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 XP = Excused Parttime
 U = Unexcused

CONVENTION DELEGATES

I. Congregations - Members

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|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------------|
| 1. ARIZONA, | Phoenix - Holy Cross . . . | Delegates | <u>P</u> : | Edgar Partch |
| | | | <u> </u> : | |
| | | Pastor | <u>P</u> : | Michael Sydow |
| 2. CALIFORNIA, | Sepulveda - Servant of Christ | | <u> </u> : | |
| | | Delegates | <u>P</u> : | Jack Mayhew |
| | | Pastor | <u>P</u> : | W. Schaller |
| 3. COLORADO, | Broomfield - Trinity . . . | Delegates | <u>P</u> : | Gregory Hug |
| | | | <u>X</u> : | |
| | | Pastor | <u>P</u> : | N. R. Carlson |
| 4. | Denver - St. Luke's . . . | Delegates | <u>X</u> : | |
| | | | <u>X</u> : | |
| | | Pastor | <u>P</u> : | V. Tiefel |
| 5. | Denver - St. Peter's . . . | Delegates | <u>X</u> : | |
| | | | <u>X</u> : | |
| | | Pastor | <u>X</u> : | D. DeRose |
| 6. | Lamar - Mt. Olive . . . | Delegates | <u>P</u> : | Carl Appel |
| | | | <u>X</u> : | |
| | | Pastor | <u>P</u> : | John H. Johannes |
| 7. FLORIDA, | Winter Haven - Immanuel . | Delegates | <u>X</u> : | |
| | | | <u>X</u> : | |
| | | Teacher | <u>X</u> : | Henry Hasse |
| | | Pastor | <u>X</u> : | Martin Galstad |
| 8. IDAHO, | Orofino - Peace . . . | Delegates | <u>XP</u> : | Everett Martin |
| | | | <u>XP</u> : | Frank Stanek |
| | | Pastor | <u>P</u> : | K. Hallauer |
| 9. MICHIGAN, | Coloma - Faith . . . | Delegates | <u>P</u> : | Henry Gnewuch |
| | | | <u> </u> : | |
| | | Pastor | <u>XP</u> : | Ralph Schaller |
| 10. | Green Garden - St. Paul's . | Delegates | <u>X</u> : | |
| | | | <u>X</u> : | |
| | | Pastor | <u>X</u> : | Paul Fleischer |
| 11. | Marquette - Calvary . . | Delegates | <u>P</u> : | Michael McCarty, Jr. |
| | | | <u> </u> : | |
| | | Pastor | <u>P</u> : | B. J. Naumann |
| 12. | Rankin - Lamb of God . . . | Delegates | <u>U</u> : | |
| | | | <u>U</u> : | |
| | | Pastor | <u>X</u> : | Elmer Boniek |
| 13. | Saginaw - Gethsemane . . . | Delegates | <u>X</u> : | |
| | | | <u>X</u> : | |
| | | Pastor | <u>X</u> : | O. J. Eckert |
| 14. | Sister Lakes - Redeemer . | Delegates | <u>X</u> : | |
| | | | <u>X</u> : | |
| | | Pastor | <u>XP</u> : | Ralph Schaller |
| 15. | Stambaugh - St. Peter's . | Delegates | <u>X</u> : | |
| | | | <u>X</u> : | |
| | | Pastor | <u>X</u> : | George Tiefel |
| 16. MINNESOTA, | Austin - St. Paul's . . . | Delegates | <u>X</u> : | |
| | | | <u>X</u> : | |
| | | Pastor | <u>P</u> : | L. W. Schierenbeck |
| 17. | Eagle Lake - Salem . . . | Delegates | <u>X</u> : | |
| | | | <u>X</u> : | |
| | | Pastor | <u>P</u> : | Keith Olmanson |

Committee # 10: Elections

Rollin Reim
 James Sandeen
 Herbert Witt
 Messiah, Eau Claire - James Gullerud

Committee # 11: Press Relations

Robert Reim
 M. J. Witt
 Paul Albrecht
 Egbert Schaller

MISCELLANEOUS

Speakers: Opening Communion Service - N. R. Carlson
 Sunday Morning Services - Robert Dommer and Egbert Schaller
 Convention Service - John Lau
 Closing Service - Rollin Reim

Essayists: Gilbert Sydow - A LIVING SACRIFICE--YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE
 Paul F. Nolting - THE SOCIAL GOSPEL--A THREAT TO THE
 PRINCIPLE OF THE SEPARATION OF
 CHURCH AND STATE

Chaplain: Rollin Reim

Organists: Robert Dommer
 Gerhard Mueller

REPORT OF COMMITTEE # 9: MEMBERSHIP, CREDENTIALS, AND EXCUSES
RATIFICATION OF VISITING ELDERS
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

I. Membership of Pastors

WHEREAS Candidates Paul Larsen, Eugene Rutz, and James E. Sandeen were presented as candidates for the pastoral ministry by our seminary and have subscribed to Article III of the Constitution of the Church of the Lutheran Confession and to the order established by that Constitution; and

WHEREAS Paul Larsen has been called into the public ministry by Peace Congregation of Mission, South Dakota and St. Paul's Congregation of White River, South Dakota and has accepted the call; and

WHEREAS Eugene Rutz has been called into the public ministry by Holy Trinity Congregation of Missoula, Montana and has accepted the call; and

WHEREAS James E. Sandeen has been called into the public ministry by Trinity Congregation of Millston, Wisconsin and has accepted the call;

BE IT RESOLVED that Paul Larsen, Eugene Rutz, and James E. Sandeen be received into voting membership.

II. Membership of Congregation

WHEREAS the congregation of St. Peters Lutheran Church of Rochester, Minnesota has applied for membership in the Church of the

Lutheran Confession; and

WHEREAS this congregation has declared its agreement with the confessional position of the Church of the Lutheran Confession; and

WHEREAS the constitution and by-laws of the congregation have been reviewed and found to be in order;

BE IT RESOLVED that this congregation be received into membership of this body.

III. Review of Constitution

WHEREAS the congregation of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Winter Haven, Florida was received into membership last year and has now submitted its revised constitution to this convention for comment; and

WHEREAS your committee recommends that this congregation seriously consider defining the terms of communicant membership more precisely by adding the requirement that communicant members be familiar with Luther's Small Catechism and declare their acceptance of the same; and

WHEREAS your committee questions the wisdom of identifying The Brief Statement as a symbol of the Lutheran Church and suggests that it rather be identified as a confessional statement;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Church of the Lutheran Confession forward this recommendation and suggestion to Immanuel Lutheran Congregation.

IV. Attendance

Your committee reports 92 voters (45 lay delegates, 38 pastors, 2 teachers, and 7 professors) seated at the convention; 69 were excused and 3 were unexcused.

We acknowledge the interest of our affiliated congregations in that some had delegates present at this convention, while others favored us with sending excuses.

Your committee is very much concerned because of the thirty delegates who arrived unannounced at this convention. We believe that it should be the rare exception that a delegate's presence is not announced to the host pastor.

V. Ratification of Visiting Elders

WHEREAS Pastor Ralph Schaller was elected Visitor of the Michigan Conference; and

WHEREAS Pastor Egbert Albrecht was elected Visitor of the Wisconsin Conference; and

WHEREAS Pastor Paul F. Nolting was elected Visitor of the Minnesota Conference; and

WHEREAS Pastor Vernon Greve was elected Visitor of the West-Central Conference; and

WHEREAS Pastor Norbert Reim was elected Visitor of the Pacific Coast Conference; and

WHEREAS it is our judgment that these men are qualified for their office,

BE IT RESOLVED that this convention ratify their elections.

VI. Expressions of Gratitude

We give thanks to our Savior for His faithful Christians in Spokane, Opportunity, Clarkston, and Orofino who have provided so abundantly for our needs during the convention.

The housing provided by many members, the work of the host pastors, the fine meals prepared by the ladies' groups, and much other work all is used to the end that the Gospel may have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people.

We also express our thanks to the essayists, speakers, members of various committees, and all others who helped with the many details which made for a smooth-running convention.

And finally we extend our thanks to outgoing members of our boards, who under the guidance of God have served the CLC so faithfully:
L. Grams and E. Neubert - Board of Missions, W. Romberg - Board of Trustees, A. Gullerud and J. Peizl - Board of Regents, R. Roehl and G. Radtke - Board of Education, E. Reim and R. Gurgel - Board of Doctrine. (We note with joy that Prof. Reim will continue to serve our Board of Doctrine as an advisory member.)

VII. Convention Site

WHEREAS we have the gracious standing invitation to hold our convention at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the next regular convention of the CLC be held at Mankato from the second Thursday to the third Tuesday of August, 1968.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AND REPORT

My dear fellow redeemed and workers in the Lord's Vineyard:

The Word of God which I desire to lay on your hearts and minds as we address ourselves to the work which the Lord has laid before us is written in Philippians 1:9-11 - This I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ; being filled with fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

The relationship between St. Paul and the Philippians was a very tender and beautiful one. St. Paul loved the Philippians as a father loves his children. He could not say enough in praise of their readiness to receive the gospel which he had preached to them. Their faithfulness and steadfastness in good days and in evil days filled the heart of the aged apostle with gladness. He says to them: I thank my God upon every remembrance of you for your fellowship in the gospel; I have you in my heart;

God is my record how greatly I long for you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ; my beloved, ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only but much more in my absence. He calls them: saints in Jesus Christ; my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and my crown. The Philip-pians, on their part, loved Paul with all their hearts because he had brought them the eternal truth of the gospel by which they had become children of God and heirs of heaven. In love they provided generously for his every bodily need, not only while he was in their midst but also when he departed to preach the gospel elsewhere. They sent him a large gift of money by special messenger when he was a prisoner in Rome. Con-cerning this gift, Paul afterwards wrote to them: I have all and abound; I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.

Although Paul had only high praise for the Philippians for their faithfulness and steadfastness, their love and kindness, he did not say to them: You are doing very well; continue just as you are. No, he wrote to them: This I pray that your love may abound yet more and more in know-ledge and in all judgment, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ unto the glory and praise of God. Paul wanted his beloved Philippians to grow in Christian knowledge and wisdom and every good work to the glory and praise of God.

During the six short years of our existence the Lord has done much for us, has blessed us richly and abundantly, far more than we have deserved, far above many others.

We still have His holy Word in all its glorious truth. It still is to us the holy and inerrant Word of God in all its parts. The gospel still is to us the power of God unto salvation. His Word still is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. To us has been given the special grace to see clearly and grasp firmly certain doctrines which many others no longer see clearly or have lost altogether. I am thinking first of all of the precious doctrine of justification which tells us that we are justified by grace through faith, without the deeds of the law. I am thinking also of the grand doctrine of the Church. I am thinking also of the fact that God has given us grace to grasp the Scrip-tural principles of fellowship, and to understand what the Lord has to say about separation from such as have fallen into error. But let us not think that we have plumbed the depth of the riches and of the wisdom of God, that we have already grasped fully everything that God has to say to us in His holy Word, that there is nothing left for us to learn. Let us pray without ceasing that God, through the gracious operation of the Holy Spirit, may cause us to grow constantly in all spiritual knowledge and faith and love. Let us apply ourselves diligently to the study of God's Word so that we may see ever more clearly what the good and gracious will of God is, appropriate to ourselves ever and again the glorious truths revealed to us, so that we may become more firmly established in the faith and become ever better qualified to teach God's Word to others. It is not God's will that we be satisfied with the measure of knowledge we have. It is His holy will that our love abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment.

We are preaching the gospel of Christ in sixteen states of our Union and in far off Japan. We are doing it because we love the Lord Jesus who has redeemed us with His own blood and wants His gospel preached

in all the world and to every creature. But let us not think for a moment that we are doing it as well as the Lord wants us to do it. We still have much, very much, to learn when it comes to preaching the gospel in this fast moving and rapidly changing world, a world hastening toward the day when our exalted Savior will come in the clouds of heaven to ask an account of us and to judge both the quick and the dead. We ought to apply ourselves with much greater zeal and wisdom to the work of spreading the gospel and ought quickly and eagerly to enter every door which the Lord opens to us. The Lord is pleased with what we are doing. But He does not say to us: You are doing very well; just continue as you are doing now. He says to each and every one of us: I would that your love abound yet more and more.

By the grace of God we have come into possession of a wonderful educational institution at which our future servants of the Word are prepared for work in the Church. Next to God, we depend on our Immanuel Lutheran College to give us devout and able pastors to feed the flock of God, zealous missionaries imbued with a passion for souls redeemed with the blood of Christ, and consecrated teachers to bring our little ones to their Savior. But although this institution of Christian learning is well staffed, and although the physical plant meets our most urgent needs, there still is much room for improvement. The library is in urgent need of more books. The science room is in need of more equipment. Not all our classrooms have all the teaching aids that are desirable. We have need of the second classroom building in order to meet the requirements of the State Industrial Commission. This second unit ought to be erected as soon as possible so that the Northwest Building may be put to the use for which it is intended and that the Annex may be reserved for women students. Here too, our love needs to abound yet more and more.

The state of our treasury as of June 30th was good. All obligations had been fully met. The current debt was reduced from five thousand to two thousand dollars. The debt resulting from the original purchase of the Ingram property has been steadily reduced. The first new classroom building is fully paid.

While we are deeply grateful for what the Lord has given us, we have no reason to be proud of our accomplishments. There were times when our financial situation looked glum, not to say desperate. Our contributions for the work of the Lord were not as consistent as they should have been. It should not take an emergency, not to say a threatening disaster, to spur us on to do what the Lord asks of us. The rich blessing which the Lord has showered on us ought to move us to contribute joyfully, generously, and regularly as the Lord has blessed us, to give as the Lord has need of our gifts.

Perhaps we were remiss in keeping the needs before our people, remiss also in offering encouragement and admonition when encouragement and admonition were called for. Perhaps we were so eager to avoid every form of pressure and legalism that we became slovenly. Perhaps, in our desire to be evangelical, we neglected the evangelical admonition which we owed each other.

It is not legalistic to tell our people that the Lord has need of their gifts of love. It is not legalistic to keep the needs constantly before our people. Mutual encouragement and admonition are not legalistic. We sometimes need to be told with all love and kindness that we allowed the old man in us, our Old Adam who is always wrong, to tell us how much

we ought to contribute for the work of the Lord. We are not being legalistic when we give someone's Old Adam a thorough dressing down when and where we see him exerting his evil influence. We are not being unevangelical when we encourage the new man to bring forth the good fruit which the Lord is seeking. Our love for Christ ought to abound yet more and more in offerings which are an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.

A committee has been appointed to show us how we may do the Lord's work more effectively and how we may encourage and engender faithful stewardship in each other.

As we look back on the six brief years of our existence, we can but marvel and thank God for what He has given us. He has preserved Word among us and filled our hearts with the firm resolve to remain faithful and humbly obedient to it. He has united us in a church body which is determined by the grace of God to stand firmly by and on the Holy Scriptures as the inspired and inerrant Word of God. He has given us our Immanuel Lutheran College with buildings and campus far beyond anything that we had dared to think of six years ago. He has given us more workers than we in our littleness of faith felt able to call into full-time service. He has given us faithful congregations to work with us in the Lord's Vineyard, supporting the work with their prayers and gifts and talents. He has set more open doors before than we dared to enter and has richly blessed our effort in the fields which we did enter.

