812, p. 349, *Reports and Memorials*
Unprinted Memorial 812-A, p. 104, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, The 1962 synodical subsidy for the present Pension Plan administered by the Board of Support and Pensions for professional workers is $1,360,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Concern has been expressed in open hearing regarding the amount of subsidy required to support the present Pension Program; and

WHEREAS, The adopted proposals of Report 810 (as contained in the fifth "Resolved" of Resolution 10-02) are designed to help relieve the needs of retired and about-to-retire professional workers; and

WHEREAS, Additional assistance is currently available through the Board of Support and Pensions, therefore be it

Resolved, That the proposal to increase minimum pension payments by 5 percent per year for each year served beyond the age of 65, and the proposal to increase minimum pension payments to retired pastors and teachers from $100 per month to $150 per month, be referred to the Board of Directors and the Board of Support and Pensions for consideration under the provisions of Resolution 10-02.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Appoint Committee to Study a Proposed Housing Plan

RESOLUTION 10-05

Memorial 821, pp. 352, 353, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Word of God directs the church to honor and to provide well for those who serve them in the Word and doctrine; and

WHEREAS, Our Synod has made a wonderful beginning in doing this by means of the Synod's Pension Plan and the newly approved Concordia Benefit Association, which make provision for the servants of the

Lord also when they must retire or become unable to continue their work; and

WHEREAS, The fathers of the church in the goodness of their hearts provided housing for the workers of the church which might otherwise not have been attainable by the pioneer workers of the Lord in the church but which intended kindness may now be of doubtful value to the workers of the church because of the changed conditions in modern times; and

WHEREAS, Congregations and employing agencies now frequently point out that by providing housing in terms of parsonages, teacherages, and other official residences, which in turn are counted as salary, the worker is left without housing or reasonable equity in the same at any given stage in his career in the church and certainly at the time of retirement; and

WHEREAS, No equity can be accumulated from this portion of salary designated as "free rent," thus causing immediate hardship on the widow and family of a worker not attaining retirement age; and

WHEREAS, The full-time worker of the church, especially within the congregation, occupies facilities which are for the convenience of the congregation; and

WHEREAS, In many cases the worker, when beginning his tenure of office, is "provided with housing," the upkeep of which is implied in his call by the phrase "provided housing," but which in fact frequently falls short of that designation or implication since the provided home is permitted to deteriorate, to the discomfort of the occupants and to the discredit of both the church and the occupants before the public; and

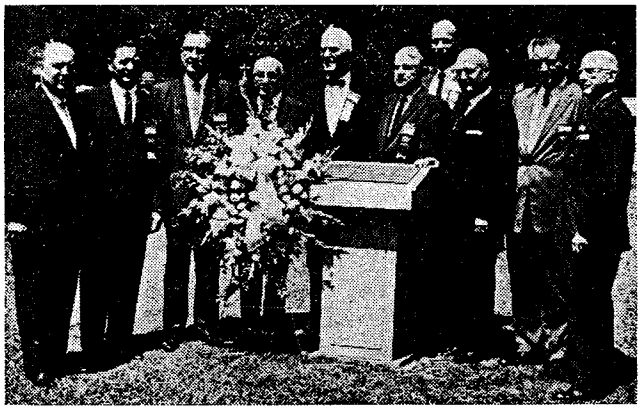
WHEREAS, These difficulties create unwarranted but understandable considerations in the acceptance or rejection of divine calls, or create undue hazards as and when workers move from and to congregations that have various housing programs; therefore be it

Resolved, That a synodical Housing Plan Study Committee be appointed by the President of the Synod to explore what is now being done throughout the Synod regarding housing for workers of the church; and be it further

Resolved, That this Housing Plan Study Committee shall interpret these facts and shall set up guidelines for the consideration (through District Presidents) of congregations and District boards and agencies and (through the appropriate synodical boards and officials) for all other synodical employees and synodical agencies (as soon as this committee can complete such a study), for the purpose of working toward a better understanding of housing needs on the synodical, District, and congregational levels; and be it finally

Resolved, That this Housing Plan Study Committee shall execute the study with all reasonable dispatch and shall present this study, which should include the information collected, guidelines developed, and reactions from the District Presidents and the appropriate synodical boards and officials, at the 46th regular synodical convention.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*



Fourth Vice-President Arthur C. Nitz led in the wreath-laying ceremony at the grave of Rev. Frederick C. D. Wyneken, second President of the Synod and for many years pastor of Cleveland's Trinity Church. Present at Cleveland Lutheran Cemetery were (left to right) Milton Carpenter, Jay Pfotenhauer, Dr. Nitz, Rev. Clarence T. Schuknecht, Dr. John W. Behnken, Clarence Amling, Rev. Lawrence Wyneken, Dr. Roland Wiederaenders, Dr. George Kuechle (partly hidden), Rev. August Suelflow, and Otis Wyneken.

Report of the Board of Support and Pensions to Have Congregations Assume 12% Pension Payment

RESOLUTION 10-06

Report 808 and Memorial 813, pp. 340—344, 349, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Recommendation 1 (Report 808, pp. 343, 344, *Reports and Memorials*) was presented contingent on the action by this convention on Report 810 (pp. 345 ff., *Reports and Memorials*); and

WHEREAS, Action on Report 810 was affirmative, thus negating the necessity of action on this Recommendation 1; and

WHEREAS, There is a definite trend in the fields of secular employment that the employer assumes the entire cost for participants in pension programs; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Support and Pensions in its report (Recommendation 2, Report 808, p. 344, *Reports and Memorials*) has recommended that congregations and employing boards and organizations within the Synod who are participants in the Pension Fund assume payments of the entire cost involved, the present total rate being 12% of the salary basis; and

WHEREAS, Memorial 813 (p. 349, *Reports and Memorials*) requests substantially the same consideration; therefore be it

Resolved, That Recommendation 1 in Report 808 be declined; and be it further

Resolved, That congregations and all other employing agencies of the Synod who are participants in the Pension Fund be encouraged to assume payments of the entire cost (12%) involved; and be it finally

Resolved, That this convention receive the Report of the Board of Support and Pensions with thanks and in-

voke the blessing of the Lord on its continuing work of making provision, under His guidance and blessing, for the needy and retired workers in the church.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Reciprocal Pension Fund Membership Within the Synodical Conference

RESOLUTION 10-07

WHEREAS, Inquiry has been made as to whether a participant in the Pension Fund will lose his benefits if he transfers to a congregation belonging to another Synod of the Synodical Conference; and

WHEREAS, Section 10.49 of the synodical *Handbook* is not clear on this point; and

WHEREAS, Other professional pension plans provide means whereby professional workers who remain in their profession but transfer to another related corporate body do not lose their benefits; and

WHEREAS, Section 10.55 provides that "The plan or any part thereof may be amended . . . (b) by the Board for Support and Pensions with the consent of the Board of Directors, subject to ratification by Synod"; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Support and Pensions does approve and the Board of Directors does consent to the following amendment; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the event either the worker or the congregation transfers membership to another Synod of the Synodical Conference as constituted on June 28, 1962, his full "pension credits" shall, at his request, be transferred to any plan of such Synod, or, if there is no such plan in such Synod, he shall have the right to retain his "full credit" and "full benefits" in the Pension Fund (sections 10.41 through 10.49 inclusive of the Bylaws) so long as The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod is in fellowship with such Synod; and be it further

Resolved, That in the event either a worker or a congregation from a Synod of the Synodical Conference as constituted on June 28, 1962, joins The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod such worker or congregation may transfer credits to the Pension Fund subject to all the rules and regulations as set forth in the plan; and be it finally

Resolved, That the pertinent synodical *Handbook* sections be made conformable to these resolutions by the Committee on Constitutional Matters.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

COMMITTEE 11 — Finance and Stewardship

Report of Board of Directors

RESOLUTION 11-01

Report 801, pp. 310—316, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The triennial report of the Board of Directors of the Synod reveals the exercise of wisdom and zeal in the performance of its duties; and

WHEREAS, It is apparent that the Lord of the church has granted a high measure of blessing to the labors of this board; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod give thanks to God for the dedicated leadership He has provided through the services of the members of this board; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod express its gratitude to the members of the board for their faithful exercise of the stewardship committed to them and offer particular commendation for their judicious use of the authority granted them by the San Francisco convention to borrow funds for capital items; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Synod accept the report of the Board of Directors as given (pp. 310 to 316, *Reports and Memorials*), with the exception of Section VII ("Special Offering") which will be considered in a separate resolution.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Report of Synod's Treasurer

RESOLUTION 11-02

Report 802, pp. 316—326, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That the Synod adopt the comprehensive report of the Treasurer as found on pages 316 to 326, *Reports and Memorials;* and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod express its gratitude to the entire staff of the fiscal office and particularly to Dr. M. E. Strieter, Treasurer; Mr. R. C. Rauscher, Controller; and Mr. C. E. Groerich, Assistant Treasurer, for their faithful service.

Action: This resolution was *adopted,* and Dr. Strieter was given a rising vote of appreciation.

Report of Board and Staff, Department of Stewardship, Mission Education, and Promotion

RESOLUTION 11-03

Report 804, pp. 328—334, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The reports of the Stewardship Department's Board and Staff give an indication of the blessing of God resting upon their leadership efforts; and

WHEREAS, It is evident that God has given us capable and faithful men for the performance of their duties; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod express its gratitude to God for having given to His church this group of consecrated and conscientious leaders; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod herewith express its heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation to the members of the Stewardship Department's board and staff; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Synod accept the report of the Stewardship Department's board and staff as presented to this convention on pages 328—334, *Reports and Memorials* (the Recommendations on pages 334—336 are considered separately).

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Report of Board of Trustees of the Synod's Trust Funds

RESOLUTION 11-04

Report 803, pp. 326—328, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Synod's Trust Funds has rendered continued valuable service in managing, investing, and conserving these funds; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod express its gratitude to the members of this board for the conscientious discharge of their assignments; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod accept the report of the Board of Trustees of the Synod's Trust Funds.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Authorize Appointing Other Than U. S. Citizens as Trustees, etc.

RESOLUTION 11-05

Report 803, pp. 326—328, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Canadian law now requires that pension fund contributions received from Canadian employees and employers be invested almost entirely in Canadian securities and that these securities and moneys be domiciled in Canada; and

WHEREAS, Such funds must be controlled in Canada or by Canadian citizens; and

WHEREAS, The international character of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod may require similar arrangements in other countries; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, under authority granted in section 2.75 of the *Handbook,* and the Treasurer, as trust officer under section 2.53 of the *Handbook,* be hereby authorized and empowered to appoint trustees, either private or corporate, other than United States citizens when necessary for the best interests of the participants and beneficiaries of the Synod's pension funds; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Directors and the Treasurer of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod be authorized and empowered to execute trust agreements when deemed necessary to carry out this resolution.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Report of the Pension Fund Accounting Department

RESOLUTION 11-06

Report 809, pp. 344, 345, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That the Synod express its gratitude to this department for its continued faithful service; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod accept the report of the Pension Fund Accounting Department.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Corporate Stewardship

RESOLUTION 11-07

Report 804, Recommendation I, p. 334, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That Recommendation I ("Corporate Stewardship") of the Board and Staff of the Department of Stewardship, Mission Education, and Promotion be adopted as it appears on page 334 of *Reports and Memorials.*

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

NOTE: The recommendation reads as follows:

Corporate Stewardship

WHEREAS, The Lord of the church establishes Christian congregations through His Word and sacrament; and

WHEREAS, The Lord of the church in His Word has determined the very purposes for which He has called congregations into being; and

WHEREAS, The offerings of His people are given to Him — and are to be used for Him by His people as a sacred trust — for the very purposes for which He has gathered them into congregations; and

WHEREAS, The proper use of these offerings calls for a searching out of God's will which should reflect itself in an adequate division of these offerings, giving the basic essentials of Kingdom work the priorities due them; and

WHEREAS, This requires consecrated judgment and decisions on the part of responsible congregational leaders in spending the moneys given by their people to God (the establishment of God-pleasing budgets, long-range planning, etc.); and

WHEREAS, Many congregations from time to time ask the Stewardship Department for counsel and materials in the area of corporate stewardship; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod's Stewardship Department prepare such necessary helps as will enable our congregations the more to fulfill their corporate stewardship privileges and obligations; and be it further

Resolved, That the congregations avail themselves of these helps when and where needed, including the counsel of their District and circuit stewardship leaders.

Mission Education

RESOLUTION 11-08

Report 804, Recommendation II, pp. 334, 335, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That Recommendation II ("Mission Education") of the Board and Staff of the Department of Stewardship, Mission Education, and Promotion as it appears on pages 334 and 335 of *Reports and Memorials* be adopted.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

NOTE: The recommendation reads as follows:

Mission Education

WHEREAS, Mission methods are changing in a changing mission world, and our people should be helped to see the changes and make adjustments; and

WHEREAS, Our Lord has granted repeated assurances that our church has an urgent call to serve in growing present fields and in added new fields; and

WHEREAS, Church bodies may tend to be introverted, so that we must always be awake to and make up for our tendency not to reach out to others; and

WHEREAS, For many years our church did less than most major church bodies in the field of mission education; and

WHEREAS, An encouraging number of congregations have made enthusiastic, imaginative use of mission-study materials when provided; and

WHEREAS, Secular and material concerns, with the most powerful voices to promote them, are doing their best to attract the attention of our people to lesser causes; and

WHEREAS, Low-cost, colorful mission-study helps can be produced only if a large number of congregations take part in the same program at very nearly the same time; and

WHEREAS, Our Lord, who is rich in mercy toward us, has confided His will that heaven be filled with multitudes out of every nation and tribe and tongue and people; therefore be it

Resolved, That congregations step up this pace of mission education and to that end —

1) be urged to see mission education as part of the building-up process in the faith life of every Christian and as a year-round, rather than periodic, opportunity;

2) make the coming months a time to get off the ground with a planned, continuing program of mission education, using special helps to be provided by the Stewardship Department and others;

3) bring together annually the pastors and the leaders of all educational agencies and service groups within the congregation to discover how each can make best use of the mission-education helps provided, and coordinate efforts to reach every member of the congregation;

4) fix general responsibility for mission education with the congregation's stewardship committee and, in particular, pick some one person to be of special help to the pastor and congregation in this area;

5) cooperate with the other congregations in the Synod for the mutual benefit of providing to themselves effective mission-education tools at minimum cost by following as closely as possible the schedule of annual mission-study themes as each becomes current.

Every-Member Stewardship Visit

RESOLUTION 11-09

Report 804, Recommendation III, p. 335, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That the Synod adopt Recommendation III ("Every-Member Stewardship Visit") as it appears on page 335 of *Reports and Memorials.*

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

NOTE: The recommendation reads as follows:

Every-Member Stewardship Visit

WHEREAS, Christians are to grow in the grace of giving; and

WHEREAS, The every-member stewardship visit has proved itself to be an effective program for cultivating the *total* stewardship life, including the grace of giving; and

WHEREAS, The cultivation of the stewardship life as a major phase of the every-member stewardship visit has resulted in significant by-products in many congregations, namely: improved church and Communion attendance; reclaiming delinquents; deeper commitment to Christ and His kingdom; a clearer vision of the purpose and vision of the mission of the church; as well as greatly increased offerings; and

WHEREAS, A number of congregations mistakenly believe that shortcuts can be made in the program of the every-member stewardship visit without weakening its intended impact or diminishing its results; and

WHEREAS, An effective every-member stewardship visit is basic to the every-congregation visit program being presented to this convention; therefore be it

Resolved, That every congregation give serious consideration to conducting an annual Christ-centered and full-orbed every-member stewardship visit or its equivalent; and be it further

Resolved, That District and Synodical stewardship leaders make available to congregations the necessary tools for an effective every-member stewardship visit.

Report of the Synod's Fiscal Conference

RESOLUTION 11-10

Report 805, Recommendation II, p. 338, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That Recommendation II of the 1961 Fiscal Conference of the Synod be adopted as it appears on page 338 of *Reports and Memorials,* with the substitution of the words "the use of" in the place of "and use" in the first and second lines of the first "Resolved."

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

NOTE: The recommendation (as changed) reads as follows:

Proposals to Congregations

WHEREAS, Two thirds of our Districts and over fifty percent of our congregations have failed to underwrite synodical and District budgets during the last decade; and

WHEREAS, The method of asking Districts and congregations to give their "fair share," or "minimum responsible share," is proving increasingly ineffective in that it works a hardship on a few congregations in actually poor financial circumstances and tends to curb the giving potential of congregations which could give much more than the "average"; and

WHEREAS, Too many congregations are satisfied in giving only their "fair share" and no more, even though their potential is much greater; and

WHEREAS, Many of our Districts recognize the need for a new approach in determining and suggesting challenging goals to their congregations; and

WHEREAS, The stewardship leaders of our Districts at the 1960 Synodwide Stewardship Conference came to full agreement on several new procedures for determining and suggesting more challenging goals to their congregations; and

WHEREAS, These procedures are flexible and can readily be adapted to the varying circumstances obtaining in our Districts; and

WHEREAS, Three fourths of the Districts have already begun to operate with these procedures (some have an experience ratio of three years); and

WHEREAS, The 1960 Stewardship Conference of the Synod requested this Fiscal Conference to recommend these new procedures in determining and suggesting goals (as planned by the Synod's 1960 Stewardship Conference and contained in the recommendations which follow) to all of the Districts of the Synod; and

WHEREAS, The 1961 Fiscal Conference of the Synod adopted this resolution and herewith presents this overture to this 1962 convention of the Synod; therefore be it

Resolved, That all Districts favorably consider the use of the "Proposal Plan" as a means of securing adequate support for their own District and synodical programs; and be it

Resolved, That Districts not ready for the "Proposal Plan" be urged to use the "Modified Plan"; and be it finally

Resolved, That Districts having congregations already giving generous support to their own synodical and District programs may want to suggest to such congregations the consideration of the "Self-Allocation Plan."

EXHIBIT (Capsule Definitions)

A. *The Proposal Plan.* Congregational goals for District and the Synod are proposed on the basis of their true potential (giving potential as well as other important factors to be included in the establishment of such a proposal).

B. *The Modified Plan.* Congregational goals for District and Synod are suggested primarily on the basis of past performance and their giving potential, with flexible increases suggested to congregations which in the past have not fully met their "minimum responsible share."

C. *The Self-Allocation Plan.* Goals for District and Synod are adopted by congregations following intensive training and motivation through a good, ongoing stewardship and mission-education program. These congregations are in a special category, having already exceeded their "fair share"; they are to be encouraged to go from strength to strength in their generous support of their own program through District and the Synod (one third, one half, or more of their total offerings set aside for District and synodical work).

Every-Congregation Visit

RESOLUTION 11-11

Report 804, Recommendation IV, p. 335, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That Recommendation IV ("Every-Congregation Visit") be adopted as it is printed on page 335 of *Reports and Memorials* with the addition of the words "first with the pastor and then" after the word "meeting" in line six of the "Resolved."

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

NOTE: The recommedation (as changed) read as follows:

Every-Congregation Visit

WHEREAS, The 1961 Fiscal Conference of the Synod in purpose and essence approved the every-congregation visit after it had been developed by the triennial Stewardship Conference of the Synod in 1960; and

WHEREAS, The every-congregation visit is inherent in the proposal plan, which the 1961 Fiscal Conference of the Synod approved and is bringing to this convention of the Synod in overture form; therefore be it

Resolved, That Circuit Counselors and their stewardship leaders in the circuit cabinet, duly oriented by District stewardship leaders in the work program or budgets of the District and the Synod, each fall conduct an every-congregation visit in all congregations, meeting first with the pastor and then with the entire congregation or with its designated leaders to challenge them to a strong participation in their own work through the District and the Synod in the ensuing year and being ready, where helpful and necessary, to propose a goal which the congregation might consider as its commitment to the District and the Synod; and that the actual commitment, then or later adopted by the congregation, be reported by the Circuit Counselor to the District President no later than February 1.

Training of Circuit Stewardship Representatives

RESOLUTION 11-12

Report 804, Recommendation V, p. 335, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That Recommendation V ("Training of Circuit Stewardship Representatives") be adopted as it appears on page 335 of *Reports and Memorials* with the substitution of the words "its executive" for "to the District Stewardship Secretary" in lines two and three of the first "Resolved," and the word "direct" for "encourage" in the first line of the second "Resolved."

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

NOTE: The recommendation (as changed) reads as follows:

Training of Circuit Stewardship Representatives

WHEREAS, The 1959 convention of the Synod encouraged the establishment of circuit cabinets wherein qualified leaders thus selected are to "assist the Circuit Counselor and to work under his leadership . . . [in] promoting in, and channeling to, their respective congregations in their circuits the coordinated and complete program of the Synod and District" (1959 *Proceedings,* pp. 301, 300); and

WHEREAS, Circuit cabinets have been or are now being established in our 522 circuits in Canada and in the fifty states, each of which has or is to have a circuit stewardship representative; and

WHEREAS, The Circuit Counselors and especially the respective circuit cabinet members have repeatedly expressed the desire and need for help and training to fully and properly channel, communicate, and transmit to their congregations the complete and ever more complex program of the District and the Synod throughout the year; therefore be it

Resolved, That the District President give to the District Stewardship Board and its executive the responsibility for adequate training of circuit stewardship leaders through such media as District fiscal and leaders conferences, stewardship training meetings on the District and regional level, *and* at the circuit fiscal and leaders conferences, circuit stewardship conferences, and similar meetings, with the District President keeping himself informed on progress being made in this direction; and be it finally

Resolved, That the District President direct the Circuit Counselors and especially circuit stewardship representatives to avail themselves of such opportunities for leadership training.

District Fiscal Conferences

RESOLUTION 11-13

Report 804, Recommendation VI, pp. 335, 336, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That Recommendation VI ("District Fiscal Conferences") be adopted as it is printed on pages 335 and 336 of *Reports and Memorials* with the deletion of the words "be encouraged to" in lines two and three of the "Resolved."

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

NOTE: The recommendation (as changed) reads as follows:

District Fiscal Conferences

WHEREAS, More and more Districts (five in 1960, twelve in 1961) are combining their District conventions and District fiscal conferences, indicating a trend toward a permanent combination of the two; and

WHEREAS, Experience in a number of Districts has shown that careful planning is required if the two are to be satisfactorily combined, especially as this applies to —

a) finding sufficient time on a crowded convention agenda for proper deliberation of the work programs or budgets of both the Synod and the District, particularly in election years; and

b) having adequate facilities so that smaller discussion groups may really study and penetrate into the work which convention delegates and their congregations will seek to do for their Lord through the District and the Synod; and

WHEREAS, This resolution in no way would conflict with the duties and functions of the Fiscal Review Commission of the Synod as proposed by the Synodical Survey Commission; therefore be it

Resolved, That the President of the Synod, together with the Stewardship Department of the Synod, explore this matter with a number of District Presidents and District stewardship leaders experienced herein, so that proper solutions may be found and shared throughout our Districts in the coming years.

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod Foundation

RESOLUTION 11-14

Report 806 and Memorial 807, pp. 338—340, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That the Synod accept the report of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod Foundation on pages 338—340 of *Reports and Memorials;* and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod's Board of Directors publish the annual financial report of the Foundation through its regular channels; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Synod commend the Foundation to its membership and implore the blessing of God on its activities.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

NOTE: The financial statement of the Foundation will be found on page 205 as Exhibit B.

Plan to Make Known Needs of Auxiliary Agencies at the Fiscal Conference, etc.

RESOLUTION 11-15

Memorial 824, p. 354, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Adequate and proper promotional opportunities for the solicitation of funds are provided under existing regulations; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod decline Resolution 824 (*Reports and Memorials,* p. 354) requiring the members of the Council of Lutheran Agencies to submit budget information to the Fiscal Conference (or its successor) of the Synod.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Special Offering

RESOLUTION 11-16

Report 801, VII, and Memorials 814, 815, 816, pp. 313, 314, 349—351, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, God continues to pour out the abundance of His love upon the membership of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, as evidenced by our unity in the faith, the gift of the pure Word and sacraments, and multiplied material blessings; and

WHEREAS, God has led us to a time in the history of man when there are brought into sharp contrast the riches of God's grace on the one hand and the spiritual poverty of the unnumbered masses on the other hand, thus giving to our Synod unprecedented opportunity to share the blessing of the pure Gospel with those who have not yet experienced the joy and assurance that flows from the knowledge of God's love in Christ Jesus; and

WHEREAS, God has made it very clear to His people that a world mission crisis exists and that He claims more from His people than they have given, a fact which can be measured by the widening gap between normal budget receipts and the funds required to carry out effectively the program of the Synod; and

WHEREAS, Projections indicate that some special effort must be put forth if we are both to carry out our witness to the world and to keep the gap from widening; and

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father even in a period of crisis calls for the whole man, with all that he is and has, as a fitting sacrifice and expression of his faith; therefore be it

Resolved, That with penitent and humble hearts we implore God's continued and undeserved mercy on our beloved church, The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod; and be it further

Resolved, That with dedicated courage, a sense of our mission, and faith in the unfailing promises of God, the members of our synod bring to the Lord a "Forward in Faith" offering in the amount of fifty million dollars ($50,000,000); and be it further

Resolved, That this special offering be an intensification of our "Venture of Faith"; and be it further

Resolved, That the responsibility for the initiation and promotion of the offering be placed into the hands of the Stewardship Department of the Synod in cooperation with the synodical Board of Directors; and be it further

Resolved, That the projected allocation of the funds received from this offering be determined by the Council of Administrators, presented to the Board of Directors of the Synod for review and approval, and then submitted to the 1962 Fiscal Conference for final ratification; and be it further

Resolved, That the people charged with the administration of these funds consider seriously their stewardship obligation in the judicious and prudent disbursement of these sacrificial gifts of God's people; and be it further

Resolved, That the timing of this offering be made the responsibility of the 1962 Fiscal Conference; and be it finally

Resolved, That this "Forward in Faith" offering provide the occasion for a spiritual life rededication effort which would include:

1. An emphasis of the study of God's Word in Bible class, worship services, and home devotions for growth toward true discipleship;

2. A reexamination of the purpose and mission of the church in the world; a better understanding of the purpose for which congregations have joined themselves together into a Synod, leading to a greater loyalty to this organization with which they have affiliated for mutual helpfulness;

3. An opportunity for further training in Scriptural concepts of Christian giving which will lead people to change giving habits from leftover giving to first-fruit, generous percentage, sacrificial giving;

4. A realization that the entire life of every member of every congregation under the guidance of the Holy Spirit is indeed a venture of repentance and faith. Rom. 12:1, 2.

Action: This resolution was first presented on June 26 and debated at length until discussion was discontinued; on June 27 it was again taken up for consideration at the morning session, but the discussion could not be completed; after a substitute motion (see below) had been introduced during the evening session on June 27 and been declined during the morning session on June 28, Resolution 11-16 was recommitted and later replaced by Resolution 11-16 A.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION FOR RESOLUTION 11-16

WHEREAS, Improvement in the grace of generous and proportionate giving has been evident in the Synod by

the increase of contributions under the "Venture of Faith"; and

WHEREAS, The very same fine motives and methods which have produced this improvement can work far more effectively than any emergency campaign; and

WHEREAS, Only 55 percent of our congregations have participated in the "Venture of Faith," and

WHEREAS, We "know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor" and recognize fully the tremendous needs in all departments of our church's work; therefore be it

Resolved, That an all-out effort be made to undergird the "Venture of Faith"; and be it further

Resolved, That the Stewardship Department expend the effort planned for a special collection to raise the level of giving in congregations which have participated in the "Venture of Faith" and win over those congregations which are not participating; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Synod establish as its goal a 20 percent annual increase in the giving of our people to God for all purposes.

Action: As noted above, this Substitute Motion was introduced at the evening session on June 27 and was *declined* on the morning session of June 28 by a standing vote of 333 to 295.

