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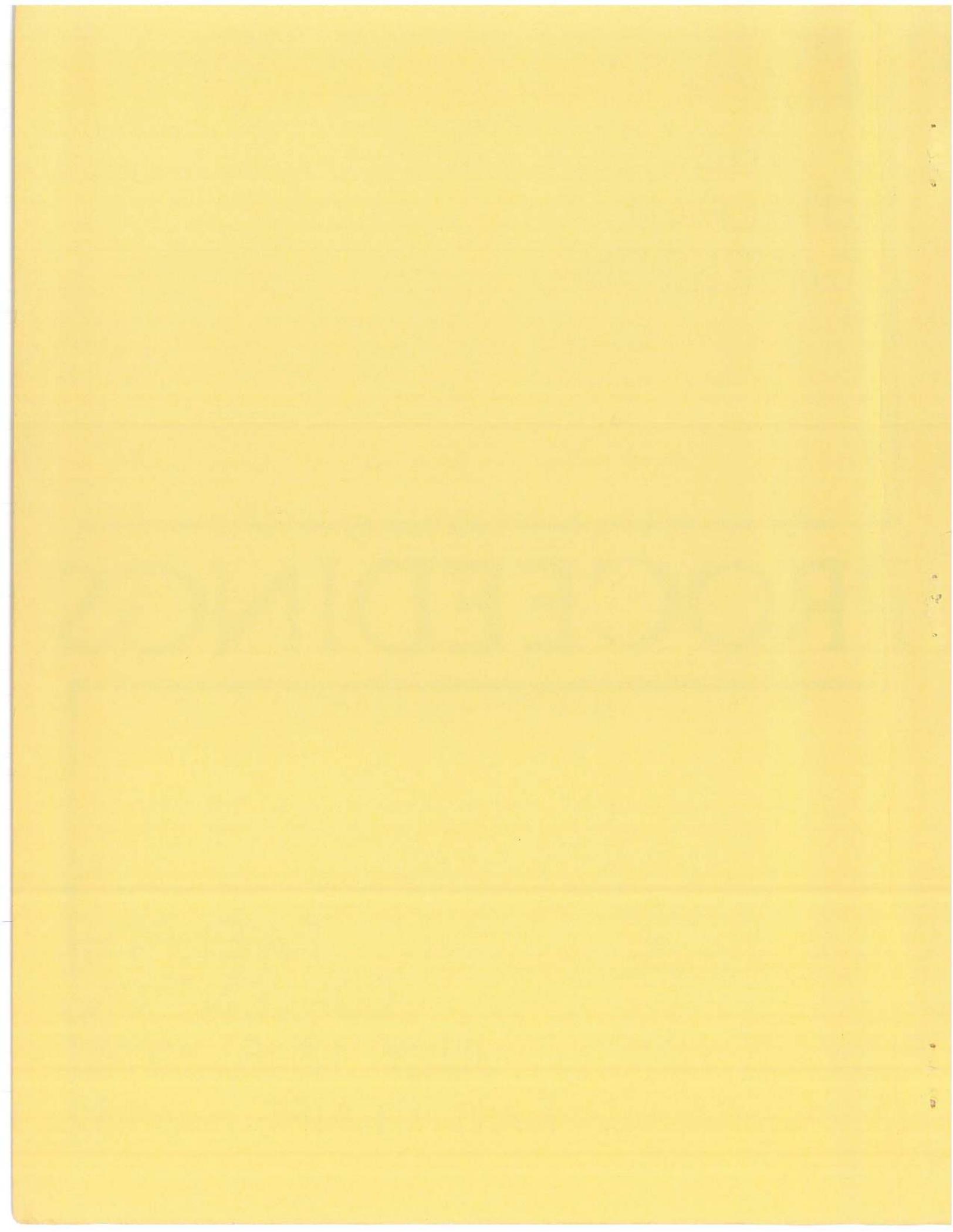


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CONVENTION DELEGATES

Key: P = Present; X = Excused; XP = Excused Parttime; U = Unexcused;
 UP = Unexcused Parttime; * = Affiliated Congregation; ** = A Congregation Accepted Into Voting Membership At This Convention;
 *** = Preaching Station.

I. Congregations:

1.	ARIZONA,	Phoenix - Holy Cross	Delegates	<u>X</u> :	George Johnson
				:	
			Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Norbert Reim
2.	CALIFORNIA,	Canoga Park (Los Angeles). .	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Philip Winsor
		Servant of Christ		<u>U</u> :	Richard Kruse
			Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Arvid Gullerud
3.		Hayward (San Francisco - Bay	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Michael Slattengren
		Area East) - St. Stephen		<u>X</u> :	Donald Luebke
			Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Paul Schaller
4.		San Francisco (Bay Area	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Chris Holt
		West) - St. Stephen		<u>P</u> :	Steve Ludvigson
			Pastors	<u>P</u> :	Rollin Reim
				<u>P</u> :	Mark Gullerud
5.	COLORADO,	Broomfield - Trinity	Delegates	<u>X</u> :	Karl Maulis
				<u>X</u> :	Steve Albrecht
			Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Garrett Frank
6.		Denver - St. Luke's.	Delegates	<u>X</u> :	
				<u>X</u> :	
			Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Victor Tiefel
7.		Lamar - Mt. Olive.	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Paul Bentrup
				<u>U</u> :	Pat Weibye
			Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Vance Fossum
8.	FLORIDA,	Winter Haven - Immanuel. . .	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Richard Kuehne
				<u>P</u> :	Fred Abel
			Teacher	<u>P</u> :	Henry Hasse
			Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Paul Gurgel
9.	IDAHO,	Orofino - Peace.	Delegates	<u>X</u> :	Franklin Stanek
				<u>X</u> :	
			Pastor	<u>P</u> :	H. E. Rutz
10.	ILLINOIS,	Addison (Chicago) - Immanuel.	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Merrill Wuerch
				<u>X</u> :	Robert Voss
			Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Douglas Libby
11.	MICHIGAN,	Coloma - Faith	Delegates	<u>X</u> :	Robert Altom
				<u>X</u> :	Raymond Broz
			Teacher	<u>P</u> :	Timothy Koch
			Pastor	<u>P</u> :	James Sandeen
12.		Detroit Area - Mt. Zion. . .	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Harold Libby
				<u>X</u> :	Robert Long
			Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Paul Tiefel, Jr.
13.		Green Garden - St. Paul's. .	Delegates	<u>X</u> :	
				<u>X</u> :	
			Pastor	<u>XP</u> :	Jonathan Schaller
14.		Marquette - Calvary.	Delegates	<u>X</u> :	Warren Contois
				<u>X</u> :	Frank Paull, Jr.
			Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Walter Schaller
15.		Saginaw - Gethsemane	Delegates	<u>X</u> :	James Cole
				<u>XP</u> :	Kent Schneider
			Pastor	<u>P</u> :	David Schierenbeck

16.	Sister Lakes - Redeemer	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Otto Garrett
			<u>X</u> :	Keith Tillman
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Paul Tiefel, Jr.
17.	Stambaugh - St. Peter's	Delegates	<u>X</u> :	Paul Tiefel, Sr.
			<u>X</u> :	Walter Heisel
		Pastor	<u>XP</u> :	E. H. Rutz
18.	MINNESOTA, Austin - St. Paul's	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	John Tomhave
			<u>P</u> :	Leonard Lueders
		Teacher	<u>P</u> :	Leif Olmanson
		Pastor	<u>XP</u> :	Carl Thurow
19.	**Detroit Lakes - Mt. Olive . . .	Delegates	<u> </u> :	
			<u> </u> :	
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Clarence Hanson
20.	Eagle Lake - Salem.	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	David Gullerud
			<u>P</u> :	Kenneth Schmitt
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Robert Mackensen
21.	Fridley (Minneapolis) - Grace. .	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Larry Nelson
			<u>P</u> :	Philip Radichel
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	H. C. Duehlmeier
22.	Inver Grove Heights (St. Paul). Berea	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Douglas Bester
			<u>P</u> :	James Sydow
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Paul F. Larsen
23.	Mankato - Immanuel.	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Carl Doering
			<u>P</u> :	Harold Pischner
		Teachers	<u>P</u> :	Dean Carstensen
			<u>X</u> :	Paul R. Eserhut
			<u>XP</u> :	John Gurgel
			<u>X</u> :	Robert Mehlretter
			<u>P</u> :	Gene Schreyer
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Robert Reim
24.	**Montevideo - Christ	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Ragnar A. Moen
			<u> </u> :	
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Marvin H. Eibs
25.	Morris - Bethel	Delegates	<u>X</u> :	Donald DeGier
			<u> </u> :	
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Elton Hallauer
26.	New Ulm - Faith	Delegates	<u>XP</u> :	Don Engel
			<u>XP</u> :	Don Kassuelke
		Pastor	<u>XP</u> :	Gilbert Sydow
27.	Nicollet - Faith.	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Edwin Hasse
			<u> </u> :	Harold Hene
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Keith Olmanson
28.	**Okabena - St. John's.	Delegates	<u>XP</u> :	Dennis Ahrens
			<u> </u> :	
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Robert E. Wehrwein
29.	***Parker's Prairie - Peace. . . .	Delegates	<u>X</u> :	John Meyer
			<u> </u> :	
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Elton Hallauer
30.	**Ponsford - St. Paul's	Delegates	<u> </u> :	
			<u> </u> :	
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Clarence Hanson
31.	Red Wing - Our Redeemer's	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Al Heath
			<u>P</u> :	Emery Fitschen
		Teacher	<u>P</u> :	Walter Priebe
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	David Lau