The Lord has indeed been good to us. But we have not done all that we should have done. We are not faithful stewards when we allow willing and able workers, precious gifts of the Lord to His Church, to stand idle in the market place or spend much of their time and energy in secular work in order to provide for their families when we ought to enable them to give themselves wholly to the preaching of the Word, the winning of souls for Christ. Let us confess our failure and humbly, penitently pray the Lord of the Church to give us grace to remedy what is amiss. Let us at this convention give careful and prayerful thought to what we may do to get all our trained men out of secular work and wholly into the work for which the Lord has prepared them.

Intersynodical Matters

After lengthy correspondence with the president of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod, a subcommittee of our Board of Doctrine met with a subcommittee of the Wisconsin Synod Commission on Doctrinal Matters on March 1, 1966 in Minneapolis. The correspondence which led up to this meeting of subcommittees is open to you and will be submitted to the proper committee upon its request.

The purpose of the above meeting was to "discuss the difficulties brought to light in our correspondence" and to discover "whether or not the necessary basis exists and proper premises can be established for undertaking a discussion of fellowship principles."

The results of the meeting are contained in the Summary* which appears in the Prospectus.

After our Board of Doctrine, as well as our General Pastoral Conference had carefully considered this Summary, particularly the Presuppositions which the WELS representatives seemed to consider vital, the

*Confer page 18 of these Proceedings.

following communication was directed to President Naumann under date of April 12, 1966:

President Oscar J. Naumann
Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod
3512 West North Ave.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208

Dear President Naumann,

At the close of the meeting of subcommittees in Minneapolis on March 1, 1966 the representatives of our Board of Doctrine agreed to forward to you, by the end of April, the reaction of their Board to the provisions embodied in the Summary of our meeting--provisions that would lay the foundation for a projected meeting with your Commission on Doctrinal Matters.

Our Board of Doctrine has made a careful study of the Summary in connection with a review of the differences separating our two churches. In the hope that a significant forward step can be taken in an effort to remove these differences we place before you the following reply.

We have been encouraged by the willingness of the WELS representatives to accede to our urgent request for a review of the official resolutions and statements of the WELS and, in spite of their misgivings, to recommend such a review to their Commission on the basis of certain "presuppositions."

We assume that these presuppositions are not meant as rigid technicalities and restrictions, but rather as suggestions for an orderly and fruitful discussion of our differences and as an expression of our mutual concern for full and true agreement in the matters we are discussing. It is therefore to be expected that the formal statements of our respective churches mentioned in the first Presupposition will be examined also in the light of past and present practice.

While point 3 of the Presuppositions is not entirely clear to us either as to scope or intent, we must assume that it neither calls for nor commits anyone to an "agreement to disagree" in any matter of doctrine, either in principle or in practice. We further desire to point out that official interpretations of past synodical actions, as well as evaluations of historical situations, may in themselves constitute definitive expressions of principle and doctrine in which unanimity is required.

In this understanding we declare our readiness to enter the proposed discussions on the basis of the Presuppositions and, for the sake of preventing further delay in a matter of great urgency, express the hope that the recommendations of the WELS representatives will be accepted by their Commission on Doctrinal Matters. In the same spirit we herewith concur also in the "assurances" as revised and modified in the Summary of the meeting of March 1, 1966.

We trust that your Commission will find it feasible to review our reactions at its meeting in May and that a favorable reply may include a proposal for an early meeting. We wish also to say that if your Commission would find it difficult or inconvenient to arrange for a meeting place elsewhere, we would not be unwilling to accept an appointment in Milwaukee.

With the prayer that the Lord may bless your deliberations, I am,
 Yours very cordially,
 Paul Albrecht.

President Naumann's reply, dated July 20, 1966, is as follows:

The Reverend Paul G. Albrecht, President
 The Church of the Lutheran Confession
 Bowdle, S. Dakota 57428

Dear Pastor Albrecht:

After returning from a three-week tour of theological discussions and contacts with Lutheran free church representatives in Germany, I must convey to you the resolution of our Commission on Doctrinal Matters concerning proposed meetings between your Board of Doctrine and our Commission on Doctrinal Matters.

Your letter of April 22 had indicated a qualified approval of the three presuppositions for doctrinal discussions that had been suggested by our subcommittees.

A motion was adopted expressing agreement with the presuppositions listed in the summary of our meeting which our committee submitted. It was further resolved that you should be informed that our Commission stands ready to meet with the Board of Doctrine of the Church of the Lutheran Confession.

Because of difficulty in understanding certain portions of your letter of April 22, it was resolved that our initial discussions be restricted to the first presupposition, namely, an examination of the two published formulations on church fellowship, in order to determine the extent of our agreement on the basis of these two statements of principle.

I trust that your Board of Doctrine will be able to react to this suggestion during the course of your convention next month, and that a meeting in early fall can be arranged for the proposed discussions.

Sincerely yours,
 Oscar J. Naumann

Resignations

It is with deep regret that we take note of the fact that Prof. E. Reim, the founder of our seminary, and its first professor and dean, has felt constrained because of failing health to submit his resignation. It is our sincere hope and fervent prayer that the Lord may grant him improved health and strength to serve our seminary on a limited basis and also to continue to serve our Church of the Lutheran Confession in other ways with the very special gifts with which the Lord has endowed him.

Having served the Lord in the public ministry for more than fifty years, the Reverend Gerhard Pieper, co-pastor of Luther Memorial of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin has gone into retirement.

We thank our God for having granted our brother the high honor and privilege of serving Him in His kingdom for more than half a century.

Dedications

On September 5, 1965 St. John's of Clarkston, Washington dedicated its new house of worship to the glory of God. Pastor L. G. Bernthal read the rite of dedication.

The new classroom building at Immanuel Lutheran College was dedicated September 26, 1965. Pastor Paul Albrecht and Pastor Egbert Albrecht officiated.

Messiah of Eau Claire dedicated its school building on December 5, 1965. Pastor George Tiefel was the guest speaker.

Faith of Nicollet, Minnesota dedicated its house of worship on June 5, 1966. Prof. Egbert Schaller, former pastor of the congregation, served as both morning and afternoon speaker.

Anniversaries

The fortieth anniversary of the ordination of Pastor Christ Albrecht was observed on August 1, 1965 by Trinity of Watertown, South Dakota and Zion of Hidewood, South Dakota in a special service in which Prof. Egbert Schaller preached the sermon.

On June 26, 1966 St. Paul's of Austin, Minnesota was privileged to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of its organization. Festival speakers at the occasion were Pastor L. Schierenbeck, pastor of the congregation, and Pastor Paul Nolting.

Faith of Cambridge, Wisconsin observed the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of Pastor Adalbert Geiger on April 24, 1966. Pastor Carl Thurow preached the sermon.

Ordinations and Installations

Pastor Rollin Reim was installed as pastor of St. Stephen's of San Francisco, California on September 12, 1965 by Pastor W. Schaller.

Pastor John Lau was installed as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College September 7, 1965 by Pastor Arvid Gullerud.

Pastor L. G. Bernthal was installed as pastor of Orthodox Lutheran of St. Louis, Missouri on October 3, 1965 by Prof. R. Gurgel.

Pastor Gilbert Sydow was installed as pastor of Faith of New Ulm, Minnesota on October 10, 1965 by Pastor Paul Nolting.

Pastor Kenneth Hallauer was installed as pastor of St. John's of Clarkston, Washington and of Peace of Orofino, Idaho on November 28, 1965 by Pastor Robert Reim.

Candidate Paul Larsen was ordained and installed as pastor of Peace of Mission, South Dakota and of St. Paul's of White River, South Dakota on May 15, 1966 by Pastor Karl Brandle.

Candidate Eugene Rutz was ordained and installed as pastor of Holy Trinity of Missoula, Montana on June 26, 1966 by Pastor Robert Reim.

Candidate James Sandeen was ordained and installed as pastor of Trinity of Millston, Wisconsin on July 3, 1966 by Pastor George Barthels.

Appointments

Committee for the Study of Mission Methods: Pastor Egbert Albrecht, Pastor Carl Thurow, and Pastor Rollin Reim.

Committee on Stewardship: Pastor Gordon Radtke, Pastor Gilbert Sydow, Prof. Clifford Kuehne, and the lay delegates from Immanuel's of Mankato and of Faith of New Ulm.

Mr. Lloyd Lieske and Mr. Richard Ohlmann were added to the Constitution Committee.

The Convention

The work of the convention, aside from the elections, is outlined in the prospectus which is before you and in the supplementary reports and memorials which came in too late to be included in the prospectus. These supplementary reports and memorials will be presented at a time set aside by the moderator for this purpose.

Pastor Gilbert Sydow will present an essay on the topic: A LIVING SACRIFICE--YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE.

Pastor Paul Nolting has prepared an essay on the topic: THE SOCIAL GOSPEL--A THREAT TO THE PRINCIPLE OF THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE.

Pastor N. R. Carlson was requested to preach the sermon in the opening service of this convention.

Prof. John Lau will bring us a message from the Word of God in the convention service Sunday evening.

Pastor Rollin Reim has consented to take charge of the daily devotions.

May the Lord guide and direct us by His Holy Spirit as we go about our work, give us grace to recognize His will, and to do it joyfully.

Lord Jesus Christ, Thy power make known,
For Thou art Lord of lords alone;
Defend Thy Christendom that we
May evermore sing praise to Thee. Amen.

Paul Albrecht, President

REPORT OF COMMITTEE # 2: PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AND REPORT

Brethren:

We concur in the judgment of the president's report that there is constant need for critical self-appraisal with regard to the work that we do in the name of the Lord.

While we recognize that our labor in the Lord has not been in vain, yet we also want to recognize that we have not utilized God's gifts to their full potential.

A matter of special concern in the presidential report is the fact that some of our pastors and teachers are still partially engaged in secular work. It is self-evident that this is, generally speaking, a practice which hinders the Gospel from having free course. We must seek

diligently to make better use of those whom God gives us for the edifying of His Church.

While this is true we realize that such an arrangement may, under certain circumstances, be a valid way of providing a Gospel ministry. Greatest care must be taken, however, to keep exceptional cases from establishing policy.

We recommend that the appointments, as listed in the president's report, be ratified by the convention.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DOCTRINE

Dear Brethren:

The first half of the past synodical year made no heavy demands upon the Board of Doctrine. In November a meeting was held with one of our pastors to discuss objections raised against reference to the sin against the Holy Ghost in an article reproduced in the Journal of Theology. We were happy to be able to report in the Journal that after thorough mutual study the issue was successfully settled. The Board also began work on the compilation of historical sources for the purpose of establishing an archive of materials bearing on the origins of our church body.

During this period correspondence between President Albrecht and President Naumann of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod was continued, though interrupted by lengthy intervals until January. At that time a suggestion by President Naumann led to arrangements for a meeting of subcommittees of the Board of Doctrine and the Doctrinal Commission of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. As has been the practice in the past, President Albrecht will present the text of all significant letters in connection with his presidential report.

We on our part herewith submit the text of the official summary of subcommittees of the CLC Board of Doctrine and the WELS Commission on Doctrinal Matters, dated March 1, 1966. Our evaluation and a copy of the essential points of the reply transmitted to President Naumann by President Albrecht conclude this report.

The Summary

The meeting was held at the Holiday Inn, Minneapolis, March 1, 1966, attended by subcommittees of the CLC Board of Doctrine and the WELS Commission on Doctrinal Matters; President Paul Albrecht, Prof. E. Reim and Prof. E. Schaller represented the CLC Board of Doctrine, President O. Naumann, Prof. C. Lawrenz, and Prof. O. Siegler represented the WELS Commission on Doctrinal Matters.

It was agreed at the outset of the discussion that neither group of participants was in a position to commit its respective Board or Commission, but that an effort would be made to establish satisfactory premises on the basis of which a discussion of fellowship principles might be approved and undertaken by the CLC Board of Doctrine and the WELS Commission on Doctrinal Matters.

Concerning the desired assurances listed in Pres. Naumann's letter of April 6, 1965, which our (the WELS) Commission had considered necessary

for a fruitful doctrinal discussion, we agreed to report to the Commission and the Board of Doctrine the following reformulation of Point 1: namely

"that in entering upon such discussions we thereby extend to one another the confidence that we are dealing with representatives of church bodies which purposed and still purpose to submit to the authority of the Word of God."

There was agreement as to Points 2

"that your Board also understands that the need for an objective discussion of the basic principles in question renders premature any discussion of grievances, inasmuch as that might becloud the issues."

and 3 as formulated,

"that it is agreed that in all instances individual cases must be handled by those in whose jurisdiction their evaluation and adjudication belong."

and the following reformulation of Point 4 was approved, namely,

"that during the course of such discussions the participants publish only such reports of these discussions as stay within the realm of those things that have been mutually accepted as reflecting the agreements reached or the convictions expressed by either group of participants."

Regarding the matter of undertaking a discussion of the doctrine of church fellowship, the WELS representatives urged consideration of the present position of the two church bodies on the basis of their published documents setting forth the respective fellowship positions and on the basis of their application to present practice. The CLC representatives, on the other hand, expressed the view that it was essential to examine past resolutions and official statements of the WELS in order to evaluate the WELS Commission's presentation of "Church Fellowship."

Although the WELS representatives expressed their misgivings as to the fruitfulness of such a review, they did express their willingness to recommend such a review to their Commission on the basis of the following presuppositions:

1. that the participants in such a review find no disagreement in principle with respect to the two published formulations of the principles of church fellowship, i.e., of the CLC and WELS;

2. that, if the CLC representatives still consider it necessary to maintain their official charge that the WELS has deviated from the Scriptural doctrine of church fellowship, the alleged deviation be specifically enunciated prior to a review of past pronouncements and official statements of the WELS;

3. that it be understood that no unanimity as to interpretation of past official actions or as to evaluation of historical situations - apart from clearly defined statements of principle and doctrine - is essential to present fellowship as long as there is current agreement in principle and practice.

The CLC representatives on their part expressed their willingness to specify what they still hold to be a deviation from the Scriptural principle of church fellowship as they find it in former official statements and resolutions of the WELS; and to indicate which particular

resolutions and statements express their deviation.

With respect to the Dakota-Montana District resolutions of 1964, the WELS representatives declared that the publication of the District resolution did not in itself constitute the raising of a charge by the Synod as such.

The CLC representatives concur in the factual accuracy of this Summary, but wish to point out for the purpose of clarification that the presuppositions listed as points 1, 2 and 3 were formulated by and on the initiative of the WELS representatives and are listed for CLC study.

Evaluation

Efforts of the Board of Doctrine to arrange a meeting with the WELS Commission on Doctrinal Matters originated in the assertion of the WELS representatives at the South St. Paul meeting, Jan. 2, 1964, to the effect that the CLC has the responsibility of proving its charges against WELS, including that of error in the doctrine of church fellowship.