Special Stewardship Effort

RESOLUTION 11-16 A

Replacing Resolution 11-16

Preamble. We confess to Thee, O Lord, that we have been unfaithful stewards. Thy giving has been bountiful in Christ Jesus, but we have given sparingly. Spare us from Thy judgment, and forgive us for the inadequate expressions of our love.

We thank Thee for the open doors Thou hast set before us, which no man can shut. We praise Thee for having made us colaborers with Thee to enter these doors of opportunity so that men may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.

Open our eyes to the joys of our own salvation and to the needs of men everywhere who sorrow as those who have no hope. Help us to understand and to appreciate the prosperity we enjoy under Thy grace and to grasp the responsibility which is ours to use Thy bounty for the spreading of Thy Gospel.

Lead Thy people forward in the "Venture of Faith" begun in Thy name and prospering under Thy benediction, so that they may lay at Thy feet the gifts which are necessary to meet the opportunities Thou hast placed before us in this day of grace. Amen.

Resolved, That the Synod ask all Synodical and District leaders, as well as congregations and individuals, to make an all-out effort to undergird the "Venture of Faith"; and be it further

Resolved, That this "Forward in Faith" effort include a double thrust, namely:

1. A program of education with the purpose of achieving a higher level of spiritual life rededication (compare Memorial 816, pp. 350, 351); and

2. An occasion for enlarged giving for the worldwide mission of the church, to be achieved by adding the sum of ten million dollars ($10,000,000) to the annual synodical budget each year during the 1963—1965 triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the congregations of the Synod be encouraged to subscribe to the "Forward in Faith" effort with an extra-challenging yearly budget allotment and/or a special offering for synodical work; and be it finally

Resolved, That the 1965 convention of the Synod evaluate the progress of this program in terms of projected needs and income.

Action: This resolution was presented during the evening session on June 28 and *adopted* by a rising vote of 496 to 69.

Individual Right to Inspect the Synod's Books

RESOLUTION 11-17 A

Unprinted Memorial 825, p. 103, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, Your committee has been given full cooperation by both the petitioner and the synodical officers referred to in Unprinted Memorial 825 (p. 103, *Today's Business);* and

WHEREAS, The petitioner has assured the committee, as well as all those in attendance at the open hearing in which he was present, that by his reference to "numerous discrepancies" no charge of any dishonesty or misappropriation of funds was intended; therefore be it

Resolved, That we express our appreciation to the petitioner and the synodical officers for their cooperation; and be it further

Resolved, That we assure the petitioner and all members of the Synod that constructive criticism and helpful counsel in the business affairs of the Synod are always appreciated; and be it further

Resolved, That we commend the officers of the Synod for their conscientious devotion to duty; and be it finally

Resolved, That this request of Unprinted Memorial 825, for individual authority to inspect synodical books or account, be declined.

Action: This resolution was *adopted* in place of canceled Resolution 11-17 (p. 435, *Today's Business).*

Report of Council of Lutheran Agencies

RESOLUTION 11-18

Report 638 A and B, pp. 285—287, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Synod benefits immeasurably from the ministries of voluntary organizations not provided for

by, or included within, the constitutional structure of the Synod; and

WHEREAS, The Council of Lutheran Agencies has established its value as a coordinating council for those member organizations which receive support on an inter-District basis; and

WHEREAS, The work of these voluntary organizations requires continued and expanding coordination and support; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod endorse and commend the Council of Lutheran Agencies for its activity; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod approve the amplification of the Council's purposes as stated in the revised constitution (*Reports and Memorials,* 638 B, pp. 286, 287) and officially recognize it as the Council of Lutheran Ministries; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Synod commend the Council of Lutheran Ministries to its members and urge them to remember these ministries in their prayers and with their financial support, so that these ministries may continue to serve the Lord Christ to their fullest potential.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

District Fund-Raising Agencies

RESOLUTION 11-19

Report 801, VIII, p. 314, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors, in response to a 1959 convention directive, studied the matter of establishing an official fund-raising service and is "not recommending that the Synod should establish its own fund-raising agency at this time"; and

WHEREAS, There is a continuing expressed desire for trained fund-raising leadership in our Districts and congregations; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod encourage Districts to set up fund-raising functions within the Districts.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Fiscal Review Commission of the Synod

RESOLUTION 11-20

Report 804, Recommendation VII, p. 336, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That Recommendation VII of Report 804 be referred to the Survey Commission (or its successor) for action; and be it further

Resolved, That the Survey Commission report its findings to the 1965 convention of the Synod.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Establishing the Budget of the Synod

RESOLUTION 11-21

Report 805, Recommendation I, pp. 337, 338, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That the Synod adopt Recommendation I of the 1961 Fiscal Conference (pp. 337, 338, *Reports and Memorials)* with the following insertion after the word "Synod" in the fifth line of the second "Resolved": "together with a budget review committee of not fewer than fifteen members to be selected from and by the Fiscal Conference."

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

NOTE: The recommendation (as changed) reads as follows:

Establishing the Budget of the Synod

WHEREAS, Our present method of establishing the annual budgets of the Synod goes back to the time when the Synod's membership and needs were much smaller; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco convention, upon several overtures directed to it (*Proceedings,* Memorial 808, p. 291, and Unprinted Memorial 825, p. 297, and *Today's Business,* p. 89), requested the 1960 Stewardship Conference of the Synod to give the method of determining the Synod's budget further study and to report its findings with recommendations to the Synod's Fiscal Conference; and

WHEREAS, Other church bodies have found it in their best interests to reevaluate the change and procedures they have been using to determine their spending budgets; and

WHEREAS, Our District stewardship leaders assembled at the 1960 Stewardship Conference discussed the manner of determining the Synod's budget and gave studied attention to this matter, formulating specific recommendations to be considered by the Synod's 1961 Fiscal Conference; and

WHEREAS, Those Districts which have adopted new procedures in determining their own spending budgets have experienced good results therefrom; and

WHEREAS, Good housekeeping requires procedures which bring budgetary income and expenditures in closest balance — something which a new procedure for determining the Synod's budget should provide; and

WHEREAS, The Synod's 1961 Fiscal Conference, having studied the recommendations which the Synod's Stewardship Conference directed to it, comes to this convention with specific recommendations regarding a new procedure in setting up the Synod's budget and is ready to present these in the following overture; therefore be it

Resolved, That the 1961 Fiscal Conference recommend to the 1962 convention of the Synod that the Fiscal Conference of the Synod annually propose a challenging program of current work and capital proj-

ects, with accompanying cost estimates, to the congregations of the Synod; and be it further

Resolved, That after the financial commitments of the congregations for Synod and District have been received from the Districts, and the income from sundry sources has been estimated, the Board of Directors of the Synod, together with a budget review committee of not fewer than fifteen members to be selected from and by the Fiscal Conference, on the basis of expected income, determine the working budget of the Synod's departments and agencies for the current year; and be it further

Resolved, That where authorized and approved capital investments exceed anticipated working-budget incomes, these may be provided for in the manner in which the conventions of the Synod will specify or already have specified; and be it finally

Resolved, That since these recommended procedures affect present synodical regulations (*Handbook* 9.05 a 2 and 2.79 a), the Committee on Constitutional Matters be authorized to effect the necessary revision in the synodical *Handbook.*

Allocation of Synodical Offerings

RESOLUTION 11-22

Memorials 817, 818, 819, pp. 351, 352, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The disposition of Memorials 817, 818, and 819 (pp. 351, 352, *Reports and Memorials)* is included in action being taken on other resolutions before the convention (11-16 A, 11-17 A, and 11-21); therefore be it

Resolved, That, while we recognize the urgency of Christ's commission to evangelize the world, we nevertheless decline to specify the exact percentages in allowing synodical offerings; and be it further

Resolved, That the Fiscal Conference of the Synod be directed to study the feasibility of devoting a larger proportion of these funds directly to the cause of missions.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Avoid Potential Conflict of Interest, etc.

RESOLUTION 11-23

Memorial 820, p. 352, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That the Synod adopt Memorial 820, *Reports and Memorials,* page 352.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

NOTE: The memorial reads as follows:

WHEREAS, The growing complexity of the business operations of the church make it mandatory that they be conducted according to the best business practice; and

WHEREAS, Synodical and District board and committee members should not be open to criticism which may be harmful to their best interests and those of the church; and

WHEREAS, The Synod has already found it desirable to forbid members of a Board of Control from entering into gainful business contracts or relationships with the institution (*Handbook,* 6.25 f); and

WHEREAS, The church in its business dealings should set an example for others; therefore be it

Resolved, That no member (official or advisory) of any synodical or District board or committee be permitted to enter into any business contract involving the business with which that board or committee is concerned; and be it also

Resolved, That the Synod, its Districts, and its boards and committees be committed to the principle of competitive bids to written specifications; and be it finally

Resolved, That this resolution be made a part of the bylaws of the constitutions of the Synod and its respective Districts.

To Limit Number of Meetings and to Make Use of St. Louis Facilities as Much as Possible

RESOLUTION 11-24

Memorial 822, p. 353, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the Synod to exercise wise stewardship of its available resources; therefore be it

Resolved, That only such meetings be held as departments of the Synod are convinced shall serve for the edification of the church; and be it further

Resolved, That such meetings be held at central locations and in facilities owned by the Synod if at all possible.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Stewardship Board Regulations

RESOLUTION 11-25

Unprinted Memorial 804-A, pp. 100—102, *Today's Business*

Resolved, That the Synod accept the "Stewardship Board Regulations" *(Today's Business,* pp. 100—102) with the addition of "the office of" after "maintain" in the second-last paragraph.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

NOTE: Unprinted Memorial 804-A and the "Stewardship Board Regulations" (as changed) may be found in the section "Unprinted Memorials" in these PROCEEDINGS pp. 196, 197, 198.

Pension Funds for Church Extension Loans

RESOLUTION 11-26

Unprinted Memorial 826, pp. 103, 104, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, The Synod's Board of Directors has already established a policy governing the use of Pension Fund

moneys for Church Extension purposes in accord with the resolution of the San Francisco convention; therefore be it

Resolved, That Memorial 826 be declined.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Investment Policies of Board of Trustees

RESOLUTION 11-27

Unprinted Memorial 827, p. 104, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Synod's Trust Funds has indicated in an oral report that the purpose of Memorial 827 (p. 104, *Today's Business)* has already been achieved; therefore be it

Resolved, That the convention decline to take action on this memorial.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Empowering the Board of Directors to Borrow Needed Funds

RESOLUTION 11-28

Report 123, IV, E, pp. 67—69, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Successive Fiscal Conferences will be called upon to give favorable consideration to the provision of capital funds for further necessary and vital programs and projects in line with the resolutions adopted by this and previous conventions; and

WHEREAS, Previous delegate synods have authorized major capital-fund borrowing as certain needs arose; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Synod be and hereby is authorized to borrow the necessary capital funds in the name of the Synod, provided the Board of Directors has first determined the amounts and the conditions under which such funds shall be borrowed, for capital-fund outlay, site acquisition, and construction projects already authorized and for additional projects that may be authorized by this or succeeding conventions; and be it further

Resolved, That if and when required, the Board of Directors and the responsible officers of the Synod be and hereby are empowered to do all things necessary to effect such borrowings, including the pledging of real and other property belonging to the Synod in order to secure loans to obtain the necessary funds; and be it further

Resolved, That this major capital-fund borrowing authority be limited by an effective ceiling established from time to time by the Board of Directors in terms of an amount repayable by annual amortization inclusions in no more than seven successive annual budget periods; and be it finally

Resolved, That these borrowed capital funds be unavailable to meet any current expenditures.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

COMMITTEE 12 — Public Relations and Mass Media

Special Resolution

WHEREAS, The Public Relations Department of The Synod is responsible for disseminating the news about this convention; therefore be it

Resolved, That no member of this body make statements to the press, seek interviews with reporters, or issue news releases unless such statements, interviews, or releases have been cleared through the pressroom.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Board for Public Relations

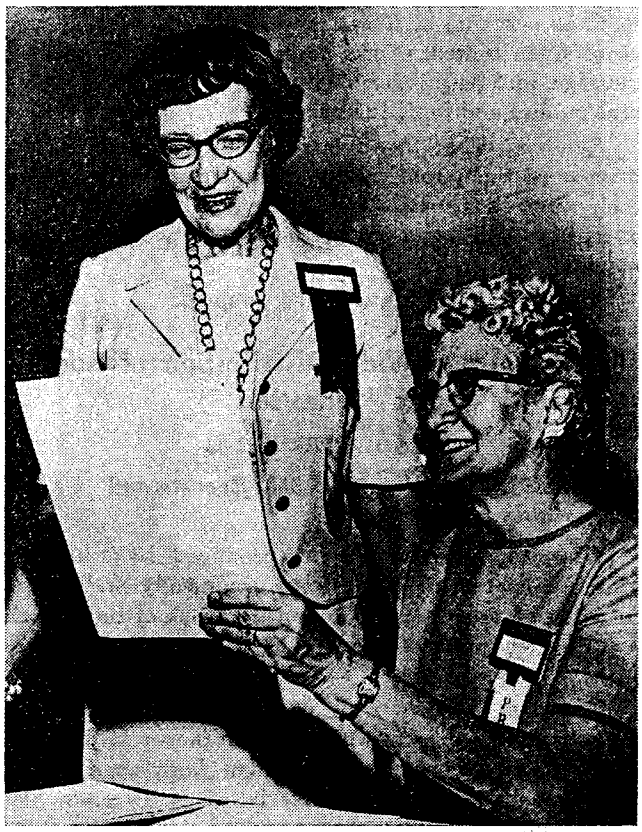
RESOLUTION 12-01

Report 1102, pp. 364—367, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The essential mission of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, clearly and persuasively, to the people of our day; and

WHEREAS, The Board for Public Relations has as its *special* purpose to identify The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, in the minds of the general public, with the Gospel of Jesus Christ; therefore be it

Resolved, That The Lutheran Church — Missouri



Miss Alma Nommensen (left), St. John's College, Winfield, kans., discusses the day's calendar with Mrs. Martha E. Baepler, public relations secretary, Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill.

Synod in convention assembled encourage the Department of Public Relations to continue to develop the public-relations activities of the church at synodical, District, and local levels; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage the Districts, circuits, and congregations of the Synod to accept responsibility to carry out the objectives of public relations and to that end to make use of the instructional materials and methods offered by the Synod's Board for Public Relations.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Appreciation of Parish Public Relations Program

RESOLUTION 12-02

Report 1102, "Parish PR Program," p. 367, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Approximately 700 men and women give generously of their time to help develop and maintain good community relations for our Synod, especially with press, radio, and television in their Districts, regions, and circuits; and

WHEREAS, The public relations program of the Synod depends to such a large extent on their devotion to duty, freely assumed, often at considerable expense to themselves in both time and resources; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod express its appreciation to these servants of Christ and of the church, as well as of their united efforts to interpret our Synod, its message, and its mission in the proper way to the general public; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod encourage the men and women of the public relations organization to regard their work as a necessary service to Christ in this age of massive and rapid communication between men and nations.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Encourage Wide Distribution of Sound Film "Question 7"

RESOLUTION 12-03

Report 1102, "*Question 7,*" p. 366, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, *Question 7* was produced by Lutheran Film Associates to demonstrate graphically and truthfully the pressures applied upon the work of the church and upon the faith of people when Communism secures political power; and

WHEREAS, *Question 7* has received critical and popular acclaim as a dramatic film of great power, with direct and explicit exposition of Christian faith as it comes to grips with the atheistic materialism of a Communist regime; and

WHEREAS, *Question 7* tells the story of Christian young people upon whom Communism has focused a large part of its efforts to subvert faith and good order; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod express to Lutheran Film Associates its appreciation for the timely production and superlative quality of *Question 7;* and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod encourage its congregations to initiate and to support distribution and exhibition of this film on the widest possible basis, for a witness to this generation regarding the nature of faith in Christ and as an encouragement to all, both young and old, to be loyal to Christ.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Encourage National Advertising Effort of LLL

RESOLUTION 12-04

Report 1102, "National Advertising," p. 366, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Laymen's League has begun a series of national advertisements in the Sunday supplements of carefully selected metropolitan newspapers; and

WHEREAS, The development of this experiment has necessitated much study and effort, both in the production of copy and in the supplying of financial resources; and

WHEREAS, The advertisements thus produced may soon be available for local use by congregations or groups of congregations; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod encourage the Lutheran Laymen's League to continue development of this aid to knowledge and understanding of its work; and be it further

Resolved, That the congregations of the Synod be encouraged to follow up the national advertising effort of the Lutheran Laymen's League and to make use of the materials produced as opportunity presents itself.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Establish Public Relations Regional Office in Chicago

RESOLUTION 12-05

Report 1102, "Chicago Office," pp. 366, 367, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The city of Chicago, Ill., is a strategic center for the population of both our church and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Chicago is a center of communication for the surrounding states as well as for the nation; and

WHEREAS, It has become apparent to the Northern Illinois District and to congregations of the English District in the area that proper public-relations representation to the larger community served by Chicago can no longer be maintained by voluntary personnel, however generous in its contribution of spare time; and

WHEREAS, The Northern Illinois District has memorialized the Board of Directors of the Synod, through the Board for Public Relations, to establish a regional office in Chicago under direction of the national office; and

WHEREAS, The Board for Public Relations, after careful study over a three-year period and exploration of every possible alternative, has endorsed the memorial of the District; and

WHEREAS, Synodical authorization of executive personnel is a necessary prerequisite to possible establishment of a Chicago office of the department by the Board of Directors; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod authorize the securing of a regional director for the work of the Board for Public Relations, should the Board of Directors of the Synod act favorably on the memorial of the Northern Illinois District; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod authorize the Board of Directors to take considered action on the memorial of the Northern Illinois District calling for establishment of a regional public relations office in Chicago.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Public Relations Board by Appointment

RESOLUTION 12-06

Report 1102, "Board for Public Relations," p. 365, *Reports and Memorials*

Report 602, II, C, 3:6, p. 246, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Board for Public Relations has a direct administrative relationship with the Board of Directors and especially with the President of the Synod; and

WHEREAS, The present arrangement of appointment by the Board of Directors in consultation with the *Praesidium* of the Synod has proved to be eminently satisfactory and has provided personnel of high quality for the Board; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board for Public Relations continue to be constituted by appointment rather than by election.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Church and Social Action, etc.

RESOLUTION 12-07

Action: By request of Floor Committee 12, Resolution 12-07 (p. 243, *Today's Business),* dealing with "Church and Social Action, Church-State Relations, and Other Issues with Theological Implications," was *canceled* (see Resolution 7-04 for action on these items).

Commending Editorial Board and Editors of "Lutheran Witness" and "Der Lutheraner"

RESOLUTION 12-08

Report 704, pp. 302, 304, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Editorial Board and the editors of the *Lutheran Witness* and *Der Lutheraner* have served with faithfulness and distinction during this past triennium in fulfilling their responsibilities of teaching, promoting, and informing the members of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod in vital matters concerning the doctrine and life of the church; therefore be it

Resolved, That the convention here assembled commend this board and these editors for the faithful performance of their assigned responsibilities.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Continue Publishing "Der Lutheraner"

RESOLUTION 12-09

Report 704, 3, p. 304, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, *Der Lutheraner* has served as an official publication of the Missouri Synod since 1844 and is still serving as a vital witness to the Gospel and to the life and activity of the church, both here and abroad; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Editorial Board be encouraged to continue to publish *Der Lutheraner* in its present format and that the Editorial Board consider the possibility of raising the subscription price, in order partially to offset current deficits.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Place Policy Decisions in the Editorial Board of the "Lutheran Witness"

RESOLUTION 12-10

Memorial 327, pp. 157, 158, *Reports and Memorials*
Unprinted Memorial 327-B, p. 62, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, Memorials have been directed to this convention, raising questions which involve the editorial policy of the *Lutheran Witness* (No. 327 urging that the Editorial Board of the *Lutheran Witness* "make the *Lutheran Witness* serve as a mouthpiece of the Synod, No. 327-B asking the convention to override the policy decision of the Editorial Board); and

WHEREAS, The 1959 San Francisco convention has delegated appointment of the Editorial Board of the *Lutheran Witness* and *Der Lutheraner* to the College of Presidents with the approval of the *Praesidium* and has placed the responsibility for the editorial policy of these periodicals into the hands of said Editorial Board, responsible to the Synod; and

WHEREAS, There are numerous issues in our contemporary world to which the Word of God is inescapably related but to which simple yes or no answers cannot always be given; therefore be it

Resolved, That this convention reaffirm its confidence in the decision of the 44th delegate synodical convention in placing responsibility for editorial policy decisions in the Editorial Board of the *Lutheran Witness.*

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Readership and Format of the "Lutheran Witness" and "Der Lutheraner"

RESOLUTION 12-11

Report 704, pp. 302—304, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The readership and circulation of the *Lutheran Witness* and *Der Lutheraner* is the concern of the Editorial Board; and

WHEREAS, The Editorial Board has instituted readership surveys employing research services to help determine the type and format of publications; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Editorial Board be encouraged to continue such studies; and be it further

Resolved, That the Editorial Board be authorized, after consultation with the College of Presidents or a committee thereof, to make such changes in the format and frequency of issuance as will serve the best interests of the church.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Expedite Theological Review and Censorship of "Lutheran Witness" and "Der Lutheraner"

RESOLUTION 12-12

Report No. 704, pp. 302—304, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Editorial Board of the *Lutheran Witness* and *Der Lutheraner* in its report to the convention *(Reports and Memorials,* pp. 302—304) has requested a more expeditious manner of reviewing manuscripts to accommodate deadlines and production schedules; and

WHEREAS, The question of theological review and censorship of books, educational materials, and publications is part of a broader study of this question to be resolved by the convention; therefore be it

Resolved, That the convention urge the duly constituted boards and individuals who will ultimately share in the responsibility of administering the censorship and review program to give special consideration to the *Lutheran Witness* and *Der Lutheraner* in order to provide quick and ready review of materials submitted to them.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Concur in the Approved Aims and Purposes of the "Lutheran Witness" and "Der Lutheraner"

RESOLUTION 12-13

Report 704, pp. 302—304, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The aims and purposes of the *Lutheran Witness* and *Der Lutheraner* as the official publications of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod are clearly defined in the convention report *(Reports and Memorials,* pp. 303—304); and

WHEREAS, These have been favorably approved by the College of Presidents in accordance with Resolution 14 of Committee 8 of the 44th delegate convention; therefore be it

Resolved, That this convention concur in the aims and purposes as defined in this report.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Appointment of Editors of the "Lutheran Witness" and "Der Lutheraner"

RESOLUTION 12-14

Report 704, p. 304, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Editorial Board has appointed the editors of the *Lutheran Witness* and *Der Lutheraner* for an indefinite period, following the established policy of other synodical boards; therefore be it

Resolved, That the convention concur in the action taken by the Editorial Board.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Remember Television Program in Prayers

RESOLUTION 12-15

Report 1103A and Memorials 1103B, 1103C, pp. 367—370, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The report of the Lutheran Television Productions Board in its tenth-anniversary year again testifies eloquently to the rich blessing of God upon our church's television program "This Is the Life"; and

WHEREAS, The Lord of the church continues to open doors for the preaching of the saving Gospel at home and abroad through the twentieth-century medium of television; therefore be it

Resolved, That The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, in convention assembled, praise our triune God for His rich benediction upon a decade of our church's television ministry and implore His continued blessings upon "This Is the Life"; and be it further

Resolved, That the two resolutions, 1103 B, page 369, "To Remember the Television Program in our Prayers," and 1103 C, pages 369, 370, "To Commend Television Stations," be *approved.*

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Prepare Series of Foreign-Language Sound Tracks

RESOLUTION 12-16

Report 1103A, pp. 367—369, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, A substantial number of films have been produced for "This Is the Life" since its inception ten years ago; and

WHEREAS, Good stewardship requires maximum use of the film properties on hand; and

WHEREAS, Foreign-language lip syrchronization can be prepared for existing films at a moderate cost by way of preparing for the early inauguration of indigenous program production; and

WHEREAS, A Spanish-language pilot film has been circulated in Venezuela by the Synod's Lutheran Television Productions Board with encouraging results; therefore be it

Resolved, That we encourage the Lutheran Television Productions Board, in cooperation with the Board for Missions in North and South America, the Board for World Missions, and the Missionary Board of the Synodical Conference, to prepare a series of foreign-language sound tracks of "This Is the Life" for showing in other countries.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Accept Report of Operating Board of Radio Station KFUO

RESOLUTION 12-17

Report 1105, pp. 374—376, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That the report (exclusive of the Memorial) which describes the service of Radio Station KFUO to area congregations, synodical Districts, missionaries, pastors and congregations, seminary students, radio missions, chaplains, and homes be accepted with thanks.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Adopt Proposed Recommendations for Functions of KFUO Operating Board

RESOLUTION 12-18

Report 1105, "Memorial," p. 376, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The memorial offered by the KFUO Operating Board, outlining the functions of the board, is an adequate guide; and

WHEREAS, The Synodical Survey Commission concurred with the recommendations in said memorial except for several minor details; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the present synodical *Handbook,* Article XII, B, section 12.11, be reworded as printed in *Reports and Memorials,* page 376, paragraphs A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, with additions in G, 3: "Develop and provide, through its Radio and Television Extension Service, such recordings, program material, scripts, aids, films, and counsel as will encourage and help congregations and pastors in broadcasting and telecasting the Gospel in their areas"; and in G, 4: "Assist in the training for use of radio and television as media in the church's educational program for the ministry and missionary service"; and be it further

Resolved, That the change which this Memorial brings about in the synodical *Handbook* be referred to the Committee on Constitutional Matters.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Refusal to Consider

RESOLUTION 12-19

Unprinted Memorial 718 A

WHEREAS, Unprinted Memorial 718 A is unsupported by evidence; therefore be it

Resolved, That we decline to consider this Memorial.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

COMMITTEE 13 — Special Ministries and Miscellaneous

Report of the First Vice-President

RESOLUTION 13-01

Report 1101, p. 364, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The First Vice-President of our Synod, the Reverend Dr. Oliver R. Harms, has served his Lord and the church faithfully and well during the past triennium; therefore be it

Resolved, That we receive his report with gratitude and appreciation, that we thank him for his untiring zeal, and that we implore the Holy Spirit to give him health and guidance for his important tasks in the future.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Report of the Concordia Historical Institute

RESOLUTION 13-02

Report 1106, p. 377—380, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Concordia Historical Institute performs many valuable services, especially in the preservation of the records and historical data of the Synod and in the publication of the *Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly* and other bulletins; and

WHEREAS, Under God, the Institute has been instrumental in creating and maintaining a greater interest in the history of the Synod and is endeavoring to lead the members of our Synod into a deeper understanding and appreciation of its revered past; therefore be it

Resolved, That we receive the report of the Concordia Historical Institute and commend the Institute, its director, and its Board of Governors for their consecrated efforts and for their concern in collecting and preserving those materials which manifest the mercy and kindness of a gracious God to our Synod; and be it further

Resolved, That we express our gratitude to all boards, agencies, commissions, congregations, and individuals who have contributed financially and materially to the maintenance and extension of this important service, especially to the Lutheran Laymen's League for its continued generous support of the Institute's extensive microfilm program, which at present contains more than 40,000 feet of valuable film; and be it finally

Resolved, That all congregations of the Synod as well as individuals be encouraged to become members of the Institute and thereby subscribers to the *Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly.*

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Report of the Committee on Church Architecture

RESOLUTION 13-03

Report 1108, p. 382, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Committee on Church Architecture during the past triennium has participated in about 200 consultations in the form of answering letters and meeting with various building committees without charge except for reimbursement of travel expenses; therefore be it

Resolved, That we receive the report of the committee and commend the members of the committee for their invaluable service and assistance; and be it further

Resolved, That we heartily recommend that all congregations of the Synod consult this committee for advice and guidance before embarking on building programs.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Receive the Report of the Lutheran Hour and to Encourage Utilization of Lutheran Hour Broadcasts, etc.