32.	Sanborn - Faith	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Roy Weber
			<u>X</u> :	Willis Wendland
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Marvin H. Eibs
33.	Sleepy Eye - Grace.	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Robert Krueger
			<u>P</u> :	Gilbert Jensen
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	George Barthels
34. MISSOURI,	St. Louis County (Ballwin). . .	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Norman F. Harms
	Faith		<u>P</u> :	Otto Reimnitz
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Michael Sydow
35. MONTANA,	Missoula - Holy Trinity	Delegates	<u>U</u> :	
			<u>U</u> :	
			<u>U</u> :	L. G. Bernthal
36. NEBRASKA,	Thedford - Immanuel	Delegates	<u>X</u> :	Vern Rau
			<u>X</u> :	Alvo Crawford
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	David Baker
37.	Valentine - Grace	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Hugo Porath
			<u>P</u> :	Jack Mayhew
		Teacher	<u>X</u> :	Robert Rehm
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	David Baker
38. NEW MEXICO,	**McIntosh - Grace.	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Richard Dommer
			<u>P</u> :	
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Ralph Schaller
39. NORTH CAROLINA,	*Hendersonville - Living Word. .	Delegates	<u>X</u> :	
			<u>X</u> :	
		Pastor	<u>X</u> :	F. M. Archer
40. NORTH DAKOTA,	Jamestown - Our Savior's. . . .	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Everett Murch
			<u>P</u> :	
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Paul Fleischer
41. SOUTH CAROLINA,	West Columbia - Holy Trinity. .	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	David Douglas
			<u>P</u> :	Jack Ballentine
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Paul F. Nolting
42. SOUTH DAKOTA,	Aberdeen - Church of the. . . .	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Bennett Olmanson
	Lutheran Confession		<u>P</u> :	
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Norman Greve
43.	Bowdle - Redeemer	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Donald Claeys
			<u>P</u> :	Melvin Maier
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Wayne Mielke
44.	Estelline - Zion.	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Harry Boone
			<u>P</u> :	Leonard Wiesner
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Vernon Greve
45.	Faulkton - First Lutheran . . .	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	
			<u>P</u> :	
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Leland Grams
46.	Firesteel - Grace	Delegates	<u>X</u> :	
			<u>X</u> :	
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	David Koenig
47.	Hecla - Prince of Peace	Delegates	<u>XP</u> :	Larry Hansen
			<u>P</u> :	
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Norman Greve
48.	Ipswich - Zion.	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Fred Entzel
			<u>P</u> :	
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Leland Grams
49.	Lemmon - St. Luke's	Delegates	<u>X</u> :	Frank Wenner
			<u>P</u> :	Ed Suko
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	David Koenig

50.	Mission - Peace	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	L. E. Jones
			:	
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Harland Reed
51.	Watertown - Trinity	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	George Dummann
			<u>P</u> :	Vernon Fuerstenau
		Teacher	<u>P</u> :	Alvin Sieg
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Vernon Greve
52.	White River - St. Paul's	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Mons Week
			:	
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Harland Reed
53.	Winner - St. Paul's	Delegates	<u>X</u> :	Fred Littau
			:	
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	John V. Klatt
54. TEXAS,	***Austin - Reformation.	Delegates	<u>X</u> :	Hugh Pillsbury
			<u>X</u> :	Mike Cothran
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Daniel Fleischer
55.	Corpus Christi - Zion	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Wallace A. Crozier
			<u>X</u> :	George Cothran
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Daniel Fleischer
56.	Houston - Bethel.	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Rudy Mueller
			<u>XP</u> :	Floyd Fougeron
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	L. Dale Redlin
57. WASHINGTON,	Alderwood Manor (Seattle)	Delegates	<u>X</u> :	Fritz Peterson
	Redemption		<u>X</u> :	Richard Clark
		Pastor	<u>XP</u> :	Bertram Naumann
58.	Clarkston - St. John's	Delegates	<u>X</u> :	Howard Ceske
			<u>X</u> :	Adolph Riggers
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	H. E. Rutz
59.	Spokane - Gethsemane.	Delegates	<u>X</u> :	Chris Bafus
			<u>X</u> :	Ruben Overland
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	John Schierenbeck
60.	Spokane - Trinity	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Irving Nicklous
			:	
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	M. J. Witt
61. WISCONSIN,	Cambridge - Faith	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Robert Packard
			:	
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	John Johannes
62.	Eau Claire - Messiah.	Delegates	<u>PX</u> :	J.Gullerud/O.Christianson
			<u>P</u> :	G.Radichel/M.Albrecht
		Teacher	<u>P</u> :	LeRoy Hulke
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	L. W. Schierenbeck
63.	Fond du Lac - Luther Memorial .	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Don Eserhut
			<u>P</u> :	D.Gurath/N.Gurath
		Teacher	<u>P</u> :	Gerhardt Mueller
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Waldemar Schuetze
64.	Hales Corner (Milwaukee).	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Richard Laakaniemi
	Messiah		<u>P</u> :	Harvey Callies
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	John K. Pfeiffer
65.	Markesan - Faith.	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Lee Krueger
			<u>P</u> :	Gerhardt Voigt
		Teacher	<u>P</u> :	David F. Lueck
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	Egbert Albrecht
66.	Middleton (Madison)	Delegates	<u>P</u> :	Lawrence H. Templeton
	Peace Thru Christ		:	
		Pastor	<u>P</u> :	John Johannes

- 67. Millston - Trinity Delegates P : William Harkner
: Pastor P : Mark Bernthal
- 68. **Neenah - Bethlehem Delegates P : Theodore Thurow
: Pastor P : Theodore Barthels
- 69. Onalaska - St. Mark's Delegates P : Milton Meyer
: Pastor P : Arthur E. Schulz
- 70. Stoddard - St. Luke's Delegates P : Oscar Stellner
: P : Albert Levendoski
: Pastor P : Arthur E. Schulz
- 71. WYOMING, Cheyenne - Redeemer Delegates P : Lowell Kolb
: Pastor P : Herbert Witt

II. Clergy - Without Congregations:

- 1. P Buck, Michael D.
- 2. P Dommer, Robert
- 3. X Eargle, M. Earl
- 4. P Gullerud, C. M.
- 5. P Gurgel, Roland
- 6. P Koch, Paul R.
- 7. P Kuehne, Clifford
- 8. P Lau, John
- 9. P Pelzl, James
- 10. P Radtke, Gordon
- 11. P Roehl, Ronald

III. Clergy - Emeriti:

- 1. P Galstad, Martin
- 2. P Garbrecht, Martin
- 3. X Groeschel, Max

NOTE: Committee #7 presented the following Tabulation of Attendance:

Category	Present	Fulltime	Excused	Parttime	Excused	Fulltime	Unexcused
Pastors	51		5		1		1
Pastor Emeriti	1				1		
Clergy Without Congregations	12				1		
Teachers	9		1		2		
Teachers Emeriti	1						
Lay Delegates	62		9		41		3
	136		15		46		4

CONVENTION FLOOR COMMITTEES

Committee #1: Doctrine

- Pastor L. W. Schierenbeck, Chm.
- Pastor Keith Olmanson, Secy.
- Pastor Vernon Greve
- Pastor Arvid Gullerud
- Pastor H. E. Rutz
- Pastor Waldemar Schuetze
- Prof. Ronald Roehl
- Prof. Robert Dommer
- Teacher Henry Hasse
- Teacher Alvin Sieg
- Faith-Markesan: Lee Krueger
- Grace-McIntosh: Richard Dommer
- Grace-Sleepy Eye: Gilbert Jensen

- Grace-Valentine: Jack Mayhew
- Immanuel-Mankato: Carl Doering
- Immanuel-Winter Haven: Richard Kuehne
- Messiah-Hales Corner: Harvey Callies
- St. Paul's-Austin: Leonard Lueders
- St. Paul's-White River: Mons Week
- St. John's-Okabena: Dennis Ahrens
- Zion-Estelline: Harry Boone

- Committee #2: President's Message
and Report, Publications, CLC Book
House, Board of Education
- Pastor Daniel Fleischer, Chm.
 - Pastor David Baker, Secy.