It is in this context that the Summary must be understood when it looks toward a "discussion of fellowship principles . . . by the CLC Board of Doctrine and the WELS Commission," and further speaks of a review of "past resolutions and official statements of the WELS" essential to an evaluation of "the WELS Commission's presentation of 'Church Fellowship'."

The meeting of the subcommittees of March 1, 1966 was helpful in several respects. Although the WELS Commission, through President Naumann, had not made such a preliminary meeting of subcommittees mandatory on its part, the Board of Doctrine accepted it as a proposal, an acceptance for which the WELS representatives indicated their appreciation. Looking back, we are convinced that such a forum for a discussion of "difficulties brought to light in our correspondence" and for "determining whether or not the necessary basis exists and proper premises can be established for undertaking a discussion of fellowship principles" (President Naumann's letter of Jan. 26, 1966) provided a flexibility of discussion and brought results which would have been far more difficult to achieve in a plenary meeting of the Board of Doctrine with the Commission on Doctrinal Matters.

The "difficulties," which were largely centered in the four points of "assurances" listed in President Naumann's letter of April 6, 1965, seem to have been successfully met by modification of some of the original points and by further agreement on the bearing of the others. The Board of Doctrine feels that as now formulated the "assurances" are mutual and can with good conscience be given on our part. We might have wished that Point 1 could have been limited to an expression of confidence regarding present attitudes, and feel that this would suffice. The WELS representatives, however, strongly desired the full statement. It is our position that, if all other preliminary stipulations are accepted and respected, agreement to Point 1 will compromise neither our convictions nor our efforts.

The wording of Presuppositions 1 and 2, read in their order, might seem to imply that a discussion of the formal confessional documents of our respective churches on the doctrine at issue must precede any reference to the past. This, we feel, would create difficulties since a disagreement

in the confessional documents may be obscured by a lack of specific or explicit wording. Paragraph 2 of our proposed reply seeks to obviate such difficulties.

Presupposition 3 will give rise to certain misgivings among us. We know that interpretation of the official actions of a church body must lie with the church body itself or with its designated representatives. In the past, interpretations of certain actions have been advanced which we as individuals could not accept for ourselves. The question is whether unanimity of interpretation in this area would be essential for spiritual unity. Our attitude is reflected in paragraph 3 of our proposed reply.

Another question confronting us in Presupposition 3 is whether "evaluation of historical situations" must be uniform in order to clear the way for fellowship relations. The evaluation of historical situations, apart from those reported and interpreted in Holy Scripture, has never been regarded among us as a divisive issue. But the record of our differences with the WELS is concerned with recognition of a church body as causing divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which we have learned. This involves an historical situation which is not a matter of mere human judgment but of established fact. A difference of interpretation here may well be disruptive of church fellowship. Paragraph 3 of our proposed reply touches also upon this issue.

Our primary concern, of course, is with the clear WELS statements of principle and doctrine made between 1955 and 1961, some of which in the light of Scripture must be recognized as espousing unscriptural principles of termination of church fellowship. Presupposition 3 expressly offers to isolate such statements from the area of opinion. We feel that, having made clear our understanding of the "evaluation" and "interpretation" provisions of Presupposition 3, we could undertake to present the evidence which we consider conclusive as well as essential to our purpose.

Looking toward a meeting with the WELS Commission on the terms proposed, therefore, we invite discussion of the following reply to be forwarded to the Commission:

Reply

1. We have been encouraged by the willingness of the WELS representatives to accede to our urgent request for a review of the official resolutions and statements of the WELS and, in spite of their misgivings, to recommend such a review to their Commission on the basis of certain "Presuppositions."

2. We assume that these presuppositions are not meant as rigid technicalities and restrictions, but rather as suggestions for an orderly and fruitful discussion of our differences and as an expression of our mutual concern for full and true agreement in the matters we are discussing. Therefore it is to be expected that the formal statements of our respective churches mentioned in the first Presupposition will be examined also in the light of past and present practice.

3. While point 3 of the Presuppositions is not entirely clear to us either as to scope or intent, we must assume that it neither calls for nor commits anyone to an "agreement to disagree" in any matter of doctrine, either in principle or in practice. We further desire to point out that official interpretations of past synodical actions, as well as

evaluations of historical situations, may in themselves constitute definitive expressions of principle and doctrine in which unanimity is required.

4. In this understanding we declare our readiness to enter the proposed discussions on the basis of the Presuppositions and, for the sake of preventing further delay in a matter of great urgency, express the hope that the recommendations of the WELS representatives will be accepted by their Commission on Doctrinal Matters. In the same spirit we herewith concur also in the desired "assurances" as revised and modified in the Summary of the meeting of March 1, 1966.

Respectfully,

The Board of Doctrine: R. Gurgel
C. M. Gurgel
E. Reim
E. Schaller, Chairman

Supplementary Report

Your Board of Doctrine submits for your consideration and decision its reaction to a communication from President O. J. Naumann to President Albrecht, dated July 20, 1966.* The letter in substance states the following:

a) That the Commission on Doctrinal Matters of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod stands ready to meet with the Board of Doctrine of the CLC; and,

b) That because not all portions of President Albrecht's letter of April 22 were understood by them, the Commission resolved that the "initial discussion be restricted to the first Presupposition" originally set up by the representatives of the Wisconsin Commission at our Minneapolis meeting of March 1. This Presupposition is to the effect that any review of Wisconsin's statements and resolutions in 1955-1961, as they bear upon the matter of termination of church fellowship, be undertaken only after "the participants find no disagreement in principle with respect to the two published formulations of the principles of church fellowship, that is, of the CLC and the WELS."

We do not know in what respect our response of April 22 seemed unclear to the Commissioners. Therefore we cannot comment on this circumstance.

It is very clear to us, however, that the present proposal calling for a meeting limited by the terms of the first Presupposition rejects our requirement that any joint study of the formal doctrinal statements of our church bodies, namely the Theses on Church Fellowship of the Wisconsin Synod and Concerning Church Fellowship (CCF) of the CLC, must be carried out "also in the light of past and present practice."

We cannot undertake to discuss expressions of principle with Wisconsin at this point without reference to past practice and the expressions of principle which supported such practice. The Wisconsin Theses on Church Fellowship, whatever their merits otherwise, do not focus upon the immediate point of our controversy. In the specific area of our differences they are subject to varying interpretation. If they are declared to mean what the CCF says in regard to that issue, their adequacy would have to be tested against the other official pronouncements of Wisconsin as well as its actions between 1955 and 1961. Failing this,

our discussions would expose us to the great danger of reaching agreement in words without agreement in substance. This risk we cannot in good conscience accept.

We propose, therefore, that President Naumann and the Commission be advised that we are prepared to limit the initial discussion to the first Presupposition, but only with the added stipulation that earlier as well as subsequent official statements and actions of Wisconsin be admitted in evidence for clarification of the meaning of that Synod's Theses.

Respectfully,

The Board of Doctrine
E. Schaller, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE # 1: DOCTRINE

President Naumann, in his letter of July 20, 1966, has informed President Albrecht of the resolutions of the WELS Commission on Doctrinal Matters, namely, that their "Commission stands ready to meet with the Board of Doctrine of the Church of the Lutheran Confession," and that the "initial discussions be restricted to the first presupposition, namely, an examination of the two published formulations on church fellowship, in order to determine the extent of our agreement on the basis of these two statements of principle."

We recommend that President Naumann be advised that we stand ready to meet with the WELS Commission and that initial discussions be restricted to the two published formulations mentioned in the first presupposition.*

Since we agree with our Board of Doctrine's Supplementary Report that for a fruitful discussion of the WELS and CLC published documents** on the principles of church fellowship, we do not see how it is possible to exclude references to past resolutions and practices,

And since this thought is in harmony with the general expression of the WELS Commission on Doctrinal Matters that it is not possible to ignore the official pronouncements of a church body and its history when evaluating its confessional position***,

Therefore we understand that in the discussion under this first presupposition there will be no objection if a participant finds it necessary to refer to past or present official pronouncements, resolutions, and actions to clarify the meaning and usage of words in either document. By such necessary references we do not mean the formal and full review of past pronouncements and official statements of the WELS mentioned in the correspondence and included in the second presupposition.

*Cf. page 19 for the full text of the three presuppositions.

**The WELS commission's Theses on Church Fellowship and the CLC's Concerning Church Fellowship.

***The April 6, 1965 letter from the WELS Commission addressed to members of the CLC.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF IMMANUEL LUTHERAN COLLEGE

"Behold the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding." These words from the Book of Job set the stage for the school year 1965-1966 at Immanuel Lutheran College. There was special cause for joy at the opening of school since a new professor was being added to the faculty and a new classroom building was ready to be put into use. Professor John Lau was installed into his office and was inducted as Dean of Students. The classroom building which is to be known as the "Cottage" was dedicated to the glory of God by Pastor Egbert Albrecht at a special service held September 27, 1965. President Paul G. Albrecht delivered the dedicatory address.

During this school year the students were happy to put into use the new athletic court familiarly dubbed "The Slab." This is an all-purpose court used for tennis, volleyball, and outdoor basketball practice. Grateful acknowledgment is due all those who contributed so willingly to the new facilities now being used for educational and recreational purposes. We express our thanks also to congregations and individuals who have remembered the school with special monetary and other gifts during the course of the year. Above all we appreciate the confidence shown by the sending of students to Immanuel College without which all these facilities would be meaningless.

The enrollment figures for the school year 1965-1966 show the following totals: Seminary - 8, College - 20, High School - 58, Total - 86. Of these, 68 resided on campus and 18 lived off campus. In the college department 12 students were registered in the Education Department and 2 in the Pre-theological Department and 6 took the general course.

The resolution of the 1965 convention whereby the office of Dean of Students was established has proved to be a wise move. Discipline has been exercised in an orderly, efficient, and Christian manner. The nine-week practice teaching program set up and put into effect during the past school year has functioned well. Under the supervision of the responsible education professor and with the cooperation of the teachers at Messiah Lutheran School our four Junior Class education students received practical experience in the classroom teaching situation.

During the course of the year regular faculty meetings have been held for the purpose of jointconsultation, co-ordination, and for mutual edificationand help. Besides the usual on-going curriculum study, special topics were assigned and discussed. The building of five professorages on the campus will locate most of our professors within easy reach and will make it more convenient for them to keep in close touch with our school.

The privilege of having a Christian educational institution, such as Immanuel Lutheran College, should be more and more apparent as one considers the secularism, the materialism, and the relaxing mores not only of the public schools but also of many that claim to be dedicated to the attainment of spiritual goals. While no attempt is made to cast our teachers or students into the same mold, it is clearly apparent that there is one guiding principle that molds and shapes us all and that is the Sola Scriptura principle to which we pledge our unconditioned allegiance. This is our strength and this gives a unity which is indispensable for a proper educating process.

We wish to report also the following special cash gifts, received from July 1, 1965 to April 15, 1966:

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| Sports Fund (Athletics) | \$ 28.00 |
| Campus Improvement | 151.86 |
| Classroom Improvement | 75.00 |
| Emergency Fund - Anonymous | 150.00 |
| Faculty Room Typewriter and Table | 130.00 |
| Kitchen Equipment | 2.00 |
| Landscape Fund | 101.00 |
| Library, College | 289.95 |
| Library, Professional | 57.00 |
| Library, Seminary | 180.00 |
| New Freezer | <u>163.93</u> |
| | \$1328.74 |

C. M. Gullerud, President

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF ILC

"Thou, therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" II Timothy 2:1-2.

So often it happens that when we think and speak about our Immanuel Lutheran College, we think and speak about the budget. This indeed is necessary and proper, but lest we forget, this is not where our strength lies. In the eyes of the world we are "fools for Christ's sake." In a monetary way, we do live "on a shoe-string." But the Lord's strength is made perfect in weakness. While weak, we are strong! We are strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. We are strong in having faithful men with deep convictions. This is something that no budget, however large, can buy.

The Board of Regents has met regularly for the purpose of carrying out the duties and responsibilities delegated to it by the CLC. In accordance with the directives of the Eau Claire Convention the Regents appointed Prof. R. Gurgel, Prof. C. Kuehne, and Pastor G. Sydow as a study committee on accreditation. Their report is herewith submitted. The members of the Board of Regents find themselves in wholehearted agreement with this report. We hereby also submit the report to the CLC for their study and recommendation.

At the call meeting held April 18, 1966 Prof. C. M. Gullerud was appointed to serve as president of ILC for two years. The Board of Regents has appointed Prof. R. Gurgel to serve as Dean of the College for a two-year term.

In the interest of economy we have not placed into the ILC budget labor costs for the much needed painting of our buildings. We look for volunteer labor on this project.

The collection for the new classroom building was most gratifying. It shows what can be done when our people are informed of a need. The naming of the various buildings was assigned to the faculty of ILC. Hereafter the buildings at our college will be known as: "Northwest Hall,"

"Cottage," "Ingram Hall," "The Annex," and "The Sem House."

A large illuminated sign has been donated to the college. This sign will be incorporated in an attractive entrance to the college. The cost of such an entrance is to be defrayed by special gifts.

Finally, "Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

Supplementary Report

We are happy to report an increased enrollment at ILC for the year 1966-67, but we are faced with additional expenses that were not foreseen when the original budget was submitted. There is the matter of additional student furniture which will be needed. With an on-campus enrollment of 40 girls and 35 boys The Annex will be used as a girls dormitory while the boys will be housed in Northwest Hall and the Sem House. Two boys will have to be housed in private homes.

We are faced with an assembly room problem, since the Industrial Commission has limited the use of our present assembly hall to 99. Our anticipated student body will number 95 plus faculty members. We will be forced to use the present faculty lounge as a lounge for the boys. The so-called Turkey Shed will be used as storage room for textbooks, etc. In other words, we are beginning to burst at the seams, and the CLC needs to be apprised of the growing crowded conditions. Also there are several projects that we have been deferring from year to year because of finances. The voluntary painting of Ingram Hall does not seem feasible because of the danger to life and limb. We have only included the price of paint in our current budget while all along the painting of our buildings should have been started. A solution to these matters cannot be left to the Board alone, but must be decided by the constituency of the CLC who owns, operates, and supports Immanuel Lutheran College.

On an emergency basis we have asked Prof. E. Schaller and Prof. R. Gurgel to assist in teaching subjects in our seminary for the first semester of the new school year. The Board of Regents has appointed Prof. C. M. Gullerud as temporary Dean of the Seminary. While the Board is moving in the direction of a broader exposure of our seminary students to the talents we have at ILC and while the Board does believe that the talents of college and seminary should be pooled, with an interchange of assignments, it nevertheless believes that there should be a separate man assigned to seminary work. There is a danger of diversifying to the extent that the very important work of our seminary suffers. To that end we believe that the immediate calling of a man to the seminary faculty should proceed as announced.

We ask the CLC in convention assembled to grant the Board power to act in availing itself of Prof. E. Reim's offer to serve our seminary on a limited basis and God-willing to call him to teach certain subjects as the Board may determine.

Because we are faced with additional expenses unforeseen when the original budget was submitted, to wit, dormitory furniture equipment, we request that item # 23 under the Auxiliary Services Budget be increased from \$700.00 to \$1600.00.