RESOLUTION 13-04

Unprinted Report 1124 and Unprinted Memorial 1125, pp. 110—112, *Today's Business*

Resolved, That we receive the encouraging report of The Lutheran Laymen's League Board of Governors; and be it further

Resolved, That we adopt the resolution submitted by this board in Unprinted Memorial 1125.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

NOTE: For this memorial see "Unprinted Memorials" in these PROCEEDINGS, page 201.

Report of Nominations Committee for Executive Secretaries

RESOLUTION 13-05

Unprinted Report 1126, pp. 112, 113, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, The newly appointed Nominations Committee for Executive Secretaries has functioned efficiently since its inception; therefore be it

Resolved, That we receive the report of this committee, that we express our sincere gratitude to the members of this committee for their faithful efforts, and that we voice our hearty approval of the manner in which this committee has functioned to date.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Report of the Armed Services Commission

RESOLUTION 13-06

Report 211, pp. 131—134, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Armed Services Commission continues to assist the men and women of our Synod in the Armed Forces, civilians of our Synod who are overseas, and our members who are patients in the Veterans Administration Hospitals in receiving spiritual strength and help through Word and sacraments; therefore be it

Resolved, That we commend the Armed Services Commission and staff for their faithful and efficient peacetime work; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage all our military chaplains, Veterans Administration chaplains, and contact pastors in their important work of ministering to the spiritual needs of our members who are in the Armed Forces and civilians who are abroad; and be it finally

Resolved, That we urge all pastors and congregations to cooperate with the Armed Services Commission in maintaining contact with these persons.

NOTE: The committee calls attention to an error in the report on page 133 of *Reports and Memorials,* first column, line 32. It should read "Navy 13" not "29."

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Report of the Commission on Fraternal Organizations

RESOLUTION 13-07

Report 323, pp. 156, 157, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Commission on Fraternal Organizations has continued its work diligently and faithfully during the past triennium; therefore be it

Resolved, That we receive the report of the members of the Commission; and be it further

Resolved, That we express our sincere gratitude to them for their work; and be it finally

Resolved, That we encourage them to continue their faithful service to our Synod.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Reaffirm Position on Lodges

RESOLUTION 13-08

Memorial 324, p. 157, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, It would seem that some of our pastors and congregations are not sufficiently concerned with the lodge problem, as evidenced, for example, by a statement made in a meeting of the College of District Presidents in November of 1961 by Dr. George Beto, former president of Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill. (*Reports and Memorials,* p. 156):

> Twenty-six out of one hundred and fourteen returning Springfield and St. Louis vicars this year [1961] indicated that they had observed on their vicarages a relaxed atti-

tude toward lodgery not consistent with the principles taught in the classroom and presented in the pastoral theology books.

therefore be it

Resolved, That this memorial be accepted.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

NOTE: The memorial reads as follows:

Resolved, That this convention reaffirm the Synod's stand on the lodge question as defined in the *Handbook;* and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the President of the Synod to give further implementation to the resolution of the Synod in 1959 (*Proceedings,* p. 268): "That we urgently request the President of the Synod to instruct the District Presidents to make the lodge practice of congregations in their Districts a matter of special concern and, by way of evangelical admonition and discipline, to deal with all pastors and congregations not conforming to the synodical policy as stated in paragraph 14.03 of the synodical *Handbook.*"

Report of the Walther Sesquicentennial Committee

RESOLUTION 13-09

Report 1109, pp. 382—384, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Lord has richly blessed the consecrated efforts of the members of the committee which arranged for a fitting observance during 1961 of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Dr. C. F. W. Walther; and

WHEREAS, It would appear that because of the work of this committee many more members of the Synod gained a deeper appreciation of the Scriptural principles for which Dr. Walther stood and for which he so nobly contended, of the theological contributions which he made, and of the part he played under God in guiding the destinies of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod during the crucial years; and

WHEREAS, The work of this committee will be apparent for many years to come; therefore be it

Resolved, That we highly commend the members of the Walther Sesquicentennial Committee for their efficient labors; that we receive their encouraging report; that the Synod accede to the request of the committee that it be dismissed; and be it further

Resolved, That we express our sincere gratitude to all others who in any way contributed to the success of the Walther Sesquicentennial observance.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Dismiss, etc.

RESOLUTION 13-10

Action: Resolution 13-10 was *canceled* and replaced by Resolution 13-26, page 167.

To Increase Levy of Congregations Toward Sharing Cost of Synodical Conventions

RESOLUTION 13-11

Memorial 823, p. 353, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Your committee has been advised that the Board of Directors of the Synod is considering the establishment of a Department of Conventions; therefore be it

Resolved, That this memorial be referred to the Board of Directors.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Report on Valparaiso University

RESOLUTION 13-12

Report 1110, pp. 384, 385, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Valparaiso University continues its fruitful endeavors to serve the church in the area of Christian higher education; and

WHEREAS, The University through its Board of Trustees and its administrative officers has on its own request and with the consent of the Board of Directors of the Synod submitted this fine report of its activities, principles, and objectives; therefore be it

Resolved, That this convention receive the full and complete report of the Board of Trustees of Valparaiso University and its administrative officers; and be it further

Resolved, That we commend them for submitting this report, especially in view of the fact that no such report has ever before been received by a convention of the Synod; and be it finally

Resolved, That all congregations and members of the Synod support the University in its aims and purposes to serve the church in the field of Christian higher education.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Refrain from Authorizing Any Further Collections for Valparaiso University Until Certain Professors Refrain from Advocating Theory of Evolution, etc.

To Refrain from Authorizing Any Collection for Valparaiso University Until Steps Have Been Taken to Remedy Certain Evils

To Refrain from Authorizing Further Collections for Valparaiso University Until Certain Instructors Are Removed, etc.

To Demand an Official Investigation of Valparaiso University, etc.

RESOLUTION 13-13

Unprinted Memorials 1110-A, 1110-B, 1110-C, 1110-D

WHEREAS, Your committee has reviewed and studied these memorials; therefore be it

Resolved, That they be declined.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Designate Convention Sites 10 Years in Advance

RESOLUTION 13-14

Memorial 1116, p. 394, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That this resolution be adopted.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

NOTE: The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Adequate convention sites are much in demand and reservations for convention facilities are being made 10 to 15 years in advance of scheduled meetings in our larger cities; and

WHEREAS, The Synod to do its work effectively at conventions needs adequate and commodious facilities; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod consider seriously the advisability of designating convention sites at least 10 years in advance.

To Authorize Publication of "Convention Handbook"

RESOLUTION 13-15

Memorial 1121, p. 396, *Reports and Memorials*

Resolved, That this memorial be accepted with the amendment that it be referred to the Board of Directors for implementation.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

NOTE: The memorial reads as follows:

WHEREAS, The holding of synodical conventions is becoming an increasingly complex and demanding assignment, where only experience can insure adequacy and economy; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod authorize the production and publication of a "Convention Handbook," which could serve not only the conventions of the Synod but also of Districts of the Synod and of auxiliary organizations of the Synod.

To Reduce Number of Delegates and to Equalize Expenses on a Nationwide Scale

RESOLUTION 13-16

Unprinted Memorial 1127, p. 114, *Today's Business*

Resolved, That the first "Resolved" of Memorial 1127 be referred to the Committee on Constitutional Matters; and be it further

Resolved, That the second "Resolved" of this Memorial be referred to the Board of Directors, which is considering the establishment of a Department of Conventions.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

NOTE: For the memorial see "Unprinted Memorials" in these PROCEEDINGS, page 202.

Opposition of Christianity to Communism and Materialism

RESOLUTION 13-17

Special Memorial 1130-B

WHEREAS, The menace of atheistic Communism is becoming increasingly alarming; and

WHEREAS, The dangers of materialistic ideologies constantly threaten the church and the spiritual life of the individual Christian; and

WHEREAS, Many evil spirits are abroad who are opposed to the spirit of the Christian faith and the life in Christ; and

WHEREAS, Falsehood, distortion of truth, hate campaigns, and readiness to smear others with "guilt by association" are among the means used to disrupt even the church; therefore be it

Resolved, That we reaffirm the historic Christian faith in the triune God; and be it further

Resolved, That we acknowledge the perpetual dangers of atheistic Communism and materialism and promote all effective Christian efforts to counteract these ideologies; and be it further

Resolved, That we decry all activities which abuse the law of Christian love by innuendo, slander, or unfounded accusations under the guise of promoting God-pleasing causes; and be it finally

Resolved, That we ask the members of the Synod and its congregations to intensify their use of the means of grace, their role in the holy Christian church, and their dedication to the Lord of the church.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

The Christian's Responsibility in Social Action

RESOLUTION 13-18

Action: This resolution was *referred* to Floor Committee 7 (see Resolution 7-09, pages 139, 140).

Report Regarding Lutheran Senior Citizens' Foundation and East Ridge Retirement Village, Miami, Fla., and to ask Lord's Blessing upon East Ridge Retirement Village, etc.

RESOLUTION 13-19

Unprinted Memorials 1122, 1123, pp. 108—110, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, These reports were reviewed by Committee 13, and in its judgment no synodical action is required; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod take no action regarding these memorials.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Instruct Concordia Publishing House Not to Sell Individual Communion Ware

RESOLUTION 13-20

Unprinted Memorial 1128, pp. 114, 115, *Today's Business*

Resolved, That this memorial be declined.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Invitations to the Synod

RESOLUTION 13-21

Memorials 1113, 1114, 1115, pp. 393, 394, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Adequate convention sites and facilities are being reserved 10 to 15 years in advance by large organizations; and

WHEREAS, More time is required by committees to arrange for the growing needs of the Synod's conventions; therefore be it

Resolved, That we accept the invitation of the Atlantic District to hold the 47th Convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod in New York City; and be it further

Resolved, That we accept the invitation of the Colorado District to hold the 48th convention of the Synod in Denver; and be it finally

Resolved, That we accept the invitation of the South Wisconsin District to hold the 49th convention of the Synod in Milwaukee.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

The Reverend Doctor John W. Behnken

RESOLUTION 13-22

WHEREAS, The Reverend Doctor John W. Behnken has by the goodness of God been permitted to serve our beloved Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod as President for nine consecutive terms of three years each (1935—1962); and

WHEREAS, During these 27 years the Lord of the church has showered benedictions upon our Synod too numerous to count; and

WHEREAS, Under Dr. Behnken's faithful and consecrated leadership God has permitted the Synod to become an outstanding evangelical and courageous church body, with the increasing responsibility of making her Gospel-centered and Christ-exalting witness be felt throughout Christendom and our world; and

WHEREAS, The delegates to the 45th regular convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, assembled in Cleveland, Ohio, June 20—29, 1962, have reluctantly acceded to the plea of the venerable theologian and churchman not to elect him to serve another term as President; therefore be it

Resolved, That we acknowledge with sincere gratitude to God the marvelous gifts and graces bestowed upon Dr. Behnken and the efficient and untiring manner in which he has used his talents and abilities in carrying out the manifold and complex leadership tasks of his important and responsible office of guiding the affairs of our Synod; and be it further

Resolved, That we manifest our gratitude and esteem for Dr. Behnken by declaring him Honorary President of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod for life; and be it further

Resolved, That we beseech our heavenly Father to bless our esteemed Honorary President with health and zeal so that he may continue to serve the Synod faithfully and gladly; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Board of Directors be instructed



New York in 1967 — Denver in 1969. "We're all happy." Left to right: Fred Shepherd and President Walter Enge of the Colorado District and President Karl Graesser and Dr. Adolf Meyer of the Atlantic District join hands and trade banners as they contemplate hosting future conventions of the Missouri Synod.

hereby to provide for his future temporal needs in a manner befitting the position of responsibility and honor which he has occupied with distinction for so many years.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Departed Workers of Past Triennium

RESOLUTION 13-23

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom has during the past triennium called to Himself in heaven the souls of the following faithful workers in our Synod:

Former Vice-Presidents of the Synod

Dr. A. H. Grumm
Dr. F. A. Hertwig

Former District Presidents

Dr. Herman Bartels
Dr. Paul H. Fretthold
Dr. E. T. Lams
Rev. Conrad F. Lehenbauer
Rev. Walter Rathke
Dr. Rudolph S. Ressmeyer
Dr. Andrew Zeile

Professors

Prof. Theo. C. Appelt
Dr. John E. Bauman
Prof. Albert H. Beck
Prof. Theo. W. Hausmann
Prof. Louis F. Heinrichsmeyer
Dr. Arthur Klinck
Dr. Walter O. Kraeft
Prof. Ewald Plass
Prof. Karl A. Rupp
Prof. David Schmidt
Dr. O. H. Theiss

Former Professors

Dr. Walter W. Albrecht
Prof. Martin Coyner
Dr. Henry L. Hardt
Prof. Herman Jonas
Rev. C. I. Klewer
Dr. Henry A. Koenig
Miss Renata Koschmann
Dr. Albert H. Miller
Prof. Louis C. Rehfeldt
Prof. Paul Reuter
Prof. Aug. H. Schoede

Others Who Have Served the Synod in an Official Capacity

Rev. A. Appelt
Miss Ruth Brauer
Mr. Henry Buck
Dr. Marmaduke Carter
Rev. Adolph G. Dick
Mr. Milferd Eggerding
Rev. Henry F. Gerecke
Dr. William J. Gernand
Mr. Ralph Gihring
Dr. Herman H. Hohenstein
Mr. A. W. Huge
Rev. Bernard W. Janssen
Mr. William E. Junge
Rev. Oscar Kaiser
Rev. Arnold Krentz
Mr. Edgar M. Kluge
Rev. Robert G. Lange
Rev. O. H. Lottes
Mr. Charles Lottman
Rev. Herbert J. Mueller
Mr. E. A. Roth
Dr. John Salvner
Mr. Herbert Thien
Mr. Jacob Ulmer
Rev. Theo. F. Walther
Dr. John M. Weidenschilling
Rev. Herman Winter

therefore be it

Resolved, That we thank Almighty God for the gifts of these and all other loyal servants of the church and for the faithful use they made of their talents in the service of our Synod.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

The Lutheran Laymen's League and Evolution

RESOLUTION 13-24

Unprinted Memorial 1129, p. 116, *Today's Business*

Resolved, That this memorial be declined.

Action: This resolution was *recommitted* and was offered later as Resolution 13-31, page 167.

Expression of Gratitude to Retiring Synodical Treasurer and Members of Synod's Board of Directors

RESOLUTION 13-25

WHEREAS, Mr. Martin E. Strieter, LL. D., has for many years faithfully served the Synod as Treasurer, as member of the Board of Directors, and in numerous other responsible capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clarence Amling and Mr. John W. Boehne, LL. D., have devoted much time and consecrated service as members of the Synod's Board of Directors through many years; therefore be it

Resolved, That we hereby express our lasting gratitude to the Lord of the church for the many blessings that have accrued to our beloved Synod in many ways because of the untiring labors of these faithful men of God; and be it further

Resolved, That we pray the blessed Trinity to permit them to serve Him further to His glory and the eternal welfare of the Kingdom.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

To Dismiss a Congregation and Its Pastor from Synod

RESOLUTION 13-26

Unprinted Memorial 324-A

WHEREAS, It is the opinion of your committee on the basis of first-hand information that the charges made in this memorial are based on hearsay and are unsupported by facts; and

WHEREAS, The procedure prescribed by the Synod's *Handbook* (5.21 ff.) were not adhered to in this case, and Scriptural principles were not followed; therefore be it

Resolved, That this memorial be declined.

Action: This resolution was *adopted* in place of canceled Resolution 13-10, page 163.

A Christian's Attitude Toward War

RESOLUTION 13-27

Unprinted Memorial 1130, p. 509, *Today's Business*

Action: This resolution was *withdrawn* by Floor Committee 13.

NOTE: See Resolution 7-04, page 138.

Expression of Sympathy to the Niermann and Brockopp Families

RESOLUTION 13-28

WHEREAS, The Reverend H. W. Niermann, Cheyenne, Wyo., President of the Southern Nebraska District, was called from this convention on June 20 to attend the funeral of his sister in Denver, Colo.; and

WHEREAS, Word has been received at this convention that the Reverend Walter Brockopp, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Ogallala, Nebr., died as the result of an automobile accident; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Secretary of our Synod express our sincere Christian sympathy to the Niermann and Brockopp families in this hour of their sorrow.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Request by the Commission on Fraternal Organizations for Full-Time Director of Activities

RESOLUTION 13-29

Memorial 640, p. 288, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, Since June 1961 the Commission on Fraternal Organizations has had the assistance of a seminary graduate student on a part-time basis; and

WHEREAS, Twenty-eight (28) of our Districts now have their own committees on unchristian and anti-Christian fraternal societies; and

WHEREAS, The Commission on Fraternal Organizations of the Synod has provided valuable "Guidelines for District Commissions" *(Let There Be Light,* Vol. III, No. 2, June 1962); therefore be it

Resolved, That *all* Districts of the Synod be urged to have their own Commission on Fraternal Organizations and that these commissions seek the advice and assistance of the synodical commission whenever necessary; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Directors be urged to continue to provide the necessary funds to enable the Commission on Fraternal Organizations to carry on its work efficiently.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Vote of Thanks to the Survey Commission

RESOLUTION 13-30

Action: This resolution was *withdrawn* because this matter had been taken care of through Resolution 6-54.

The Lutheran Laymen's League and Evolution

RESOLUTION 13-31

Unprinted Memorial 1129, p. 116, *Today's Business*

WHEREAS, Your committee recognizes the fact that The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod does not advocate or tolerate the theory of evolution as truth; and

WHEREAS, The person in question in Unprinted Memorial 1129 *(Today's Business,* p. 116), is a member in good standing of one of our congregations; and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Laymen's League had made adequate provision for the supervision of the selection of its convention speakers through its Board of Governors and its pastoral adviser; therefore be it

Resolved, That this memorial be declined.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Printing of Devotional Essays

RESOLUTION 13-32

WHEREAS, The devotional essays of this convention have been very inspiring and would prove helpful to others who did not have the privilege of hearing them; therefore be it

Resolved, That they be printed in the PROCEEDINGS of this convention or in another suitable manner at the discretion and under the supervision of Concordia Publishing House.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Vote of Thanks

RESOLUTION 13-33

Resolved, That we express our sincere gratitude to:

1. God for giving the Reverend Doctor John W. Behnken the health and strength to carry on his arduous task during this convention;

2. Zion Lutheran Church, Cleveland, Ohio, the Reverend Clarence T. Schuknecht, pastor, for serving as host congregation to the convention;

3. The Central and English Districts, especially the congregations of these Districts in the Cleveland area, and the Convention Committee for their untiring zeal and labors in making this a successful and outstanding event;

4. All officers and boards of the Synod, all committees and departments, and all others who worked so diligently and faithfully before and during the convention;

5. The radio and television stations and reporters and newspapers for their faithful coverage of our convention;

6. The mayor and officials of the City of Cleveland for their well wishes and kind hospitality;

7. All organizations, groups, and individuals who have in any way contributed to the success of this convention.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Changes in "Proceedings" and "Handbook"

RESOLUTION 13-34

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Synod be permanently authorized to make such changes of grammar and spelling as will contribute to the publication in good English of the *Proceedings* of this and all future regular conventions of the Synod and of the edition of the synodical *Handbook.*

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Expression of Sympathy to the Bergman Family

RESOLUTION 13-35

WHEREAS, Mr. Walter Bergman, member of Floor Committee 6 in attendance at a preconvention meeting, was notified of the death of his father, Henry Bergman, killed in an automobile accident, June 14, 1962; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Secretary of our Synod express our sincere Christian sympathy to the Bergman family.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

Limiting Business of Convention

RESOLUTION 13-36

WHEREAS, The 45th regular convention of the Synod has voted to conduct, subject to the prescribed congregational approval, biennial conventions of seven days' length; and

WHEREAS, The volume of business before regular conventions of the Synod must be reduced if it is to be handled within the time limitation proposed for conventions; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod instruct the synodical Committee on Constitutional Matters to restudy the manner in which reports and memorials are presented to the Synod for its consideration with a view toward expediting their disposition; and be it further

Resolved, That this committee submit a report of its findings to the next regular convention of the Synod.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.*

UNPRINTED MEMORIALS

NOTE: These "Unprinted Memorials" were received too late to be printed in *Reports and Memorials* but were mimeographed in *Today's Business.* They are reprinted here for the benefit of those who were not delegates at the convention and therefore did not obtain a copy of *Today's Business.*

COMMITTEE 1

[124-A]

To Establish a Seminary in the West Coast Area

WHEREAS, The population of the Western States is growing with phenomenal rapidity, and correspondingly also the membership of our Synod in the West; and

WHEREAS, The distance from many areas in this region to our present seminaries is considerably more than 2,000 miles, requiring about two days of travel time each way by fast train and costing our parents considerable additional expense for which there is no equalization of costs; and

WHEREAS, Many parents hesitate to encourage their sons to prepare for full-time Kingdom work, knowing that because of distance and expense the youths will not be at home with them even for Christmas and perhaps not even for the summer vacation; and

WHEREAS, The present facilities at our seminaries will be filled to capacity in the near future; and

WHEREAS, It is much easier to interest young people in regional schools than in schools that are far away; and

WHEREAS, The Synod now owns the needed building site in the San Francisco, Calif., area for a third seminary; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod proceed immediately to establish its third seminary in the above-mentioned or in another practical Western States area.

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CONGREGATION
Medford, Oreg.
JOHN E. SIMON, *Pastor*
MILAN H. BEVER, *Secretary*

[125-A]

To Establish a College in Southern California

WHEREAS, The church has the holy responsibility to provide professional personnel for its ministry; and

WHEREAS, The Southern California area has experienced a tremendous population increase and the population is predicted to continue to increase rapidly; and

WHEREAS, The distances to synodical schools presently prevent proper utilization of our manpower in the Southern California area for professional church work; and

WHEREAS, Property values are rising in our rapidly expanding area, thus making it urgent to purchase land immediately; therefore be it

Resolved, That the forty-fifth regular convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod authorize the immediate establishment of a college in the Southern California District to meet the needs of the church.

ZION LUTHERAN CONGREGATION
Anaheim, Calif.
BERT JANZOW, *President*
C. W. GUSTAV EIFRIG, *Secretary*

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To Establish a College in the Southern California District

WHEREAS, The needs of our church in providing additional pastors and teachers to serve in our expanding number of congregations and schools already exceed our ability to train sufficient workers; and

WHEREAS, Future expansion will only multiply this problem; and

WHEREAS, Parents in our populous area, because of expense and distance, hesitate to send sons and daughters hundreds of miles to our present schools; and

WHEREAS, A greater number of synodically trained young men and women should be coming from Southern California to serve the church, and the lack of a college in this area has prevented this; and

WHEREAS, Southern California can expect to double or triple its own pastoral and school placement needs within another fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, No synodical institution exists within 450 miles of this second-largest population center in the U. S. A.; and

WHEREAS, The Southern California area has doubled its population in the past fifteen years, and conservative estimates predict a doubling of the present figure of 8,500,000 (ten counties), to some 16 million by 1985; and

WHEREAS, Land values are increasing constantly, and available property in large parcels will become increasingly scarce and prohibitively expensive as time goes on; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the pastor and members of Saint Paul's Lutheran Congregation of Long Beach, Calif., URGENTLY request the Synod to resolve to establish a college in the Southern California area at the earliest possible time; and be it further

Resolved, That we pledge our prayers and support to this cause.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CONGREGATION
Long Beach, Calif.
CLAUDE WRIGHT, *Chairman*
NORMAN GILL, *Secretary*
WILLIAM J. FACKLER, *Pastor*

[127-A]

To Authorize the Establishment of a Senior College in the Denver Area of Colorado

WHEREAS, The recruitment program of our Synod annually fails to supply the Board of Assignment with enough candidates for the holy ministry; and

WHEREAS, Establishing the first senior college at Fort Wayne, Ind., contributed to this shortage because it created a kind of bottleneck — i. e., henceforth all young men from the western half of the United States must *first study two years far away from their homes,* at Fort Wayne, before they can enroll at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo.; and

WHEREAS, The distance and cost involved in this discourage many young men and keep them from becoming pastors; and

WHEREAS, The best and only permanent way to *eliminate this "bottleneck"* is to *establish a second senior college right in the middle* of this vast territory, the wetsern half of the United States, *in the Denver area of Colorado;* and

WHEREAS, The establishment of a second senior college in this area would serve the entire church well and provide a powerful means of meeting the growing need for pastors by enabling the Rocky Mountain and the Pacific Coast areas to be more effective in their program of recruitment and training for the Kingdom; therefore be it

Resolved, That we hereby respectfully petition the Synod to authorize the establishment of a second senior college in the Denver area at the earliest feasible time; and be it further

Resolved, That we petition the Synod to authorize the purchase of land by the Board for Higher Education in the Denver area within the next triennium for the establishment of such a senior college; and be it finally

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to a more intensive program of recruitment and to support this synodical school with all possible effort and with our material resources both in the purchase of land and in the construction and maintenance of this senior college.

BUNDE SKOV, *Denver, Colo.*

[128-A]

Identical with Memorial 128; submitted by The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Fort Ogden, Fla., Elmer Graese, Secretary.

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Identical with Memorial 128; submitted by Peace Lutheran Congregation, Decatur, Ga., W. H. Gamber.

[128-C]

Identical with Memorial 128; submitted by Mrs. Henry H. Hansen, President, Tampa Bay Area Zone, Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Florida-Georgia District.

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Identical with Memorial 128; submitted by Lula L. Palmquist, President, Southern Zone, Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Florida-Georgia District.

[130-A]

To Establish Institution for Training of Kingdom Workers in the Greater Atlanta Area

WHEREAS, The official representatives of the Florida-Georgia, Southeastern, and Southern Districts have carefully studied the need for and the placement of a centrally located college in their area, unanimously agreeing that primary consideration should be given Greater Atlanta as the ideal location for this college; therefore be it

Resolved, That Trinity Lutheran Congregation memorialize the 1962 convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod to establish an institution for the training of Kingdom workers in the Greater Atlanta area.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CONGREGATION
Holly Hill, Fla.
ARNOLD R. HOLT, *Secretary*

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To Endorse Resolutions Asking for an Educational Institution in Greater Atlanta Area

WHEREAS, The East Tennessee Pastoral Conference feels the need for a synodical junior college in the Southeastern area of our country; and

WHEREAS, The Atlanta area is easily accessible to both Middle and East Tennessee; therefore be it

Resolved, That we endorse Resolutions 128, 129, 130, 131, and 132 on pages 81—83 of the book of *Reports and Memorials.*

THE EAST TENNESSEE PASTORAL CONFERENCE
PAUL H. DONNER, *Secretary*

[140-A]

Identical with Memorial 140; submitted by The South Dakota District, Paul G. Wendling, Secretary.

[152-A]

To Restudy Policy of Reimbursing Transfers from Our Lutheran High Schools

WHEREAS, The Synod is making recruitment from among older students (high school and college) an important area of activity;

WHEREAS, This phase of the recruitment program is not without its God-blessed results; and

WHEREAS, The Synod has expressed and shown its appreciation of this type of training in a material way, by granting a credit to those transferring from our Lutheran high schools, to wit, $100 credit per year's attendance; and

WHEREAS, The student has had the benefits of private education at a reduced cost by association subsidy and support; and

WHEREAS, The high schools of our Synod, supported by the local constituency, have saved the Synod educational costs and not the individual; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod restudy its policy of reimbursing transfers from our Lutheran high schools; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod reimburse the institution where the transfers have attended (rather than the individual) in the same proportion as it reimbursed the individual.