Pastor Leland Grams
 Pastor Paul Larsen
 Pastor Jonathan Schaller
 Pastor Ralph E. Schaller
 Prof. Gordon Radtke
 Teacher Martin E. Garbrecht
 Teacher Leif Olmanson
 Teacher Gene Schreyer
 Bethel-Houston: Floyd Fougeron
 Faith-St. Louis: Otto E. Reimnitz
 Gethsemane-Saginaw: Kent Schneider
 Grace-Fridley: Philip Radichel
 Our Redeemer-Red Wing: Al Heath
 Servant of Christ-Canoga Park:
 Philip Winsor
 Trinity-Millston: Wm. J. Hackner
 Trinity-Spokane: Irving Nicklous
 Trinity-Watertown: George Dumann

Committee #3: Immanuel Lutheran
 College

Pastor Norbert Reim, Chm.
 Teacher David F. Lueck, Secy.
 Pastor Theodore W. Barthels
 Pastor Marvin H. Eibs
 Pastor Vance Fossum
 Pastor Paul R. Gurgel
 Pastor John V. Klatt
 Pastor James E. Sandeen
 Pastor Paul W. Schaller
 Pastor Paul M. Tiefel, Jr.
 Berea-Inver Heights: James Sydow
 Christ-Montevideo: Ragnar Moen
 Faith-Sanborn: Roy Weber
 Faith-Cambridge: Robert Packard
 Holy Trinity-West Columbia: David Douglas
 Immanuel-Addison: Merrill Wuerch
 Messiah-Eau Claire: James Gullerud
 Messiah-Hales Corners: Richard Laakaniemi
 St. Luke's-Stoddard: Albert Havendoski
 St. Stephen-San Francisco (Bay Area West):
 Steve Ludvigson

Committee #4: Missions

Pastor M. J. Witt, Chm.
 Pastor David Schierenbeck, Secy.
 Pastor Paul Fleischer
 Pastor David Koenig
 Pastor Douglas Libby
 Pastor L. Dale Redlin
 Pastor Walter Schaller
 Pastor Gilbert Sydow
 Prof. Michael Buck
 Teacher Dean Carstensen
 Teacher Gerhardt Mueller
 Bethlehem-Neenah: Theodore Thurow

Faith-New Ulm: Don Engel
 Faith-New Ulm: Don Kassuelke
 Grace-Sleepy Eye: Robert Krueger
 Immanuel-Mankato: Harold Pischner
 Luther Memorial-Fond du Lac:
 Don Eserhut
 Our Savior's-Jamestown:
 Everett Murch
 Peace-Mission: L. E. Jones
 Peace Thru Christ-Middleton:
 L. H. Templeton
 Redeemer-Bowdle: Melvin Maier
 Salem-Eagle Lake: David Gullerud
 St. Mark's-Onalaska: Milton Meyer
 St. Paul's-Austin: John Tomhave
 St. Stephen-San Francisco (Bay Area
 East): Michael Slattengren
 Zion-Corpus Christi: Wallace Crozier
 Zion-Ipswich: Fred Entzel

Committee #5: Finances

Prof. James Pelzl, Chm.
 Mr. Norman Harms, Secy. (Faith-
 St. Louis County)
 Pastor Elton Hallauer
 Pastor John Johannes
 Pastor Wayne Mielke
 Pastor John Pfeiffer
 Pastor Robert Reim
 Pastor Rollin Reim
 Pastor Victor Tiefel
 Teacher Timothy Koch
 Bethel-Houston: Rudy Mueller
 Church of the Lutheran Confession-
 Aberdeen: Bennett Olmanson
 Faith-Markesan: Gerhardt Voigt
 Faith-Nicollet: Edwin Hasse
 Grace-Fridley: Larry Nelson
 Grace-Valentine: Hugo Porath
 Immanuel-Winter Haven: Fred Abel
 Messiah-Eau Claire: Gilbert Radichel
 Mt. Zion-Detroit: Harold Libby
 St. Luke's-Stoddard: Oscar Stellner
 Zion-Estelline: Leonard Wiesner

Committee #6: Membership, Credentials,
 Excuses, Ratification of Visitors,
 Next Convention, Miscellaneous

Prof. John Lau, Chm.
 Pastor Arthur Schulz, Secy.
 Pastor Clarence Hanson
 Pastor Robert Mackensen
 Pastor Harland C. Reed
 Pastor E. H. Rutz
 Prof. Paul R. Koch
 Prof. Clifford Kuehne

Teacher LeRoy Hulke
 Teacher Walter Priebe
 Berea-Inver Grove Heights:
 Douglas B. Bester
 Luther Memorial-Fond du Lac:
 David Gurath
 Our Redeemer's-Red Wing: Emery Fitschen
 Redeemer-Cheyenne: Lowell Kolb
 Redeemer-Sister Lakes: Otto D. Garrett
 St. Luke's-Lemmon: Ed Suko
 Trinity-Watertown: Vernon Fuerstenau

Committee #7: Nominations

Pastor P. F. Nolting-Eastern Conference
 Pastor M. H. Eibs-Minnesota Conference
 Pastor M. J. Witt-Pacific Coast Conference

Pastor L. Grams-West Central Conference
 Pastor W. A. Schuetze-Wisconsin
 Conference

Committee #8: Elections

Pastor Michael Sydow, Chm.
 Pastor Mark Bernthal
 Pastor Garrett Frank
 Pastor Norman Greve
 Pastor Mark Gullerud
 Holy Trinity-West Columbia:
 Jack Ballentine
 Mt. Olive-Lamar: Paul Bentrup
 Redeemer-Bowdle: Don Claeys
 St. Stephen-San Francisco (Bay Area
 West): Chris Holt

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE CONVENTION

Consultants: Pres. Egbert Albrecht - Press Representative
 Prof. C. M. Gullerud - Board of Doctrine and ILC
 Pastor H. C. Duehlmeier - Board of Regents
 Pastor Carl Thurow - Board of Trustees

Convention Reporter: Pastor Robert E. Wehrwein

Chaplain: Pastor David Lau

Speakers: Pastor Paul F. Nolting - Convention Communion Service
 Pastor Robert Reim - Memorial Service
 Pastor M. J. Witt - South Hall Dedication Service

Liturgists: Pastor L. W. Schierenbeck
 Prof. C. M. Gullerud

Organists: Prof. Robert Dommer
 Pastor John V. Klatt

Essayists: "I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST!"
 Prof. C. M. Gullerud: "The Gospel for Man"
 Prof. Roland Gurgel: "The Cloud of Witnesses"
 Pastor John Schierenbeck: "Our Witness to Our Age"

REPORT OF COMMITTEE #6: MEMBERSHIP, CREDENTIALS, EXCUSES, RATIFICATION OF VISITORS, MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

I. Expression of Thanks

Time and again, God's children in both the Old and New Testaments gave thanks to God for the blessings which they had received from Him through their fellow believers. We do not wish to neglect this important Christian duty and privilege.

Therefore be it resolved: The convention expresses its gratitude to the Lord for His blessing in providing the many gifts by which this convention has been served, and offers thanks to the Lord for His blessing in making this convention both edifying and productive;

Be it further resolved: On behalf of the CLC, this convention expresses its deep appreciation for services rendered by all its retiring officers and committee members.

II. Membership of Pastors, Teachers, and Professor

The following have declared their agreement with the Constitution of the Church of the Lutheran Confession, including its doctrinal position and the order which is to be followed. The committee on membership recommends their acceptance as voting members of the Church of the Lutheran Confession:

Pastors: Theodore Barthels, Mark Bernthal, Garrett Frank, Norman Greve, Mark Gullerud, Paul Gurgel, Douglas Libby, and Robert Wehrwein.

Teachers: Dean Carstensen, Timothy Koch, and Theodore Thurow.

Professor: Michael Buck.

III. Membership of Congregations

The committee on membership recommends the approval of the constitutions of the following congregations and their acceptance into membership at this convention:

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Neenah, Wisconsin
 Christ Lutheran Church, Montevideo, Minnesota
 Grace Lutheran Church, McIntosh, New Mexico
 Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota
 St. John Lutheran Church, Okabena, Minnesota
 St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, Minnesota

Note: We suggest that if any of the congregations make future changes in their constitutions, they take the Model Constitution into consideration.

IV. Ratification of Visiting Elders

Whereas the following pastors have been elected by their respective conferences, we recommend that the CLC convention ratify these elections:

Pastor Paul F. Nolting - Eastern Conference
 Pastor Robert Reim - Minnesota Conference
 Pastor M. J. Witt - Pacific Coast Conference
 Pastor Leland Grams - West Central Conference
 Pastor John Pfeiffer - Wisconsin Conference

V. Letter from the Japan CLC

Resolved that the letter be returned to the convention with the request that the President of our church body answer the letter on our behalf in the light of the action of this convention in these matters.

VI. Review of Model Constitution

Constitution

We acknowledge with gratitude the work of our Standing^A Committee in preparing a Model Constitution for the use of our CLC congregations, and we recommend that it be made available by the committee. Minor changes and alterations are being suggested by our floor committee and will be brought to the attention of the standing committee. These matters need not, in our judgment, occupy the time of this convention. It is, after all, a model constitution, subject to changes and alterations by congregations making use of it.

VII. Time of Next Convention

Be it resolved that the next regular convention of the Church of the Lutheran Confession convene on Monday, July 10, 1978, at 1:00 p.m., and continue through Friday afternoon, July 14.

Be it further resolved that the convention be held at Immanuel Lutheran College of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, unless an invitation elsewhere is received and accepted by the Coordinating Council.