Whereas the Northwest Hall was originally designed and approved by the Industrial Commission as a boys' dormitory; and

Whereas the Industrial Commission temporarily permitted the use of it for classroom purposes; and

Whereas the present increased enrollment requires that we provide more boys' dormitory facilities,

Therefore be it resolved that we proceed with the erection of a second classroom building for approximately \$25,000 - \$30,000, and that we convert the first floor of the Northwest Hall for dormitory purposes as needed.

We wish to remind the convention that the need for a gymnasium-assembly room is becoming more and more acute.

Report of the Committee on Accreditation

The Committee on Accreditation for Immanuel Lutheran College met three times. It considered materials from the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and made inquiry on acceptance of credits at the University of Wisconsin.

A study of the materials at hand revealed that there are no fixed, absolute norms, no set requirements and conditions to be met, for a school to become accredited. Rather, accreditation is based on whether a school is meeting the aims and goals it has set up for itself.

At the present we do not think ILC is in a position to consider making application for accreditation to the agencies which grant such. The school is lacking too much in essential material equipment, especially in library resources and laboratory facilities, to meet even our own needs and desires; and our faculties do not have the formal degrees which bear considerable weight with the secular accrediting agencies.

We do, however, think that the school, since growth and development will have to be in one direction or another, should supply itself with accreditation materials and information and follow along the lines that might eventually lead to accreditation.

To that end:

1. We see no Christian or scriptural reason why accreditation must be avoided.
2. Although as a Christian school, founded for certain well-understood reasons, we have our aims and purposes fairly well in mind, it might be well that these be defined more exactly from the general to the specific.
3. In defining purpose we see no reason why a sharp distinction should be made between training workers for the church and providing a general education for our Christian young people. Indeed, our first and major purpose must be to train pastors and teachers, but that very training, for the most part, is a sound, basic course in liberal arts.
4. We see a three-year college course as a somewhat questionable arrangement. With the training of pastors we can chart our own course, but teachers need certification from state authorities, and it is here that we might run into problems. We may continue with a three-year teacher-training course as long as workable, but since the states are constantly setting higher requirements for teachers, and demanding more education, it is well to look ahead.

5. The ideal would be to work towards an accredited four-year college in liberal arts. Since that appears to be out of the question for us at this time, we should set our goal to meet the requirements of an accredited Junior College. Then, if and when the states' demands for certification become stricter, this much we will have. Our students would then have to use state schools to acquire the necessary degrees. This, we grant is not to our liking, but would not be eliminated by a three-year course. Other than having a four-year college, whose credits are fully accepted, this appears to be the best alternative.

Respectfully submitted,

Prof. R. Gurgel, Chairman
 Prof. C. Kuehne
 Pastor G. Sydow

Budget for ILC--1966-1967

I. EDUCATIONAL BUDGET

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| 1a. Salaries (plus housing for three professors) | .\$39,060.00 | |
| 1b. Salary (instructor) | 450.00 | |
| 1c. Professional Advancement | 400.00 | |
| 1d. Administrative Expense | 250.00 | |
| 2. Periodicals | 180.00 | |
| 3. Board of Regents Expense | 250.00 | |
| 4. Classroom Equipment | 750.00 | |
| 5. Library | 800.00 | |
| | <u>\$42,140.00</u> | |
| Anticipated Revenues | | .\$16,415.00 |
| Subsidy Required, Educational Budget | | <u>25,725.00</u> |
| | | <u>\$42,140.00</u> |

II. AUXILIARY SERVICE BUDGET

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| 6. Social Security (for service personnel) | \$ 750.00 | |
| 7. Truck and Car Insurance and License | 175.00 | |
| 8. Office Expense and Postage | 500.00 | |
| 9. Telephone (office and dorms) | 500.00 | |
| 10. Catalog, Printing, Stationery | 600.00 | |
| 11. Recreation and Athletics | 1,500.00 | |
| 12. Service Wages | 13,000.00 | |
| 13. Fuel (cooking and heating) | 4,000.00 | |
| 14. Electric Power | 1,700.00 | |
| 15. Tractor and Truck Fuel | 300.00 | |
| 16. Janitor Supplies | 250.00 | |
| 17. Machinery Maintenance | 300.00 | |
| 18. Grounds Care | 200.00 | |
| 19. Building Maintenance | 1,250.00 | |
| 20. Grounds Improvement | 1,000.00 | |
| 21. Building Improvement | 200.00 | |
| 22. Equipment, Furniture (library, dining area) | 200.00 | |
| 23. Equipment, Dorm (beds plus repairs) | 1,600.00 | |
| 24. Kitchen Equipment | 150.00 | |
| 25. Equipment, Service | 350.00 | |
| 26. Pianos and Typewriters | 350.00 | |
| 27. Food and Provisions | 10,500.00 | |
| 28. Contingency (2%) | 1,400.00 | |
| | <u>\$40,775.00</u> | |
| Anticipated Board and Room Revenues | | \$32,365.00 |
| Fees--Rentals | | 400.00 |
| | | <u>32,765.00</u> |
| Subsidy Required | | <u>8,010.00</u> |
| | | <u>\$40,775.00</u> |

SUMMARY: Total Budget . . \$82,915.00
 Total Revenues . \$49,180.00
 Total Subsidy . \$33,735.00
 Arvid Gullerud, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE # 3: REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF ILC
REPORT OF BOARD OF REGENTS
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACCREDITATION

I. Report of the President of ILC

We underline President Gullerud's remarks concerning the spiritual advantage of a Christ-centered education on the secondary and college levels. We prayerfully address the Lord of the Church to move every parent to keep the priceless benefits of Immanuel Lutheran College before their children's eyes.

II. Report of the Board of Regents of ILC

We recognize with thanks to the Lord, Who gives gifts to His Church the appointment of Prof. C. M. Gullerud to serve as President of Immanuel Lutheran College and Prof. Roland Gurgel to serve as Dean of the College, both for two-year terms.

III. Accreditation

Be it resolved that Immanuel Lutheran College pursue a course that may lead to accreditation, and

Be it further resolved that such pursuit be aimed at the eventual establishment of a four-year college, with the primary purpose of providing an education adequate for students entering the ministry of preaching and teaching.

IV. ILC Building Needs

Whereas the Northwest Hall was approved by the Industrial Commission as a boys' dormitory; and

Whereas the Industrial Commission temporarily permitted the use of it for classroom purposes; and

Whereas the present increased enrollment requires that we provide more boys' dormitory facilities; and

Whereas we consider a classroom-assembly building to be of primary necessity; and

Whereas there is a real need for a gymnasium,

Therefore be it resolved that a Planning Committee be appointed by the President to set forth a realistic building program for ILC in keeping with the needs and resources of the CLC; and

Be it further resolved that the President be authorized to accept invitations to address our congregations on the needs as outlined by the Planning Committee; and

Be it further resolved that the congregations respond with their good advice to the Chairman of the Planning Committee at the earliest possible date, so that the will of the majority prevails; and

Be it finally resolved that if conditions warrant or necessitate building before the next regular convention, a special convention be called to decide the matter.

V. Budget Request

Because the Board of Regents is faced with additional expenses unforeseen when the original budget was submitted, i.e., dormitory furniture equipment, we authorize that item # 23 (See page 28) be increased from \$700.00 to \$1,600.00.

VI. Memorial of the West Central Delegate Conference

In disagreement with the memorial of the Delegate Conference, we recommend that the professorships of the Seminary faculty be filled to the former strength of two. (It is to be noted that the matter of additional help in the Seminary Department from men in the College and High School Departments is already in the hands of the Board of Regents in consultation with the faculty.)

VII. Regarding the High School Faculty

In the course of this floor committee's hearings it became evident that we should recommend to the Call Committee for Educational Institutions a review of the calls issued to the high school faculty members prior to transfer of the school to the CLC.

Action on point VII: REFERRED TO THE PRESIDENT OF ILC.

VIII. Re Prof. Reim's Offer

In answer to the Board of Regent's request (See Supplementary Report, page 26) we recommend that the Board avail itself of Prof. E. Reim's offer to serve our Seminary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education of the Church of the Lutheran Confession has met this past year several times to consider topics in the area of its assignemnt. Three topics especially have taken up most of the meeting time:

1. Materials used for instruction within the congregation.
2. Promotion of Christian Day Schools.
3. Organization and use of Sunday Schools.

Our work in the field of Christian education has culminated in a paper which will be presented to the convention for consideration. Reports in the other two fields mentioned above will also be forthcoming.

Our next area of discussion will be Federal Aid to Education and the problems involved in accepting or rejecting such aid.

Federal Legislation on Education (ESEA - 1965)

1. The power of the Church is the power of the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Its purpose is to save souls for eternal life. Its means are Word and Sacrament.

2. The power of the government is that of a minister of God for the temporal welfare of the good and a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Its purpose is the maintenance of law and order in society. Its means is the sword.

3. Encroachment into the separate realm of each can occur from both sides. We are concerned here with evaluating the possibility of such encroachment.

4. The ultimate objective and trend of education legislation (ESEA - 1965) cannot be determined at present.

5. We know that government aid requires government control and accounting.

6. While such control may not violate the principle of Church-State Separation, the Church's one concern in connection with such government aid and control is to guard against Caesar's control of that which is God's.

7. We cannot, at this time, say that Title II, in itself, (which is an offer of government to supply books and materials to students and teachers, public and private) is in violation of the Church-State Separation principle.

8. Whenever a government educational program in a community is contrary to our Christian philosophy of education, we will decline the invitation to participate.

9. Inasmuch as current federal legislation (ESEA - 1965) is not binding on our schools, any of our school may decline involvement in such legislation on the basis of fearing its trend.

Board of Education: R. Roehl, Chairman
L. Hulke, Secretary
G. Radtke
G. Mueller

REPORT OF COMMITTEE # 8: BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEMORIAL OF WISCONSIN PASTORAL CONFERENCE
MEMORIAL OF IMMANUEL OF MANKATO
REVIEW OF CONFERENCE MINUTES

I. Conference Minutes

The following minutes have been read and examined:

1. Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference - Sept. 6, 1965.
2. Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference - Febr. 8 & 9, 1966 at which the following essays were considered: Exegesis of I Peter 1:1-12; "Concept of the 'Only Begotten' Son of God;" "May we claim to have an errorless doctrinal position?"
3. Minnesota Pastoral Conference - May 21, 1965: Exegesis of Micah 4; Current Theological Thought (Barth & Brunner).
4. Minnesota Pastoral Conference - May 23, 1966: Exegesis of Micah 5; The Gospel Ministry to the Mentally Ill.
5. West-Central Pastoral Conference - Nov. 9-11, 1965: Exegesis of Romans 1:16-21; The Social Responsibility of the Church in Relation

to, and in the light of, the "Ministry of the Word"; The Active Obedience of Christ; How are we to recognize a call from the Lord?; A Homiletical Study of Phil. 1:3-11.

6. West-Central Delegate Conference - June 21-23, 1966.
 7. Minnesota Delegate Conference - Oct. 17, 1965: Millennialism Today.
 8. CLC Teachers Conference - Oct. 20-22, 1965: Survey of Spelling and Phonetic Material; Sanctification Based on the Epistle of James; Bible Translations Used in High School and College Classrooms; Remedial Aids in Reading; Consistency and Inconsistency.
- We find nothing in these minutes to be contrary to the Holy Scriptures in doctrine or practice.

We recommend approval.

- II. Memorial from Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota and from the Board of Education of the CLC: "Concerning Information Regarding Candidates for the Preaching-Teaching Ministry."

We agree with the recommendation of these memorials that a permanent and current file of information concerning all pastors, teachers, and lay workers in the CLC would be very valuable.

Be it resolved that the Visiting Elders gather pertinent information on all persons qualified for the preaching and teaching ministry, and that they be responsible for keeping this file current; and

Be it further resolved that this information be made a part of the President's file.

- III. Memorial from the Wisconsin Pastoral Conference concerning: "The setting aside of time at conventions for the express purpose of promoting Christian elementary education in the CLC."

We agree that the setting aside of time at conventions would be a way of encouraging and promoting Christian elementary education in the CLC.

Be it resolved that the Moderator, at his discretion, give the Board of Education opportunity for this at each convention.

- IV. Concerning the paper delivered to the convention by the Board of Education.

We thank the Board of Education for presenting to this convention a paper which will answer objections that may occasionally be raised to the founding of Christian Day Schools.

- V. Concerning Federal Legislation of Education (ESEA - 1965)

We recommend that the Board of Education's report regarding Federal Legislation on Education be adopted as sufficient and adequate guidelines for our Christian schools.

We also urge the Board of Education to continue its study and evaluation of present and pending Federal Legislation on Education.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS

The Savior's declaration, "Go ye into the world and teach all nations," has never been withdrawn. It still directs the church in all its work. It is the only responsibility she has. We Christians have gladly assumed this responsibility. We realize how we have failed to carry out this responsibility as we promised we would. Our failure is our own doing--our gracious God gave us the means, the work, and even the assurance that we were bound to succeed, but we didn't love and trust Him as we should have. We beseech Him to forgive us our sins of indifference, neglect, selfishness, and whatever else our sinful flesh put in our way to hinder our work of preaching the Gospel of our Redeemer!

We gladly reaffirm our willingness to accept the work our Savior has placed before us. We present the following resume of the church's work from the past year together with plans and prospects for the year ahead. We are happy to report that St. Paul's, Winner, S. D. determined to become a self-supporting congregation during this year. It is a small congregation but after reducing subsidy from time to time saw its way clear to take the big step and ask no further support from the CLC.

Several other congregations: Gethsemane, Spokane; Redemption, Alderwood Manor; and Immanuel, Winter Haven resolved to lower their requests for subsidy.

Pastor N. R. Carlson has served Trinity, Denver--a small congregation--while supporting his family by secular work. In September it became possible to subsidize Trinity and free the pastor for a full time ministry. The congregation is buying a house and worships in an unused school house.

After calling several times to obtain a pastor of its own, St. Stephen Congregation, San Carlos, California had its prayer answered when Pastor Rollin Reim accepted their call. The congregation has no property and worships in a rented Women's Club in Redwood City.

Candidate Michael Sydow was ordained and installed in Holy Cross Mission in Phoenix, Arizona. The congregation has an attractive chapel located in a populous housing area.

Delay after delay plagued Servant of Christ Congregation, Los Angeles in its building program. It now appears that construction can begin soon. The \$6000.00 in the CEF has been loaned to this congregation. It is becoming increasingly evident that Immanuel at Winter Haven is in need of a church building. The school continues to thrive under the work of the three teachers. Some exploratory work has been done in the Orlando area.

Plans are being considered for a church building for Redemption, Alderwood Manor (Seattle). The means to finance a project of this nature remains a problem. This congregation has a parsonage as well as plenty of property on which to build.

Pastors Paul Albrecht and Leland Grams had the pleasure of meeting with the CLC people in San Carlos, Los Angeles, Phoenix, and Denver areas.