THE PASTORAL CONFERENCE, CIRCUIT 21
SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT
G. N. BUSAROW, *Secretary*

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To Have Concordia Theological Seminary at Springfield Revert to Its Original Concept as Training School for Older Men with Limited Formal Schooling

WHEREAS, The latest catalog of our Concordia Theological Seminary at Springfield, Ill., contains this sentence regarding entrance requirement: "It is the policy of the seminary to train for the ministry men who have attained the level of bachelor's degree," and also a sentence to the effect that in no instance will they admit a person who "has less than 60 semester hours of acceptable college credit"; and

WHEREAS, The original purpose of the Springfield seminary was to provide an opportunity for training those who later on in life, with little formal training, were induced by the Spirit to take up the ministry as their lifework; and

WHEREAS, Various reasons may make it impossible for men to obtain the requirements now demanded by the seminary, and many may thus be discouraged from entering the ministry; and

WHEREAS, Consecration to the Lord and loyalty to His Word are needed even more than academic excellence, in every age and also in our day; and

WHEREAS, There is a shortage of qualified ministers in our Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, and it is urgent that we recruit men for the ministry at an increased rate; therefore be it

Resolved, That this convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod —

1) Urge our Board for Higher Education to introduce into our system of ministerial training a practical seminary for the training of those who formerly found a school in our seminary at Springfield;

2) Or require that our seminary at Springfield relax its entrance requirements and become again that type of seminary which it was in its earlier days.

CARL HOFFMEYER, Hamler, Ohio
PAUL LEHENBAUER, Deshler, Ohio

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To Impose Less Stringent Requirements for Entrance to Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill.

WHEREAS, We gather from the portion of the *Springfielder* (Winter 1962; catalog) that the entrance requirements for all students under 25 are being raised from two years to four years of college or the A. B. degree ("It is the policy of the seminary to train for the ministry men who have attained the level of the bachelor's degree . . . the degree requirement is not waived for any young man under the age of 25 years." (P. 10); and

WHEREAS, The two additional years would discourage, if not in some instances make it impossible, for some students, particularly those who are married, to become ministers of the Gospel; and

WHEREAS, The shortage of ministers of the Gospel seems to become more acute as the challenges with which the Lord of the church confronts us increase; and

WHEREAS, Ministers with only two years of college and then seminary training have over the years served the church faithfully and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, Two extra years of training in a secular college does not necessarily make for a more devoted and efficient ministry; and

WHEREAS, It is debatable whether the church ever has the moral right to keep a young man from entering the holy ministry by establishing human standards which go beyond the standards set by God Himself (1 Tim. 3:2, 3, 4, 6; Titus 1:9); therefore be it

Resolved, That younger men, below the age of 25, be encouraged to obtain an A. B. degree or the requirements stipulated in the entrance requirements (*Springfielder,* p. 10); and be it further

Resolved, That obtaining more than two years of college before admission to the Springfield seminary be left to the discretion and the option of the student; and be it finally

Resolved, That while we seek to raise the standards for a better trained ministry, we do not shut the door to someone who has the qualities and abilities to serve in the ministry.

ZION LUTHERAN CONGREGATION
Mascoutah, Ill.
LOUIS WESTPHAL, *Secretary*
W. H. SYMANK, Pastor

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To Discontinue the School for Graduate Studies

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod finds itself in a serious financial condition due to expenditures above and beyond moneys received; and

WHEREAS, The population of the heathen world is increasing so greatly and yet finds itself without the

comfort of the Gospel of Christ to the loss of their eternal salvation; and

WHEREAS, Every expenditure of funds which does not directly serve the preaching of the Gospel to millions who have never heard of Christ should be eliminated; and

WHEREAS, There are those who through their activity in the School for Graduate Studies have confused and confounded and caused the work of the church to suffer; and

WHEREAS, The School for Graduate Studies is not vital nor necessary to the direct preaching of the Gospel to the lost; and

WHEREAS, It is the duty of the church to make the best possible use of every dollar entrusted to it in the direct work of Gospel preaching; therefore be it

Resolved, To discontinue the School for Graduate Studies beginning with the period of September 1962; and be it further

Resolved, That this school not be opened again until such a time as the church has available such a surplus of funds as will make this easily possible and not detrimental to the primary function of the church, the preaching of the Gospel to heathen everywhere.

PAUL M. LEHENBAUER, *Deshler, Ohio*

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To Request Board for Higher Education to Initiate a Study of Interrelationships of the Various Training Programs, etc.

WHEREAS, The increasing need for professional workers in the church has led not only to the training of pastors and teachers but also to the establishment of programs for the training of deaconesses and other church workers by auxiliary organizations of the church, as well as by the Synod itself; and

WHEREAS, There is need for the clear definition of the purposes and functions of each of the training programs in the Synod for deaconesses and other church workers other than pastors and teachers, as well as the interrelationships of these auxiliary training programs and fields of service; therefore be it

Resolved, That the convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod convening in Cleveland 20 to 30 June, 1962, request the Board for Higher Education to initiate a study of the interrelationships of the various training programs and fields of service in the Synod for deaconesses and other church workers other than pastors and teachers, with the view toward clearly defining their purposes and functions as well as their interrelationships and recommending ways and means to avoid as much as possible the duplication of purposes and efforts.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LUTHERAN DEACONESS ASSOCIATION
ROBERT V. SCHNABEL, *Secretary*

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To Appoint Study Commission for Lutheran Lay Higher Education

WHEREAS, It has become increasingly apparent that the existing facilities for Lutheran lay higher education within the Synod cannot meet adequately the need for higher education for the laity of our church; and

WHEREAS, According to a survey of seventeen (17) eastern states, recently conducted under the joint auspices of Valparaiso University and Concordia, Bronxville, interest in, and desire for, increased facilities are apparent for the youth of our church seeking higher education under Lutheran auspices; and

WHEREAS, Comparatively few college students in the Synod preparing for professions other than church service are enrolled in our own Lutheran colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, Local groups are becoming interested in establishing Lutheran colleges and such ventures may suffer from inadequate planning if not coordinated throughout the church; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod authorize the President of the Synod, the Executive Director of the Synod, and the Executive Secretary of the Board for Higher Education to appoint a STUDY COMMISSION FOR LUTHERAN LAY HIGHER EDUCATION:

1) to study the long-range needs throughout the Synod in the United States and Canada for such education and the most suitable ways and means to provide it;

2) to consult the District officials, pastors, and lay people in various sections of the country regarding this problem, and especially the Lutheran University Association;

3) to report its findings to the next synodical convention.

COMMITTEE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY; CONCORDIA COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, BRONXVILLE; LUTHERLAND, INC.; ATLANTIC, EASTERN; ENGLISH, SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICTS
O. P. KRETZMANN
ALBERT E. MEYER
KARL GRAESSER
RUDOLPH P. F. RESSMEYER, *Secretary*

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To Direct Teachers of Sciences in the Synod's Educational Institutions to Instruct Students Regarding Destructive Character of Communist Ideology, etc.

WHEREAS, The Iowa District East of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod in convention assembled at Hubbard, Iowa, August 14—17, 1961, unanimously adopted a similar resolution; and

WHEREAS, Communism is known to be militantly opposed to Christianity and subversive of principles upon

which our nation is founded, which guarantees to us our liberties inclusive of religious liberty; therefore be it

Resolved, That The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod —

1) instruct its Board for Higher Education to direct teachers of sciences in the Synod's institutions to instruct their students as to the destructive character and the deceitful tactics of Communist ideology and of related ideologies; and

2) instruct the appropriate department or board of the Synod to compile and publish for our congregations a list of competent lecturers and of dependable literature on the evils of Communism and related ideologies.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CONGREGATION
Clinton, Iowa
JOHN M. RHAME, Secretary of
Committee on Doctrinal and
Synodical Matters

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To Rescind Resolution 45 of Committee 1, p. 149, "Proceedings," 1959

WHEREAS, The dangers inherent in this resolution far outweigh any possible lessening of delays and confusion which may be cited as advantages; and

WHEREAS, If Resolution 45 were carried out, the title of the St. Louis seminary property would no longer be vested in The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod but would be vested in the Concordia College of Saint Louis, Missouri; therefore be it

Resolved, That St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Clinton, Iowa, memorialize The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod in convention to rescind Resolution 45, Committee 1 (*Proceedings,* 1959, p. 149).

ST. JOHN'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH
Clinton, Iowa
JOHN M. RHAME, Secretary of
Committee on Doctrinal and
Synodical Matters

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To Spend a Modest Sum for a Temporary High School in Selma, Ala., etc.

WHEREAS, It is highly questionable that an integrable school can be established at Selma, Ala.; and

WHEREAS, The amount of money involved in the present proposal is exorbitant; and

WHEREAS, Remedial work for church-work students can hardly be done at a Selma institution; and

WHEREAS, It is highly desirable to establish an integrated preparatory school in or near Atlanta; therefore be it

Resolved, That the church spend a modest sum for a temporary high school at Selma and that any remedial work found to be necessary among Negro church-work students be done on the campuses of the regular preparatory schools in which they enroll.

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON LUTHERAN HUMAN RELATIONS IN THE GREATER NEW YORK AREA
GARY KRAMER, *Chairman*

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To Establish an Integrated Preparatory School in or near Atlanta

WHEREAS, It is deemed necessary by the Southeastern, Southern, and English Districts that a preparatory school be established at a convenient location in the Southeastern District; therefore be it

Resolved, That we encourage the establishment of a preparatory school in or near Atlanta and that this school be racially integrated at its initiation.

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON LUTHERAN HUMAN RELATIONS IN THE GREATER NEW YORK AREA
GARY KRAMER, *Chairman*

COMMITTEE 2

[213-A]

To Coordinate Gospel Witness Among Spanish-Speaking People

WHEREAS, There are already more than 4,000,000 Spanish-speaking persons residing within the United States; and

WHEREAS, The influx of Spanish-speaking populations is continuing and increasing; and

WHEREAS, Many of these persons are living in areas served by our congregations or in neighborhoods adjacent to those areas; and

WHEREAS, An extremely high percentage of these people are not formally affiliated with or active in any church; therefore be it

Resolved, That we commend the Synod's Board for Missions in North and South America for its continuing concern for these people; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the Board for Missions in North and South America to undertake the coordination of our Gospel witness to these people; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board for Missions in North and South America be instructed to help recruit persons able to work in the Spanish language; and be it finally

Resolved, That the instruction in the Spanish language in our Synod's institutions of higher learning be encouraged in every possible way.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CONGREGATION
New York, N. Y.
ROBERT E. WILTENBURG, *Pastor*
ALEX J. HAMANN, *President*
KARL E. FRITSCH, *Secretary*

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To Appoint an Urban Church Commission

WHEREAS, The removal of many of our city churches to suburban areas has left a veritable spiritual wasteland in the heart of many large metropolitan areas; and

WHEREAS, The Scriptural position of serving the community without regard to race or national origin, steadily affirmed by the Synod, is not evident in the practice of all congregations; and

WHEREAS, God is sending to our doorstep many people whom our churches are not reaching because of racial, language, or culture barriers; and

WHEREAS, The growing challenge to our Synod of the inner American city makes it the frontier of Christianity in our time; and

WHEREAS, The problems of the inner-city churches are properly the responsibility and concern of the entire church; therefore be it

Resolved, That we strive to become aware and to make all of our congregations aware of the dramatic urgency of this problem for the future of our Synod; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod give earnest consideration to the appointment of an Urban Church Commission, to be charged with the duty of studying the problems of high population-density areas; and be it further

Resolved, That special training be afforded to pastors working in such areas or interested in such work, both in the seminary and in after-seminary years; and be it finally

Resolved, That a substantial portion of the vicars which are available each year be placed in service with inner-city churches — if necessary, at synodical expense.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CONGREGATION
New York, N. Y.
ROBERT E. WILTENBURG, *Pastor*
ALEX J. HAMANN, *President*
KARL E. FRITSCH, *Secretary*

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To Authorize Brazil District to Begin Mission Work in Portugal

The Thirty-Seventh Convention of the Igreja Evangelica Luterana do Brasil (Brazil District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod) adopted the following resolution:

The mission work in the land of Portugal is no longer a dream in the missionary endeavors of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brasil, but by the grace of God has turned into an agreeable and blessed reality.

The Rev. Dr. Rodolfo Hasse, missionary of the Portuguese Lutheran Church; the President of the Igreja Evangelica Luterana do Brasil (Brazil District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod), the Rev. Arnold W. Schneider, and the professors Dr. Hans Rottmann and Otto A. Goerl, visiting the mission field of Portugal, had a very favorable impression of the mission possibilities in Portugal.

This fact causes us much joy, since we Brasilians are united with the Portuguese nation by many bonds of relationship, among which we would emphasize the language, customs, sentiment, and Latin temperament, as well as the mutual sympathy between the two nations, which in the distant past were together under the same flag and the same king.

BRETHREN PRESENT AT THIS 37TH CONVENTION:

Considering what has been stated above;

Considering the order of the Master, which He issued to our church and to each one of us in particular, "to make disciples of all nations";

We propose to the 37th convention:

1) To intensify in all possible ways the Portuguese mission;

2) To appear before The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod and to show with unrefutable arguments the necessity and the timeliness to begin the work through the Igreja Evangelica Luterana do Brasil (Brazil District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod), requesting the Missouri Synod to grant us permission to carry out this mission work;

3) To request that the missionary of the Portuguese Lutheran Church, the Rev. Dr. Rodolfo Hasse, continue to visit the Portuguese mission periodically, strengthening in this manner the small but promising group of true Portuguese Lutherans;

4) To administer, on the occasion of these visits to Portugal, a course for evangelists and missionaries to young men interested in the work.

This proposal of the committee that studied the Memorial No. 1 was adopted.

We, the Igreja Evangelica Luterana do Brasil (Brazil District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod) appear before the 45th regular convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod in order to request the convention to authorize the Board of Directors of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod to grant permission to the Igreja Evangelica Luterana do Brasil (Brazil District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod) to carry on the work in Portugal with their own means and under their own responsibility.

In the name of and by order of the Igreja Evangelica Luterana do Brasil,

ARNOLD W. SCHNEIDER, *President*

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To Change Provisions for Salaries Paid North American Missionaries Who Are Willing to Work in Brazil

WHEREAS, "The laborer is worthy of his hire"; and

WHEREAS, The salary which has been paid to North American missionaries in Brazil has been quite inferior to the remuneration which was and still is being given to laborers in other mission fields; and

WHEREAS, North American workers employed at our seminary in Porto Alegre always drew a higher pay than other North Americans working in the field; and

WHEREAS, Many missionaries returned home after but one or two terms, to the great harm of our largest mission field; and

WHEREAS, Returning workers find it difficult to re-equip a home and even harder to provide a college education for their children; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod to ward off bitter complaints; therefore be it

Resolved, That different provisions be made with respect to their salary for North American missionaries who are willing to work in Brazil.

GEORGE J. MUELLER, St. Louis, Mo.

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Substantially identical with Unprinted Memorial 359 under Committee 3; both submitted by Sam Miller, Chicago, Ill.

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To Declare that the Synod Is Ready to Take Over Mission Work in Africa Until Now Carried on Jointly by the Synodical Conference

The ominous tensions in ecclesiastical fellowship between The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod and two of the constituent synods of the Synodical Conference, namely, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in 1955 and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1961, makes the continuation of joint mission work in Nigeria and Ghana untruthful and impossible.

Statements from officials of both church bodies mentioned have made it clear that they would consider continuing to assume the full financial obligation for the work in Africa, both for current operations and for capital outlay.

In spite of this avowed willingness, the present situation makes it most difficult to develop any firm, forward-looking plans and programs in evangelism, stewardship, ministerial and teacher training, the opening of new mission areas, developing an aggressive literature program, expanding medical facilities, and creating an indigenous church situation and organization.

Fortunately, the missionaries and their families are not too seriously affected by the break in relations, because all of them, except one pastor and a lay worker are members of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. No Wisconsin or Norwegian missionaries have been added to the staff during recent years.

In view of the uncertainty of future developments and in view of a possible meeting of the Synodical Conference in November 1962, at which time a specific proposal might be made, the Board of Directors asks the 1962 delegate convention —

1) to declare that The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod is ready and willing to take over the mission work in Africa hitherto carried on jointly by the four synods of the Synodical Conference;

2) to assure the other synods that the Missouri Synod agrees to assume all subsidy costs for current operations and capital costs for necessary capital investments until the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Nigeria (ELCN) is able to operate as an independent and self-supporting church; and

3) to guarantee that all investments made thus far for land and buildings will be used solely for the purpose of enabling the ELCN to become more effective in spreading the Gospel and building the kingdom of our Lord; and

4) to work out the details of the transfer by mutual agreement through authorized representatives;

5) to assign Synodical responsibility for the African field of mission endeavor to the Board for World Missions within the Division of Missions;

6) to give full assurances to the missionaries and churches in Nigeria and Ghana of continued necessary spiritual and financial support; and

7) to invite the SELC (Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches) to share this work with us or have assigned to its direct and exclusive care some specific phase or area of the African work.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD
WALTER F. WOLBRECHT, *Executive Director*

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Historical Résumé of Lutheran Women's Missionary League

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) was organized as an auxiliary body of Synod in 1942 and has in the ensuing twenty years carried out a program designed to assist the church in its mission outreach. As specifically stated in the league's bylaws, the organization's principal objective is to develop and sustain "a greater mission consciousness" among the women of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod through a threefold program of missionary education, missionary inspiration, and missionary service.

Among its activities is the ingathering of funds for mission projects either directly sponsored and/or approved by Synod, especially such projects for which no adequate provision has been made in the budget. These funds are gathered through the well-known LWML mite boxes, which receive the voluntary thankofferings of individual members. Within the past two decades receipts have run into the millions, with $240,000 pledged for specific grants during the biennium ending in 1963. Recipients of league gifts have been mission stations and/or similar operations in almost every corner of the globe.

From a nucleus of fifteen districts, the league has now spread into Canada and within the entire United States (including Hawaii and Alaska); it has thirty-

seven organized districts and approximateely 203,000 members. Also included in this membership are women in Mexico, Germany, Central and South America. Although membership is generally on a unit or society basis, "any woman who is a communicant mmber of her local congregation and participates by promoting the objects of the League" is considered a member of the unit. The league collects no dues.

Pursuant to the 1950 synodical resolution for more intensive lay training, the league developed what has become to be known as its Christian Growth program. Institutes, workshops, and program-planning sessions are held on a regional, district, and local basis, with strong emphasis being placed on the importance of Christ-centered activities at all levels. Based on the conviction that the business of the church is spiritual and that mission work begins with the individual's own commitment to Christ, the Christian Growth program has consistently stressed Bible study, a deeper prayer life, and personal witnessing.

A unique opportunity is afforded the league for personal and direct contact with missionaries and other workers in the foreign fields through the LWML Hospice Committee, which, as the name implies, extends hospitality to missionary families at various "ports of call" as they travel to and from their stations. "Taxi service," sight-seeing tours, baby-sitting, and like accommodations are provided as opportunity affords. Contact through correspondence is also maintained by leaguers who live far from the centers of travel, etc.

The *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* is the official publication of the league, serving as the "cement which binds the organization together." It carries current news from the mission fields and includes a topic study and other program helps. Each issue contains newsy items relating to districts.

Conventions of the international Lutheran Women's Missionary League are held biennially. The districts meet annually or once every two years. Zones within the districts hold one or two rallies each year.

A pioneering effort was begun by the LWML in 1955 when the executive board voted to conduct a survey of women's work within the church. Exhaustive study by the committee appointed to this task, together with pastors named as advisers, resulted in the publication of a "Survey Report, Women's Work in The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod." It is felt that earnest consideration of the survey report will bring about "continued effort to expand the missionary outreach of the women on each level — local, district, and international" and that, true to their motto, members of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League will continue to "SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS."

The above is a resume of the historic significance of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League as an auxiliary of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. It is intended for the floor committee of the convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, at Cleveland, Ohio, June 20—30, 1962, as information in the preparation of a resolution in recognition of the league's mission activities.

THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE
MRS. HAROLD E. BRANDT, *First Vice-President*
MRS. WALTER N. HOPPE, *President*

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To Merge Divisions of World Missions and North American Missions, etc.

WHEREAS, It has been apparent that the various mission boards of the Synod frequently have many concerns which are common to all boards; and

WHEREAS, Our church could make a much better impact on the world with a united and coordinated mission approach at home and abroad through a single division of missions; therefore be it

Resolved,

a. That the Cleveland convention authorize the merging of the divisions of World Missions and North American Missions into one "Division of Missions," the chairman of which is to be appointed in the stipulated manner;

b. That the Division of Missions include all boards classified as missions and also the new Board of Institutional Chaplaincy as recommended by the Survey Commission and if adopted by the Cleveland convention;

c. That during the next triennium an annual meeting of all mission boards be conducted;

d. That the functions of the individual boards constituting the Divisions of Missions and their interrelationship be reviewed during the next triennium and that appropriate recommendations be made to the 1965 convention and that meanwhile coordination be effected through the divisional structure and through the offices of the Executive Director.

THE BOARD FOR MISSIONS IN NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA
C. THOMAS SPITZ, *Chairman*
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COMMITTEE 3

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To Set Forth Teaching of Scripture on Duty of Christian when Confronted with Doctrinal Statements That Are Scriptural

Resolution 9 of Floor Committee 3 of the San Francisco Convention of the Synod

I. When Facing a Scriptural Statement It Is Our Duty to Acknowledge that the Statement Is Scriptural

Resolution 9 of Floor Committee 3 of the San Francisco convention of Synod (1959) states:

> That Synod further clarify its position by reaffirming that every doctrinal statement of a confessional nature adopted by Synod as a true exposition of the Holy Scriptures is to be regarded as public doctrine (*publica doctrina*) in Synod.

It is preferable to separate this doctrinal matter from the various doctrinal statements referred to, whether they be doctrinal statements adopted during the past 115 years of the Synod's history or whether they may be adopted in the future.

Theoretically it is possible that a "doctrinal statement of a confessional nature adopted by Synod as a true exposition of the Holy Scriptures" may turn out to be unscriptural.

As a matter of historical fact, the so-called *Common Confession,* in the opinion of not a few members of the Synod, is unscriptural. It is well known that both the Wisconsin Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod have strenuously objected to this particular "doctrinal statement of a confessional nature adopted by Synod."

It is not wise to bring into this clarification of the Synod's position any reference to future doctrinal statements "of a confesisonal nature adopted by Synod as a true exposition of the Holy Scriptures."

It is not at all impossible that such a statement may in the future be "adopted as a true exposition of the Holy Scriptures" and yet upon closer examination be found to be unscriptural. This has happened to the sects with their sectarian confessional documents. Though such sectarian documents were "adopted as a true exposition of the Holy Scriptures," faithful Lutherans have had to declare these sectarian confessional documents to be unscriptural.

It is useful, however, to set forth the teaching of Scripture in regard to the Christian's duty to acknowledge: When a Christian competent to judge comes face to face with a doctrinal statement that is Scriptural, then it is his duty to acknowledge that the statement in question is Scriptural.

There are some doctrinal statements which are Scriptural but with which the average member of our Synod is not acquainted. There are such Scriptural statements belonging to an earlier period of history; and there are also such Scriptural statements written in strange languages of today. For this reason a person competent to judge if he had the doctrinal statement in his own language, could not form an independent judgment for the simple reason that he has not come face to face with the particular doctrinal statement, Scriptural though it may be.

There are also Christians among us who are not competent to judge whether a Scriptural statement adopted by the Synod is or is not Scriptural. Among these are infants and the mentally incompetent.

So we cannot claim that every Christian ought to acknowledge that every Scriptural document is Scriptural. We are on solid Scriptural ground, however, if we say: When a Christian competent to judge, comes face to face with a doctrinal statement that is Scriptural, it is his duty to acknowledge that the statement in question is Scriptural.

Accordingly, the undersigned respectfully petitions the Synod to set forth the teachings of Scripture on this subject within the general limits of the Scripture teachings referred to hereinafter.

1. *Scripture Teaching*

a) General principle: When a Christian competent to judge comes face to face with a doctrinal statement that is Scriptural, then it is his duty to acknowledge that the statement in question is Scriptural.

b) Application:

1) Positively: Every Christian competent to judge ought to be willing to say promptly and cheerfully that he approves of this general principle.

2) Negatively:

aa) It would be sinful for him to seek to hide his opinion as to whether or not the statement in question is Scriptural.

bb) If he is asked for his opinion, it would be sinful to refuse to acknowledge that the statement in question is Scriptural.

cc) It would be sinful to teach contrary to the statement in question.

2. *The Reasons for This Scriptural Teaching Are Clear*

a) The Lord Jesus teaches that He will confess before His Father only those who confess Him before men and that He will deny those who deny Him before men. (Matt. 10:32, 33)

The Word with which He has entrusted us must in every case be openly acknowledged as His Word. We are not permitted to *deny* that some part of His Word has His approval; we are not permitted to deny that it is Scriptural; we are not permitted to sit on the fence. He who here is not with Christ is against Him, denies Him. When we come face to face with a word of Christ or with a statement based on a word of Christ, we must acknowledge that it is Scriptural.

b) The apostle Peter points out our duty to confess Christ and His Word: "Be ye ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you." (1 Peter 1:15)

Evasion, neutrality, opposition is ruled out. When the question is asked: Is this what you believe? then we must confess either that we believe that which is Scriptural or that we do not believe that which is unscriptural.

c) Whenever another person has taken his stand on Scripture, it is our duty to take our stand alongside him, confessing openly that his position is Scriptural. We see this from the teaching of St. Paul: "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord nor of me his prisoner; but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the Gospel." (2 Tim. 1:8)

d) When a doctrinal statement is Scriptural, the Christian is not permitted to let his old Adam, his weak flesh, dictate what he should say or what he should not say about the Scripturalness of the statement in question. On the contrary, when he is faced with a question regarding the Scripturalness of such a doctrinal statement, then he must be guided by the Holy Spirit's precept: "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God." (1 Peter 4:11)

Obedient to the Holy Spirit and speaking in the name of the Lord Jesus (Luke 10:16: "He that heareth you heareth Me"), he must acknowledge that the doctrinal statement in question is Scriptural.

e) The apostle John speaks of the chief rulers who believed on Jesus but who, "because of the Pharisees," "did not confess Him"; and he adds the stricture: "For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God." (John 12:42, 43)

However viciously enemies of Christ may oppose some part of the Word of the Savior, some statement based on some word of Jesus, we dare not be afraid to acknowledge that particular word of the Lord Jesus, that particular statement based upon a word of Jesus. If the statement is Scriptural, a refusal to acknowledge its Scripturalness would jeopardize the believer's faith. Opposition or neutrality might kill his faith.

Yes, Scripture makes it abundantly clear: When a Christian competent to judge comes face to face with a doctrinal statement that is Scriptural, then it is his duty to acknowledge that the statement in question is Scriptural.

II. Other Statements on Doctrine and Practice

The Synod is respectfully petitioned to remove from Resolution 9 of Floor Committee 3 any and every reference to "other statements on doctrine and practice formally adopted by Synod" (second "Whereas").

1) The *Brief Statement* must be judged by itself. It is Scriptural in every respect; and this ought to be acknowledged. No evasion, neutrality, or opposition can find any support in Scripture whatsoever.

2) The *Brief Statement* should be named, so that every one may know just which particular doctrinal statement is meant. There should not be any question about the identity of the document whatsoever; otherwise how can the individual know that it is regarding this particular doctrinal statement we are asking him as to whether he considers it Scriptural or not?

3) One or more of the "other statements on doctrine and practice formally adopted by Synod" may actually be unscriptural.

Besides, how many laymen could name two or three "other statements on doctrine and practice formally adopted by Synod"? Yes, how many pastors could name five or six such statements?

This element of uncertainty and confusion should be left aside so that the reference to the *Brief Statement* is not mixed up with something extraneous.