VIII. Mankato, MN Area Study Club Memorial: Re Proper Response to Essays Presented at Our CLC Assemblies

Whereas conference and convention essays are to serve for instruction and improvements in various phases of our activity in the CLC; and

Whereas every essay that is presented at a CLC conference or convention deserves an appropriate response from the respective assembly to whom it was presented; and

Whereas we are exhorted in Scripture to "prove all things; hold fast that which is good." (I Thess. 5:21);

Be it therefore resolved that we consider it a responsibility of brotherly love, whenever an essay is presented in any of our CLC conferences or conventions, that a response to that essay be in due time adopted and recorded in respect to the following categories:

1. ACCEPTED - Stimulating and encouraging toward some intensive and continued study of the subject treated, and it also is informative, instructive, and scripturally correct, without commenting on individual expressions and terminology.
2. REVISION NEEDED - Inconclusive and lacking in scriptural support, and therefore in need of revision either in specific areas or in the entire essay.
3. ADOPTED - An excellent contribution for future reference and repeated use, and therefore possibly worthy of careful editing by a special committee for expressions and terminology in preparation for publishing as a confessional position or as a guideline.

Floor Committee: We recommend that the entire Memorial of the Mankato Area Study Club be adopted as the policy of all conferences and conventions of the Church of the Lutheran Confession with the added suggestion that the authors of all essays have printed copies available for those who are present.
ADOPTED BY A STANDING VOTE OF 64-31.

IX. Unprinted Gilbert Sydow Memorial: Re Dissolving the Board of Control of the CLC Book House and the Transfer of Its Duties to the Board of Regents of ILC

Since this memorial dealt with a constitutional matter and was not presented in printed form to the delegates, both it and the floor committee's response to it were ruled out of order by the Moderator and so were rejected.

Secretary

X. Report of the Standing Constitution Committee: Re CLC Constitution

1. Bylaw #3: Board of Education

A. Composition

The board of education shall consist of one pastor, one parochial school teacher, and two laymen. The term of office shall be four years, two members to be appointed at each regular convention by the conference visitors and the presidium. Each appointment shall be subject to ratification by the convention. The members of this board shall not be members of any elective board or office of the body.

B. Duties

- a. The board of education shall evaluate and be responsible for the curriculum of all educational institutions of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (high school through seminary).
- b. It shall study curriculums of parochial schools of the Church of the Lutheran Confession and make suggestions for correlating their programs.
- c. It shall encourage the establishment and expansion of parochial schools.
- d. It shall assist the congregations by recommending necessary materials for Sunday and Bible schools, Bible classes, and other educational agencies.

2. Bylaw #4: Board of Regents

B. Duties

- a. The board of regents shall be responsible for the general policy of the institutions under its care. (Omit curriculum)

3. New Bylaw: Official Roster of the Church of the Lutheran Confession

A. Pastors

All eligible pastors serving a congregation under a regular call.

B. Professors

All eligible professors teaching at the educational institutions of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (high school through seminary).

C. Teachers

All eligible teachers serving a congregation under a regular call.

4. Proposed Addition to the CLC Constitution: In Article V Officers and Their Duties, under B Duties of #1 President insert the following as paragraph "e" and renumber the rest of the paragraphs:

- e. Before persons within our fellowship may serve in the public teaching and preaching ministry, it shall be the responsibility of the president, in consultation with the respective conference visitor and local pastor, to determine the eligibility of such a candidate. (Graduates of an educational institution of the Church of the Lutheran Confession are exempt.)

5. Proposed Bylaw #1: Tenure of Office

This was printed in the 1974 Proceedings, page 11. The Standing Constitution Committee recommends that it be not adopted.

Since points one through four were not in the hands of the delegates in printed form and since point five was inadvertently not assigned to any committee, all constitutional changes were tabled to the 1978 convention.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE #6 - ADOPTED EDITED AND PRINTED.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AND REPORT

We are gathered here in convention to hear reports of what the Lord has done among us in the Church of the Lutheran Confession and to apply ourselves to the work that He has laid before us. Another convention is opening today also--a political convention in New York for the choosing of a presidential candidate. Many of our fellow Americans are looking with interest to that convention. Our gathering here is almost unknown beyond the confines of our congregations.

Because of the bicentennial of our nation we have grown more aware of national events and we appreciate much more the rich blessings God has bestowed upon us in this great country. We know that it is not by chance that we are able to worship the Lord Sunday after Sunday in our churches, and also here in convention, without any kind of interference or hindrance; that we may travel thousands of miles to this convention without a single restriction laid upon us as we move from state to state; that we may speak openly and freely without fear of reprisal or harm; that we may publish the results of this convention and any other materials that we deem necessary for our church work without censorship. These are blessings the Lord has given us. All the world envies us for the prosperity in which we live and the freedom which we enjoy in this country. We have done nothing to merit these blessings. God has simply made us heirs to all of them. He did so that we should use them for the one great work He has given us to do, namely, to preach the Gospel to every creature.

Even as He made us heirs to the riches and freedom of this land, so He has also made us heirs to the Gospel that we preach. It is the very same Gospel that the Apostles preached, that Luther restored to the Church, and that was brought to this country by Lutherans who were forced to leave Europe for conscience's sake rather than compromise the truth of God's Word with the teachings of the Reformed Church. We live in freedom; we possess the Gospel; and we have the means to bring it to others. Let us seek the Lord's continued goodness among us as grateful Americans and pray that He may ever keep us in possession of His saving Gospel in all its purity.

Jesus' final words to His disciples were PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE; MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS. He wants us to tell everyone of God's grace toward sinners, that although they deserve eternal death for having transgressed His holy Law, yet the good news once brought to David is meant also for them: THE LORD ALSO HATH PUT AWAY THY SIN, THOU SHALT NOT DIE. (II Samuel 12:13) God laid the sins of the whole world upon His own Son, Jesus Christ, and punished Him in our stead. For Jesus' sake He has declared this whole world righteous in His sight. He did this. In Isaiah 43:25 He says: I, EVEN I, BLOT OUT THY TRANSGRESSIONS FOR MINE OWN SAKE AND REMEMBER NOT THY SINS. What we were helpless to do, He did for us. Salvation is forever an accomplished fact. It cannot be changed or conditioned by anything.

This wonderful news of God's grace in Christ is utterly unknown and completely inconceivable to our natural heart and mind. It remains sheer nonsense to our human reason that God should take the burden of our sin and guilt and lay it upon His own Son. But He did, and thereby removed it from all men for all time and for all eternity. Although this glorious truth offends our proud reason, the Holy Spirit through this very Gospel has taught us to call Jesus Lord, and to bring INTO CAPTIVITY EVERY THOUGHT TO THE OBEDIENCE OF CHRIST. (II Cor. 10:5)

While our Savior was here on earth, He preached this Gospel to sinners untiringly. He also trained men to carry on this work after His return to heaven. Their training was the best that any preachers ever received, for it came from the Son of God Himself, and was strengthened by the Holy Spirit who led them into all truth.

But Jesus never intended the preaching of the Gospel to be the work of just a select few. He wants every sinner whom He has called out of darkness into His marvelous light, to proclaim God's grace to others. When the first persecution struck Jerusalem, all the believers became active missionaries, for we are told THEY THAT WERE SCATTERED ABROAD WENT EVERYWHERE PREACHING THE WORD. (Acts 8:4) One of the reasons for the rapid growth of the early Church was the fact that every Christian became a missionary. It is important that we recognize this, for only then will we as a church body carry out our Lord's commission as we should, when not only the pastors of our congregations preach the Gospel, but all our members, wherever they go, take the Gospel with them and speak it with all boldness.

The power of God is in the Gospel. The most eloquent preacher cannot convert a single soul, but the Lord's power goes with His Word, and is effective whether spoken by pastor or layman. Therefore, like the apostles and early Christians, we should give ourselves to this work with heart and soul and all that we possess. Peter and John, after healing the lame man, were told by the Jewish authorities NOT TO SPEAK AT ALL NOR TEACH IN THE NAME OF JESUS. They simply responded to the authorities: WHETHER IT BE RIGHT IN THE SIGHT OF GOD TO HEARKEN UNTO YOU MORE THAN UNTO GOD JUDGE YE. They went home and together with all their brethren lifted up their voices to God and prayed, not that He might spare them from further threatenings or harm from the authorities; no, they prayed: GRANT UNTO THY SERVANTS THAT WITH ALL BOLDNESS THEY MAY SPEAK THY WORD. When they continued to preach, they were cast into the common prison; and when the angel came and told them: GO, STAND AND SPEAK IN THE TEMPLE TO THE PEOPLE ALL THE WORDS OF THIS LIFE, they did not say: "This is getting pretty risky, better let things calm down for awhile and then try again." No, before anyone knew that an angel had freed them from the prison, they were already in the temple, preaching the Gospel. Their answer to the Council for doing so this time was WE OUGHT TO OBEY GOD RATHER THAN MEN. (Acts 3-5)

Christ has given us this same Gospel. He wants us to PREACH it TO EVERY CREATURE. That's why we are meeting here in convention--to consider how we can best fulfill our Lord's command to GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE. We know that the end of all things is at hand, and that the time for this preaching is growing shorter. Therefore we must apply ourselves with all diligence to this one great work. Men, women, and children are dying in their sins while we have both the Gospel that saves and the means to bring it to them. Preaching the Gospel is not one of many phases of our church work. It is the only task the Lord has given us to do in relation to this world.

In our home communities we seek to lead local people to know Jesus as their Savior and to become members of our congregations. Here, with fellow members of the Church of the Lutheran Confession, we seek to bring the saving Gospel to many in other localities and throughout the world. We try to carry out this two-fold responsibility with good judgment, lest we invest so freely in our own local church and school facilities and burden ourselves with such heavy local financial obligations that we can barely meet our operating expenses and then have little or nothing left to give for the work of missions. We avoid pitting our own local undertakings against so-called "outside purposes." Mission work is not an "outside purpose;" it is the one work that Jesus has given His Church to do.