A statistical summary and financial prospectus of the individual mission stations follow on the next page.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FROM THE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE CLC

| | <u>Average Attendance</u> | <u>Souls</u> | <u>Communi- cants</u> | <u>Child Baptisms</u> | <u>Adult Baptisms</u> | <u>Child Confir- mands</u> | <u>Adult Confir- mands</u> | <u>S. S. Enroll- ment</u> | <u>C. D. S. Enroll- ment</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| BEREA, St. Paul | 34 | 52 | 27 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 13 | |
| IMMANUEL, Winter Haven | 68 | 95 | 52 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 20 | 75 |
| REDEMPTION, Alderwood Manor | 34 | 49 | 28 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 42 | |
| REDEEMER, Cheyenne | 60 | 120 | 64 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 30 | 28 |
| SERVANT OF CHRIST, Los Angeles | 26 | 53 | 32 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 29 | |
| ST. STEPHEN, San Carlos* | 30 | 32 | 20 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 22 | |
| GRACE, Fridley | 58 | 134 | 78 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 36 | |
| HOLY CROSS, Phoenix** | 18 | 33 | 23 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | |
| GETHSEMANE, Spokane | 42 | 114 | 79 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 23 | |
| ST. PETER, Denver | 18 | 40 | 18 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 26 | |
| TRINITY, Denver | 29 | 50 | 17 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 19 | |

*Since September, 1965

**Since July, 1965

FINANCIAL PROSPECTUS FROM THE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE CLC

| | <u>Total Subsidy</u> | <u>Salary</u> | <u>Rent</u> | <u>Travel Expense</u> | <u>Property Payments</u> | <u>Home Contributions</u> | <u>CLC Contributions</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| BEREA, St. Paul | 110.00 | | 110.00 | | 202.00 | 3,000.00 | 1,160.00 |
| GETHSEMANE, Spokane | 215.00 | 200.00 | | 15.00 | 137.75 | 4,400.00 | 1,350.00 |
| REDEEMER, Cheyenne | 260.00 | 250.00 | | 10.00 | 137.50 | 6,500.00 | 800.00 |
| SERVANT OF CHRIST, L. A. | 335.00 | 195.00 | 140.00 | 40.00* | 330.00 | 6,500.00 | 450.00 |
| REDEMPTION, Alderwood Manor | 405.00 | 280.00 | 100.00 | 25.00 | 210.00 | 4,500.00 | 500.00 |
| GRACE, Fridley | 325.00 | 300.00 | | 25.00 | 182.00 | 4,000.00 | 500.00 |
| HOLY CROSS, Phoenix | 440.00 | 300.00 | 115.00 | 25.00 | 101.00 | 2,600.00 | 175.00 |
| TRINITY, Denver | 165.00 | 125.00 | | 40.00 | 75.00 | 2,700.00 | 100.00 |
| ST. STEPHEN, San Carlos | 385.00 | 160.00 | 180.00 | 45.00 | | 4,100.00 | 200.00 |
| ST. PETER, Denver | 113.70 | | 113.70 | | 75.00 | 1,800.00 | |
| IMMANUEL, Winter Haven | 467.25 | 304.25 | 148.00 | 15.00 | 70.00 | 5,800.00** | 500.00 |
| JAPAN MISSION | 550.00 | 550.00 | | | | | |
| TOTALS | 3,700.95 | 2854.25 | 906.70 | 200.00 | 1,520.25 | 45,900.00 | 5,735.00 |

*Paid by the Congregation

**Additional \$5,300.00 in tuition and book rent

Supplementary ReportJapan

Since the Mission Board has been unable to visit this field in Japan in person, we will use Missionary Tiefel's own report to inform us on his work in Japan:

Dear Brethren of the CLC,

Enclosed find financial report and statistical listing. I hope this will meet your wants. I enclose such information as I have.

The general information you request becomes increasingly more difficult. The longer one is resident in the Orient, the more hesitant one becomes in attempting to evaluate.

You, no doubt, have read Prof. Wm. Danker's (of Missions at St. Louis, formerly my disputant as of 1952-53 in Tokyo) evaluation in This Day magazine entitled "Japan--The Blank Wall." I'll agree with him when he says in effect that the day of rosy or glowing predictions of a Japan "Harvest" of souls is, at least for the time, past. Fortunately, no one ever received such reports from me. I keep reminding myself of the following (among other things):

1. We cannot do any mission work, but it is the Holy Spirit's work altogether.

2. The need for bringing the Spirit's instrument, namely, God's Word, is just as great as it was in Adam's and Noah's day.

3. The power of the Word is in no way less than it ever was since God spoke of sin and grace to Adam in the Garden.

4. It is indisputable that the present period of peace and affluence (relatively), material preeminence of Japan among Asians, and high cultural level are serious impediments reinforcing the Old Adam in turning a deaf ear to the Word of God.

5. Americans and other resident foreigners in Japan are actively contributing to the "God is dead" natural theology of the Japanese.

6. Is there an error or form of unbelief current in the world? You name it, and I can find you an active exponent of it in Japan. In other words the devil and his legions have by no means by-passed Japan in favor of some other country.

7. We have much to be thankful for:

A. We are permitted by the grace of God to make known His saving Wisdom without hindrance from the government or public.

B. God has given us a nucleus of members who are not ashamed to confess His name.

C. God has brought this congregation to the measure of maturity of adopting the accompanying Constitution. Please give it your closest scrutiny for improvement. You will note how the burden of responsibility has been shifted from pastor to the entire membership. This maturity includes the privilege of selecting a future missionary/or pastor from among a list of candidates that you propose to them. In the latter part of August you will d.v. also receive our proposed Constitution for a (Japan) synodical organization and Articles of Incorporation. The property will be held by Synod, not by the congregation (though the first officers of

the Synod will be solely from this congregation).

D. God has caused our members (who are away from home) to take their obligations seriously as mentioned in our Constitution, Art. IV, 9. (Membership).

E. Our last wedding ceremony and reception (in May) was the first to be along customary Japanese lines, and yet completely dominated by and evidencing a Christian atmosphere from its romantic inception to the finish of the formal reception towards the end of the afternoon (10 A.M.-5:00 P.M.). The reception arrangements which are usually in the hands of non-Christian parents were in this case dominated by Christian thinking and spirit. We enclosed some pictures of the happy couple, in contrast to the stiff, meaningless Shinto ceremony. We bring point E. because we see in it a further manifestation of God's blessing upon our group. After all, humanly speaking, our joy will be great if our fathers can stand before the Lord Jesus on Judgment Day, and say: "Dear Savior, here are the wife and children thou gavest me, or here are they who did not reject the Word which I diligently day and night taught unto those thou didst give unto me."

In any event concerning our last wedding, all members (and some non-members) voiced the unanimous sentiment: "It was a truly Christian wedding." This was our eleventh formal wedding. Mr. Ohima (with the Spanish Embassy) had a civil ceremony in Portugal. We have 16 little children of members in the congregation. The S. S. children in Shibuya and Shin-Tokoroazawa are all from non-Christian homes--hence, one of our "mission work."

F. We must humbly and gratefully acknowledge that God has blessed our membership especially with advance in their respective lines of work. Five of the voting members also own or are acquiring their own homes (as far as I know). This has bearing on their maturity in taking care of church property when they are incorporated.

God has also blessed all of us with an unusual measure of good health. Mr. Sano, the former bed-ridden nephritis patient whom I visited three years, is now married, in good physical appearance, and extremely happy at the expectation of becoming a father in about two months. God gave him a very good wife. Though heavy with child, she has been an exception to the custom of expectant Japanese mothers, and has been coming to church regularly via $1\frac{1}{2}$ hour (each way) train ride.

G. We do not know whether God will bless our contacts or testimony in the areas where our members are stationed outside Tokyo, but if He should, we might find it necessary to request the CLC assistance for another missionary. The cost in any major city of Japan (minimum), for small property, residence: \$50,000.00 up. We humbly request you to make provisions now for this eventuality. Please remember that property costs and living costs in Japan are higher than any other country in the world, barring none, according to American business surveys. The low-cost competitive products of Japan on the American market are the result of huge governmental subsidies. The Japanese people are marvelously patient and cooperative in permitting themselves to be taxed poor for this purpose, so that Japanese businesses may have the U.S. \$ with which to buy materials for manufacturing world competitive products at a competitive (subsidized) selling price.

We have these and many more things for which to praise our Savior King. May His blessings rest upon your earnest deliberations, may His Spirit strengthen your zeal, increase your desire to serve Him with all of your gifts and talents; above all, pray for us and the Word as we do for you.

Your brethren in Christ,

The Japanese Christians
Fred G. Tiefel

We would like to urge all pastors to forward the names (and addresses, if possible) of CLC members living or moving through the Japan area that he may minister to their needs.

Please note Pastor Tiefel's new address:

Fred G. Tiefel
13-3, 1-Chome, Higashi
Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan

Statistical Information

12 voters
15 communicants
49 baptized and/or instruction class members
13 Sunday School members at Hachiman-Dori
23 Sunday School members at Tokorozawa
206 contacts (occasional church attenders, occasional Bible class attenders, and such removed by marriage or work)

Financial Report

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Subsidy from CLC | \$6,600.00 |
| Private donations | 400.00 |
| | <u>\$7,000.00</u> |

Disbursements of above:

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Property payments | \$ 600.00 |
| Taxes, etc. | 706.00 |
| Medical and dental | 270.00 |
| Office materials | 200.00 |
| Wages (help) | 2,416.66 |
| Benevolences | 346.89 |
| Household expenses | 1,675.00 |
| Insurance | 255.05 |
| Miscellaneous | 38.39 |
| Grand total | <u>\$7,019.49</u> |

Congregational Finances (July 1, 1965 - June 30, 1966)

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| July 1, 1965 balance | \$ 330.90 |
| Envelope and plate income | <u>1,335.53</u> |
| Total | \$1,666.23 |

Expenditures:

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|--|-------------------|
| Church room utilities | \$ 133.33 |
| Property payments | 700.00 |
| Christmas expense of S. S. | 36.37 |
| Property repair | 50.00 |
| Church Extension Fund (Mission Cont.) | 310.26 |
| M. Fujita (travel to Eau Claire) | <u>100.00</u> |
| | <u>\$1,331.96</u> |
| General Fund Balance, July 1, 1966 | \$ 334.27 |

Church Extension Fund:

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------|
| Balance, July 1, 1965 | \$ 27.54 | |
| Receipts from mission contributions | <u>310.26</u> | 337.80 |

Expenditures:

| | | |
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| 12 (monthly) Shin-Tokorozawa room rent and travel | \$153.60 | <u>153.60</u> |
| Balance, July 1, 1966 | | \$ <u>184.20</u> |

Rochester, Minnesota

St. Peter's Congregation here is not subsidized by the CLC. Pastor Reed supports himself at secular labor and the congregation supports itself without assistance. Because the pastor must support himself, there is little time left for the work of the ministry. The congregation holds services in a rented SDA church. The congregation numbers 17 communicants, 26 souls; the average attendance is 20.

Orlando, Florida

Early in the summer services were begun in this city by Pastor M. Galstad. Services have been held every Sunday since with attendance ranging from 0 to 50. Plans are being considered to make a beginning here similar to those made at Winter Haven at its beginning--opening a Kindergarten in the fall of 1967.

Houston, Texas

Services are held in the home of the pastor, Max Groeschel. This mission has requested no financial assistance from the CLC. The missionary reports, ". . . time is removing the 'new' angle and acceptance is getting better. Curiosity, that existed in some, is also on the wane. We have about 15 in Sunday School every Sunday. Bible class is held every other week. All in all, I'm happy but not satisfied with the growth. Are we ever?"

And, finally, we request an additional \$5,000.00 for mission expansion. It appears that this will be needed to do most effective work in the Orlando area.

REPORT OF THE MISSION REVIEW COMMITTEE
(A Program of Evaluation and Implementation)

This program has already been initiated by the assigning of a paper for the 1967 CLC Pastoral Conference on the subject, "Our Responsibilities to Those Outside Our Fellowship."

To further develop this program the convention authorizes appointment of an individual or committee to summarize the above paper and subsequent discussion. This summary shall be distributed as soon as possible for study at delegate conferences.

The convention shall also

- a. appoint a representative group of members of our congregations to review, in the light of the above summary, their present role in fulfilling these responsibilities and to make specific suggestions for an ever more God-pleasing use of their talents, and
- b. request of the following an evaluation of their present efforts toward meeting these responsibilities and definite proposals for improving those efforts:

1. Board of Mission and missionaries
2. Board of Education and teachers
3. ILC Board of Regents and faculty
4. Board of Doctrine
5. Board of Trustees
6. Journal of Theology
7. Lutheran Spokesman

Respectfully submitted: Egbert Albrecht
 Carl M. Thurow
 Rollin Reim

REPORT OF THE "MINISTRY BY MAIL" PROGRAM

The 1964 convention entrusted this program to Pastor Paul F. Nolting and Grace Congregation of Sleepy Eye, Minnesota.

This work is carried on weekly. In the spring of 1966 130 pieces of first class mail, containing the sermon and bulletin of the week, and 15 second class (bulletin only) pieces were being mailed to addresses in four continents. Twenty-three congregations are being served in this way. Nine congregations receive weekly packages of sermons, totaling 140. These sermons are then remailed with the local bulletin. The cost of a subscription for a year of fifty weeks is \$6.00, \$8.00 airmail. In package form the charge is 5¢ a sermon plus mailing cost.

This program consumes about five hours a week for the stenciling, mimeographing, stapling, folding, stuffing, and sealing of the envelopes, also keeping the address files up to date. An additional hour and a half a week is contributed by Miss Alma Romberg who addresses and stamps the envelopes.

Grace Congregation provides an electric typewriter, a power driven mimeograph, and an addresser for this program. Since the equipment is also used for other CLC purposes, the CLC takes care of the upkeep of the equipment through its Secretary's Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
 Paul F. Nolting

REPORT OF COMMITTEE # 4: MISSIONS

I.

Whereas the mission budget of \$49,501.40 presented by the Board of Missions represents the amount needed to carry on the work we are now doing, with the addition of providing Berea of St. Paul a full time ministry,

Be it resolved that we heartily endorse this budget and urge our constituency to make every effort to raise it.

II.

Whereas there are other fields which appear promising,

Be it resolved that the Board of Missions be encouraged to explore these fields, and

Be it further resolved that we endorse their request for an additional \$5,000.00 for expansion to begin work in the most promising of these fields--if and when it becomes clear that we are able to meet our present commitments.

III.

Whereas the Board of Missions has not yet had time to properly study and evaluate the report from our mission in Japan,

Be it resolved that the entire report be placed in the hands of the Board of Mission for consideration and recommendation.

IV. Report of Mission Review Committee

Whereas the report of the Mission Review Committee envisions a long range program; and

Whereas this whole program is contingent upon the presentation and acceptance of a paper to be delivered at the 1967 Pastoral Conference,

Be it resolved that we at this time recommend that the President appoint a committee of two to summarize the paper and the subsequent discussion of it for consideration at the Delegate Conferences; and

Be it further resolved that the further implementation of this program, if its continuation be desired, be left to the next convention.