III. The *Brief Statement*

The Synod is respectfully petitioned to be extremely careful not to undo any of the good that has been said about the *Brief Statement* in Resolution 9 of Floor Committee 3 of the San Francisco convention of the Synod (1959); and that any resolution formulated on the subject of the binding nature of the *Brief Statement* be isolated from the consideration of other documents, so that the *Brief Statement* can be considered on its own merits. ARNOLD H. GEBHARDT, Hooper, Nebr.

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To Work Toward Establishment of a Cooperative Association of Lutheran Churches in America

WHEREAS, For the past two years conferences have been held between representatives of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod and of the National Lutheran Council relative to the possibility of increased Lutheran cooperation; and

WHEREAS, It has been the unanimous judgment of all participants that there is an agreement among us as to the doctrine of the Gospel and the meaning of confessional subscription; and

WHEREAS, The representatives of our Synod have reported to our churches that this consensus is sufficient to justify further steps toward the establishment of an all-Lutheran cooperative agency; and

WHEREAS, The establishment of a truly cooperative spirit among Lutherans would remove a major cause of offense and would have the overwhelming support of all of our people; therefore be it

Resolved, That we memorialize the forty-fifth convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod to approve the report of its representatives and instruct them to continue negotiations looking to the establishment of a cooperative association of Lutheran Churches in America.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CONGREGATION
New York, N. Y.
ROBERT E. WILTENBURG, *Pastor*
ALEX J. HAMANN, *President*
KARL E. FRITSCH, *Secretary*

[322-A]

To Have the Missouri Synod Invite All Lutheran Church Bodies Adhering to the Augsburg Confession to a Free Conference

WHEREAS, Many conflicting doctrines and practices, and many opposing approaches to the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions have arisen in the church since the Book of Concord was accepted in 1580; and

WHEREAS, It is apparent that the task of the writers of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession and the Formula of Concord must again be continued in our generation; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that the voice of *conservative Lutheranism must be heard* — in fact *should take leadership* — in the councils of world Lutheranism; therefore be it

Resolved, That The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod invite all Lutheran church bodies in the world which accept the Augsburg Confession to a Free Conference for the purpose of declaring in a definitive, Scripturally based manner what Lutheranism believes,

teaches, and confesses regarding the questions which have become points of controversy since 1580; and be it further

Resolved, That The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod empower its President and the Board of Directors, in consultation with its Committee on Doctrine and Fellowship, to make the necessary arrangements, possibly by inviting other Lutheran church bodies to cosponsor such a conference; and be it finally

Resolved, That the President report on the progress of such arrangements at the next regular convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod.

South-Central Pastoral Conference
Michigan District
James P. Poershke, *Secretary*

[322-B]

To Sever All Official Connections with the "Christian Century"

Whereas, The *Christian Century* is the voice of liberal Protestantism; and

Whereas, A pastor of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod is an associate editor of this publication; and

Whereas, This pastor, as associate editor, is in basic agreement with the publication, "By combining their (i. e., the staff members') contributions they make the voice of the paper recognizably one voice, speaking with its own kind of authority" (*The Christian Century,* Jan. 1, 1958, p. 8); and

Whereas, This publication stated thirty-seven years ago:

> Christianity according to fundamentalism is one religion and Christianity according to modernism is another. . . . There is a clash here as profound and grim as between Christianity and Confucianism. The God of the fundamentalist is one God, and the God of the modernist is another. . . . Which is true Christian religion is the question to be settled by our generation for future generations. (*The Christian Century,* Jan. 3, 1924); and

Whereas, This present generation of authors is committed to the same view (*The Northwestern Lutheran,* Sept. 28, 1958, p. 307); and

Whereas, *The Christian Century* consistently supports such leading modernists as Fosdick and Ferre (*Christian Century,* May 21, 1938); therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod urge all its members to sever all official connections with *The Christian Century.*

St. Peter's Lutheran Congregation
Rhineland, Ontario
Donald Waldick, *Secretary*

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Identical with Memorial 331; submitted by Zion Lutheran Congregation, Farmersville, Ill., A. F. H. Wiegert, pastor, Paul Brockmeyer, secretary, Robert J. Lubben, president.

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Identical with Memorial 342; submitted by St. John's Lutheran Congregation, Natoma, Kans., LaVern E. Lyon, secretary, and Immanuel Lutheran Congregation, Natoma, Kans., Vernon H. Hackerott, secretary, W. H. Medler, pastor.

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To Urge the "Praesidium" to Act with More Dispatch, etc.

Whereas, Unduly prolonged doctrinal controversy has harmful effects on the life of the church; and

Whereas, Definite action taken in regard to doctrinal deviation by professors, pastors, and teachers is necessary to help keep the peace within the church; therefore be it

Resolved, That we suggest that the Synod urge its *Praesidium* to act with more dispatch in handling cases of alleged doctrinal deviation; and be it further

Resolved, That the *Praesidium* receive the approval of its actions from the College of Presidents; and be it finally

Resolved, That the *Praesidium,* if necessary, seek the aid of an especially established Synodical Judicial Commission to aid the *Praesidium* in its handling of such cases. It is suggested that such a commission be composed of three parish pastors, one theological professor of one of the seminaries, two laymen and one teacher.

Nazareth Lutheran Congregation
Buffalo, N. Y.
Robert Weber, Jr., *Secretary*

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To Request Synodical Officials to Carry Out Discipline, etc.

Whereas, Over against necessity of application of the first step of Matthew 18 in the case of *secret* sin, we have declared our agreement with the express teaching of the Lutheran Church in its Confessions regarding matters that are public, as follows: "Where the sin is public, the reproof also must be public, that everyone may learn to guard against it" (Large Catechism, Eighth Commandment, *Trigl.,* p. 661:284); and

Whereas, It is the first object of our Synod "To unite in a corporate body the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church who acknowledge and *remain true* to the *Book of Concord* of the year of our Lord 1580 *as a true exhibition of sound Christian doctrine*" (Articles of Incorporation, II a, emphasis added); and

Whereas, We should be able to depend on synodical officials to protect us against false teaching which is a matter of public record, through the proper use of Scriptural directions applying to such a case, as, e. g., Titus 1:9; Galatians 2:11-14; 1 Timothy 5:20; Romans

16:17, 18. See, e. g., Constitution, Missouri Synod, Articles III, 1, 8; XI; XII; therefore be it

Resolved, That in an evangelical concern for souls exposed to error we call on synodical officials, through the President, to carry out discipline in cases of public false teaching in accordance with the Scriptural principles correctly set forth above; and be it further

Resolved, That we reject every misuse of Matthew 18, especially the misuse of demanding that individuals meet personally with men whose teaching is a matter of public offense; and be it finally

Resolved, That we equally reject substitution of appeals to a vague and formless "law of love" *unsupported by clear Scripture* in place of the Scriptural principle correctly set forth above.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CONGREGATION
Clinton, Iowa
JOHN M. RHAME, Secretary of
COMMITTEE ON DOCTINAL AND
SYNODICAL MATTERS

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To Remove Obstacles to Reunion with Those Who Have Left the Synod

WHEREAS, Certain pastors and congregations which were once in fellowship with the Missouri Synod have broken off relations with our Synod (or were forced out of membership), some declaring that their conscience led to this action; and

WHEREAS, We should examine the Scriptural principles which would lead to such a serious break in relations; and

WHEREAS, Examination of many of these fractures in fellowship reveal that their convictions are based on Scriptural motivation, e. g.:

1. They are forced by Romans 16:17 to avoid the heretics which are being exposed in our Synod;

2. They consider the charge of heterodoxy leveled at our Synod to be true since our church has tolerated the false doctrine of Dr. Martin Scharlemann and others and does nothing effectively to correct the situation;

3. They grow weary of the task of witnessing to a Synod that so far has blindly followed its leaders who do not effectively exercise the duties of their office to preserve the confessional principle among us; and

WHEREAS, These former brethren, just because of their adherence to convictions based on Scripture, belong in our Synod and should be urged to rejoin us; therefore be it

Resolved, That our Missouri Synod, in convention assembled, speedily remove the obstacles to reunion with these brethren by correcting the abuses of doctrine and practice that are current in our Synod.

CARL HOFFMEYER, Hamler, Ohio
L. J. RAUSCH, Florida, Ohio
PAUL LEHENBAUER, Deshler, Ohio

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To Elect a Special Committee to Conduct an Investigation of Theology Taught at St. Louis Seminary, etc.

WHEREAS, Various charges of false doctrine have been raised by individuals and congregations against certain members of the faculty of the St. Louis seminary; and

WHEREAS, The administration of said seminary has consistently denied such charges; and

WHEREAS, Those who have raised the charges of false doctrine claim to have the necessary documentary evidence to support their charges; therefore be it

Resolved, That the convention elect a special committee whose sole duty it shall be to conduct a thorough investigation of the theology taught at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; and be it further

Resolved, That the convention direct the Synod's Board of Appeals to turn over to this special investigating committee the 1050-page transcript with some 87 exhibits of a complex case involving the theology taught at said Concordia Seminary; and be it

Resolved, That the report of this committee be published in the *Lutheran Witness* and that the *Praesidium* of the Synod then take immediate steps to correct whatever may need correcting.

SALEM LUTHERAN CONGREGATION
Malone, Tex.
LEONARD KADDATZ, *Secretary*
FRANCIS MACHINA, *Pastor*

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Expression of Concern that "Statement on the Form and Function of the Holy Scriptures" "Is Not Sufficiently Clear" etc.

During the first months of this year the pastors of the Collinsville Circuit of the Southern Illinois District spent several sessions discussing the "A Statement on the Form and Function of the Holy Scriptures" as presented in the *Lutheran Witness* of April 4, 1961.

From these discussions the Southern Illinois District Collinsville Circuit Pastoral Conference expresses its concern: not in relation to the "Statement's" positive expressions but rather because it is not sufficiently definite to guard against misinterpretation of its own expressions.

COLLINSVILLE CIRCUIT PASTORAL CONFERENCE
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT
FRED A. DUENSING, *Secretary*

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To Investigate and Take Appropriate Action re Some Sections in "Adventuring in the Church"

WHEREAS, The doctrine of the resurrection of the body is such a fundamental doctrine of the church; and

WHEREAS, The catechism plainly states (Question

197) that at the time of death the soul of the individual is immediately in the presence of God; and

WHEREAS, The Bible clearly states that the dead rise in the Lord when it says: "Today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise"; and: "Fear not them which kill the body but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell"; and: "I have a desire to depart and to be with Christ, which is far better"; and: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them"; and

WHEREAS, Our church has the obligation to keep these teachings pure from error and falsehood; and

WHEREAS, The book *Adventuring in the Church* on pages 148 and 149 states that the soul and the body both die, and both rise from the dead, implying that the soul of the believer dies; and

WHEREAS, The Bible states that Christ has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel; therefore be it

Resolved, That this convention request the District President of these men involved with the writing of this book to investigate and take appropriate action concerning this problem of the immortality of the soul.

SOUTHERN CIRCUIT PASTORAL CONFERENCE
COLORADO DISTRICT
WARREN H. SCHAVE, *Secretary*

(See also unprinted Memorial 716, Committee 8, page 194)

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To Appoint a Representative Committee to Review "A Brief Statement"

Resolved, That the convention of the Synod, meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, appoint a representative committee, possibly the proposed Commission on Theology, whose responsibility it will be to review thoroughly *A Brief Statement* from the exegetical, symbolical, dogmatic, historical, and practical points of view, with special attention also to its adequacy and relevance for our day, and to submit its report at a future convention of the Synod.

ALBANY-SCHENECTADY-KINGSTON
PASTORAL CONFERENCE
NORMAN B. ELLING, *Secretary*

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To Cooperate More Closely with Other Lutheran Bodies in "Mission Planning Activities"

WHEREAS, As stewards of the vineyard of Christ, it is necessary for the church to use its precious resources of manpower and money in the most efficient manner, in order that the greatest possible number of people can be reached by the Christian witness; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary for The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod to recognize that the Lutheran bodies of the National Lutheran Council are also witnessing effectively to the unchurched of America; and

WHEREAS, A sense of good stewardship dictates that we plan our mission extension activities cooperatively with the bodies of the National Lutheran Council in both suburb and inner city; and

WHEREAS, Competition for mission fields between The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod and the bodies of the National Lutheran Council has on several occasions within the author's intimate knowledge of mission extension work in one of the nation's largest metropolitan centers reached the point of tension and even bitterness on the part of some of the local pastors involved (the strife unbecoming of the conduct expected of Christian brethren toward each other and resulting in at least one case of a loss of face for Lutheranism as a whole within a community); and

WHEREAS, The result of the competition is that there are often two Lutheran churches in an area where one could easily serve (with the resulting waste of resources), or no Lutheran church where one should be planted; and

WHEREAS, The need for cooperation becomes more critical every day as new doors of mission opportunity are opened; and

WHEREAS, The formation of an inter-Lutheran agency to succeed the National Lutheran Council is being considered, in which The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod would be an active participant; therefore be it

Resolved, That when this new inter-Lutheran agency is established, The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, in convention assembled, direct the Board for Missions in North and South America to establish a closer relationship with the NLC's Division of American Missions, at the national, District, and local levels; and be it finally

Resolved, That The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod work toward the day when, through prayer and discussion, complete pulpit and altar fellowship may be established with our brethren in the National Lutheran Council since, in the final analysis, complete pulpit and altar fellowship is the only means of making a greater degree of cooperation possible.

SAM MUELLER, Chicago, Ill.

(Substantially identical Memorial 219, by the same author, was submitted to Committee 2)

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To Consider Situation of Racine Lutheran High School when Discussing Synodical Conference Problems

WHEREAS, Lutheran High School of Racine, Wis., has been operated as a school serving Synodical Conference students for the past eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, It has been a successful venture serving many young people during these years; and

WHEREAS, Because of its local success it has been an

influence on Christian secondary education throughout the church and the country in its program, its organizational pattern, and its staff leadership; and

WHEREAS, This positive influence will be limited by the problems which have developed within the Synodical Conference; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Board of Trustees of Lutheran High School, Racine, Wis., petition the convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod in session in Cleveland, Ohio, June 20—30, 1962, to give every consideration possible also to our situation as you discuss the Synodical Conference problems and, by whatever means are available and in line with conscience, to aid us to continue to render useful service to the Christian youth of our area and through them to the church at large.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL
Racine, Wis.
CLARE E. HELLENBERG, *President*

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To Have the Synod Give Reassurance Regarding Rejection of a Doctrine, etc.

We confess that all Scripture is inspired by God. We therefore reject as false doctrine destructive of the very foundation of Christian faith the following teaching of members of Valparaiso University which has been propagandized in the March issue (1962) of the *Cresset:*

> Scripture clearly states that "the soul that sinneth, it shall die." It states just as clearly: "He that liveth and believeth in me shall never die." To apply the same rubric — "teachings found in inspired Scripture" — to both of these statements is to become guilty of what Walther calls con-fusion, a fusing together of diverse elements which ought to be kept distinct.

We request of the Synod that it give us the reassurance that it is agreed with us in rejecting the above doctrine as destructive of the Christian faith.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CONGREGATION
Clinton, Iowa
JOHN M. RHAME, Secretary of
Committee on Doctrinal and
Synodical Matters

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To Send Observers to the Fifth Plenary Congress of the International Council of Christian Churches

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod sent observers to the World Council of Churches which met in New Delhi, India, in 1961; and

WHEREAS, The International Council of Christian Churches will meet for its Fifth Plenary Congress in Amsterdam, Holland, from Aug. 14 to 20, 1962; and

WHEREAS, The World Council of Churches is modernistic in its leadership, with a wide variety of views and conflicting opinions concerning Christ, His life, His death, and His resurrection while the International Council of Christian Churches emphasizes the truth concerning the deity of Christ and His death as a substitute for the sins of men; and

WHEREAS, The World Council is inclusivist, with believers and unbelievers, orthodox and liberals, in unholy fellowship together in its fold, while the International Council of Christian Churches welcomes all in its fellowship who seek to maintain "the purity of the church in doctrine and life"; and

WHEREAS, The creedal basis of the World Council of Churches allows for a wide range of conflicting interpretations while the International Council has adopted a statement of faith which affirms the inerrancy of the Scriptures, the Trinity, the blood of Christ, the deity of Christ, the virgin birth of Christ, and the resurrection; and

WHEREAS, The World Council numbers in its membership the Greek Catholic Church with its Mass, mariology, images, and idolatry while the International Council numbers in its membership only Protestant churches remaining true to the heritage of the Reformation; and

WHEREAS, The World Council has exalted to positions of leadership some of the most outstanding modernists in the world today, including Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, who has called the God of the Old Testament a "dirty bully" because He condemns man for Adam's sin, while the International Council numbers among its membership only men who believe the entire Bible and are known around the world as Bible-believing leaders; therefore be it

Resolved, That The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod send two (2) observers to the Fifth Plenary Congress of the International Council of Christian Churches; and be it further

Resolved, That the 1962 Cleveland convention elect these observers; and be it finally

Resolved, That the *Lutheran Witness* publish a full report on the Fifth Plenary Congress of the International Council of Christian Churches.

THEODORE SMITHEY, Taylor, Mich.

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To Instruct Concordia Publishing House to Remove a Bible Class Editor

WHEREAS, A Bible class editor employed by Concordia Publishing House has written in a published letter:

> I thank you with deep sincerity for the letter you wrote concerning the theological foundations for our Bible study. It is most encouraging to receive such questions from a man on your side of the fence. I am sending you a copy of the pamphlet you mentioned, *Theological Foundations of Bible Study in Lutheran Churches.* This is merely a superficial review of some of our customary attitudes prepared as part of the Bible class teacher training program of Dr. O. E. Feucht. It does not even begin to address itself to the concerns which you voice.
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> Dr. Scharlemann has taught me a great deal. Every-

thing I write is to a greater or lesser extent informed or affected by his statements. Specifically in answer to your questions, in a recent course on the Book of Isaiah I credited the likelihood that it was written by two men, and treated the prophecy from two viewpoints. I have on several occasions omitted any reference to the conflict between the ancient ecclesiastical viewpoint on the first chapters of Genesis and modern scientific learnings. I omitted this because I did not want to be a disturbing influence toward either viewpoint and I do not think that the question is of primary importance. I would never make belief in the Mosaic authorship of the first five books any kind of requisite. It seems obvious to me that at least Deuteronomy is from another source and that the other four books were deeply edited.

Our Bible class editors have for some time taken thorough cognizance of the work being done by our gifted scholars. However, in the present state of the church it would be somewhat unwise for us to direct our courses specifically to the questions which these people are raising. In order to do so, it would be necessary for us to speak a definitely negative word to our own past. In the cold print of materials to be used by teachers whom we do not know, such negative statements would be ineffective, and they would destroy the very purpose we are hoping to accomplish. We do not in the least wish to call our past false. Rather we would hope to instill a more enlightened and godly attitude toward the Scriptures. Our church needs men like you, who are able to understand the work being done and speak for it in local situations where your personality can be brought to bear on the audience. We need this far more than we need outspoken printed material. As much as possible, I have tried to write our Bible courses in such a way that you and people like you will be drawn into the discussion, and your viewpoints given due credit.

(The above quotation taken from page 46 of Part IV of "What Is Troubling the Lutherans?" in *News & Views,* May 1962 edition); and

WHEREAS, It is obvious according to these statements that at least one Bible class editor is attempting to infiltrate our Bible class literature with modernistic views which will eventually destroy the faith of our children; therefore be it

Resolved, That Concordia Publishing House be instructed to remove this editor from his position.

RONALD BURTRAW, Detroit, Mich.

[401-A] **COMMITTEE 4**

To Establish the Office of Coordinator of Curriculum Materials

Background

Since its inception, our Synod has recognized the important role that Christian education plays in the life of the church. The Synod has always regarded the foremost function of the church to be the carrying out of the commission given by our blessed Lord shortly before His ascension: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" — "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Our Synod has consistently held that this commission of our Lord was given to each individual member of the church. Only insofar as each individual shares with others his experience of forgiveness in Christ does the church discharge her responsibility in the way our Lord intended.

Individuals can effectively carry out this God-given responsibility only if they themselves have a clear understanding of the true significance of the Gospel in their own lives. To assist the individual Christians in gaining the insights, understandings, appreciations, attitudes, and skills they need in order to become effective ambassadors for Christ, the Synod urges congregations to establish such agencies of Christian education as may be necessary. Realizing that pastors, teachers, and congregations would need guidance in performing this important function, and recognizing the importance of instructional materials in such a program of Christian education, the Synod established the Board of Parish Education to aid congregations in discharging this duty.

Functions of the Board of Parish Education

Among the functions of the Board of Parish Education, the synodical *Handbook,* 1960 edition, lists the following that have a direct bearing on the development of instructional materials:

7.25 Functions

c. plan and direct the production of textbooks and other printed materials necessary to carry out an effective program of parish education;

d. assist in coordinating and integrating the various educational agencies and activities intended to promote parish education;

f. initiate and direct research activities necessary to promote and improve parish education;

g. advise Synod, its Districts, and congregations concerning problems, needs, and possibilities in the field of parish education.

Implementation of the Directives

The Board of Parish Education and its staff have attempted to the best of their ability to provide the leadership in Christian education which can be given in the time available and with the number of persons allowed by the Synod to perform the multiplicity of duties that devolve upon them.

The Board of Parish Education has become increasingly aware of the need for a comprehensive study of the curriculum needs of the Synod to insure the greatest possible effectiveness of operation in the various agencies of Christian education. Contributing to this awareness was the realization by the staff of their need to keep abreast of changing insights and understandings in the field of education and in related fields. The staff, therefore, initiated a preliminary study of the theories, principles, and practices current in curriculum building. The staff believes that new insights and understandings such as have come to light in recent years in the fields of Christian theology, Christian education, educational psychology, methodology, etc., and will contribute to the more effective Christian education of the members of Christ's body, should be reflected in the curriculum materials prepared by the Board of Parish Education. The importance of this concern becomes apparent when it is understood that these curriculum materials in large degree set the pattern, if they do not actually constitute, the curriculum of Christian education in use in the congregations of the Synod. By the curriculum of

Christian education we mean: *all of the planned activities which take place under the conscious guidance of the Christian community in all of the agencies it provides for the Christian education of its members — children, youth, and adults.*

Not long after the staff had initiated the curriculum study, they realized that to give the attention which the important matter of curriculum deserves would require more time and a type of leadership which under present conditions it is impossible for the members of the staff to give. Most of the members of the staff are editors (9 out of 13), and the constant pressure of deadlines does not allow time on the part of any one of them to direct an overall curriculum study and to provide the necessary leadership for coordinating the curricula of the various agencies. The number of involvements of the four executive members of the staff prevents also them from serving in this capacity.

It is for this reason that the Board is respectfully advising the Synod of the need for a full-time Coordinator of Curriculum Materials. The coordinator would provide the leadership necessary to make a thorough study of the curriculum needs of the Synod, and coordinate the curricula of all of the Synod's agencies of parish education, so that the program of Christian education in the congregations may be made as effective as it is possible to make it.

The need for coordinating the curricula of the various agencies is emphasized when one realizes that the possibility always exists that the same Bible material with similar objectives or goals may be presented within a short time to some of the same students in as many as four different agencies. Efforts have always been made to prevent this from happening, but in spite of those efforts there have been times when a higher degree of coordination should have been achieved.

Functions of the Proposed Coordinator of Curriculum Materials

The particular concerns of the Coordinator of Curriculum Materials would be:

1. Acquainting the staff with new insights in curriculum building;

2. Interrelationship of curriculum materials used in the various agencies of Christian education;

3. Curriculum needs of the congregations of the Synod;

4. Theological content of current curriculum materials;

5. Planning a new overall curriculum in parish education;

6. Establish liaison with the Synod's terminal schools and the other departments of the Synod.

In giving attention to these concerns the Coordinator of Curriculum Materials would perform the following functions:

1. Give leadership in acquainting the members of the staff with new insights in fields related to the theory and practices of curriculum building and to the process of Christian education in general, such as Christian theology, Christian education, educational psychology, philosophy of education, methodology, etc.

2. Provide the leadership necessary in making a study of the interrelationships of the various agencies of Christian education — the family, elementary school, high school, Sunday school (including Bible classes), vacation Bible school, Saturday school, weekday classes, released-time classes, confirmation classes, leadership education courses, etc. The Coordinator of Curriculum Materials would also study the educational programs provided by other agencies such as youth groups, women's guilds, and men's clubs to determine how the curricula of these agencies can best be coordinated with our instructional materials. Such studies would include:

a. Identifying objectives for all age levels, irrespective of agencies;

Age-level objectives have been set forth in the curriculum materials for each agency. For example, general objectives for children of elementary school age are identified in the curriculum guides for Lutheran elementary schools. However, a comprehensive statement of age level objectives that cuts across all agencies has not been developed by the Synod.

b. Determining the nature and potential of each agency of Christian education;

Each agency has its peculiar characteristics, strengths, and weaknesses. Up to this time these features have influenced to some degree what has been taught by the agency. However, a thorough study of the agencies needs to be made, so that the emphases best suited to each can be assigned in a more systematic way, thus achieving a higher degree of coordination and effectiveness of operation for all agencies.

c. Identifying the age-level objectives each agency is to focus on. In the light of the findings of the agency studies, objectives will be assigned to each agency so as to insure the most effective Christian education program possible.

d. Determining how the instruction in each agency can best be made a part of, and be coordinated into, the overall program of Christian education;

It will be the task of the Coordinator of Curriculum Materials to see that each agency will make a specific and significant contribution to the overall program of Christian education.

3. Give leadership in surveying the curriculum needs of the various types of congregations in the Synod, with a view to planning the curricula of the various agencies of Christian education in such a way as best to meet with those needs. Such a survey would include:

a. Determining the composition of the congregations of the Synod; that is, finding out the kind and type of individuals being served in the program of Christian education (rural, urban, inner-city, suburban; lower, middle, upper economic class; depth of Lutheran background; etc.);

Such a survey will be helpful in determining the proper balance between the more simple and more difficult subject matter to be presented, thus providing materials which better serve the constituency of the Synod.

b. Determining the felt needs of congregations as regards the kind and type of curriculum materials that should be made available to provide a program that is relevant in various types of situations.

c. Evaluating current literature in the field of Christian education curriculum to determine what is considered by others to be desirable content for such a curriculum.

d. Determining the kind and type of teaching talent available so that the curriculum materials might be structured in such a way as best to aid those who will be serving as teachers in the various agencies.

4. Direct a review of the theological content of the existing curriculum materials of the Christian education agencies in the Synod to determine their strengths and weaknesses and what improvements are necessary to make them as effective as possible. Special attention would be given the following:

a. emphasis on, and use of, the Word and the sacraments;

b. emphasis on the church as the body of Christ and as the agency through which God offers salvation to men;

c. emphasis on the doctrine of the priesthood of all believers and its implications for the whole of Christian life in the church;

d. emphasis on worship;

e. the approach to the Scriptures; relating the portions taught to the totality of the Scriptures rather than teaching them as separate entities;

f. coverage of Bible content;

g. inclusion of extra-Biblical materials, such as church history, Christian art, liturgy, hymnology;

h. the extent to which the teachers' guides suggest using the resources of the Christian and secular communities in the program of Christian education;

i. the extent to which the content of the materials contributes to the developing of Christians who carry their faith into life.

5. Supervise the planning of a more effective, better integrated, overall curriculum in parish education which will aid the Synod in promoting the internal spiritual growth of her membership and in achieving the mission of bringing salvation to those who are not yet a part of the body of Christ.

6. Make periodic contact with the Synod's terminal schools and the other departments of the Synod to discuss the development of the curriculum in parish education. The seminaries and teachers colleges of the Synod have some research projects dealing with aspects of the curriculum, and some suggestions related to the curriculum do arise as attention is given to training pastors and teachers. Since the curriculum in parish education should reflect the composite concerns of the church, the various departments of the Synod may have suggestions to offer for consideration in developing the curriculum.