It costs something to preach the Gospel. Our Savior knew that when He gave us the assignment. He could have made it easy for us if He had turned this work over to His holy angels. Then we wouldn't need an Immanuel Lutheran College or professors, for angels don't need to study. They are fit preachers by nature and full of the knowledge of God. We wouldn't need any mission offerings or a mission board, since angels don't need clothing, parsonages, a salary, mileage allowance

or an increment to supplement their salary. Building the Lord's kingdom would be cost-free to us. Angels would be great preachers, as we see from the stories of Christmas and Easter, and they would gladly serve the Lord. But we have been given the privilege of telling sinners of the salvation in Christ that we personally possess. Our Savior wants us, who deal in worldly, perishable things in all of our other activity, to experience the joy of also dealing with things that never perish, but endure forever. He wants us to be co-workers with Him in building His kingdom, to handle His eternal Word, so that on the last day when all things around perish, we may with joy behold the Church in all its glory and see the blessed results of preaching the Gospel. While many delegates meet in New York to prepare for the national elections coming in November, we are meeting here to consider how best to preach the Gospel which is the power of God unto salvation. Four years from now the political convention in New York will, to a great extent, be forgotten, but our work shall endure forever and ever.

The early Christians had no costly churches for their work, no organs or choirs, no tracts or bulletins to hand out. They did not complain that they were lacking in equipment and therefore could not carry out Jesus' command. They had the Gospel and confidence in the power of that Word. We have that very same Gospel. Let us preach it in season and out of season--always, and be confident that the Lord will also bless our humble efforts.

OUR DOCTRINAL MATTERS

The Third Use of the Law

A dispute arose in our West Central Conference over the Third Use of the Law. President Robert Reim called the pastors together at our 1974 convention and suggested that they meet in a special conference to resolve this matter. Pastor Paul Nolting was asked to prepare an essay on The Third Use of the Law.

A special pastoral conference was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mankato, Minnesota on January 7-9, 1975. Pastor Nolting presented his study of the Third Use of the Law, which was comprehensive, thoroughly Scriptural and well received. Shortly thereafter he put it into printed form, and it was sent to all pastors for their individual study and comments.

When the regular pastoral conference met in Okabena, Minnesota on July 8-10, 1975, these comments were discussed and Pastor Nolting's paper was formally accepted.

Because of the great length of the essay, Pastor Nolting was asked to provide the brethren with a summary of it in the form of theses and antitheses. He did so, and when they had been reviewed by the Board of Doctrine, they were sent to all the brethren for comment. Five responses were received.

The Board of Doctrine was asked to review these responses and to isolate the points of controversy. The board also chose a sub-committee to report their findings to the brethren and suggested that a small study session be held to include the men who sent comments and a committee appointed by the president. They further suggested a thorough review of Article VI of the Formula of Concord, which deals with the Third Use of the Law, be included in the study session.

In preparation for that meeting of eight men, which was held at the Midway Motor Lodge in Eau Claire on February 23-24, 1976, Pastor Robert Reim was asked to prepare an outline of Article VI of the Formula of Concord. This outline was carefully studied first, and then, in a candid, fraternal manner the points of controversy

were considered. The Nolting theses were studied and a few minor changes in wording were made, to the satisfaction of all the men present. The outline of Pastor Reim was also accepted by all present. And as a settlement of the controversy, the following three points were agreed upon:

1. The law, which instructs us as to what works are God-pleasing, in no way whatever is a power or force for the doing of those works.
2. The law in its third use instructs the Christian, because of his flesh, as to what works are truly pleasing to the Lord, while simultaneously reproving the Christian for failing to do those works.
3. In all areas of the discussion the monergism of grace by the power of the Holy Spirit was upheld in both the doctrines of justification and sanctification.

It was agreed that overstatements are frequently made when theological issues are intensely debated, imprecise expressions are often used, and that even false statements are made. It was the confidence of the men present that the Spirit of God would give everyone in our Church of the Lutheran Confession who might have been guilty of any of these to make the proper corrections. With praise and thanks to the Lord for the grace He had granted them in reaching this agreement and for maintaining the precious gift of unity that the Holy Spirit has created among us, they adjourned to their separate callings.

A report of this meeting, the points agreed upon, and the outline of Pastor Reim were mailed to all the brethren. Again comments were solicited. Several were received asking for clarification and several suggested changes in the wording of the three points. These comments were presented to the Board of Doctrine for their information. The president wrote to those who had sent comments and tried to clarify what seemed unclear. He urged that no editing of the three points be made, since they represented a correct and Scriptural agreement on the points of controversy that had existed among us in regard to the Third Use of the Law.

Now that the controversy among us has been settled on the basis of the three points adopted at the Midway Motor Lodge, we believe that these three points constitute a rejection of all statements made in the course of the controversy that were in any way contradictory to the truths expressed in these three points. We are grateful to the Lord for having led us to this agreement. The intensive study of Law and Gospel which this controversy forced upon us has been a most fruitful and beneficial study for all of us.

Japan

Our long and much cherished fellowship with the Japan Church of the Lutheran Confession has been disturbed by certain differences of opinion that have arisen between us in two areas. They concern the call extended to Pastor Robert Wehrwein and terminated by the Japan Church of the Lutheran Confession, and the controversy over the Third Use of the Law. We look forward to an early and God-pleasing resolution of these differences. The Floor Committee on Doctrine will have all the pertinent correspondence involved in these matters.

Polygamy

In our last convention it was resolved that the Church of the Lutheran Confession take up work in Nigeria. Since polygamy is practiced in Nigeria, it is necessary that we declare our position in this matter. Pastor Norbert Reim presented an essay on this subject at the special pastoral conference that was held

in Mankato in January of 1975. It became evident that there was a divided opinion among the brethren over this matter. Therefore Professor Kuehne was asked to present an essay on the same subject at the Okabena pastoral conference in July of 1975. Professor Kuehne was asked to continue his study. He did and prepared a set of propositions on marriage and polygamy which were sent to all pastors, teachers, and delegates prior to this convention. Comments on these propositions were requested. These propositions, together with the comments received, will be turned over to the Floor Committee on Doctrine.

Fraternal Life Insurance

An essay was delivered at our 1972 convention entitled "Why A Study Of The Fraternal Life Insurance Organization--Aid Association for Lutherans?" Considerable discussion followed. The unionistic character of the Aid Association for Lutherans has been studied in conferences since then and brought to the attention of our people through the pages of our Lutheran Spokesman.

In October of 1975 Lutheran Brotherhood, also a fraternal life insurance organization, invited representatives of our Church of the Lutheran Confession to participate in a study aimed at improving their program of financial assistance to the Lutheran Church. The president declined their invitation and explained our objections to unionistic fraternal life insurance organizations. The correspondence will be in the hands of the Floor Committee on Doctrine.

OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Immanuel Lutheran College

The new dormitory in which many of our delegates are housed is a very substantial and attractive building. It was authorized by the 1974 convention at a cost not to exceed \$160,000. The basement of the new building was designated as the future kitchen-dining area for the student body. When the Building Committee studied the combination of a dormitory with dining facilities in the basement, it found this arrangement unsuitable. Urged by the Building Committee and the Coordinating Council to make the kitchen-dining facilities a part of a future phase of our Immanuel Lutheran College expansion program and to use the dormitory basement for other much-needed purposes, the president notified all congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession that he would so direct the Building Committee if there were no strenuous objections from our Church of the Lutheran Confession membership. The results were favorable and the building was constructed as it now stands before us.

The cost exceeded the limits set by the convention, chiefly because inflation upset our economy so badly before the money could be collected and the dormitory constructed. When bids were opened, the most acceptable bid was \$215,000. Even at this figure, some items that the Building Committee felt were essential had to be eliminated. In order to proceed with the project at this high figure, the Coordinating Council met in Okabena on July 9, 1975, and authorized the Building Committee to proceed with the program. The Coordinating Council also decided that we should strive to pay for the building by the time of its dedication. The Building Committee was also urged to continue with the planning of the next phase of our Immanuel Lutheran College expansion program.

The Building Committee and the Publicity Committee did their work well and the response of our members toward this project has been most remarkable. Although the actual cost of the building reached \$223,985.79, our members gave gifts almost

totaling that amount. The Gospel has worked mightily in the hearts of our members and led them to give freely for a building that many of them will never see. The cost of this dormitory teaches us to appreciate again how richly the Lord blessed us when He made it possible for us to purchase this whole Immanuel Lutheran College campus of seventy-five acres with its numerous buildings for a total of only \$85,000. We made the Lord's gift our own at that time by having a synod-wide offering to pay for this Ingram estate. Our members gave joyfully then. Now the Lord has made it possible to add this new dormitory for women to this campus through more generous gifts from our members.

The beautiful campus that we see around us is, humanly speaking, the life-line of our church body. Here we train men for the pastoral ministry, men and women for the teaching ministry, and men and women who shall be active members in our congregations in years to come. It is one of the means by which we carry the message of the Gospel to all the world.