V. Ministry by Mail

We herewith gratefully acknowledge the service offered to our pastors and congregations in the "Ministry by Mail," provided by Grace Congregation of Sleepy Eye through its pastor for members living outside the area served by their home congregation. In this service the weekly sermon is sent by mail in mimeographed form, either directly to those for whom it is requested or in quantity for individual distribution by the requesting pastor. Since our circumstances do not warrant undertaking a program of this kind as a CLC venture, we recommend to those of our congregations who have no program of their own of this kind to avail themselves of this service.

PERIODICALS

Report of the Journal of Theology

At the wish of the Board of the CLC Book House all operations for printing and subscription records have been transferred to Eau Claire. A check of the mailing list shows that we have 176 paid subscribers and 28 complimentary or exchange listings, for a total of 204 mailed copies. Twelve additional copies are distributed to our ILC College and Seminary libraries, also our Seminary students. Thus we have a total of 216 readers.

In December and again in March it became necessary to draw on the budget allowance to the extent of \$294.90 total. The present status of the account is favorable because of subscription renewals, showing a balance on hand of \$453.16. This, however, includes an anonymous gift of \$200.00 earmarked by the donor for purchase of a typewriter.

An acute problem is created by the fact that the local printing company has revised its original estimate of \$140.00 per issue to a new estimate of \$235.00 for the same number of copies. We hope to find a local replacement for this work, but can hardly do so in time for our current issue, Vol. VI, No. 1. No cost figures are available at this time.

Permit me to submit two requests, first for the appointment of a local auditing committee to report either to this Co-ordinating Council or the Convention. The second request is for continuation of the current budget appropriation of \$400.00.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Reim, Editor

Report of the Lutheran Spokesman

For seven years the Spokesman operated without financial help from the CLC. In this the eighth year we have been compelled to borrow \$1000 from the CLC. There were two causes. I. Printing costs increased from \$120 to \$145 per month. II. In the past six months of 1965 income dropped when we lost the services of our subscription manager.

Remedial action has been taken for both situations. The entire operation has been moved to Los Angeles. Typesetting is being done for \$125 and printing for \$135 per issue. This brings us in line with our budget of \$300 per month or \$3600 per year. Pastor and Mrs. N. Harms have taken responsibility for the subscription and addressing work. They are working with great efficiency to restore our income by maintaining an 1800 subscription list, giving us the needed \$3600 income. Volunteer help in preparing manuscripts, proof-reading, addressing, mailing, and other detail work is helping to keep overhead down.

Repayment to the CLC treasury of the \$1000 loan will not be accomplished quickly, but it will be accomplished. In this coming year we are enlisting the help of each subscriber to increase our subscription list. Everyone is being urged to participate in an important piece of mission work: sending the Gospel into all the world through gift subscriptions for friends, relatives, and acquaintances.

We are also suggesting that the \$1.75 rate for blanket subscriptions be increased to \$2.00, the same as the price for individual subscriptions.

The move to Los Angeles has greatly increased efficiency in every way. The time span from manuscript to mailing has been cut to ten days. Mailing from a distribution center prevents terminal tie-ups. Everyone should be receiving their copy on or before the 25th of each month. Pastor Harms is functioning as business manager and takes care of the book-keeping.

A more serious deficit in the past year has been the deficit of material. Many men have been unable to complete assignments being under great pressures of work. This is a burden we must carry with our limited manpower. Remedial action has been taken and additional manpower has been enlisted to provide you with better and more varied material.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Schaller, Editor

CLC BOOK HOUSEReport of the Book House Board of Control

The printing press remains standing unused. The chief reason is the lack of a printer. The Board feels that printing facilities can be a great asset to the Synod and is seeking a way to put it back into operation.

At its last meeting, 2/28/66, the following resolution was adopted: Resolved that the Board make its long range objective the relocating of the Book House at Eau Claire for the purpose of being available to larger numbers of CLC people and of facilitating the renewal of printing operations.

The thinking followed this line: At least three or four times a year a considerable number of our CLC people are gathered at the campus in Eau Claire. This should bring about some increase in walk-in business. That is almost non-existent in New Ulm. It will also serve to keep before the people that we have a Book House which is ready to serve them. Many tasks in the Book House could be done by student help, possibly even some of the printing. We have in mind the success of the Synod Book Co. at Bethany College. They have prospered with their location in their Synod's school.

Business at the Book House continues quite good. We could use more. It is with some satisfaction that we announce that it has been possible to retire one of the notes, of the sum of \$500. That leaves two notes, each of \$1000. It is hoped that they can be retired over the next two years or even sooner.

With the loss of our printer last August, the CLC pamphlet was shelved. At its last meeting, the Board instructed its secretary to investigate having it printed by a commercial press. He was also instructed to contact Mr. Hebert Geiger who has had experience with the press to see if he would be available to do some printing during the summer months. No report on either of these matters has yet been given.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Olmanson, Secretary

Report of the Committee on the CLC Book House

Your committee, after observing the operation of the Book House and after consulting with the manager and a member of the board, makes the following recommendations:

1. That the Book House sales and printing departments be transferred to the ILC campus as soon as adequate space and capable personnel can be found. We make this recommendation for the following reasons:
 - a. Because of the availability of part-time labor from the student body.
 - b. Because the ILC campus is the only location where we can expect "walk in" trade from our constituency.
 - c. Because ILC itself forms a considerable market for merchandising and is the source of one of the periodicals printed.

2. That a branch office of the Book House be maintained in New Ulm under the present manager. We make this recommendation because the congregations in the New Ulm area form the largest marketing area for the Book House.

Respectfully submitted: H. C. Duehlmeier
P. F. Nolting

REPORT OF COMMITTEE # 7: JOURNAL OF THEOLOGY
LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN
CLC BOOK HOUSE

I. Journal of Theology

The committee recommends that the president appoint a local auditing committee in accord with the request of the editor of the Journal.

II. Lutheran Spokesman

The committee recommends that the editor continue as administrator of all Spokesman matters and seek volunteer help as it is needed.

The committee recommends that the blanket subscription price be raised to \$2.00, and that the individual subscription price be raised to \$2.25.

The committee recommends that a financial report of the Spokesman be presented to each convention.

III. CLC Book House

Your committee recommends that the Board of Trustees, the Book House Board of Control, and the ILC Board of Regents investigate proposals which have come to the attention of the committee.

Your committee recommends further that if the findings of the named boards be favorable and are approved by the Coordinating Council, the named boards be authorized to take appropriate action.

REPORT OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE ON CLC FINANCES

Analyzing the Problem

We are troubled by the consistent lack of funds in our CLC treasury, which hampers our work, and brings economic distress to our brethren. It should be a matter of responsible concern to us that our Board of Trustees, entrusted to carry out the budget which we adopted, is forced to operate month after month from crisis to crisis.

Whence the problem? Is our CLC budget excessive? When we consider how it is brought into being, how it is pared to the bone, how we are making do and doing without, how our salaries provide little more than bare subsistence, we can hardly say that what we have planned to do is out-of-line, unnecessary or wasteful.

With this granted, the difficulty then must lie in supplying the funds for the budget. It is easy to say what is obvious, that our

congregations are not sending in what on the basis of the budget might be expected of them. Let them do this and our problem is solved. But that may be too easy an answer. It has to be granted that what individual congregations are able to do for the CLC may justifiably vary according to local circumstances, but with this we are not saying that the matter comes to rest, that there is nothing to be done, that we have reached a saturation point, come to an impasse.

The key to the situation lies in our all-purpose communicant giving. As much as we may not like to use comparative statistics, it is one of the best criterions by which we can come to some conclusion as to how we are doing when it comes to giving. We find that we are only average. If we are not ready to admit there is room for improvement, we may as well stop talking right now. If our budget was out-of-line, or if our all-purpose communicant average was high, there would be little to say. If our budget reflects delusions of grandeur, we are victims of our own foolishness. If our overall giving is high, we don't fault that which is good.

A Remedy in Teaching

In our aversion to high-handed fund raising campaigns it could be possible that we go so far to the other extreme that we fail to say and teach as much as Scripture says on this very thing. We readily agree that all things with us have to rest in the Gospel, but are we to go on and say, "Let the Gospel do the work!" as if Scripture said nothing more. In other areas we don't argue that way. The pagan Greek and Roman had very little conscience in matters of sex. When converted to Christianity Paul didn't let them guess what was expected of them as believers. He taught them the will of God in this particular matter and set before them certain propositions, norms, and guides.

To arrive at a generous attitude in giving the believer has to first of all think of himself in relationship to his God and Savior. In this approach giving becomes not so much a matter of contributing to a congregation or the CLC, but of making an offering to the Lord. And in quality it is to be such that "Honors the Lord with thy substance, with the first-fruits of thine increase," with this also in mind that the Lord "sits over against the treasury," and shows interest in what we do. Here is where we might put an emphasis, mount a teaching campaign, as it were, to "Honor the Lord with first-fruits."

This already suggests that the offering will be a generous share of what a man has, not the tail-ends or left-overs. It also presupposes careful thought and planning how with regularity this is to be done--in contrast to what is haphazard and hit-or-miss. All this we can say because it is said in Scripture.

A Remedy in Doing

1. More information on mission work for congregations.
2. More information on ILC for congregations.
3. Reports on CLC activity by lay delegates.
4. Group workshops within congregations on giving.
5. Mission committees in congregations.
6. More emphasis on memorial wreaths and bequests.
7. Monthly remitting of offerings to the CLC treasury.

G. Radtke, Chairman
G. Sydow, Secretary

C. Kuehne
O. Mack

E. Neubert
Carl Kuehne

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Financial Picture

In April we reported a deficit of \$9,108.72. By the end of May we had reached the debt limit of \$10,000 and approximately \$1,500.00 in requisitions could not be paid when due. They were, however, all paid by monies received during the first days of June.

We are happy to report that our members responded generously to the need. The June offerings totalled \$15,021.70, compared with a monthly average of \$7,032.43 in the previous 11 months. This made it possible to end the fiscal year with a deficit of only \$2,282.58. While all of us would have preferred to see us end the year without any deficit, we rejoice that the debt was reduced by \$3,103.80 during the past fiscal year. For this we give grateful thanks to our merciful God.

Overall, the offerings increased by \$12,644.69 over the previous year. This represents a healthy 16% increase.

I wish that it would be possible to simply project another 15% or even 10% increase over the next fiscal year with reasonable assurance. A 10% increase during the current fiscal year would almost exactly meet the proposed budget together with the salary code adjustment. A 10% increase would not reduce our present indebtedness at all, nor would it allow for a long overdue upward adjustment of the basic salary code.

A 10% increase in offerings lies well within our means and capabilities. However, there are a number of factors that could make it difficult. In the first place, we reached the giving level of \$92,000 only with a rather frantic special effort, based upon a very real emergency. Furthermore, much of the increase in this year's offerings came from congregations already carrying a larger than average proportion of the budget. We are, I believe, reaching the stage where less and less of an increase can be looked for from a small part of our membership. We must look for the increase from those whose level of giving has been comparatively smaller. In other words, our fiscal hopes for meeting the budget rests upon ever increasing offerings from a broadened base. This, I repeat again, will not come about with only intermittent special offerings of halfhearted efforts. Whatever the method employed, we will not maintain an ever increasing financial program without regular and increased offerings. I am more firmly convinced also that congregations will not reach increased levels of mission giving until they make definite, monthly commitments for this work. Finally, we must face the fact that increased giving must come largely from increasing gifts from the members we have. Our rate of growth may be in the neighborhood of 2%. If that figure is correct and we look for a 10% increase in overall giving, it follows that the bulk of that increase must come from the members we already have.

We would caution the convention to exercise restraint in adding to the budget. Many things might be desirable. However, what expenditures

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we authorize, represent increased fiscal commitments that must be met through increased offerings. Past experience has proved that it is a comparatively simple matter to vote a budget; it is quite another thing to raise the offerings necessary to reach that budget.

Classroom Offering

The first classroom unit has been completed and equipped for \$21,315.62. The special offering, voted by the last convention, totalled \$13,618.71.

We are happy to report that the building is completely paid for and that there is a surplus of \$2,759.54, which, together with any future receipts, will be applied to the debt reduction.

The Fund remains open to receive gifts.

Professorages

According to the authorization of the 1965 Convention five professorages are being built on our I.L.C. campus. These five homes will cost us approximately \$79,000. Of this amount \$55,000 will be added to our present mortgage, and the balance is a debt to individuals in the C.L.C. The rate of interest on the mortgage loan is $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ and will be amortized in 20 years.

We remind you that these homes are being paid for by money that was formerly spent by the Board of Regents for rent. Since we are acquiring property without larger expenditure, the building of these homes must be considered financially advantageous to us.

Parsonage Purchased

A home was purchased by the C.L.C. for Holy Cross of Phoenix for \$14,500 plus legal fees. The purchase was financed through loans from individuals.

A schedule of repayment has been set up which will include payments of \$115.00 per month for some eight years and \$85.00 for the remainder of the twenty-year repayment period.

Again, this must be considered an investment without increased expenditures, since suitable rentals would cost about \$125.00 a month.

This purchase, however, is not to be considered an establishment of policy in view of the possibility of undue escalation of our indebtedness. The Board has asked President Albright to appoint a committee to consider the advisability and possible means of future parsonage or teacherage purchases.

Insurance

Our various separate policies will be combined under one policy as of October 15, 1966. This will make possible a clearer picture of our coverage and will result in a small savings in cost.

It was brought to our attention that any employer of more than three is required by Wisconsin law to carry Workmen's Compensation Insurance. Such coverage is being obtained.