Conclusion

The Board of Parish Education has for some time felt the need for a thorough study of the Synod's curriculum needs, and ways to meet those needs. Viewed from the perspective of the present work loads of the members of our staff and the educational imperative that work on the improving of the curriculum be begun at once, it is apparent that this important work necessitates the full-time services of a qualified person to provide leadership and direct the necessary studies, surveys, and evaluations.

Other church bodies have long since recognized this important need and have accordingly appropriated funds in sufficient amounts to carry out the task. In each instance the leadership in the area of curriculum development was made the specific concern of one qualified individual such as our board has herein referred to as the Coordinator of Curriculum Materials.

The action of the other church bodies serves to point up the position of importance which the curriculum of Christian education occupies in the minds of Christian educators. Since we have no person available to provide for this coordinated curriculum development, it also points out that a need for a Coordinator of Curriculum Materials does exist in our Synod.

In view of the fact that we maintain a system of Lutheran elementary schools and high schools in addition to other church schools, our need for a Coordinator of Curriculum Materials is actually greater than that of the church bodies that have already provided for such a position.

In view of the foregoing the Board of Parish Education respectfully submits the following

Recommendations

1. That the office of Coordinator of Curriculum Materials be established;

2. That the Coordinator of Curriculum Materials be made a regular member of the staff of the Board of Parish Education;

3. That the Coordinator of Curriculum Materials work with the members of the staff, providing the leadership and counseling necessary to carry out the functions of the position;

4. That the role of the Coordinator of Curriculum Materials be twofold:

1) giving leadership to the staff in the organizing and supervising of curriculum studies needed in developing a coordinated program of parish education, and

2) giving leadership in executing the program developed;

5. That work on the building of a new, functional, well-integrated curriculum for the entire educational

program of the Synod proceed with as much speed as possible, always making sure that what is being done is theologically and educationally sound.

BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD
JUSTUS KRETZMANN, *Chairman*
ARTHUR L. MILLER, *Executive Secretary*

[401-B]

To Endorse Unprinted Memorial 401-A

At its last meeting, the Board of Parish Education of the Southeastern District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod decided to send an official endorsement for the unprinted memorial from the synodical Board of Parish Education, entitled "The Need for a Curriculum Coordinator on the Staff of the Board of Parish Education."

We feel that this is something which has been long overdue in our Synod and hope and pray that this office will be instituted as soon as practical.

BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION
SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT
RALPH M. BEHRENS, *Secretary pro tem*

[412]

To Send a Copy of the Proposed New Catechism to All Pastors and Teachers

Resolved, That even though the new catechism has been included in the book of *Reports and Memorials — 1962,* a copy of this proposed new catechism be sent to all pastors and teachers *before it is adopted* at Synod's Cleveland convention for the purpose of review and study, along with reasons for changes.

QUADRI-CIRCUIT PASTORAL CONFERENCE
SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT
ROBERT MASCHKE, *Secretary*

COMMITTEE 5

[505]

To Restudy Administration of Youth Work in the Synod

WHEREAS, The work of and with the youth of the church is of vital concern to the church leaders, congregations, and parents and every effort should be made to continually strengthen every phase of work for and with youth; and

WHEREAS, It appears that more efficient operation of the work for and with youth would be possible through the establishment of a single board, to replace the dual administrative structure that now exists, e. g., Synod's Board for Young People's Work and the international Walther League executive board; and

WHEREAS, The Walther League program is progressively in financial straits, so that The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod must subsidize this program to a larger amount each year; and

WHEREAS, Synodical Districts are now required to assume a part of the cost of operation, e. g., transportation costs of Lutheran Service Volunteer Schools staff members, except the dean; and

WHEREAS, Experience has proven in the synodical Districts that this dual administration is cumbersome and at times a hindrance to most effective youth work; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod appoint a committee to restudy the administration of youth work in our Synod for the purpose of eliminating this dual administration; and be it further

Resolved, That this appointed committee be comprised of individuals interested in youth work, exclusive of members of the Synod's Board for Young People's Work and the international or district Walther League boards and executive staff; and be it finally

Resolved, That the findings of this committee, its recommendations, and plans for implementation be presented to the next delegate convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod.

WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
WALTER W. NIEDNER, *Chairman*
ERICH E. HELGE, *Secretary*

[506]

To Rebuke the Walther League . . . and to Remind Board for Young People's Work of Its Responsibility, etc.

WHEREAS, The Walther League, known commonly as the youth group approved by The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, has been cooperating in strictly religious matters in the joint publication of a Religious Topic Discussion Guide; and

WHEREAS, This is being done with Lutheran bodies with whom we are not in fellowship and is therefore both unscriptural and contrary to the Synod's practice; and

WHEREAS, Such joint religious work has led to a statement like this: "Genesis 1 helps us in our quest by telling us *that* God creates, not how, how long, or when" (on page 17 under the study "God Creates" in the '61—'62 Youth Programs); and

WHEREAS, This is clearly contrary to Scripture, specifically Genesis 1, which does say when God created, how God created, and the period of time in which God created the world; and

WHEREAS, Such teaching both undermines the Bible itself and the faith of our youth; therefore be it

Resolved, That The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod kindly ask the Walther League to discontinue such cooperation with other religious bodies; and be it further

Resolved, That the convention assembled in Cleveland sternly rebuke the Walther League for allowing the publication of such a statement clearly contrary to the Word of God; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Board for Young People's Work of the Synod be reminded of its serious responsibility to guard against such corruption of the faith and also that it be instructed to work more earnestly and seriously with the Walther League, so that it fulfills its purpose to serve the Savior as it builds up the faith of our young people, rather than to undermine the teachings of our Synod and the faith of our youth.

PAUL LEHENBAUER, Deshler, Ohio

COMMITTEE 6

[601-A]

Supplement to Report of Committee on Constitutional Matters (re Resolution 9)

1. The most controversial resolution presented to and adopted by the San Francisco convention in 1959 was, without doubt, Resolution 9 of Floor Committee 3 (*Proceedings*, 1959, pp. 191, 192). This was evident while the convention was in session. It became obvious also in several ways after the convention had adjourned; for example, for the first time, if memory serves well, the Committee on Constitutional Matters was asked by a District (English District) to rule on the constitutionality of an adopted resolution.

2. The request of the English District seemed to us to be based, at least in part, on the fact that Resolution 9 of Floor Committee 3 had not been given to the congregations for general study prior to the convention. On this basis our committee formulated an opinion which stated that it could not declare this resolution unconstitutional on this technical ground, because Resolution 9 had been formulated by a floor committee of the convention as an answer to several overtures and it was therefore impossible to present it to the congregations prior to the convention. Our committee admittedly did not pass on the question of the constitutionality of Resolution 9 because there seemed to be no compelling reason to do so *at that time.* For one thing, the President and the Vice-Presidents of the Synod had promised an amplification and clarification of the resolution, and protocol indicated that this clarification should be published before any opinion would be expressed on the constitutionality of Resolution 9; again, it was obvious that the Cleveland convention would be asked for a ruling on the constitutionality of Resolution 9, either by a vote to rescind or to reaffirm this resolution.

3. However, it is now common knowledge that a continuing and ever-increasing concern over this issue has been expressed by many members of the Synod. As a result a request has again been addressed to our committee to render an opinion on the real issue without further delay. It seems to us *as of now,* that the doctrinal issues confronting the church will be discussed much more dispassionately if the uncertainty of the status of Resolution 9 could be removed. This consideration prompts us to submit the following supplemental opinion to the section of our report captioned "Resolution 9 of Floor Committee 3." (P. 227, *Reports and Memorials*)

A. The right of the Synod to add to Article II of our Constitution ("Confession") by following the prescribed method of amending the constitution (Article XIV) must be recognized and accepted.

B. The *Brief Statement,* which has become the focal point of attention in this present controversy, is not under attack as such; it has been praised highly by many who wish Resolution 9 rescinded and also by those who agree with Resolution 9. In expressing an opinion as to the constitutionality of Resolution 9, we are in no way underestimating or minimizing the value of the *Brief Statement* or of any other doctrinal statement accepted by the Synod, nor are we questioning their Scriptural correctness. This is not the province of the Committee on Constitutional Matters.

C. By including paragraph "B" of Resolution 9 of Floor Committee 3 ("That Synod's pastors, teachers, and professors are held to teach and act in harmony with such statements") in the resolution, the resolution, in our opinion, was given the effect of amending Article II of our constitution. Furthermore, paragraph "B" limits the binding force of doctrinal statements to pastors, teachers, and professors and says nothing about its binding force on member congregations of the Synod.

D. We call particular attention to the fact that the Synod and every member of the Synod accepts without reservation the confessional standard as set forth in Article II of the Synod's constitution; these are the conditions for acquiring and holding membership in the Synod (Article VI). Furthermore, members who act contrary to these Confessions may be expelled from the Synod (Article XIII). The Confessions mentioned in Article II are the only confessions to which pastors and teachers bind themselves in taking their ordination and installation vows or to which a congregation binds itself when it becomes a member of the Synod. It necessarily follows that in order to make any other confessional or doctrinal statement binding upon the members of the Synod, the statement must be made a part of the constitution. Accordingly, Resolution 9 of Floor Committee 3 of the San Francisco convention, in our opinion, should have been treated as an amendment to the constitution rather than as a measure that could be adopted by a simple majority vote.

E. Therefore, in our opinion, Resolution 9 of Floor Committee 3 of the San Francisco convention is unconstitutional, not because of any inherent defect in the wording or the content of any doctrinal statement adopted by the Synod as a public doctrine *but because Resolution 9 of Floor Committee 3 was not submitted as an amendment to the constitution in accordance with the provisions of Article XIV.*

THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS
A. W. MUELLER, *Chairman*
W. C. BIRKNER, *Secretary*
HERBERT F. KUENNE
GUSTAVE KUHLMANN

[601-B]

To Amend Section 3.21 of "Handbook" re Election of District Presidents and District Vice-Presidents

WHEREAS, Some latitude is being requested by several Districts of the Synod in the nominating and in the electing of their District President and Vice-Presidents; and

WHEREAS, It seems desirable, in the light of present-day conditions, which have persuaded some Districts to elect a full-time President and other Districts to think in terms of regional Vice-Presidents, to grant this requested latitude to the several Districts of the Synod; therefore be it

Resolved, To add the following sentence to Section 3.21 of the synodical *Handbook:*

"Every District of the Synod shall have the right to adopt regulations regarding the nomination and the election of its President and regarding the nomination and the election and the ranking of its Vice-Presidents."

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS
ALVIN W. MUELLER, *Chairman*
HERBERT KUENNE
GUSTAVE KUHLMANN
ARTHUR NITZ, *Advisory*
W. C. BIRKNER, *Secretary*

[602-C]

Supplemental Report of Synodical Survey Commission

Permit us to propose the following additional items for consideration at the forty-fifth regular convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, assembled at Cleveland, Ohio, June 20—30, 1962. We are presenting the following materials as addenda to our report which was printed in *Reports and Memorials, 1962,* pp. 228—268.

Items included in these additional recommendations and proposals are:

1. The creation of a single Division of Missions;

2. The creation of a Board for Services to Mentally Retarded;

3. The definition of the scope and activities of the Board for Radio Station KFUO;

4. An additional item for future study;

5. The creation of a Central Office Services Department.

The recommendations also include modifications recommended in our report in *Reports and Memorials, 1962,* as presented on pages 228—268 in the following areas:

1. The deletion of a sentence in the proposals regarding the President of the Synod;

2. Additions to the regulations concerning the Board of Directors;

3. The revision of a paragraph on Concordia Publishing House;

4. The recommendations with respect to the Commission on Church Literature which are to replace those in *Reports and Memorials, 1962,* pp. 248—250.

5. Elaboration re job evaluations and classifications by the Personnel Department.

I. Single Division of Missions

The 1959 convention resolutions concerning the transfer of the responsibility for Middle and South American Missions and any other missions outside continental United States and Canada from the Board for Missions in North and South America to the Board for Missions in Foreign Countries (*Proceedings,* 1959, p. 253) was not implemented in view of a better proposal to merge the two existing mission divisions into one. Thus, the Synodical Survey Commission, upon the recommendations of the Board for Foreign Missions and the Board for North and South American Missions, recommends that the Division of World Missions and the Division of North American Missions be merged into a single Division of Missions. It is further recommended that after the 1962 convention, cooperative and joint board arrangements be provided especially for the Board for Foreign Missions and the Board for North and South American Missions. Ultimately it may even be possible to merge some of the boards in the proposed Division of Missions. This proposal does not provide for the appointment of a full-time chairman for such a division. It is assumed that the chairman of the Division of Missions will be appointed from among the men presently serving as full-time executives in the division.

The Survey Commission recommends that the convention adopt the following five paragraphs in order to implement the proposal:

1. That the Cleveland convention authorize the merging of the Divisions of World Missions and North American Missions into a single Division of Missions.

2. That the Board for Foreign Missions and the Board for North and South American Missions conduct at least one joint board meeting annually during the next triennium and that representatives of all boards in the Division of Missions conduct at least one annual meeting during the same triennium.

3. That the executive staff of all the boards in the Division of Missions meet at least quarterly each year during the next triennium.

4. That the functions of the individual boards, constituting the Division of Missions and their relationship to the division be reviewed and altered, where necessary, by the Board of Directors in the next triennium upon the recommendations of the Executive Director in consultation with the executive secretaries of the division, the boards involved, and the Council of Administrators.

5. That the chairman of the Division of Missions be appointed in the usual manner.

II. Establishment of Board for Services to Mentally Retarded

The Survey Commission concurs in the general recommendations of the special committee appointed by the Board of Directors and found in the *Reports and Memorials, 1962,* pp. 391—393. We believe that the text concerning the creation and structure of a separate "Board for Services to Mentally Retarded" as follows presents the recommendations of both the Study Committee on Coordination of Programs for the Mentally Retarded and the Survey Commission in the form and language of the *Handbook.*

A. *Board for Services to the Mentally Retarded*

A Board for Services to the Mentally Retarded, consisting of three pastors, two teachers, and three laymen, shall be appointed by the President of the Synod in consultation with the Vice-Presidents. It shall be attached to the Division of Social Action and Welfare.

B. *Executive Secretary*

The Board may appoint an Executive Secretary subject to the approval of the President of the Synod. Nominations for the office shall be made by the Commission on Nominations for Executives as prescribed in the bylaws. The Executive Secretary shall perform such duties as are assigned to him by the board.

C. *Functions and Duties*

The Board shall:

1. Coordinate and unify the work among mentally retarded throughout the Synod and provide for cooperation among the synodical, District, and church-supported agencies, congregations, pastors, teachers, social workers, and families.

2. Assemble information on public and private institutions for mentally retarded and determine needs, programs, materials, and aids based in addition on non-church-related and community resources.

3. Assist in coordinating the work of synodically related institutions and serve as an exchange medium between these institutions and render counsel.

4. Acquaint itself with the best standards in state and community institutions and apply these where possible to the church-related agencies.

5. Study and survey — where necessary, in consultation with the Department of Social Welfare — areas of opportunity preliminary to the establishment of agencies or of separate institutions of residential care for the mentally retarded.

6. Cooperate with existing synodical and District agencies in the mission implications of the work among the mentally retarded.

7. Cooperate with the Board of Parish Education on the synodical and District level in promoting the initiation of full-time or part-time educational agencies for mentally retarded and in providing literature, class materials, and helps for classes and families.

8. Serve as the consultant to the workers of our church who are presently serving in the area of mental retardation.

9. Review and evaluate, at the request of the Board of Directors, any Synodwide appeal for funds to be used in the field of mental retardation.

10. Cooperate with the boards of social welfare and institutional chaplaincies in areas of mutual interest.

11. Consider conducting workshops and seminars of chaplains and other workers involved in the field of mental retardation.

12. Keep the constituency of the Synod informed on its activities and render a detailed report to the synodical convention.

D. *The Budget*

The board shall annually submit a budget to the Board of Directors of the Synod for recommendation and referral to the Fiscal Review Commission.

III. Board for Radio Station KFUO

The Synodical Survey Commission concurs with the recommendation of the operating board of Radio Station KFUO (*Reports and Memorials, 1962,* pp. 376, 377). The only difference consists in the fact that the Survey Commission recommends that this board consist of seven members, while the Operating Board for KFUO recommends eight. In view of the one board member less, the Survey Commission suggests that three laymen, instead of four, serve on the board. The proposal reads; with the above change included:

A. *Statement of Ownership*

KFUO shall be owned and operated by the Synod. Its board and officers shall be responsible and accountable to the Synod for all transactions and decisions in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws. It shall be related to the Board of Directors of Synod in the same way as are other synodical boards.

B. *Personnel and Election*

The Board for Radio Station KFUO shall be elected at the conventions of the Synod and shall be composed of seven members: one pastor, two members of the Saint Louis seminary faculty, one teacher, and three laymen.

C. *Officers*

The board shall elect its own chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and treasurer. Vacancies on the board shall be filled by the board, subject to the approval of the President of the Synod. The board shall have authority to appoint subcommittees.

D. *Meetings*

The board shall meet at least six times a year.

E. *Executive and Staff*

The board shall, subject to the approval of the President of the Synod, engage or dismiss the general manager of the station. The general manager shall have supervision of the station, subject to the rules, regulations, and policies set forth by the board. He shall not, during his employment with the station, be engaged in other business or be employed by any other person, firm, or corporation without the consent of the board. The general manager shall engage or dismiss all necessary help; but in the employment and dismissal of heads of departments, such appointments and dismissals must be approved by the board. All salaries, including that of the general manager, shall be fixed by the board.

F. *Objectives*

1. To preach the whole Word of God through the medium of radio to all classes of men, both to those within and to those outside the church.

2. To assist Christians in their personal witness for Christ through the medium of radio.

3. To make Jesus Christ, Christian truth, and the Christian way of life known and understood through the medium of radio.

4. To bring the judgment of Christ to bear on our culture and to speak to the condition of man.

G. *Functions*

The board shall through the staff and station:

1. Serve the church and its agencies in any manner consistent with its objectives.

2. Provide and conduct daily broadcasts on its assigned frequency and wavelength in a manner as shall:

a. Glorify the Lord of the church;

b. Teach and preach Christ Crucified;

c. Interpret faithfully the doctrines and practices of the Synod;

d. Advance the kingdom of Christ;

e. Edify, inform, and inspire listeners, that the common good of all citizens be advanced.

3. Develop and provide, through its extension service, such recordings, program materials, scripts, aids, and counsel as will encourage and help congregations and pastors in broadcasting the Gospel in their areas.

4. Assist in the training for use of radio as a medium in the church's educational program for the ministry and missionary service.

5. Abide by all rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission under the terms of its license.

H. *Budget and Operating Funds*

1. Operating funds shall be obtained through gifts from those who have expressed interest in supporting the station and its work; from subsidy as may be voluntarily granted or specifically requested from organizations, agencies, and subsidiaries of the church; from revenue derived from sale or rental of facilities, property, materials, and merchandise as may be properly produced and offered by the station; from legacies, bequests, and annuities. Such legacies, bequests, and annuities shall be cleared through the Synod's records and shall be in the custody of the Treasurer of the Synod until maturity. Title to tangible and intangible assets of the station, including real property and equipment, shall be taken in the name of the Synod.

2. Regular solicitation may be made by the board of those interested individuals and groups on its mailing lists and from those congregations of areas served by the station.

3. The board shall fix the annual operating budget of the station, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the Synod and the Fiscal Review Commission.

IV. Modifications of the Survey Commission's Report

A. The Survey Commission suggests that the first sentence of the section with respect to the President of the Synod (*Reports and Memorials, 1962,* p. 240, paragraph 1) be deleted. The sentence reads:

> In the absence of the President from his office for more than a week, or upon the request of the President, the First Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President.

The text remaining in paragraph one would then read:

> 1. In case of prolonged illness or disability, the Board of Directors shall determine whether the President is unable to serve, in which event the First Vice-President shall assume the responsibilities and the duties of the President in the interim and remain acting President during the emergency.

B. We further suggest the following additions in the sections dealing with the Board of Directors of Synod (*Reports and Memorials, 1962,* p. 253, paragraph 4 c):

That the word "Constitution" be inserted in the series listed in the second sentence so that the entire sentence reads:

> It has only such authority as is stated in the Constitution, Bylaws, or resolutions of Synod.

We further suggest that on page 254 in paragraph 8 b 4, the following phrase be added to the end of the paragraph: "and is in accord with policies adopted by the Synod." The last sentence of that paragraph then reads:

> This rule shall not be construed to interfere with District or local financial undertakings, provided that the collection of moneys shall be confined to the District or the respective area and is in accord with policies adopted by the Synod.

C. With respect to Concordia Publishing House (*Reports and Memorials, 1962,* p. 266) we recommend that the third paragraph be altered to read:

> The Board of Directors of Concordia Publishing House shall render financial reports to the Board of Directors of Synod containing such details as may be required. The Fiscal Review Commission and the general convention of Synod shall be supplied with a consolidated balance sheet.

D. With respect to the Personnel Department (*Reports and Memorials,* 1962, p. 266) we recommend that paragraph 4 be further defined with the addition of: "except the executive level." The entire paragraph would then read:

> Prepare job evaluations with classifications for all positions in the organization except the executive level and advise on salary schedules and adjustments.

(Executive level salaries are provided for by the Board of Directors under paragraph 7, b and c, as defined in *Reports and Memorials,* 1962, p. 254.)

V. The Commission on Church Literature

The Synodical Survey Commission reappraised its original recommendations concerning the structure of the Commission on Church Literature, in consultation with both the manager of Concordia Publishing House and the Board for Young People's Literature. The Survey Commission suggests that the following alterations and changes be made in the text which appeared in *Reports and Memorials,* 1962, pp. 249, 250.

1. Re "Personnel and Appointment" we recommend that the commission consist of eleven instead of twenty-one members.

2. In paragraph 2 re "Advisory and Consultative Members," specifically paragraph b, we suggest the following rewording:

> The commission may appoint specialists on a temporary basis or full-time book editors to examine manuscripts pertaining to specialties. . . .

3. Paragraph 7 re "Subcommittees," we suggest the insertion of the following paragraph prior to *a* to replace the wording: "The commission may divide itself into the following subcommittees." The paragraph to be inserted is:

The commission may divide itself into subcommittees or may be augmented by additional members who shall be advisory to the commission. If the commission finds it necessary to be augmented through additional membership on its subcommittees, it shall recommend suitable candidates to the President of the Synod, who in conjunction with the Vice-Presidents shall appoint additional advisory members to the commission. Such subcommittees may consist of from three to five members and shall include at least one pastor, one teacher, and one layman. The names of the subcommittee members shall be published in the usual manner together with the membership of the Commission on Church Literature. Synodical policies on the term of office and on holding more than one office shall apply. Decisions of the subcommittees shall be transmitted to the commission by means of their minutes. The commission shall be encouraged to conduct an annual plenary meeting in order to coordinate policy development and broad planning within the departments. The following areas shall be provided for, either in combination with another, or in separate departments:

Paragraphs a to k in *Reports and Memorials,* p. 249, remain as they are.

VI. Creation of Central Office Service Department Within the Division of Staff Services

The Division of Staff Services was created by the 1959 convention (*Proceedings,* 1959, p. 253). Provision was also made for the appointment of the chairman of this division (p. 255). In addition, subsequent recommendations from the Implementation Committee and the Survey Commission have recommended to the Cleveland convention that the chairman of the Division of Staff Services shall be an advisory member of the Council of Administrators. Some responsibilities were removed by the 1959 convention from the Controller and "transferred to the Division of Staff Services as soon as possible." (P. 260)

It is assumed that the division would embrace the following agencies, either already in existence or recommended for creation or merger by the Cleveland convention:

1. The Department of Research and Statistics
2. The Personnel Department
3. The Transportation Secretary
4. The Central Office Service Department

The following recommendations suggest that the Cleveland convention approve the establishment of the Central Office Service Department to include purchasing, printing (duplicating services), mailing, and building maintenance (and property management).

The Commission's Recommendations

The Survey Commission presents the following recommendations:

1. That the purchasing, printing, and mailing departments continue to be managed by the purchasing agent and that he be given this title.

2. That the maintenance and building service activities continue to be supervised by the building superintendent.

3. That the data-processing department, if and when established, be attached to the Central Office Service Department.

4. That the transportation secretary (see bylaw section 2.107) be attached to the Central Office Service Department.

5. That the purchasing agent, the building superintendent, the data-processing technician, and the transportation secretary and their respective departments and personnel be included in the Division of Staff Services and as such be responsible to the Executive Director.

6. That the Executive Director delegate his administrative responsibility with respect to the Division of Staff Services to the Chairman of the Division of Staff Services to the extent and in the manner determined by the Executive Director.

7. That under regulations recommended by the Executive Director and approved by the Board of Directors, all purchasing activities of all kinds in all centrally located synodical agencies be performed in the purchasing department under the direction of the purchasing agent acting upon purchase requisitions which have been previously approved by the Controller as to the availability of funds.

8. Agencies not located in St. Louis shall follow standard procedure in the matter of purchases as soon as it is practical to do so.

VII. Further Study

The Survey Commission recommends that a tenth item be added to the list in *Reports and Memorials, 1962,* pp. 263, 264, under items for further study:

10. That a manual of synodical operations be prepared by the Commission on Constitutional Matters, that all items more appropriately belonging into such a manual be transferred from the Bylaws of the Synod, and that the Commission on Constitutional Matters report its recommendations to the next convention of the Synod.

The Synodical Survey Commission respectfully petitions the President of the Synod, Dr. John W. Behnken, to transmit this material to the appropriate floor committee for convention action.

Oliver R. Harms, *Chairman*	A. G. Huegli
Paul Koenig, *Vice-Chairman*	Clarence W. Knippa
Carl J. Schuette, *Secretary*	Justus P. Kretzmann
Herbert Berner	G. W. Lobeck
Milton Carpenter	Robert V. Schnabel
Harold Dunkelmann	Fred A. Schurmann
A. W. Hermann	L. C. Turnock, Jr.

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To Table Recommendation of Survey Commission to Move Office of Commission on College Work to St. Louis

Whereas, The Synod's Survey Commission in its report issued December 1961 has recommended startling and far-reaching changes in synodical organization as

well as in the place from which and the manner in which various boards are to function; and

WHEREAS, We are particularly concerned about how the moving of the office of the Commission on College and University Work from Chicago to centralized headquarters in St. Louis will affect the work of the commission and its executive secretaries, Dr. Reuben W. Hahn and the Rev. Rudolph F. Norden; and

WHEREAS, We have up to this time enjoyed wonderful service and unimpeded help through the commission office in Chicago; therefore be it

Resolved, Humbly to petition the convention not to effect these changes without a thorough study of the implications of these changes; and be it further

Resolved, To table the report and to study in the next triennium both the theological bases and the practical implications involved in these changes.

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN ALL-STUDENT ASSEMBLY
West Lafayette, Ind.
RICHARD P. AVERS, *Acting President*
ANN SCIFRES, *Acting Secretary*
RUDOLPH F. REHMER, *Pastor*

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Identical with Unprinted Memorial 311-A under Committee 3.

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To Study Synodical Redistricting

Synodical Districts have been organized as they were needed. Realignments have generally been effected by the division of Districts that became too large or that presented difficulties of distance or transportation. The English District was added when the former English Synod joined the Missouri Synod in 1911 and when German was the predominant language in most congregations.

The process of District division was sometimes dictated by the expedience of the moment, without reference to synodical or District organization as a whole. Sometimes available railroad transportation determined District geography, yet this is no longer valid. As a result a number of situations exist which are not in the best interests of effective administration and therefore not in the best interests of Synod:

1. Some Districts are of such geographical proportions that the District officials find it difficult to make personal contact with individual congregations, particularly if officials are elected far from the center of the District (Western, Central, Northwest, English).