Christian Day Schools

We are happy to report that the number of Christian day schools in our Church of the Lutheran Confession continues to increase. Gethsemane Congregation of Spokane, Washington has called Miss Nancy Haertl to begin the lower grades of their school this coming fall. Grace Congregation of Valentine, Nebraska has called Mr. Robert Rehm to begin their eight-grade school this fall. Grace Congregation of Minneapolis has called Miss Carol Heisel to begin the lower grades of their school this fall.

On the other hand, Trinity Congregation of Broomfield, Colorado was forced to discontinue its school, since the congregation was not large enough to support both church and school. Servant of Christ Congregation in Los Angeles, California also has discontinued its school for lack of facilities and the financial means to maintain it.

The demand for certification of all teachers in the states of Michigan, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Washington remains a problem for our graduates. The Lord this year provided every school in our Church of the Lutheran Confession with teachers, even in those states requiring certification. Nevertheless, we must continue our efforts to resolve the matter of certification for our teachers. The Board of Regents has a thorough report to present to the convention on this matter.

OUR MISSION PROGRAM

In This Country

The mission program of our Church of the Lutheran Confession is of necessity a flexible program, since the Gospel charts its own course through this world. Members of our Church of the Lutheran Confession move into areas where there is no CLC church available to them within reasonable driving distance, and so they hold services in their own homes and invite others to join them. As their members increase, they look more and more to the possibility of establishing a congregation in their midst. They seek advice and the help of the Board of Missions. If it appears to be a potential mission field, the Board of Missions will provide help to the best of its ability. Three of the six congregations applying for membership with the Church of the Lutheran Confession are such new congregations, namely, Bethlehem Congregation of Neenah, Wisconsin; Christ Congregation of Montevideo, Minnesota; and Grace Congregation of McIntosh, New Mexico.

Sometimes efforts at establishing a congregation do not succeed. The Gospel moves on as members move. This was the case in Rapid City, South Dakota, as Pastor John Klatt described it: "At a meeting on May 9, 1976 the members of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church voted to dissolve the congregation. This decision was made as the result of the loss of nearly all the members through transfer to other congregations, the last resident voting member soon to be transferred. The remaining souls are being encouraged to transfer their membership to other congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession."

It also happens that congregations that received support from our mission budget grow strong enough to discontinue their need for subsidy and become independent congregations. During the past two years the congregation at Aberdeen, South Dakota joined the congregation at Hecla, South Dakota in forming a joint parish. Thus Aberdeen no longer needed subsidy. Congregations at Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota and East Bay, San Francisco, California likewise declared themselves self-supporting.

The Board of Missions has given considerable study to the guidelines that direct congregations receiving mission subsidy and have suggested some changes to make them more realistic in regard to the salaries of our missionaries, the repayment of loans made to mission congregations, and the conditions under which Christian day schools may be established in mission congregations. These guideline changes are in the Prospectus and will be before the convention for consideration and approval.

Nigeria

The Lord has so far held a restricting hand over our work in Nigeria. He has allowed us only to bring the Patrick Udo family to Eau Claire so that Mr. Udo may be prepared for the ministry in the Nigerian Church of the Lutheran Confession, and his wife as a teacher. This effort has been a pleasant success, since the Udos have applied themselves well to their schooling here at Immanuel Lutheran College. We look forward to their future service in the Nigerian Church of the Lutheran Confession.

The Lord has not opened the door to an expatriate, that is, to one of our American pastors, to go to Nigeria to direct the work that is waiting there. Constant contact with the Nigerian Church of the Lutheran Confession is being maintained through correspondence with their leaders. They continue to express hopes that our work can begin in their midst soon. But the Lord's ways are not our ways, nor are His thoughts our thoughts. He will use our efforts in Nigeria in the manner that best suits the building of His Kingdom.

OUR BUDGET

It is evident that the Lord has continued to expand the work of our Church of the Lutheran Confession, thus making it necessary for us to consider a budget larger than any we have ever adopted before. The Coordinating Council prepared the budget for consideration by the convention. It totals \$250,518. A special \$50,000 offering for capital investments in Nigeria is also suggested.

The record of our past performance in meeting the budgets we set for ourselves shows that only once in eleven years did we actually contribute the amount that we had set as our goal. That was in 1967-68 when our contributions to the General Fund of our Church of the Lutheran Confession exceeded by \$700 the goal of \$106,400. And yet, in all the other years, the work we chose to do was fairly well accomplished in spite of our failure to meet the budget. This was due in part to

the fact that our boards carefully disbursed their moneys so that they did not always use all that was allotted to them, and that some of our mission congregations became self-supporting earlier than expected or reduced their subsidies beyond the amounts anticipated. During the last two years it was due in large part to the fact that the Lord did not allow us to send a missionary into Nigeria.

If we this year actually implement all that is suggested by the Coordinating Council, we will need to raise \$300,518 in this month of July and in the remaining eleven months of this fiscal year, less, of course, the balance on hand when the year began. This amount is not beyond our capabilities, but it will require dedicated response from every one of our congregations. Since the budget is larger than last year's \$212,500, we will have to increase our mission offerings to meet it. We cannot let them stay at last year's level or fall below it. Our offerings will have to be increased.

We know that three of our congregations will begin Christian day schools this fall. Operating a school is one of the finest ways there is to preach the Gospel. But operating a school adds considerable expense to the local budget. Drought has hit portions of our country and some of our members have already been affected by it. Some of our congregations are facing costly repairs or improvements on their properties and will be forced to meet greater financial obligations at home. These are practical matters and may have a bearing on how far we can increase our CLC budget over last year, for if the budget is larger, our contributions will also have to be larger. They cannot remain the same as they were this year, or be less.

We would not like to have anyone think that these are pessimistic thoughts, or that they reveal a lack of trust in the Lord, as if He will not readily give us all that we need to do His work. He surely will bless us, even as He has in the past. But when He gives us His rich blessings, we must be sure to bring a portion of them for His work in a steady, consistent manner. The remarkable offerings given for the new dormitory are evidence of His goodness to our people. It is not of such special offerings, however, that we here speak. Rather, we are referring to the month by month, regular support needed from every congregation for the work we do together in our Church of the Lutheran Confession.

May the Lord fill our hearts with a desire to preach the Gospel to every creature in every way possible; to trust Him for all the blessings we need to do His work; to use good judgment in setting a realistic budget for our church body; and to go home from this convention and explain to all of the members in our congregation what we have decided to do together in Jesus' name.

OTHER BUSINESS

Two memorials were received since the printing of the Prospectus. One was submitted by the West Central Delegate Conference and deals with the naming of the new dormitory; the other deals with the Book House and was submitted by Pastor G. Sydow. (The former will be turned over to the Committee on Immanuel Lutheran College, the latter to the committee (No. 6) that handles miscellaneous matters.)

Two items of business were tabled at the 1974 convention to this convention. They are:

1. Equalization of travel for students from outlying congregations attending Immanuel Lutheran College. (Cf. 1974 Proceedings, page 59.)
2. Determining the priority for the next phase of the Immanuel Lutheran College Expansion Program. (Cf. 1974 Proceedings, page 64.)

It is also to be noted that the report of the Committee on Depreciation Concerning Immanuel Lutheran College presented to the 1974 convention was placed on file for action at this convention. (Cf. 1974 Proceedings, page 79.)

IN MEMORIAM

It pleased the Lord of the Church to call out of our midst through death our first president, President Paul Albrecht. We are most grateful to the Lord for the leadership which President Albrecht provided the Church of the Lutheran Confession when it was organized and through the difficult years of its early growth.

On Wednesday afternoon Pastor Robert Reim will conduct a brief Memorial Service in which he will direct our thoughts to the comfort and joy that are ours in Christ.

APPOINTMENTS

During the past two years the following appointments were made:

Mr. Robert Rehm was appointed to the Standing Committee to review the 1973 resolution concerning the separation of the high school from the college and seminary departments of Immanuel Lutheran College

Mr. Clyde Jones of Spokane, Washington was appointed to the Standing Constitution Committee to fill the position vacated by Richard Ohlmann.

Pastor David Lau was appointed Associate Editor of the Lutheran Spokesman when illness forced Pastor Gilbert Sydow to give up this work.

Mr. Alvin Wendt was appointed Auditor. Because of illness he was unable to serve. Therefore, Mr. Albert Sippert of North Mankato and Mr. Donald Kassuelke of New Ulm, Minnesota were appointed to audit the books.

INTERIM COMMITTEES

The following committees were appointed:

Committee to study the tuition fees at Immanuel Lutheran College: Mr. Gerhard Mueller, Mr. Enno Gerbitz, and Pastor John Pfeiffer.

Committee to draw up guidelines for the new position of Immanuel Lutheran College Business Manager: Mr. Herbert Geiger, Mr. Edwin Hasse, and Pastor Paul Larsen.

Committee on Equalization of travel expense to CLC conventions and conferences: Pastor Gilbert Sydow, Mr. Sherman Carstensen, and Pastor Elton Hallauer.

Committee to prepare guidelines for administering the proposed Retirement Program: Pastor L. W. Schierenbeck, Mr. Martin Albrecht, and Prof. James Pelzl.

Committee to review salaries of our missionaries and professors: Pastor H. C. Duehlmeier, Mr. Walter Romberg, and Pastor Carl Thurow.