Budget

| <u>General Administration</u> | | <u>1966-1967</u> | <u>1967-1968</u> |
|------------------------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Travel | | \$1,000.00 | \$ 750.00 |
| Meals and Lodging | | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Telephone and Telegraph | | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Postage | | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Printing and Stationery | | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Interest | | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Miscellaneous | | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Journal of Theology | | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| | | <u>\$2,550.00</u> | <u>\$2,300.00</u> |
| <u>Capital Investment</u> | | | |
| Mortgage Loan, ILC | | \$7,573.44 | \$7,573.44 |
| Interest, Personal Loans | | 1,337.96 | 1,337.96 |
| | | <u>\$8,911.40</u> | <u>\$8,911.40</u> |
| <u>Insurance</u> | | \$1,300.00 | \$1,300.00 |
| <u>Emergency Support</u> | | <u>\$ 300.00</u> | <u>\$ 300.00</u> |
| GRAND TOTAL | | \$13,061.40 | \$12,811.40 |

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. Schierenbeck, Chairman
C. H. Sandeen, Secretary

The 1966-1967 and 1967-1968 Budget for the CLC

| | <u>1966-1967</u> | <u>1967-1968</u> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Immanuel Lutheran College | \$32,845.00 | |
| Board of Missions | 49,501.40 | |
| Board of Trustees | 13,061.40 | |
| | <u>\$95,407.80</u> | |
| Proposed salary increase | 6,240.00 | |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$101,647.00 | \$101,700.00 |

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TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT
CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION
July 1, 1965 to July 1, 1966

BUDGETARY

Receipts:

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Offerings | \$ 92,378.44 | |
| Memorials | 211.00 | |
| Revenues, Tuition | 15,217.00 | |
| Revenues, Board and Room | 28,467.00 | |
| Revenues, Other College | 440.50 | |
| Interest Earned, 1964-1965 | <u>160.26</u> | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | | \$136,874.20 |

Disbursements

| | | |
|--|-----------------|--------------|
| Capital Investments | \$ 3,876.00 | |
| General Administration (See Summary #1) | 2,482.59 | |
| Home Missions & Administration (See Summary #2) | 39,327.68 | |
| Japan Mission | 6,600.00 | |
| Immanuel Lutheran College (See Summary #3) | 80,484.05 | |
| Loan to "The Spokesman" | <u>1,000.00</u> | |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | | \$133,770.32 |

Cash Balance for Fiscal Year \$ 3,103.88

Cash Deficit, July 1, 1965 -5,386.46

Cash Deficit, July 1, 1966 \$ -2,282.58

Borrowed Money (Notes Payable) in General Fund . . \$ 10,000.00

Borrowed Money on Hand July 1, 1966 \$ 7,717.42

SUMMARY # 1CLC GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DISBURSEMENTS:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Travel Expense | \$ 713.32 |
| Meals and Lodging | 117.89 |
| Telephone and Telegraph | 112.26 |
| Postage | 112.67 |
| Printing and Stationery | 141.11 |
| Interest | 500.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 416.89 |
| Journal of Theology | 368.45 |
| TOTAL | \$ 2,482.59* |

*This amount is \$417.41 under the budget
of \$2,900.00

SUMMARY # 2CLC MISSION BOARD DISBURSEMENTS:

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Berea Ev. Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn. | \$1,100.00 |
| Gethsemane Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, Wn. | 2,730.00 |
| Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Fridley (Mpls.) Minn. | 3,977.85 |
| Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, Florida | 4,781.84 |
| Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church, Alderwood Manor, Washington | 4,735.00 |
| Servant of Christ Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, California | 4,020.00 |
| Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, Wyoming | 3,120.00 |
| St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, Denver, Colorado | 1,387.27 |
| Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, Arizona | 4,170.30 |
| Rev. Harland Reed, Rochester, Minnesota | 75.00 |
| St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Winner, So. Dakota | 740.25 |
| St. Stephen's Ev. Lutheran Church, San Francisco, California | 4,285.60 |
| Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Denver, Colorado | 1,485.00 |
| CLC Parsonage, Phoenix, Arizona | 347.08 |
| General Mission Administration | <u>2,372.49</u> |
| TOTAL | \$39,327.68 |
| JAPAN MISSION | <u>6,600.00</u> |
| TOTAL MISSION DISBURSEMENTS | \$45,927.67* |

*This amount is \$3,612.32 under the
budget of \$49,540.00

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SUMMARY # 3

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN COLLEGE DISBURSEMENTS:

I. EDUCATIONAL BUDGET

| | | | |
|--------|-------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1a & b | Salaries | \$42,083.99 | |
| 1c | Professional Advancements | 450.00 | |
| 1d | Administration Expense | 897.50 | |
| 1e | Moving Expense | 100.00 | |
| 2 | Periodicals | 174.40 | |
| 3 | Board of Regents Expense | 179.50 | |
| 4 | Classroom Equipment | 802.77 | |
| 5 | Library | <u>638.82</u> | |
| TOTAL | | | \$45,326.98 |

II. AUXILIARY SERVICES BUDGET

| | | | |
|-------|---------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 6 | Social Security | \$ 595.10 | |
| 7 | Truck Insurance and License | 153.90 | |
| 8 | Office and Postage | 440.62 | |
| 9 | Telephone | 388.76 | |
| 10 | Catalog and Printing | 290.37 | |
| 11 | Recreation and Athletics | 1,322.55 | |
| 12 | Service Wages | 12,310.96 | |
| 13 | Fuel, Cooking and Heating | 4,082.33 | |
| 14 | Electric Power | 1,658.56 | |
| 15 | Tractor and Truck Fuel | 307.06 | |
| 16 | Janitor Supplies | 201.05 | |
| 17 | Machinery Maintenance | 169.22 | |
| 18 | Grounds Care | 98.07 | |
| 19 | Building Maintenance | 742.91 | |
| 20 | Grounds Improvement | 509.38 | |
| 21 | Buildings Improvement | 94.48 | |
| 22 | Equipment, Furniture | 120.07 | |
| 23 | Dormitory Equipment | 77.10 | |
| 24 | Kitchen Equipment | 65.01 | |
| 25 | Equipment, Service | 351.74 | |
| 26 | Pianos and Typewriters | 145.50 | |
| 27 | Food and Provisions | 9,033.56 | |
| 28 | Insurance | 1,105.27 | |
| 29 | Contingency | <u>612.50</u> | |
| TOTAL | | | \$34,876.07 |

III. EXTRA BUDGETARY

| | | | |
|-------|----------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| | Professorage Insurance | \$ 281.00 | |
| TOTAL | | | <u>281.00</u> |

TOTAL ILC DISBURSEMENTS \$80,484.05

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|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Budget | \$ 85,547.00 |
| Actual Disbursements | <u>80,484.05</u> |
| Disbursements under budget | \$ 5,062.95 |

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|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Estimated Revenues | \$ 48,050.00 |
| Actual Revenues | <u>44,124.50</u> |
| Revenues under estimate | \$ 3,925.50 |

Net Amount under Budget \$ 1,137.45

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Receipts:

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Balance on Hand, July 1, 1965 | \$ 6,078.15 |
| Offerings | 844.48 |
| Memorials | 229.00 |
| Interest Earned | <u>222.03</u> |
| TOTAL | \$7,373.66 |

Disbursements:

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Loan to Servant of Christ, Los Angeles, California | \$ <u>6,000.00</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>6,000.00</u> |

\$1,373.66

STUDENT AID FUND

Receipts:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Cash on Hand, July 1, 1965 | \$ 255.89 |
| Offerings | 215.97 |
| Interest Earned | <u>10.61</u> |
| TOTAL | \$ 482.47 |

Disbursements:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Immanuel Lutheran College | \$ <u>250.00</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>\$ 250.00</u> |

BALANCE ON HAND July 1, 1966 \$ 232.47

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I. L. C. RELOCATION FUND

Receipts:

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Cash on Hand July 1, 1965 | \$ 1,028.33 | |
| Offerings | <u>805.74</u> | |
| TOTAL | | \$ 1,834.07 |

Disbursements:

| | | |
|--|-----------------|-------------|
| Mortgage Expense | \$ 55.25 | |
| Mortgage, Payment on Principal | <u>1,431.87</u> | |
| TOTAL | | \$ 1,487.12 |

BALANCE ON HAND July 1, 1966 \$ 346.95

I. L. C. CLASSROOM BUILDING FUND

| | <u>Fiscal Year</u> | <u>From Beginning</u> |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>Receipts:</u> | | |
| Insurance Adjustment | \$ | \$ 7,635.34 |
| Property Mortgage | | 5,000.00 |
| Bequest and Interest | 5,036.14 | 5,036.14 |
| Offerings | 12,727.80 | 13,068.00 |
| Memorials | <u>854.77</u> | <u>854.77</u> |
| TOTAL | \$18,618.71 | \$31,594.25 |
| <u>Disbursements:</u> | | |
| Storm Damage Repairs | \$ | \$ 2,636.23 |
| Property Mortgage transferred to Professorage Building Fund | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Construction and Misc. Expenses | <u>11,316.51</u> | <u>21,315.62</u> |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | \$16,316.51 | \$28,951.85 |
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| BALANCE | \$ 2,302.20 | |
| Balance on Hand July 1, 1965 | <u>\$ 340.20</u> | |
| BALANCE ON HAND July 1, 1966 | \$ 2,642.40 | \$ 2,642.40 |

I. L. C. PROFESSORAGE BUILDING FUND

| | <u>Fiscal Year</u> | <u>From Beginning</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>Receipts:</u> | | |
| Private Loans (Notes Payable) . . . | \$11,000.00 | \$19,000.00 |
| Property Mortgage | 55,000.00 | 55,000.00 |
| Offerings | 210.40 | 210.40 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | <u>\$66,210.40</u> | <u>\$74,210.40</u> |
| <u>Disbursements:</u> | | |
| Construction & Misc. Expenses . . . | \$62,854.60 | \$63,577.78 |
| Notes Payable -- Interest Paid . . . | 312.96 | 312.96 |
| Notes Payable -- Principal Paid . . . | 218.52 | 218.52 |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | <u>\$63,386.08</u> | <u>\$64,109.26</u> |
| BALANCE | \$ 2,824.32 | \$10,101.14 |
| Balance on Hand July 1, 1965 . . . | \$ 7,276.82 | |
| BALANCE ON HAND July 1, 1966 . . . | <u>\$10,101.14</u> | <u>\$10,101.14</u> |

C. L. C. PARSONAGE FUND

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| <u>Receipts:</u> | | |
| Private Loans (Notes Payable) . . . | \$12,500.00 | |
| Notes Payable to seller | 2,500.00 | |
| C.L.C. Mission Board | 347.08 | |
| Interest Earned | 1.31 | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | | \$15,348.39 |
| <u>Disbursements:</u> | | |
| Purchase of Parsonage | \$14,500.00 | |
| Legal and other Misc. Expenses . . . | 318.35 | |
| Note Payments -- Interest | 22.84 | |
| Note Payments -- Principal | 39.24 | |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | | <u>\$14,880.43</u> |
| BALANCE ON HAND July 1, 1966 . . . | | \$ 467.96 |

C. L. C. RESERVE FUND

BALANCE ON HAND July 1, 1966 (Interest Earned) \$ 100.04

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C. L. C. DEBTS

American National Bank & Trust Co., Eau Claire, Wisconsin

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Mortgage Balance, July 1, 1965 | \$40,861.16 |
| Paid from ILC Relocation Fund | \$1,431.87 |
| Paid by Note Payable Interest Accrued | 500.00 |
| Paid by Monthly Payments of \$323.00 (\$3,876.00 less \$2,133.79 Interest) | <u>1,742.21</u> |
| | <u>\$ 3,674.08</u> |
| Mortgage Balance July 1, 1966 | \$37,187.08 |
| Open Notes to be added to Mortgage | <u>\$50,000.00</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>\$87,187.08</u> |

NOTES PAYABLE

Private Loans disbursed as follows:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| General Fund | \$10,000.00 |
| Professorage Building Fund | \$18,781.48 |
| CLC Parsonage Fund | \$12,500.00 |
| Property Payments | \$16,500.00 |
| Interest Accrued, Paid on Mortgage | <u>\$ 500.00</u> |
| | \$58,281.48 |

PHOENIX PARSONAGE

Note Payable to previous owner:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Balance as of July 1, 1966 | \$2,460.76 |
|--------------------------------------|------------|

SUMMARY OF DEBT

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Total CLC Debt July 1, 1966 | \$147,929.32 |
| Total CLC Debt July 1, 1965 | <u>75,361.16</u> |
| Debt Increase | \$ 72,568.16 |

Respectfully submitted,
 Lowell R. Moen, Treasurer
 1309 7th Avenue N. W.
 Austin, Minnesota 55912

CLC CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS
July 1, 1965 to July 1, 1966

| | Com. Mem. | Budgetary | C.E.F. | Other | ILC Classroom Bldg. Fund | Total |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| <u>MICHIGAN CONFERENCE</u> | | | | | | |
| Coloma | 171 | \$ 1,634.52 | \$ | \$ 160.00 | \$ 228.50 | \$ 2,023.02 |
| Dowagiac | 21 | 289.70 | | 5.00 | 51.00 | 345.70 |
| Saginaw | 150 | 1,202.99 | | | 56.00 | 1,258.99 |
| | <u>342</u> | <u>\$ 3,127.21</u> | | <u>\$ 165.00</u> | <u>\$ 335.50</u> | <u>\$ 3,627.71</u> |
| <u>MINNESOTA CONFERENCE</u> | | | | | | |
| Austin, Minnesota | 343 | 9,373.01 | 50.00 | 282.57 | 628.51 | 10,334.09 |
| Detroit Lakes, Minnesota | 55 | 49.00 | | | 27.00 | 76.00 |
| Eagle Lake, Minnesota | 93 | 685.02 | 22.95 | 5.00 | 77.00 | 789.97 |
| Fridley, Minnesota | 78 | 582.77 | | 458.40 | 59.50 | 1,100.67 |
| Hancock, Minnesota | 28 | 676.76 | 4.00 | | 97.70 | 778.46 |
| CLC Mission, Houston, Texas | 5 | 279.67 | | | | 279.67 |
| Mankato, Minnesota | 919 | 8,567.23 | 118.00 | | 747.00 | 9,432.23 |
| New Ulm, Minnesota | 91 | 1,994.13 | | 69.54 | 1,200.38 | 3,264.05 |
| Nicollet, Minnesota | 30 | 442.47 | | 54.86 | 27.00 | 524.33 |
| Okabena, Minnesota | 236 | 5,424.09 | 186.05 | 8.00 | 813.75 | 6,431.89 |
| Parker's Prairie, Minn. | 15 | 311.38 | 2.00 | | 96.00 | 409.38 |
| Ponsford, Minnesota | 56 | 10.00 | | | 40.00 | 50.00 |
| Red Wing, Minnesota | 117 | 1,740.97 | | 276.50 | 312.15 | 2,329.62 |
| Rochester, Minnesota | * | 538.91 | | | | 538.91 |
| St. Louis, Missouri | 26 | 81.50 | | | 58.00 | 139.50 |
| St. Paul, Minnesota | 27 | 1,318.90 | 44.41 | | 89.20 | 1,452.51 |
| Sanborn, Minnesota | 95 | 2,833.12 | 70.00 | 10.00 | 405.49 | 3,318.61 |
| Sleepy Eye, Minnesota | 216 | 5,938.40 | 147.45 | | 1,674.10 | 7,759.95 |
| Winter Haven, Florida | 52 | 780.00 | | | 104.00 | 884.00 |
| | <u>2482</u> | <u>\$41,627.33</u> | <u>\$644.86</u> | <u>\$1,164.87</u> | <u>\$6,456.78</u> | <u>\$49,893.84</u> |
| <u>PACIFIC COAST CONFERENCE</u> | | | | | | |
| Alderwood Manor, Wash. | 28 | 667.65 | 60.30 | | 90.50 | 818.45 |
| Clarkston, Washington | 56 | 592.02 | | 22.50 | 59.00 | 673.52 |
| Ellensburg, Washington | * | 92.95 | | 24.30 | | 117.25 |
| Los Angeles, California | 32 | 475.00 | | | | 475.00 |
| Orofino, Idaho | 27 | 409.00 | | | 17.00 | 426.00 |
| Phoenix, Arizona | 22 | 236.80 | | | 41.20 | 278.00 |
| San Francisco, California | 20 | 273.00 | | | 70.00 | 343.00 |
| Spokane, Washington (Gethsemane) | 79 | 1,570.91 | | | 108.00 | 1,678.91 |
| Spokane, Washington (Trinity) | 170 | 1,455.18 | | | 343.80 | 1,798.98 |
| | <u>734</u> | <u>\$ 5,772.51</u> | <u>\$ 60.30</u> | <u>\$ 46.80</u> | <u>\$ 729.50</u> | <u>\$ 6,609.11</u> |