2. As many as three or four Districts operate within the boundaries of certain states. For example: California (3), Illinois (4), New York (3), Nebraska (3), Wisconsin (3), Michigan (3). The two Nebraska Districts and the Colorado District have congregations in Wyoming. The Colorado, English, and Southern California Districts have congregations in Arizona.

3. We have an "English District," which contributed importantly to the growth and development of Synod but which no longer serves its original purpose since the entire Synod has become "English."

4. District administration in parish education, missions, evangelism, and stewardship often becomes unnecessarily difficult because of these conditions, and at times the costs of such administration must be substantially increased if the work is to be properly done. Particularly where schools are involved, it is important that Districts follow state lines (dealing with state officials).

5. Nearly every convention of the Synod receives one or more requests for the partition or dissolution of Districts, without reference to surrounding Districts or the Synod as a whole.

Recommendations

In view of this situation, the undersigned supports the Western District Memorial 621, which suggests an overall study of existing District lines. Recommendations might include:

1. That the Synod provide for a special committee to make a careful overall study of the present District boundaries. The task could also be assigned to the Survey Commission.

2. That any proposal of the committee to the Synod take into consideration the desirability of organizing all Districts on a geographical basis, preferably along state lines (either an entire state, or several states, or part of a state, but never one District including parts of several states).

3. That the committee be empowered both to recommend the dissolution of some Districts and the creation of new Districts in order to serve the Synod's purposes in the best possible manner.

4. That the committee suggest a new naming of Districts that makes them easily identifiable in an alphabetical listing, thus: Wisconsin South; Wisconsin North; Illinois North; Illinois Central; Illinois South; etc.

5. That this committee consult the proper officials in Districts where boundary changes or transfer of congregations to other Districts seem advisable.

6. That the committee submit a report and complete recommendations to the next convention of the Synod.

7. That, in anticipation of an overall study of District realignment, the Synod deny all proposed changes in present District boundaries or District alignment at the 1962 convention.

WILLIAM A. KRAMER
Associate Secretary of Schools
Board of Parish Education

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To Establish Two Additional Vice-Presidencies, etc.

WHEREAS, Our church has, under God, grown to great proportions particularly in the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, Under current conditions areas of the

church may not all receive equal attention and may not necessarily be represented in the *Praesidium;* and

WHEREAS, The system of having Regional Vice-Presidents in the Atlantic District and in other Districts has been established and found to be very acceptable and helpful both to pastors and to congregations; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Atlantic District memorialize the Synod at its 1962 convention to consider the establishment of two additional vice-presidencies; and be it further

Resolved, That the five part-time Vice-Presidents be elected from five specific regions and be particularly responsible, under the President, for the regions for which they will be elected; and be it further

Resolved, That these five regions be the following:

Atlantic Region: Ontario, Atlantic, Eastern, Central, Southeastern, Florida-Georgia, English Districts;

Mid-Eastern Region: Michigan, North Wisconsin, South Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa East, Iowa West, Northern Illinois, Central Illinois Districts;

Southern Region: Western, Southern, Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Southern Illinois Districts;

North Western Region: Manitoba-Saskatchewan, North Dakota, South Dakota, Northern Nebraska, Southern Nebraska Districts;

Pacific Region: Alberta-British Columbia, Montana, Northwest, California-Nevada, Colorado, Southern California Districts.

And be it finally

Resolved, That each District contained in a given region nominate one candidate for the whole region and that election be made from three candidates at the Synodical convention.

Atlantic District
ARLIN A. MAAS, *Secretary*

[642]

To Petition the Synod's President to Exercise Sound Judgment in Appointing Floor Committees

WHEREAS, Appointments of men to committees dealing in matters and works with which such men appointed were directly involved were made by the President of the Synod for the 1962 convention; and

WHEREAS, It is unethical for men to serve on committees reviewing their own works and actions; therefore be it

Resolved, That we petition the President of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod to exercise sound judgment so that no one will be appointed to a review committee to review his own case or work, so that no man serves on a floor committee dealing with matters in which such appointee is directly involved.

CIRCUIT 17, NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT
ADOLF KRAUSE, *Secretary*

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To Refer to Survey Commission for Further Study Paragraph 3d, p. 232, "Reports and Memorials, 1962"

WHEREAS, Article VII of the Synod's constitution states that "in its relation to its members Synod is not an ecclesiastical government exercising legislative or coercive powers, and with respect to the individual congregation's right of self-government it is but an advisory body"; and

WHEREAS, The report of the Synodical Survey Commission (p. 232, paragraph 3 d, in the 1962 book of *Reports and Memorials*) appears to allow the Synod to limit the congregation's right of self-government as defined in Article VII of the Synod's constitution; therefore be it

Resolved, That this matter be referred back to the Synodical Survey Commission for further study; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the President of the Synod for consideration at the synodical convention at Cleveland.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT PASTORAL CONFERENCE
WAYNE M. SCHARDT, *Chairman*
H. DAVID MEIER, *Secretary*

COMMITTEE 8

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To Refuse to Authorize Publication of Religious Books Using Revised Standard Version Translations, etc.

WHEREAS, The 1959 San Francisco convention refused to authorize the publishing of a catechism which would use the text of the Revised Standard Version; and

WHEREAS, The Nov. 1, 1961, *Lutheran Layman* reported: "Concordia Publishing House has issued a new, 56-page booklet listing the 703 Bible passages found in *A Short Explanation of Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism* in the language of the Revised Standard Version"; and

WHEREAS, The December 1960 *Lutheran Education* reported that the text of a new Bible history textbook will be based on the text of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible; and

WHEREAS, The September 1961 *Lutheran Education* reported that the text of a new Sunday school memory course will be in the text of the Revised Standard Version; and

WHEREAS, The Revised Standard Version of the Bible is the "official Bible" of the National Council of Churches; and

WHEREAS, Such fundamental doctrines of Christianity as the virgin birth of Christ, His physical resurrection, and His deity are rejected by many of the translators of the Revised Standard Version; and

WHEREAS, It is a thoroughly documented fact that many of the translators of the Revised Standard Version have been affiliated with Communist-front organizations and have refused to admit that they erred in joining such organizations; and

WHEREAS, The modernistic views of these translators are frequently reflected in the text of the Revised Standard Version (Isaiah 7:14; Philippians 2:6; Romans 9:5); therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod refuse to authorize the publication of the above mentioned catechism, Bible history textbook, and a new Sunday school memory course which would use the text of the Revised Standard Version; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod direct the Board of Parish Education and the Advisory Committee on English Bible Versions to refrain from distributing pro-RSV propaganda material published by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches.

NORMAN W. THEIS, Taylor, Mich.

[716]

To Prohibit the Use of the Workbook "Adventuring in the Church" for Catechetical Instructions, etc.

WHEREAS, Each congregation has and retains the right to determine the orthodox books of worship and instruction to be used in its midst; and

WHEREAS, We as concerned parents desire to register our protest of the use of the introduction of the workbook entitled *Adventuring in the Church,* designed primarily for confirmation instruction for catechumens of our church; and

WHEREAS, Such a workbook has been introduced and is being used in our circles; and

WHEREAS, The use of this workbook may well be intended as a preliminary to its full adoption for use in the Missouri Synod within the immediate future; and

WHEREAS, We must at this time bring strong and valid objections to this book in particular and to all other similar material in general for the following reasons:

1. It does not show purity of doctrine in the most precise form of communication.

2. Contains irreverant comparison. Examples — presents God as a "ruling robot," "tough Sergeant," "Grandfather." This is contrary to 1 Corinthians 2:13, in which God tells us to compare "spiritual things with spiritual."

3. Reduces the miracles of Christ to *fables* and *stories* and therefore minimizes the miracles and emphasizes unimportant details. Example — page 183. Reference is made to the young lad who furnished Jesus with the bread and fish from whence He fed thousands. The lad is described as having a lunch of "homemade rolls" and "pickled sardines."

4. There are no Scriptural references in the workbook to support teachings.

5. Denies the immortality of the soul. Page 148: "For, as Christians, we believe in the resurrection of the body and not in the 'Immortality of the Soul,' a teaching sometimes taken over from Greek philosophy." This is contrary to Genesis 2:7; Ecclesiastes 12:7; 1 Samuel 18:1; 1 Kings 18:21-22; Matthew 10:28; and Acts 7:59. Also the Smalcald Articles and the Formula of Concord.

Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod prohibit the use of the workbook *Adventuring in the Church* for catechetical instruction; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod direct Concordia Concordia Publishing House to refrain from publishing this or similar workbooks; and be it further

Resolved, That we promote the use of Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism, retaining the King James text, for catechetical instruction.

MRS. ELMER KOOP	MRS. DIRETTA L. SPARKS
MR. ELMER KOOP	MR. HENRY W. SCHAAF
MRS. BETTY ELLIOTT	MRS. HENRY SCHAAF
MR. SIDNEY E. SPARKS	MRS. HARRY BURR

(See also Unprinted Memorial 357, Committee 3, page 181)

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Letter Concerning Memorial 352

DEAR FRIEND IN OUR ONLY SAVIOR:

According to the last issue of our *Lutheran Witness* you have the responsibility of serving on an important floor committee for our Cleveland convention.

I believe that the implications of our congregation's memorial (No. 352) is a part of your consideration. Since I am not a delegate, permit me to share with you our sincere concern.

We realize that much time, effort, and painstaking scholarship has been devoted to the translation and scrutiny of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible — to give it the popularity that it is enjoying.

And yet if you will casually check Galatians 3:16 you will agree with us that St. Paul, inspired by the Holy Ghost, does not permit what the RSV has done to Genesis 22:18; 26:4; 28:14; and Acts 3:25. This to us is critically serious because the translators substitute Jewish opinion for the clear promises of the Savior, virtually nullifying God's plan for salvation in their version of the Old Testament.

Since modern theology denies the Old Testament Messianic promises, patient wisdom requires that our Synod waits with approving the *New English Bible* for corporate worship until their O. T. version appears.

We believe that we are here dealing with the very basic and central doctrine of Scripture. Hence our Synod is Scripturally bound to assume full responsibility in advising what version can be used in corporate worship and as prooftexts in our catechism. Like in all other Scriptural doctrines the congregations and their pastors are evangelically bound by the Sacred Scrip-

tures themselves and have no individual choice. Even scholarship must remain the handmaiden, and not the final authority, wherever the Holy Spirit through the written Word speaks so clearly to us.

This does not deny the possibility that some day these serious defects will be removed and some of our modern versions can become adequate in our Synod for public use.

ARTHUR E. BECK, Henning, Minn.

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To Index Periodicals Published by The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

WHEREAS, The forty-fourth regular convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, assembled in San Francisco, Calif., June 17—26, 1959, adopted the resolution encouraging Concordia Publishing House to publish a continuing index of the Synod's magazines and periodicals; and

WHEREAS, A special committee appointed by Concordia Publishing House has restudied the 1959 resolution; and

WHEREAS, This special committee has recommended that favorable action be taken in implementing this resolution; therefore be it

Resolved, That this convention direct Concordia Publishing House to publish a continuing index of the Synod's magazines and periodicals.

EDGAR M. KRENTZ CARL S. MEYER
ERWIN L. LUEKER AUG. R. SUELFLOW

DOCUMENTATION FOR UNPRINTED MEMORIAL 718

Memorial Presented to the San Francisco Convention — P. 571

WHEREAS, Synodical periodicals constitute a treasure-house of information for which, however, there is no key in the way of adequate indexing; and

WHEREAS, Intensified scholarly interest in this source material cries aloud for such a research tool; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod's Literature Board authorize the publication of a continuing index for Synod's periodicals.

LANDO C. OTTO, Fort Wayne, Indiana

This Memorial was referred to Committee 8 on Publications, which presented Resolution 10 to the San Francisco convention, which was also adopted.

Index to Periodicals Published by The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod (Resolution 10, Committee 8)

Memorial 715, p. 571, *Reports and Memorials*

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod publishes much valuable material in its magazines and periodicals; and

WHEREAS, Such publications contain a great variety of important information; and

WHEREAS, Short scholarly and historical articles are rarely printed in book form; and

WHEREAS, Such important materials found in periodicals may become buried in back volumes; and

WHEREAS, Research into our Synod's past is of growing importance; and

WHEREAS, Indexes are generally considered essential for research in periodical materials; and

WHEREAS, There is at present no key to this valuable material in the way of adequate indexing; therefore be it

Resolved, That Concordia Publishing House be encouraged to publish a continuing index of the Synod's magazines and periodicals.

Action: This resolution was *adopted. (Proceedings,* 1959, pp. 274, 275)

(Copy of Communication)

October 30, 1961
Dr. Otto A. Dorn, Manager
Concordia Publishing House
3558 South Jefferson Avenue
St. Louis 18, Missouri

DEAR DR. DORN:

The Special Committee on Synodical Serial Indexing, as suggested by you, met on the Seminary Campus on September 12, 1961. Present were Dr. Carl S. Meyer, Dr. Edgar Krentz, Dr. E. L. Lueker and the undersigned. The attached resulted from this meeting.

Actually, I know that you are aware of the fact that the "Brief" does not represent the thinking of only the four men involved, but of innumerable individuals throughout Synod, of the Junior College librarians, individual clergymen, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and the Concordia Historical Institute.

Activities and suggestions not only of the Committee of four, but also many individuals in addition are based upon the resolution passed at the synodical Convention in San Francisco. It is found in the 1959 *Proceedings,* pp. 274, 275.

Permit me to assure you, Dr. Dorn, of the profound concern the Committee has for the development and implementation of this project. Should you desire, all four members of the Committee as a group, or individually, will be delighted to meet with you further on these matters, or with your Board of Directors.

With kindest personal greetings, and sincerest best wishes — also for your safe return from Europe — I am

As ever yours,

/s/ AUG. R. SUELFLOW
Pro tem Secretary of the Committee

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Proposals and Brief for a Synodical Index as Outlined by the Index Committee

I. THE NEEDS

1. To provide the tools for pastors and teachers in order that a continued use may be made of synodical journals.

2. To coordinate specific materials for individual boards, committees, commissions, and agencies of the Synod.

3. To supply a horizontal integration through such an index. This is true of the producers as well as the comsumers. This need is as great for the contemporary as for the past.

4. To coordinate the information contained in the multiplicity of journals and serials.

5. To acquaint the beginning pastor with historical background, problems of church, past thought and past theology, etc.

6. To serve as a medium by which those outside of our church will become better acquainted with the theological thought and history of our Synod.

II. THE SCOPE

The committee recommends that the index include (1) a basic corps of journals completely and (2) a subsidiary list selectively. Three categories are presented in the order of importance of content:

1. Essential

Concordia Theological Monthly
Lutheran Education
Lutheran Witness
Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly
Advance

Lutheraner
Proceedings of Synod
Springfielder
Significant publications of Concordia Publishing House

2. Highly Desirable
District *Proceedings* (doctrinal essays a must)
Lutheran Education Association Yearbooks
Walther League Messenger
American Lutheran
Confessional Lutheran
Association of Lutheran Charities, Yearbook
Cresset
This Day

3. Desirable
Significant publications of synodical boards, commissions, committees, and agencies.

If the project is approved, the person responsible will have to exercise individual judgment on the above.

III. The Mechanics

A. The committee recommends that the project be headed by a full-time Director of Indexing, whose qualifications and attachments might include:

1. Synodical trained or equivalent
2. Acquainted with languages involved
3. Impartial and objective in evaluating articles
4. Faithful, meticulous, and attentive to detail
5. Related to Editorial Department of Concordia Publishing House
6. Possibly supervise the Indexing Department of Concordia Publishing House
7. Provided with consultants or an editorial policies committee
8. Provided with necessary tools and machinery to carry out the objectives of the task.

B. All material indexed ought to be filed centrally in the archives of the Synod.

C. Method of Index — Concordia Publishing House has demonstrated its ability and competence in this area of work, and its judgment ought to prevail.

D. General index procedures could easily be followed as guidelines — such as *Readers Guide* and *International Index*.

[719]

To Establish Official Policy re Publication of District Proceedings

Whereas, The various District conventions of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod are considered to be official conventions of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, according to the synodical *Handbook;* and

Whereas, The proceedings of these conventions record important and official actions of the church in the various localities; and

Whereas, It is becoming more and more important that these proceedings be conveniently and safely filed and preserved in usable form; and

Whereas, Uniformity of format of the proceedings of each District would greatly simplify this work for the archivists and librarians throughout Synod; therefore be it

Resolved, That the individual Districts be instructed to publish their convention proceedings through Concordia Publishing House.

Edgar M. Krentz — Carl S. Meyer
Erwin L. Lueker — August R. Suelflow

DOCUMENTATION FOR UNPRINTED MEMORIAL 719

[1015] Establishing Official Policy re Publication of District Proceedings

Whereas, The synodical *Handbook* (Constitution, Article V-A; Article VI-7; Article XII-2, -6, -10, -12, and -13; Bylaws 3.01) says that the various District conventions of Synod are considered to be conventions of Synod (although regional in scope of influence and authority); and

Whereas, Historical research, such as is becoming increasingly more frequent in our circles, necessitates official source materials in accessible and usable form; and

Whereas, The synodical *Handbook* (1.37 and 2.39) makes provision therefor insofar as the Proceedings of Synod's triennial conventions are concerned; and

Whereas, Although it is generally conceded that the Districts should do likewise with the Proceedings of their respective conventions, the synodical *Handbook* has made no provision for instruction to the District of Synod in this respect; and

Whereas, There is need for uniformity in the publication of the Proceedings of District conventions in order properly to preserve such documents in a safe but usable form (i.e., by having them bound together from time to time); therefore be it

Resolved, To memorialize The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod to establish an official policy regarding the publication of its respective Districts' Proceedings.

Archivists and Historians Conference
Otto C. Schultz, *Chairman*
Ronald W. Goetsch, *Secretary*
(*Reports and Memorials,* 1959, p. 711)

Establishing Official Policy re Publication of District Proceedings (Resolution 11, Committee 8)

Memorial 1015, page 711, *Reports and Memorials*

Whereas, The various District conventions of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod are considered to be official conventions of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, according to the synodical *Handbook;* and

Whereas, The proceedings of these conventions record important and official actions of the church in the various localities; and

Whereas, It is becoming more and more important that these proceedings be conveniently and safely filed and preserved in usable form; and

Whereas, Uniformity of format of the proceedings of each District would greatly simplify this work for the archivists and librarians throughout Synod; therefore be it

Resolved, That this matter be referred to the College of Presidents for suitable disposition.

Action: This resolution was *adopted.* (*Proceedings,* 1959, p. 275)

COMMITTEE 11

[804-A]

Stewardship Board Regulations

The San Francisco convention of the Synod authorized the Stewardship Board of the Synod to develop "the specific functions of this board . . . with the assistance of the Stewardship Secretary and the Executive Director; and that the functional and personnel plans of this board be submitted to the next convention of the Synod after approval by the Board of Directors of the Synod." (*Proceedings, 1959,* p. 254)

Since the instructions of the convention have been complied with, and since the Board of Directors of the Synod have approved the proposed regulations for the Stewardship Board, the Stewardship Board herewith submits these proposed regulations to this convention for its approval.

Proposed Regulations

Board of Stewardship, Mission Education, and Promotion

Membership

The board for the Department of Stewardship, Mission Education, and Promotion, consisting of five members — two pastors, two laymen, and one teacher — shall be elected by the Synod.

Representatives at Large

This group shall consist of a selected number of District stewardship leaders who shall serve the staff as an advisory group in promoting the Synod's stewardship program in the field. These representatives shall be appointed by the Stewardship Board of the Synod upon recommendation of the Synod's Stewardship Counselor.

Objective of Board

Our congregations and their members becoming better stewards of God's many and varied gifts to them.

Functions of Board

1. To assist our pastors and congregations in their cultivation of the total stewardship life of their members so that they the more fulfill their responsibilities as members of a Christian congregation;

2. To provide counsel and materials for our congregations as they endeavor to enlist the talents of our members for Kingdom service in and through their congregations;

3. To plan and make available to the congregations an ongoing program of mission education and thereby develop a missionary concern among our people;

4. To interpret the Synod's purpose and program to our people with the purpose of developing an ever greater appreciation of what the Synod means to them and a growing realization of the many services it renders (internal public relations);

5. To aid our pastors and congregations effectively in teaching their members the grace of proportionate giving as well as counseling congregations how to practice proportionate (corporate) giving;

6. To encourage our congregations regularly, adequately, and generously to support their program through District and Synod;

7. To provide our congregations with the necessary materials to conduct an effective annual every-member stewardship visit;

8. To evaluate professional and voluntary capital fund-raising services and programs offered to, or provided for, the congregations of the Synod and its Districts;

9. To study and evaluate contemporary trends in voluntary giving to agencies and projects within the Synod and its component Districts.

In order to carry out its functions, the board —

a. will seek to achieve definite and recognized work relationships with those departments of the Synod whose cooperation is vital to its program;

b. plan and prepare an adequate program;

c. look to the President of the Synod and his assistants to channel its program to and through the Districts to the congregations of the Synod;

d. periodically conduct stewardship conferences on a Synodwide and/or regional basis;

e. counsel with District Presidents and District stewardship leaders to adapt their District stewardship program;

f. tabulate and file information on the activities, problems, and progress of the stewardship program on synodical, District, circuit, and congregational level and periodically share the same where it may prove helpful;

g. produce materials necessary to carry out an effective stewardship program throughout the Synod;

h. cooperate with those synodical departments offering specific programs and services to the congregations of the Synod for the purpose of coordinating these programs and services into one overall program;

i. provide information to the Board of Directors of the Synod in the projection of synodical income on a long- and short-range basis;

j. submit annually the budget of the department to the Board of Directors of the Synod for its recommendation and referral to the Fiscal Conference;

k. develop such interdepartmental work relationships as are necessary to the fuller attainment of its functions.

Staff

Personnel and Selection of Staff

a. The Stewardship Board shall appoint the Stewardship Counselor in accordance with the *Handbook* regulations of the Synod.

The Stewardship Counselor shall under the direction of the board carry out the program of duties assigned to him by the board.

b. The Stewardship Board shall appoint the Associate Stewardship Counselors, as needed, in accordance with *Handbook* regulations of the Synod and shall work in areas of the program as are assigned to them by the board.

c. The Stewardship Board shall determine the qualifications for the offices of the Stewardship Counselor and the Associate Stewardship Counselors and determine their duties and functions.

District Board of Stewardship, Mission Education and Promotion

Membership

Each synodical District shall elect or in some other way create a committee or board of stewardship.

Function

The District board shall cooperate with the Synod's Board of Stewardship, Mission Education and Promotion and shall assist and advise the local congregation in the development and promotion of an adequate stewardship program.

Stewardship Secretary

The Districts of the Synod are advised to provide for the systematic supervision and qualified guidance and promotion of stewardship education and to that end, where possible and necessary, establish and maintain the office of a Stewardship Counselor or Secretary, who shall be responsible to the District Stewardship Board in the performance of his duties.

Congregational Boards of Stewardship, Mission Education and Promotion

Functions

Every congregation should be encouraged to elect or in some other way create a board or committee of stewardship. This board or committee shall be responsible for carrying on an adequate stewardship program in the manner prescribed by the congregation.

THE STEWARDSHIP BOARD OF THE SYNOD
ELDOR CASSENS, *Chairman*
AARON KOPF, *Secretary*
ELMER NEITZEL
EDWIN C. JACOBS
PAUL KUEHNERT

[812-A]

To Increase Minimum Amount of Pension Payment

Be It Resolved, That the minimum amount of pension payment to retired pastors and teachers be increased from $100 per month to $150 per month.

SALEM LUTHERAN CONGREGATION
Homewood, Ill.
W. W. WILK, *Pastor*
W. G. WENTZEL, *Chairman*
RAYMOND LANGBEHN, *Secretary*

[825]

To Give Fred C. Rutz the Right to Inspect the Synod's Books . . . by a Firm of Reputable Accountants at His Expense

WHEREAS, Numerous discrepancies appear in the published financial reports of Synod's operations for the year 1959; and

WHEREAS, Some of these items are of large proportion, which the officials of Synod have not corrected in subsequent issues of the *Lutheran Witness,* although apprised of such mistakes; and

WHEREAS, The *Lutheran Witness* Editorial Board has been requested to correct such errors, it has refused to do so unless authorized by the Treasurer of Synod; and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod Foundation's expenses are paid for by Synod, and has been costing us over $100,000; and

WHEREAS, No financial reports are published in the *Lutheran Witness* of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod Foundation Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Synod's expenses have skyrocketed over the last several years, which has resulted in a debt of over $6,000,000; and

WHEREAS, The details of Synod's operations are not published in the *Lutheran Witness;* and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors have purchased two large tracts of land for the Junior College in Michigan at an exorbitant price of over $1,000,000. One of these sites, costing over $600,000, is not suitable for a college and will have to be sold at a loss. The second site is of doubtful value because of its location and the cost of developing it before a college can be erected; and

WHEREAS, In order to clarify Synod's entire financial picture, I requested an audit of Synod's books, at my expense. This has been refused by the Board of Directors, stating "that the nature of this request will require action on the part of Synod's Convention scheduled for June of 1962." Therefore be it

Resolved, That Fred C. Rutz be given the right to inspect Synod's books, with or without him present, by a firm of reputable, competent public accountants, at his expense.

FRED C. RUTZ, Chardon, Ohio

[826]

To Expedite Resolution to Make Available Loans from the Pension Fund to Incorporated Congregations Holding Membership in the Synod

WHEREAS, There exists within our church body a critical shortage of church structures; and

WHEREAS, The Church Extension Funds within the Synod and various Districts are inadequate to meet these needs; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Southern District, in convention assembled, memorialize the Board of Directors of the Synod to expedite, without further delay the resolution of the San Francisco convention regarding loans to congregations from the Pension Fund.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD
LOTHAR KLEINHANS, *Secretary*

[827]

To Revise Investment Policies of Board of Trustees

WHEREAS, The yield upon investments held by the trustees of the Synod's Pension Fund is about 3.75%; and

WHEREAS, This yield appears to be low in comparison with other and similar trust funds; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Southern District, in convention assembled, memorialize the Board of Directors of the Synod to instruct the Board of Trustees to adopt revised investment policies which would increase the present yield.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD
LOTHAR KLEINHANS, *Secretary*

COMMITTEE 12

[327-B]

To Request the "Lutheran Witness" to Grant "State of the Church" Group Equal Opportunity to Present Its Position

WHEREAS, *The Lutheran Witness* has given considerable space to Dr. Martin Scharlemann in order that he might explain his position; and

WHEREAS, Those who defend the historic Lutheran doctrine of Holy Scripture and who seriously object to the doctrines advanced by Dr. Martin Scharlemann have not been afforded space in the *Lutheran Witness;* therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod request the *Lutheran Witness* to grant the "State of the Church" group equal opportunity to present its position.

JOE E. PATTEN, *Detroit, Mich.*

COMMITTEE 13

[1110-B]

To Refrain from Authorizing Any Collections for Valparaiso University Until Steps Have Been Taken to Remedy Certain Evils

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, through official synodical papers such as the *Lutheran Witness* and through the Synod's Board of Directors, continually present Valparaiso as "a great, loyal Lutheran University" which is thoroughly deserving of all financial assistance possible; and

WHEREAS, In the celebration of the centennial of the university the officials of this school saw fit to invite to its campus men whose background and influence on thinking people have been contrary to sound Christian principles of doctrine and life, such as the modernist Richard Niebuhr, and the Socialist labor leader of Great Britain, Lord Clement Atlee; and

WHEREAS, Valparaiso University sponsored the presentation of Langston Hughes's play *The Black Nativity* on its campus January 7, 1962, in the chapel; and

WHEREAS, Langston Hughes authored the following blasphemous poem:

GOOD-BY CHRIST

Listen, Christ,
You did all right in your day, I reckon —
But that day's gone now.
They Ghosted you up a swell story, too,
Called it "Bible" —
But it's dead now.
The Popes and the Preachers 've
Made too much money from it.
They've sold you to too many
Kings, generals, robbers, and killers
Even to the Tzar and the Cossacks,
Even to Rockefeller's Church,
Even to the *Saturday Evening Post.*
You ain't no good no more.
They've pawned you
Till you've done wore out.
Good-by.
Christ Jesus Lord God Jehovah,
Beat it on away from here now.
Make way for a new guy with no religion at all —
A real guy named
Marx Communist Lenin Peasant Stalin Worker
ME —
I said, ME!
Go ahead on now,
You're getting in the way of things, Lord,
And please take Saint Gandhi with you when you go,
And Saint Pope Pius,
And Saint Aimee McPherson,
And big black Saint Becton
Of the Consecrated Dime.
And step on the gas, Christ!
Move!
Don't be so slow about movin'!
The world is mine from now on —
And nobody's gonna sell ME
To a king, or a general,
Or a millionaire.
Good-by Christ, good morning Revolution!