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

Pastor Garrett Frank was installed as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Broomfield, Colorado on August 4, 1974 by Pastor Daniel DeRose.

Pastor David Schierenbeck was installed as pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, Michigan on August 18, 1974 by Pastor Ralph Schaller.

Mr. Alvin Sieg was installed as teacher in Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, South Dakota on August 18, 1974 by Pastor Vernon Greve.

Pastor James Sandeen was installed as pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Addison, Illinois on September 8, 1974 by Pastor John Pfeiffer.

Pastor Walter Schaller was installed as pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church, Marquette, Michigan on December 15, 1974 by Pastor Ralph Schaller.

Pastor Robert Mackensen was installed as pastor of Salem Lutheran Church of Eagle Lake, Minnesota on January 5, 1975 by Pastor Robert Reim.

Pastor David Lau was installed as pastor of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, Minnesota on April 20, 1975 by Professor Gordon Radtke.

Pastor Robert Wehrwein was installed as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, Minnesota on June 15, 1975 by Pastor Marvin Eibs.

Pastor Theodore Barthels was ordained and installed as pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Neenah, Wisconsin on June 29, 1975 by Pastor Egbert Albrecht.

Pastor Keith Olmanson was installed as assistant pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota on July 6, 1975 by Pastor Robert Reim.

Pastor Mark Gullerud was ordained and installed as assistant pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran Church of San Francisco, California on July 13, 1975 by Pastor Rollin Reim.

Mr. Robert Rehm was installed as principal and upper grade teacher of Servant of Christ Lutheran School, Los Angeles, California on August 10, 1975 by Pastor Arvid Gullerud.

Mr. Dean Carstensen was installed a principal and upper-grade teacher of Immanuel Lutheran School, Mankato, Minnesota on August 24, 1975 by Pastor Robert Reim.

Prof. Michael Buck was installed as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, Wisconsin on August 25, 1975 by Pastor H. C. Duehlmeier.

Pastor Norman Greve was ordained and installed as pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, South Dakota and Church of the Lutheran Confession, Aberdeen, South Dakota on September 14, 1975 by Pastor Vernon Greve.

Pastor Ralph Schaller was installed as missionary in New Mexico at McIntosh, New Mexico on October 26, 1975 by Pastor Vance Fossum.

Pastor Paul Gurgel was ordained and installed as pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, Florida on June 13, 1976 by chairman of the congregation, Mr. Frederick Abel.

Pastor James Sandeen was installed as pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Coloma, Michigan on June 20, 1976 by Pastor David Schierenbeck.

Pastor Douglas Libby was ordained and installed as pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Addison, Illinois on July 4, 1976 by Pastor James Sandeen.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Robert Wehrwein, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, Minnesota, who was granted confessional membership only in 1974 because of his anticipated work in Japan, has asked to be received into full voting membership of the Church of the Lutheran Confession.

Theodore Barthels, pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Neenah, Wisconsin has applied for membership in the Church of the Lutheran Confession.

Douglas Libby, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Addison, Illinois has applied for membership in the Church of the Lutheran Confession.

Paul Gurgel, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, Florida has asked to be received into membership of the Church of the Lutheran Confession.

Norman Greve, pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, South Dakota and Church of the Lutheran Confession, Aberdeen, South Dakota has applied for membership in the Church of the Lutheran Confession.

Mark Gullerud, assistant pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran Church, San Francisco, California has asked to be received into membership in the Church of the Lutheran Confession.

Garrett Frank, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Broomfield, Colorado has applied for membership in the Church of the Lutheran Confession.

Mark Bernthal, who will be installed as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Millston, Wisconsin this coming Sunday, July 18, 1976, has asked to be received into membership in the Church of the Lutheran Confession.

Timothy Koch, who will soon be installed as upper grade teacher and principal of Faith Lutheran School, Coloma, Michigan, has applied for membership in the Church of the Lutheran Confession.

Theodore Thurow, who will soon be installed as principal and upper grade teacher of Our Savior's Lutheran School, Jamestown, North Dakota, has applied for membership in the Church of the Lutheran Confession.

Dean Carstensen, principal and upper grade teacher of Immanuel Lutheran School, Mankato, Minnesota, has applied for membership in the Church of the Lutheran Confession.

Michael Buck, professor at Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, has applied for membership in the Church of the Lutheran Confession.

The following congregations have applied for membership in the Church of the Lutheran Confession and have submitted their constitutions for review:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, Minnesota
 Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota
 Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Neenah, Wisconsin
 Christ Lutheran Church, Montevideo, Minnesota
 St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, Minnesota
 Grace Lutheran Church, McIntosh, New Mexico

DEDICATIONS

Bethel Congregation of Morris, Minnesota dedicated a new church building on June 15, 1975. Pastor Robert Reim preached at the service.

Holy Trinity Congregation of West Columbia, South Carolina dedicated a new school on November 2, 1975. Pastor Robert Reim was the preacher for the service.

Berea Congregation of Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota dedicated a new church building on February 15, 1976. Pastor Marvin Eibs was the preacher for the service.

Grace Congregation of McIntosh, New Mexico dedicated a new church building on June 27, 1976. Pastor Vance Fossum preached at the service.

ANNIVERSARIES

On November 3, 1974 Gethsemane Congregation of Saginaw, Michigan observed the fifteenth anniversary of its organization. Pastor David Schierenbeck preached at the service.

On June 15, 1975 Bethel Congregation of Morris, Minnesota observed the 25th anniversary of ordination of Pastor Elton Hallauer. Guest speaker at the occasion was Pastor Robert Reim.

On June 29, 1975 Professor Robert Dommer observed the 25th anniversary of his ordination with an open house at his home.

On August 3, 1975 Immanuel Congregation of Winter Haven, Florida observed the 40th anniversary of the ordination of Pastor Martin Galstad.

On October 12, 1975 the 15th anniversary of the organization of Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Cambridge, Wisconsin was observed. Professor Gordon Radtke was the guest speaker.

On November 2, 1975 Messiah Congregation, Hales Corners, Wisconsin observed the fifteenth anniversary of its organization. Pastor Egbert Albrecht preached at this service.

On January 25, 1976 Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Valentine, Nebraska observed its fifteenth anniversary. Pastor Herbert Witt was the guest speaker.

THEME AND ESSAYS

The theme chosen for the Twelfth Convention of the Church of the Lutheran Confession is I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST.

The significance of these words of the Apostle Paul, found in Romans 1:16, will be presented by three essayists. They are Professor C. M. Gullerud, Professor Roland Gurgel, and Pastor John Schierenbeck.

Pastor David Lau has been asked to serve as chaplain for this convention.

Pastor Paul Nolting will preach the sermon at our Wednesday evening convention service with holy communion.

Pastor M. J. Witt has been asked by the Board of Regents to preach the sermon at the dormitory dedication service Thursday evening.

Pastor Robert Wehrwein will edit our Convention Spokesman, a daily journal reporting on the work of the convention.

The work of our convention is outlined in the Prospectus, in the supplementary reports and in the two memorials read prior to this report.

Some very important doctrinal matters are before us. May the Lord guide us by His Holy Spirit so that we may be in complete agreement with His Word and promote the preaching of the Gospel.

Egbert Albrecht, President

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

We deeply appreciate the President's message and report to our convention, and we receive it in gratitude as the spiritual "keynote" of our convention, and for the assembled information it contains.

We concur with the appointments of the President during the past biennium.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE #2 - ADOPTED AS PRINTED.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DOCTRINE

Since the 1974 Convention of the CLC the Board of Doctrine has functioned in an advisory capacity at the request of the President in matters pertaining to fellowship relations in connection with the work in the Nigerian mission field and also in the matter pertaining to the distribution and study of Pastor Nolting's essay on "The Third Use of the Law." The reactions of our constituency have been solicited and their observations and suggestions have been carefully studied and taken into account. Upon suggestion of the Board the President appointed a special committee to meet with those who had expressed concerns in connection with certain wordings and conclusions of the essay. Since this was not a committee of the Board of Doctrine, it does not lie within the sphere of this report to give expression to the resolutions which were jointly passed by those who participated. We simply express joy over the outcome of the meeting that was held and over the resolutions that were passed unanimously by those who were present.

The Board was asked to give its advice regarding the printing of a second edition of the pamphlet, "Concerning Church and Ministry." The Book House manager was encouraged to proceed with the printing of a new edition, taking into account certain improvements which pertain only to changes in the editing of the document. This edition is now ready for distribution.

During the past biennium a colloquy was conducted with Scott Campbell, a former pastor of the Federation for Authentic Lutheranism and now a member of St. Luke's congregation in Denver, Colorado. After meeting with Mr. Campbell it was concluded that certification for service in the pulpit ministry of the CLC could not be granted but that his service in the CLC could best be carried out as a lay-member in our fellowship.

In the past our Board has reported from time to time regarding discussions carried on with the WELS Commission on Inter-Church Relations. Since the meeting held July 18 and 19, 1972 no new opportunities have been opened to resume these discussions. At the last meeting it was agreed that there had been failure in reaching agreement on the doctrine under discussion, namely, on the doctrine of

Church Fellowship. Whether there will be occasion or valid reason for further meetings we leave in the hands of the Lord for whose guidance we pray.