| | Com. Mem. | Budgetary | C.E.F. | Other | ILC Classroom Bldg.Fund | Total |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------|---------|----------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| <u>WEST CENTRAL CONFERENCE</u> | | | | | | |
| Bowdle, South Dakota | 112 | \$ 2,545.15 | \$ | \$ | \$ 268.00 | \$ 2,813.15 |
| Cheyenne, Wyoming | 64 | 741.16 | | | 35.00 | 776.16 |
| Denver, Colo. (St. Lukes) | 96 | 1,095.00 | | | 5.00 | 1,100.00 |
| Denver, Colo. (Trinity) | 17 | 45.00 | | | | 45.00 |
| Estelline, So. Dakota | 55 | 899.19 | | 300.00 | 225.50 | 1,424.69 |
| Faulkton, So. Dakota | 63 | 870.58 | | | 157.00 | 1,027.58 |
| Hecka, So. Dakota | 15 | 400.00 | | | 50.00 | 450.00 |
| Ipswich, So. Dakota | 62 | 554.53 | | | | 554.53 |
| Jamestown, No. Dakota | 181 | 1,243.76 | 1.00 | 5.00 | 142.00 | 1,391.76 |
| Lamar, Colo. | 80 | 804.82 | | | 33.10 | 837.92 |
| Lemmon, So. Dakota | 113 | 1,900.00 | | | | 1,900.00 |
| Mission, So. Dakota | 17 | 551.79 | | | 45.45 | 597.24 |
| No. Platte, Nebr. | 16 | 110.00 | | | 40.50 | 150.50 |
| Pueblo, Colo. | * | | | | 186.02 | 186.02 |
| Valentine, Nebr. | 101 | 759.47 | | | | 759.47 |
| Watertown, So. Dakota | 117 | 2,281.88 | 76.19 | | 1.00 | 2,359.07 |
| White River, So. Dakota | 36 | 514.60 | | | 78.51 | 593.11 |
| Winner, So. Dakota | 57 | 598.67 | | | 33.00 | 631.67 |
| | 1202 | \$15,915.60 | \$77.19 | \$305.00 | \$1,300.08 | \$17,597.87 |
| <u>WISCONSIN CONFERENCE</u> | | | | | | |
| Cambridge, Wisconsin | 31 | 749.96 | | | 51.50 | 801.46 |
| Chicago, Ill. | 12 | 231.00 | 75.00 | | 25.00 | 331.00 |
| Eau Claire, Wisconsin | 126 | 2,282.02 | | | 312.05 | 2,594.07 |
| Fond du Lac, Wisconsin | 429 | 10,175.23 | | | 623.10 | 10,798.33 |
| Green Garden, Michigan | 129 | 1,100.98 | | 12.00 | 104.62 | 1,217.60 |
| Hinsdale, Ill. | 12 | 100.00 | | | | 100.00 |
| Markeson, Wisconsin | 152 | 3,406.56 | | | 656.00 | 4,062.56 |
| Marquette, Michigan | 125 | 1,589.29 | | 32.00 | 205.85 | 1,827.14 |
| Millston, Wisconsin | 40 | 408.47 | | 102.86 | 74.00 | 585.33 |
| Milwaukee, Wisconsin | 48 | 1,542.82 | | | 998.00 | 2,540.82 |
| Onalaska, Wisconsin | 29 | 163.35 | | 27.50 | 60.00 | 250.85 |
| Stambaugh, Michigan | 107 | 2,799.98 | | 66.00 | 532.50 | 3,398.48 |
| Stoddard, Wisconsin | 60 | 455.75 | | 27.50 | 112.50 | 595.75 |
| | 1300 | \$25,005.41 | \$75.00 | \$267.86 | \$3,755.12 | \$29,103.39 |

*Indicates no figure available

Miscellaneous Contributions

(Sent directly to Treasurer) \$ 594.45 \$211.13 \$175.00 \$ 984.00 \$ 1,964.58

REPORT OF THE SALARY COMMITTEE

This committee recommends to the convention that the present salary code be augmented by \$15.00 per month per dependent child after the first and through high school. The increased cost per year of this salary adjusted to the CLC budget is \$6240.00.

This committee further recommends to the convention that the Board of Trustees be empowered to increase all basic code salaries as soon as feasible. (Code is now \$300.00 for the head of a family and \$225.00 for a single person.)

Finally, this committee also recommends to the convention that the boards of Missions and Regents establish equitable travel reimbursement after consultation with the individual workers.

Respectfully,

B. J. Naumann, Secretary
L. Grams, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE # 5: FINANCES

I.

We express our joy and thanks that the deficit in the general treasury was reduced during the past fiscal year, and urge all congregations to continue this effort.

II.

We express our thanks to the treasurer of our CLC for giving us regular, detailed and accurate reports of all offerings. We accept the report of the Auditing Committee that the books of the treasurer were found in order and commend the committee for its work.

III.

We concur with:

- A. The acquisition of professorages without larger expenditures to the CLC.
- B. The purchase of the parsonage at Phoenix through private loans.
- C. The procedure of combining all coverage of ILC property under one insurance policy.

IV. Reserve Fund

We recommend:

- A. That the Classroom Building Fund be closed.
- B. That any monies still contributed to the Relocation and Classroom Building Fund be accepted.
- C. That a Debt Retirement Fund with a reserve of \$10,000.00 be established.

We urge our people to support the Debt Retirement Fund.

V. Missions

We recommend:

- A. That the proposed budget for mission be adopted.
- B. That the request for \$5,000.00 be granted for the 1967-1968 fiscal year. (ACTION OF CONVENTION: TABLED.)

VI. ILC Educational and Auxiliary Budgets

Whereas, the budget of ILC is divided into two categories, educational and auxiliary; and

Whereas, the auxiliary budget is to be self-sustaining; and

Whereas, board and room charges should be based on the budget for auxiliary services; and

Whereas, some of the items (in whole or in part) of the auxiliary budget rightly belong in the educational budget; and

Whereas, it is impossible to evaluate the auxiliary budget fairly until such adjustments are made,

Be it resolved that

- A. The Board of Regents divide the ILC budget more carefully as to the educational and auxiliary boundaries, and
- B. After careful study of the revised auxiliary budget the Board of Regents in consultation with the Coordinating Council be authorized to adjust the board and room fee for the 1967-1968 school year to come in line with the auxiliary services.

VII. Report of the Study Committee on CLC Finances

We recommend:

- A. That the report of the Study Committee on CLC Finances be turned over to the respective delegate conferences or circuit meetings for discussion at their next meetings.
- B. That this report be used as a basis for discussion at the General Pastoral Conference, 1967, under the leadership of Chairman G. Radtke.

We urge the delegate conferences or circuit meetings to arrange to have the Chairman or Secretary of the Study Committee lead their respective discussions.

VIII. Report of Salary Committee

We recommend:

- A. That the child allowance be changed to \$15.00 per month per dependent child after the first until such children have finished high school--retroactive to July 1, 1966.
- B. That the Boards of Missions and Regents establish equitable travel reimbursement after consultation with individual workers.

IX. Budget

A. Changes in ILC Budget

1. #1a under educational budget - salaries increased to \$39,060.00.
2. #23 under auxiliary service budget increased to \$1,600.00 for dormitory equipment.
3. #27 increased to \$10,500.00 for food and provisions.
4. Total Budget \$82,915.00
Total Revenues 49,180.00
Total Subsidy 33,735.00

B. Presentation of CLC Budget:

| | <u>1966-1967</u> | | <u>1967-1968</u> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----|---------------------|
| Board of Regents, ILC | \$33,735.00 | add | \$1,200.00 |
| Board of Missions | 53,401.40 | add | 5,000.00 |
| Board of Trustees | 13,061.40 | | same |
| | <u>\$100,197.80</u> | | <u>\$106,397.80</u> |

(Note: The 1967-1968 budget is a 6% increase over the previous year.)

- C. We recommend that the finalization of the 1967-1968 budget be the responsibility of the Coordinating Council.

X. Property Fund

Whereas, it would appear advisable and advantageous financially and administratively to create a separate holding corporation to which CLC congregations could apply for property and building loans; and

Whereas, the early formation of such a corporation would begin to relieve the treasurer and chairman of the Board of Trustees of the administrative demands which will be constantly increasing in proportion to the number of properties acquired; and

Whereas, it is beyond the experience of this committee's membership to direct what specific form such a holding corporation should take (such as, for example and suggestion, a savings and loan association or credit union); and

Whereas, the best use of the financial talents invested by the Lord in our membership has hardly begun to approach its full potential,

Therefore be it resolved:

- A. That we suggest to the Board of Trustees that it approach this convention with a request for names of men of the CLC who are by vocation equipped and disposed to investigate the forming and running of such a corporation.
- B. That a committee of such men be appointed by the Board of Trustees to make this investigation.
- C. That the results of this investigation be presented to the next convention.

XI. Student Aid Fund

Because delinquent tuitions at ILC are in some cases due to hardship, we urge our members to remember the Student Aid Fund in their gifts to the Church.

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Officers:

President: Pastor P. G. Albrecht
 Vice President: Pastor M. J. Witt
 Moderator: Pastor George Barthels
 Secretary: Pastor P. F. Nolting

Board of Missions:

Pastor Ruben Ude - 1970
 Mr. Helmuth D. Ohlmann - 1970
 Pastor Ralph Schaller - 1968
 Mr. E. J. Radtke - 1968

Board of Trustees:

Pastor Lester Schierenbeck - 1970
 Mr. Duane Riggert - 1970
 Pastor Bertram Naumann - 1968
 Mr. Charles Sandeen, - 1968

ILC Board of Regents:

Pastor Gilbert Sydow - 1970
 Mr. Edwin C. Hasse - 1970
 Pastor Egbert Albrecht - 1968
 Mr. Marlin Beekman - 1968

Statistician: Pastor P. F. Nolting

Archivist: Pastor L. G. Bernthal

Board of Education:

Prof. Roland Gurgel - 1970
 Pastor Carl Thurow - 1970
 Teacher Gerhard Mueller - 1968
 Mr. LeRoy Hulke - 1968

CLC Book House Board of Control:

Mr. Herbert Geiger - 1972
 Teacher Robert Rehm - 1970
 Pastor Keither Olmanson - 1968

Board of Doctrine:

Prof. C. M. Gullerud
 Prof. Egbert Schaller
 Pastor Paul F. Nolting
 Pastor Gilbert Sydow
 Prof. Edmund Reim (advisory)

Standing Constitution Committee:

Pastor Robert Reim
 Pastor M. J. Witt
 Mr. Lloyd Lieske
 Mr. Richard Ohlmann

Auditing Committee:

Pastor Lester Schierenbeck
 Mr. Arlen Gilbertson
 Mr. E. Mohnhart

Auditing Committee for Journal:

Mr. O. Christianson
 Prof. Ronald Roehl

Journal of Theology:

Prof. Egbert Schaller, editor
 Prof. C. M. Gullerud
 Prof. Roland Gurgel
 Prof. Edmund Reim, editorial staff
 Pastor Martin Galstad
 Pastor Gordon Radtke, contributing editors

Lutheran Spokesman:

Pastor Winfred Schaller, editor
 Pastor Gilbert Sydow, associate editor
 Pastor Rollin Reim, church news editor
 Pastor O. J. Eckert
 Pastor Martin Galstad
 Pastor David Lau
 Prof. John Lau
 Pastor Bertram Naumann
 Pastor Robert Reim
 Prof. Ronald Roehl
 Pastor Carl Thurow, contributing editors

Visiting Elders:

Michigan Conference - Pastor Ralph Schaller
 Minnesota Conference - Pastor Paul F. Nolting
 Pacific Coast Conference - Pastor Norbert Reim
 West Central Conference - Pastor Vernon Greve
 Wisconsin Conference - Pastor Egbert Albrecht

Planning Committee:

Pastor Gordon Radtke
 Pastor Marvin Eibs
 Prof. C. M. Gullerud
 Mr. Arlen Gilbertson
 Mr. Walter Romberg
 Mr. Alvin Salmela

COMPARATIVE STATISTICAL REPORT
of the
Church of the Lutheran Confession

| | <u>1960</u> | <u>1961</u> | <u>1962</u> | <u>1963</u> | <u>1964</u> | <u>1965</u> | |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| Reports: | <u>44</u> | <u>55</u> | <u>61</u> | <u>62</u> | <u>63</u> | <u>63</u> | - congregations (member and affiliated) |
| Membership: | 1365 | 1527 | 1909 | 1448 | 1495 | 1481 | - voters |
| | 4740 | 5404 | 5953 | 5546 | 5806 | 5895 | - communicants |
| | 2289 | 2533 | 2759 | 2604 | 2811 | 2797 | - pre-confirmation children |
| | 7120 | 8128 | 8992 | 8382 | 8684 | 8728 | - total souls |
| Ministrations: | 9 | 23 | 35 | 17 | 21 | 23 | - adult baptisms |
| | 212 | 263 | 302 | 261 | 223 | 245 | - child baptisms |
| | 49 | 73 | 86 | 60 | 64 | 75 | - adult confirmations |
| | 147 | 183 | 184 | 189 | 160 | 179 | - child confirmations |
| | 53 | 83 | 69 | 55 | 86 | 89 | - marriages |
| | 81 | 68 | 80 | 63 | 65 | 66 | - funerals |
| | 16308 | 20790 | 22751 | 22174 | 22916 | 22377 | - total communed |
| | 3.4 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.8 | - average per communicant |
| Christian Education: | 7 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | - Christian Day Schools |
| | 276 | 322 | 385 | 379 | 411 | 426 | - CDS enrollment |
| | 15 | 16 | 19 | 19 | 23 | 21 | - CDS teachers |
| | 1307 | 1441 | 1574 | 1519 | 1529 | 1510 | - Sunday School enrollment |
| | 192 | 219 | 243 | 236 | 243 | 225 | - Sunday School teachers |
| | 176 | 239 | 310 | 287 | 264 | 222 | - Saturday School enrollment |
| | 24 | 35 | 51 | 36 | 36 | 34 | - Saturday School teachers |
| | 749 | 913 | 860 | 1005 | 995 | 935 | - VBS enrollment |
| | 78 | 101 | 105 | 110 | 107 | 110 | - VBS teachers |
| Contributions: | \$342,158 | \$366,651 | \$383,775 | \$383,137 | \$432,392 | \$420,469 | - home |
| | 26,419 | 44,048 | 55,371 | 58,832 | 75,104 | 80,538 | - CLC missions |
| | 4,529 | 3,619 | 4,972 | 2,310 | 2,638 | 9,235 | - CLC special |
| | | | | 60,726 | 12,870 | | - CLC ILC Relocation |
| | | | | | | 9,811 | - CLC Classroom Fund |
| | 372,855 | 414,318 | 444,148 | 502,987 | 525,354 | 520,759 | - total contributions |
| | 78.85 | 76.67 | 74.95 | 90.69 | 90.48 | 88.34 | - average per communicant |

Respectfully submitted - Paul F. Nolting, Statistician