Langston Hughes;

and

WHEREAS, No man who writes such revolutionary and blasphemous poetry should be recommended and sponsored by any church group; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod refrain from authorizing any further collections for Valparaiso University until steps have been taken to remedy the aforementioned evils and that satisfactory safeguards be instituted in the selection of those people who will henceforth influence the thinking and learning of our youth.

THEODORE SMITHEY, Taylor, Mich.

[1110-C]

To Refrain from Authorizing Further Collections for Valparaiso University Until Certain Instructors Are Removed, etc.

WHEREAS, It is a publicly known fact that the theory of evolution is taught as a fact at Valparaiso University; and

WHEREAS, Valparaiso University has not heeded the protests of various individuals and congregations; and

WHEREAS, It is impossible for one to maintain that man has evolved from some primary organism and still accept the Holy Scripture as the Word of God; and

WHEREAS, Those who accept the evolutionary origin of man will eventually be compelled to deny the entire Christian faith if they are consistent in their approach to the Holy Scriptures; and

WHEREAS, Those who accept the evolutionary origins of man have no need of a real Savior from sin; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod refrain from authorizing any further collections for Valparaiso University until all those Valparaiso instructors who have been advocating the theory of evolution as historic fact are removed from their teaching position.

MRS. O. SMALLWOOD, Traverse City, Mich.

[1122]

Report Regarding Lutheran Senior Citizens' Foundation and East Ridge Retirement Village, Miami, Fla.

Within the past triennium a new Lutheran retirement village has risen on a beautifully situated plot of 114 acres just south of Miami, Fla. This is East Ridge, a Lutheran retirement village comprising various types of residential accommodations to house a total of 396 retired couples and individuals.

East Ridge was organized in 1957 after a group of Lutheran pastors and laymen had met at a Lutheran Laymen's League Senior Citizens' workshop in Saint Petersburg, Fla. East Ridge is sponsored by a federation of Lutheran congregations holding membership in the Florida-Georgia District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. The Social Welfare Committee of the Florida-Georgia District and the Department of Social Welfare of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod are advisory bodies. The executive director of the Lutheran Senior Citizens' Foundation, Inc., is the Rev. Benjamin F. Schumacher, formerly pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, North Miami, Fla.

Ground for the Lutheran retirement village was broken on April 23, 1961. Construction was begun immediately, and the dedication of various units has taken place on March 18, 1962. At the same time the first residents were formally admitted.

Center of the religious and spiritual activity at East Ridge is the attractive chapel, constituting the focal point of the entire community. The services of a chaplain will also be available to all residents. Lutherans living at East Ridge will be encouraged to become affiliated with Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10875 Quail Roost Drive, Perrine, Fla.

Two plans are available for admittance to East Ridge. Plan number one calls for the making of an initial payment of a founder's fee in a lump sum, which entitles the individual or couple to a lifelong lease on a living accommodation. The second calls for a pay-as-you-go plan, with a small admittance fee and continuing monthly payments. In addition to the founder's fee, or the monthly pay-as-you-go fee, there is a monthly maintenance cost for all services.

The board of directors of the Lutheran Senior Citizens' Foundation has also resolved to establish an endowment fund to assist individuals and couples otherwise unable to enter the East Ridge Retirement Village. The endowment fund is especially intended to help make it possible for veterans of the cross: retired pastors, teachers, and their wives, to utilize the beautiful facilities and services of East Ridge. The endowment fund of the Lutheran Senior Citizens' Foundation is administered by The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod Foundation, 210 North Broadway, St. Louis 2, Mo. Under God's blessing it is planned to build up a permanent endowment, the income of which will be utilized for the benefit of retired veterans of the cross.

At East Ridge, residents find a variety of accommodations: apartments and individual homes for independent living, as well as rooms and suites of rooms in the residence clubs. All have been designed and constructed to assure maximum enjoyment and well-being for the retired, as well as to preserve their sense of dignity and self-worth. At East Ridge retired individuals and couples find a maximum of security, backed up by a full range of service, comforts, and conveniences afforded by the finest medical, clinical, and social-service care.

East Ridge, however, offers even more. It is a church-operated retirement village, with Christ in the center of its thinking and doing. It endeavors to grant more than a simple solution to housing problems; it offers the Christian love in all areas of need which we, as recipients of our heavenly Father's love, should show to our fellow Christians.

We pray that the rich blessing of God may rest upon the work of the East Ridge Lutheran Retirement Village as it seeks to serve the aged within our church.

Federation of Lutheran Churches for Welfare
Florida-Georgia District
The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod
Robert Zehnder, *President*
E. C. Kieninger, *Vice-President*
E. M. Lehmann, *Secretary*
Leonard G. McNeil, *Treasurer*
Arthur Wesche
James Vaughn
James Guernsey
Herbert Geyer
Orlyn Schlie
Edward Terry
H. H. Wiechmann
Eugene Helms
Walter Roth
B. F. Schumacher, *Executive Director*

[1123]

To Ask Lord's Blessing upon East Ridge Retirement Village, etc.

Whereas, The need for services of Christian love to the aged within our church is constantly growing and a percentage of the elderly within our nation and church will constantly rise during the coming decades; and

Whereas, The Federation of Lutheran Churches for Welfare, Florida-Georgia District, have organized and established East Ridge, a Lutheran Retirement village, near Miami, Fla., as a Christian haven for the aged within our church; therefore be it

Resolved, That The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, in convention assembled at Cleveland, Ohio, June 20—30, 1962, implore the blessing of the Lord of the church upon the East Ridge Lutheran Retirement Village and the activities of the Federation of Lutheran Churches for Welfare, Florida-Georgia District; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod recognize the East Ridge

Lutheran Retirement Village as a center for geriatric and gerontological research in our circles; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Synod commend East Ridge Lutheran Retirement Village to our membership, inviting them to utilize the services of this Christian home for the aged within our church.

HOPE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CONGREGATION
Chicago, Ill.
EGILL ANDERSON, *Secretary*

An identical memorial was received from Bethel Lutheran Congregation Voters' Assembly, University City, Mo., O. B. Sandler, secretary.

[1124]

Report of the Lutheran Hour

At a St. Louis meeting in early 1962, District mission executives of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod projected the expansion plans of their respective Districts for the next two years. Upon checking this list, it was found that the Lutheran Hour is carried in each of these expansion areas within the United States and that, with the exception of only three cases, listenership is possible in the primary coverage pattern of at least one Lutheran Hour station.

In Japan, meanwhile, the Lutheran Hour has continued to expand and is now available to every home throughout that country. In order that the broadcasts may properly convey the Japanese Lutheran witness, the Lutheran Hour has provided for the establishment of a program committee on which Missouri Synod missionaries and representatives hold membership.

During the past three years, written agreements have been negotiated with all of the synodical mission boards regarding the interrelationship of the resident ministry and Lutheran Hour activity. Toward the implementing of these agreements and in a constructive review of the entire Lutheran Hour ministry, three major conferences were convened: Far East directors in Hong Kong in the fall of 1960; Europe directors in St. Louis in the fall of 1961; Latin America directors in Guatemala in the spring of 1962.

In an unusual expansion of its service during this past year the Lutheran Hour has provided its programs and those of "The Family Worship Hour" and "Day by Day with Jesus" to more than thirty university and college campus stations. Contact has been established with the Commission on College and University Work in order that these broadcasts may be integrated into the Synod's total ministry on these campuses.

The "Family Worship Hour," since 1954 administered by the Lutheran Laymen's League at the request of the Synod, continued to contribute vitally to the Lutheran radio witness in North America. Together with a five-minute companion broadcast, "Day by Day with Jesus," its programs are regularly carried by more than 450 stations in the United States and Canada.

Mail response to all of the broadcasts sponsored by the Lutheran Laymen's League is referred to churches and pastors of the Missouri Synod through the Telemission project of the Synod's Evangelism Department.

Under the blessing of God the usefulness and effectiveness of these radio ministries will continue to grow. One of the emphases of a newly established Department of Field Services will be that of sharing information and techniques by which these ministries may be even more helpful to local congregations. It is the prayer and intention of the Lutheran Laymen's League to serve ever more effectively and efficiently in administering these great radio arms of the church.

THE LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

[1125]

To Encourage Utilization of Lutheran Hour Broadcasts, etc.

WHEREAS, The radio ministries of the Lutheran Laymen's League have been effective instruments of the Holy Spirit's power; and

WHEREAS, The Lord has continued to bless the league with new broadcasting opportunities and has moved the hearts of His people to respond to such challenges; and

WHEREAS, These Gospel broadcasts are an integral part of the total ministry of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod in supplementing and supporting its resident ministries and also in opening doors to new mission opportunities; therefore be it

Resolved, That The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod in convention assembled in Cleveland, Ohio, June 20—30, 1962, beseech the Lord's continued guidance and benediction upon the Lutheran Laymen's League and its radio missions, the Lutheran Hour, the "Family Worship Hour," and "Day by Day with Jesus"; and be it further

Resolved, That all missions, congregations, and other agencies of the Synod, at home and abroad, be encouraged to utilize these broadcasts to further their resident ministry; and be it finally

Resolved, That all congregations of the Synod be urged to continue and to increase their support of these radio missions by their private and corporate prayers and contributions.

THE LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

[1126]

Report of the Nominations Committee to the Synodical Convention

The San Francisco convention of the Synod resolved to follow the recommendation of the Survey Commission to change the synodical organizational structure for more efficient and effective service to the church:

That hereafter, in the interest of desirable and uniform practice, all executive secretaries and all other salaried personnel attached to any and all agencies of the Synod,

as well as all general administrative personnel of the Synod not subject to election, be placed in their positions only by appointment. (*Proceedings*, 1959, p. 258)

Only in the case of executive secretaries who head the various agencies, committees, or boards of the Synod shall the Nominations Committee "solicit names of qualified personnel from the congregations and Districts of the Synod. The list of nominees shall be published in the official organs of the Synod at least four weeks prior to the date on which the appointment of the executive secretary is to take place." (*Proceedings*, 1959, p. 259)

In the case of positions other than top executive secretaries the Nominations Committee is "to solicit, from all appropriate sources, suggestions or nominations of persons for the position which is to be filled and to receive nominations from any other sources." (Dr. Wittmer's office prepared six mailings to the District Presidents, District Vice-Presidents, and Circuit Counselors, including approximately 3,450 mimeographed letters plus job criteria and qualifications.)

Following are positions which have been filled with the assistance of the Nominations Committee since the San Francisco convention: Executive Secretary of the Board for World Missions — Herman Koppelmann; Assistant Executive Secretary of the Board for North America Missions — Reuben J. Schmidt; Associate Editor of Sunday School Literature for School Youth — Dale Griffith; Executive Director of the Synod — Walter F. Wolbrecht; Assistant Executive Secretary of the Armed Services Commission — Raymond C. Hohenstein; Executive Secretary of the Board for Higher Education — Arthur M. Ahlschwede; Executive Secretary of the Board of Support and Pensions — Lorenz F. Wahlers.

Positions now pending final action of the electing board: Assistant Executive Secretary of the Board for World Missions; Assistant Executive Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare; Social Work Consultant — Department of Social Welfare.

Positions now being processed by the Nominations Committee office (Wuerffel): Resident Area Counselor (Near-Middle East) for Board for World Missions; Resident Area Counselor (Far East) for Board for World Missions; Assistant Executive Secretary of Board for Higher Education.

(Vital statistics have been gathered on 249 nominees at this date, which involved the mailing of approximately 3,750 nonmimeographed letters and as many printed forms, including the analyzing and processing of the forms upon return to the committee office, in care of the secretary, Dr. L. C. Wuerffel.)

The chairman called 13 meetings of the committee.

The committee wishes to express appreciation for the fine cooperation of pastors and lay people in response to inquiries which aided in fulfilling its obligations.

GEORGE W. WITTMER, *Chairman*
GEORGE BETO
VICTOR SELLE
PAUL WEEKE
L. C. WUERFFEL, *Secretary*

[1127]

To Reduce Number of Delegates and to Equalize Expenses on a Nationwide Scale

WHEREAS, The expenses of considerable distances traveled by delegates from fringe circuits impose a heavy financial burden on such Districts; and

WHEREAS, The Bylaws as quoted in the synodical *Handbook* state that each electoral circuit shall be represented at synodical conventions by a pastoral delegate and a lay delegate; and

WHEREAS, The increasing number of delegates may be creating a cumbersome condition at synodical conventions; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Southern California District memorialize the 1962 synodical convention to consider a policy combining electoral circuits in such a manner that the number of delegates be proportionately reduced; and be it further

Resolved, That the synodical convention consider a plan that would equalize delegate expenses on a nationwide scale.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD
VICTOR L. BEHNKEN, *President*
EUGENE O. SMITH, *Secretary*

[1128]

To Instruct Concordia Publishing House Not to Sell Individual Communion Ware

WHEREAS, The introduction of the use of individual Communion cups in the Lutheran Church is a recent innovation from non-Lutheran churches reflecting corresponding non-Lutheran theological concepts; and

WHEREAS, The use of individual Communion cups, although not destructive of the nature of Holy Communion, has often been detrimental to the unity of a Christian congregation and thereby works against one of the purposes of the Sacrament, namely, to create a oneness among the members; and

WHEREAS, The Scriptures speak of "cup" and not "cups," and no doubt Jesus used a common cup in the institution of the Lord's Supper; and

WHEREAS, Concordia Publishing House, which is owned and controlled by The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, handles and advertises the sale of individual Communion ware and thus may contribute, at least indirectly, to disunity brought about by the use of such Communion ware; therefore be it

Resolved, That the 1962 convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod instruct the management of Concordia Publishing House to remove from sale and from all future advertising its items of individual Communion ware as a witness to the importance of the common cup for the unity of Lutheran congregations.

DALE B. KRUEGER, *Pastor*
OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CONGREGATION
Dryden, Ontario, Canada

[1129]

The Lutheran Laymen's League and Evolution

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Laymen's League has selected as one of its speakers at its annual convention to be held in Portland, Oreg., an editor who believes that it is "permissible for a pastor or professor within the Missouri Synod to maintain that man has evolved from some primary organism" (see pp. 60 and 61 of "What Is Troubling the Lutherans," Part IV, *News & Views,* May 1962); and

WHEREAS, Several pastors in The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod have visited this editor but have failed to persuade him to retract an editorial and review favorable to evolution (January 1960 and March 1960 of the *Cresset*); and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Laymen's League has been informed that this editor tolerates the evolutionary origin of man (even though he himself may not accept it) but has failed to withdraw its invitation to this editor; therefore be it

Resolved, That The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod request the Lutheran Laymen's League not to invite any speaker from the Missouri Synod who tolerates the evolutionary view of the origin of man.

ANDREW GAWURA, Dearborn, Mich.

[1130]

A Christian's Attitude Toward War

WHEREAS, The Synod's statement on "A Christian's Attitude Toward War," as published in the *Concordia Theological Monthly* (Feb. 1955) and the *Lutheran Witness* (Feb. 1, 1955) pursuant to the Synod's resolution at Houston in June 1953, is not conclusive and definitive by its own admission, e. g., ". . . can obviously not cover every phase . . ." and suggests that "our church should concern itself with the wider aspects of the problems involved"; therefore

May I respectfully suggest that the Synod appoint a committee to work with the Literature Board and the seminary faculties to study this vital question and to endeavor to bring to fruition a definitive Scriptural statement on "A Christian's Attitude Toward War" and that this statement be published in our church periodicals.

EDWARD ZEP, Cleveland, Ohio

Exhibit A

Two Decades of Missouri Synod Growth

Membership (North America Only)	1940		1960
Baptized	1,342,533		2,469,036
Increase in Decade	18.22%		42.85%
Communicants	915,405		1,571,641
Increase in Decade	27.60%		34.83%
Subsidized Home Mission Stations	1,642		1,285
New Mission Stations Opened	78		99
New Mission Station Buildings Added			
Churches	56		100
Schools	5		10
Parsonages	30		81
Baptized Members in Subsidized Stations	169,340		224,588
Baptized Members as Percent of Total	12.6%		9.1%
Comm. Memb. in Subsidized Stations	100,101		122,352
Comm. Members as Percent of Total	12%		8%
Removed from Roster			29,554
Transferred Within Synod (in and out)			63,088
Released to Other Synods			11,073
Received from Other Synods			15,863

Congregations (North America Only)			
Number of Congregations	4,055		5,532
Average Size in Baptized Membership	331		446
Average Communicant Membership	226		284
Vacant Parishes	76		407
Congregation Size			
1—199	2,762	(52.5%)	2,906
200—499	1,023	(32.4%)	1,792
500—999	291	(11.3%)	626
1,000—1,999	99	(3.5%)	192
2,000 plus	8	(.3%)	16

Organization			
Districts (North and South America)	30		34
Circuits	284		504
Countries	10		26
Urban church locations	39.8%	(1941)	58%
County Distribution (U. S)			
Counties (48 States)			3,073
Church Representation in			1,526
1960 Population in These Counties			145,236,506
Not Represented in			1,547
1960 Population in These Counties			33,228,730

Sacred Acts (North America Only)			
Children Baptized	34,919		85,976
Child Losses			8%
Juniors Confirmed	26,820		47,176
Ratio of Juniors Confirmed: Comm.	1:34		1:33
Adults Baptized or Confirmed	12,074		35,570
Percent of Congregations Reporting Adult Accessions — Percent of Total	34%		73%
Total Gained from Without			67,440
Marriages	19,536		24,036
Burials	15,278		24,260
Communed, Average	2.48 Times		4.62 Times

Christian Education (North America Only)			
Elementary Schools	1,136		1,293
Enrolled	66,679		149,201
Teachers — Male	1,762		2,201
Teachers — Women	339		3,117
Teachers — Total	(2,101)		(5,318)
Community High Schools	3		19
Enrolled	965		8,710
Teaching Staffs	38		413
Colleges and Seminaries	1		14
Enrolled — Total	(2,561)		(6,029)
Men	2,190		4,157
Women	371		1,872
Teaching Staffs	174		472
Sunday Schools	3,605		5,439
Pupils, Including Sunday Bible Classes	309,892		895,186
Staffs	29,480		92,206
Bible Class Enrollment	59,327		236,073
Vacation Bible Schools	817		3,475
Enrollment	24,722		338,435
Valparaiso University			
Men			1,402
Women			1,265
Total	(399)		(2,667)

Institutional Chaplains	1940	1961
Full-Time Chaplains	37	107
Institutions Served	472	878
Persons Served	223,549	544,176
Preaching Services	7,725	14,678

Health and Welfare Agencies		
Hospitals, Convalescent Homes, etc.	19	29
Persons Served	45,532	116,194
Homes for the Aging	13	22
Persons Served	1,592	2,299
Child Care Services	17	25
Persons Served	1,950	9,180
Special Services	2	4
Persons Served	462	913

Reported Contributions (North America Only)	1940	1960
For Work at Home	$12,660,422	$119,572,174
Per Communicant	$13.83	$76.08
For Work at Large	$2,920,005	$30,293,831
Per Communicant	$3.19	$19.28
All Purposes	($15,580,427)	($149,866,005)
Per Communicant	($17.02)	($95.36)
Remitted for Synod's Budget	$1,327,266	$16,708,519
Per Communicant	$1.45	$10.63
Ratio of Work at Home: Work at Large		80:20
Per Capita Income — United States	$595	(1959) $2,166
Per Capita Income — Canada		$1,487
Synodical Subsidy	$233,515	$1,463,394
District Subsidy	$739,112	$4,821,786
Total Subsidy	($972,627)	($6,285,180)
Church Extension Funds — Net Worth		
District	$2,721,601	$20,228,720
Synod	$1,296,475	$3,816,506
Congregational Property Value	$96,726,594	$694,379,118
Capital Indebtedness	$16,229,443	$173,662,597
Concordia Publishing House Sales	$770,000	$9,156,577
		(1962) $11,500,000

Pastors		
Roster Total	4,110	5,868
Parish Related	3,438	4,601
Missionaries, Professors	254	579
Graduates Entering	156	196
Resigned or Retired in Year	74	92
Died — Active	28	44
Died — Inactive	26	49

Exhibit B

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod Foundation

NOTE: This financial statement of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod Foundation is being printed in the PROCEEDINGS because it is an integral part of the report of the Foundation, pages 338—340 of *Reports and Memorials*.

Balance Sheet

May 31, 1962

ASSETS		
General Fund		
Cash		$ 4,253.44
Contract Receivable		100,000.00
Investments		
U. S. Government Securities	$ 14,862.65	
Church and Church School Bonds	32,000.00	
Common Stock	5,649.12	
Real Estate	355,750.00	408,261.77
Total General Fund		$512,515.21
Annuity Fund		
Cash		$ 2,593.35
Investments		
U. S. Government Securities	$108,287.45	
Church Bonds	35,000.00	
Missouri Synod — Church Extension Notes	191,808.87	335,096.32
Total Annuity Fund		$337,689.67
Life Income Fund		
Cash		$ 3,272.34
Investments		
Utility Bonds	$ 10,000.00	
Municipal Bonds	1,000.00	
Missouri Synod — Church Extension Notes	54,891.13	65,891.13
Total Life Income Fund		$ 69,163.47
Sundry Trust Funds		
Cash		$ 1,369.67
Investments		
Missouri Synod — Church Extension Notes	$ 23,300.00	
Pension Annuity	14,278.83	37,578.83
Total Sundry Trust Funds		$ 38,948.50
TOTAL FUNDS		$958,316.85

LIABILITIES		
General Fund		
Accounts Payable		$ 2,331.44
Agency Accounts		
Lutheran Education Foundation	$ 529.90	
Sundry	361.50	891.40
Contract Payable		13,710.28
Mortgages Payable		116,054.64
Undistributed Gifts		
Undersigned	$ 10,077.63	
Designated	27,845.32	
Special	340,236.59	378,159.54
Undistributed Investment Income		1,367.91
Total General Fund		$512,515.21
Annuity Fund		
Annuity Agreements		$335,331.85
Undistributed Investment Income		2,357.82
Total Annuity Fund		$337,689.67
Life Income Fund		
Unamortized Bond Discount		$ 52.51
Life Income Gift Agreements		69,105.01
Undistributed Investment Income		5.95
Total Life Income Fund		$ 69,163.47
Sundry Trust Funds		
Abiding Memorials		$ 22,088.50
Bequest		14,484.81
Education Fund		255.10
Mission Fund		2,083.00
Sundry Trust Funds		37.09
Total Sundry Trust Funds		$ 38,948.50
Total Funds		$958,316.85

Statement of Gifts Received

Oct. 1, 1959, to Jan. 31, 1962

	Gifts Received		
Undesignated Gifts	10-1-59 to 1-31-61	2-1-61 to 1-31-62	Total
Individuals and Agencies	$ 32,836.06	$ 33,959.73	$ 66,795.79
Designated Gifts			
For General Missions	$ 900.00	$ 450.00	$ 1,350.00
For Foreign Missions	7,168.22	130.00	7,298.22
For African Missions	22,736.25	1,267.19	24,003.44
"The Lutheran Hour," Japan	2,000.00	—	2,000.00
"The Lutheran Hour"	3,718.35	1,143.00	4,861.35
Gross Mem Fund, Valparaiso University	1,000.00	—	1,000.00
Bethesda Lutheran Home	150.00	55.00	205.00
Lutheran School for the Deaf	150.00	50.00	200.00
Japanese Orphanage	100.00	—	100.00
Hospital Building, Germany	10.000.00	—	10,000.00
Nurses Procurement and Aid Fund, Germany	5,000.00	—	5,000.00
Special Projects, Germany	20,000.00	—	20,000.00
Sundry Individuals and Agencies	1,577.00	1,475.00	3,052.00
Scholarship Fund, Foreign Missions	2,000.00	—	2,000.00
Chapels, Foreign Missions	—	550.00	550.00
For Latin American Missions	—	20.00	20.00
Valparaiso Law Library Bldg. Fund	—	1,000.00	1,000.00
Obot Idim Chapel	—	50.00	50.00
This Is the Life	—	10.00	10.00
Concordia Tract Mission	—	200.00	200.00
Valparaiso University	—	200.00	200.00
Church Extension Fund	—	50.00	50.00
KFUO	—	3.00	3.00
Chapel in Luther Tower	—	3,311.00	3,311.00
Total Designated Gifts	$ 76,499.82	$ 9,964.19	$ 86,464.01
Earnings on General Investments	$ 421.03	$ 613.59	$ 1,034.62
Matured Annuities	$ 1,982.07	$ —	$ 1,982.07
Grand Total	$111,738.98	$ 44,537.51	$156,276.49

Statement of Gifts Distributed

Oct. 1, 1959, to Jan. 31, 1962

	Gifts Distributed			Gifts Undistributed
Undesignated Gifts	10-1-59 to 1-31-61	2-1-61 to 1-31-62	Total	1-31-62
Individuals and Agencies	$24,396.51*	$35,161.03*	$ 59,557.54	$ 7,238.25
Designated Gifts				
For General Missions	$ 900.00*	$ 450.00*	$ 1,350.00	$ —
For Foreign Missions	6 097.60*	130.00*	6,227.60	1,070.62
For African Missions	517.50*	1,299.69*	1,817.19	22,186.25
"The Lutheran Hour," Japan	2,000.00	—	2,000.00	—
"The Lutheran Hour"	718.35	3,131.75	3,850.10	1,011.25
Gross Mem. Fund, Valpo Univ.	1,000.00	—	1,000.00	—
Bethesda Lutheran Home	150.00	55.00	205.00	—
Lutheran School for the Deaf	150.00	—	150.00	50.00
Japanese Orphanage	100.00	—	100.00	—
Hospital Building, Germany	10,000.00	—	10,000.00	—
Nurses Procurement and Aid Fund, Germany	5,000.00	—	5,000.00	—
Special Projects, Germany	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00	—
Sundry Individuals and Agencies	1.577.00	1,475.00	3,052.00	—
Scholarship Fund, Foreign Miss.	2,000.00	—	2,000.00	—
Chapels, Foreign Missions	—	550.00	550.00	—
For Latin American Missions	—	20.00*	20.00	—
Valparaiso Law Library Building Fund	—	1,000.00	1,000.00	—
Obot Idim Chapel	—	50.00	50.00	—
This Is the Life	—	10.00*	10.00	—
Concordia Tract Mission	—	200.00	200.00	—
Valparaiso University	—	200 00	200.00	—
Church Extension Fund	—	—	—	50.00
KFUO	—	—	—	3.00
Chapel in Luther Tower	—	—	—	3,311.00
Total Designated Gifts	$40,210.45	$18,571.44	$ 58,781.89	$27,682.12
Earnings on General Investm'ts	$ —	$ 789.34*	$ 789.34	$ 245.28
Matured Annuities	$ —	$ 1,982.07*	$ 1,982.07	$ —
Grand Total	$64,606.96	$56,503.88	$121,110.84	$35,165.65

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