C. M. Gullerud, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE #1: DOCTRINE

I. Other Church Bodies

Concerning other church bodies we are always ready to give testimony regarding our faith and doctrinal position, in meekness and reverence toward God's Holy Word. (I Peter 3:15)

II. Fraternal Life Insurance

Whereas fraternal insurance companies such as Aid Association for Lutherans, Lutheran Brotherhood, and other similar fraternal insurance companies with religious overtones credit each member with having a hand in their activities, which include the promoting of error and support of false teachers,

Therefore be it resolved that we wholeheartedly concur in the action of the President regarding the Lutheran Brotherhood invitation and fully support the answer given by him concerning the religious unionism involved.

Furthermore, be it resolved that we encourage the constituents of the CLC to study the matter of involvement in unionistic fraternal insurance companies on the basis of God's Word, and in an evangelical manner seek to eliminate from our midst this unionistic leaven, so that by God's mercy and grace in Christ Jesus we all act in accordance with God's Word and speak the same thing.

III. The Third Use of the Law

The Floor Committee on Doctrine, through both internal and open discussion, evaluated the Three Points of Agreement regarding the third use of the law as set down at the Midway Motor Lodge meeting, held February 23 and 24, 1976; namely:

1. The law, which instructs us as to what works are God-pleasing, in no way whatever is a power or force for the doing of those works.
2. The law in its third use instructs the Christian, because of his flesh, as to what works are truly pleasing to the Lord, while simultaneously reproving the Christian for failing to do those works.
3. In all areas of discussion the monergism of grace by the power of the Holy Spirit was upheld in both the doctrines of justification and sanctification.

Whereas all three points are correct on the basis of Scripture, and

Whereas no points of controversy were raised that were not covered by these three points,

Therefore be it resolved that these three points are a settlement of the matters in controversy and that they constitute our rejection of all prior statements made in the course of the controversy in any way contradictory to the truths expressed in them.

And be it further resolved that we join in praising and thanking the Lord

for the grace granted us in maintaining the precious gift of unity that the Holy Spirit has created among us.

THIS SECTION ON THE THIRD USE OF THE LAW WAS ADOPTED BY A UNANIMOUS STANDING VOTE.

IV. Japan Church of the Lutheran Confession

We note that by its decision the Hachiman-Dori Ev. Lutheran Congregation of Japan is now the Japan Church of the Lutheran Confession (JCLC), an independent church body in fellowship with the Church of the Lutheran Confession.

Since the JCLC has shown concern in the controversy over the doctrine of the third use of the law, and

Since, by the grace of God, agreement on the doctrine has now been reached within the CLC,

We pray that the basis of agreement in our midst may be of help to the JCLC.

V. The Polygamy Question

A. Concerning the Nature of Marriage

Whereas a question has arisen among us concerning the nature of marriage, namely, whether marriage according to God's will is to involve only one man and one woman in a lifelong union (monogamy), or whether the marriage of one man to more than one woman in such a union is an acceptable form of marriage (polygamy, specifically polygyny).

Therefore we state the following from Scripture:

1. Marriage was instituted by God in the beginning as the intimate, lifelong union between one man and one woman (monogamy). (Gen. 1:26-28; 2:18-24) This original institution is repeated and reaffirmed by Christ and the Apostle Paul in the New Testament. (Matt. 19:3-6; Mark 10:2-9; Eph. 5:28-33)
2. The Old Testament contains numerous examples of polygamy, also among those who were children of God. Inasmuch as God's thoughts regarding these cases are nowhere directly expressed in Scripture, we refrain from using this casuistry to draw inferences concerning the nature of marriage.
3. When the New Testament alludes to or discusses marriage, it speaks of it in monogamic terms. (Matt. 18:25; 19:10; Luke 14:26; 18:29; I Cor. 9:5; I Pet. 3:7, etc.)
4. In Romans 7:2-3 the Apostle Paul states that a woman who has a husband is bound by the Law to her husband as long as he is living. This marital bond is of such a nature that if, while her husband is still living, she enters into marriage with another man, she shall be called an adulteress. (Cf. I Cor. 7:39.) In I Corinthians 7:27a the apostle states, in identical terminology, that a husband is bound to his wife. The bond of marriage, therefore, involves the husband no less than the wife. This chapter emphasizes, moreover, the full equality of husband and wife in conjugal responsibilities, rights, and privileges. (I Cor. 7:2-5) From these chapters, together with those passages cited above which record the divine institution of marriage, we discern as God's will that a married person remain with the spouse to whom he (she) is bound, and that

he (she) devote himself (herself) fully to this one spouse, not entering into plural marital relationships.

B. Concerning the Casuistry in Nigeria

Whereas we have been asked by representatives of the NCLC how they should deal with the problem of polygamy in a God-pleasing way,

Therefore after searching Scripture for an answer, we offer the following as our Christian counsel and advice:

1. We do not find in Scripture a direct answer to the question of how a Christian congregation is to deal with polygamists who already hold membership, or who desire membership, in the congregation. On the one hand, entering into a polygamous union is a sin because it violates God's institution of monogamous marriage; on the other hand we have the examples of the polygamists among the Old Testament saints, such as Abraham, Jacob, and David. These polygamous unions were regarded as marriages,
 - Gen. 16:3 - ". . . and (Sarah) gave her (Hagar) to her husband Abraham to be his wife,"
 - Gen. 29:28 - ". . . and he (Laban) gave him Rachel, his daughter, to wife also."
 - II Sam. 12:11 - "Thus saith the Lord, . . . I will take thy (David's) wives before thine eyes . . ."
 and did not in themselves make saving faith and spiritual fellowship impossible, Hebrews 11. We believe, therefore, that a repentant polygamist may be granted baptism and received into Christian fellowship.
2. For the holding of offices within the congregation, however, complete faithfulness to one wife (monogamy) is a Scriptural qualification (I Tim. 3:2,12; Titus 1:6), for those who hold office are to be an example to the flock that God's order in marriage is to be a life-long union between one man and one woman.
3. We are confident that a polygamist member of a congregation, having come to recognize what Scripture teaches concerning marriage, will under the power of the Gospel refrain from entering into further marriages and will promote monogamy within his own home and congregation as God enables him (Rom. 12:1-2; I John 5:2-3). It is self-evident that those members who are unmarried, or whose marriages are monogamous, will not themselves enter into or uphold polygamy.
4. Circumstances may differ from one case of polygamy to another. We therefore suggest that each case be dealt with individually in Christian love by the congregation and its pastor (Gal. 6:1-2; II Tim. 4:2).

Note: Mr. Harvey Callies wishes it to be known that he abstained from voting on the part of the report concerning casuistry in Nigeria.

ONLY THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF SECTION "A" WAS ADOPTED. BECAUSE THE CONVENTION TIME RAN OUT BEFORE THE POLYGAMY QUESTION COULD BE THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED AND RESOLVED, THE CONVENTION ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING THREE POINTS:

1. That the questions raised in this report be referred to the next convention for action.
2. That the questions be studied by all members, including the pastoral conference, on the basis of the report of the Committee on Doctrine.
3. And that in the meantime we reaffirm our historic position on monogamic marriage as expressed in our catechism and liturgic forms as our public confession.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE #1 - ADOPTED AS ANNOTATED AND PRINTED.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF IMMANUEL LUTHERAN COLLEGE

We are happy to report that under the gracious blessing of God our Immanuel Lutheran College was able to carry on its work of training the youth of our church without interruption and without unusual problems during the past biennium. Enrollment for both school years has stood at about 170 students. At the beginning of the present school-year Prof. Michael Buck was formally installed as an addition to our teaching staff. He was able to move into the newly erected professorage last December. With the exception of exterior painting and landscaping, which will be done this spring and summer, this residence now stands completed. Miss Rhonda Rieger has very capably served as housemother for women students this past school-year. Mr. Gilbert Radichel has been added to our staff of auxiliary workers on a part-time basis.

The new dormitory for women, henceforth to be known as South Hall, will be ready for occupancy at the beginning of the next school-year and should do much to alleviate our crowded conditions. The same will be dedicated formally in connection with this year's convention of the CLC. From special donations for that purpose furnishings are now in the process of being provided for the same. Arrangements have been made by your board to have the ground floor of this building partitioned off to provide quarters for a bookstore (to serve also as office for business manager), for an office for the Dean of Students, for a canteen, and for an area to serve as commons. Landscaping around this building, together with the necessary blacktopping of walks and repair of the existing blacktop that was damaged during construction, has been authorized by your board.

During the past summer Ingram Drive, from the parking lot at Northwest Hall to the residence occupied by Prof. Dommer, was surfaced. Work still remains to be done on the new section which leads from that point to the residence occupied by Prof. Buck. Room #4 in Reim Hall has been partitioned so that it now provides both a science laboratory and a science lecture-hall. The on-going program of repairs and improvements in Northwest Hall was likewise continued.

In response to numerous questions raised concerning the requirements in music made of our students taking the teacher-training course, your board has requested Prof. Dommer to make a study of and to draw up a program of "minimum basic keyboard requirements for educational students." This has been done and has been approved by the faculty and adopted by your board.

We have also given considerable thought to the instructions given to our board by our 1974 convention to contact the Attorney General of each state, in which we have the problem of certification for our teachers, for a "legal opinion on the state's rights to demand certification of teachers of religious schools." To us it seemed advisable to contact first the pastors and congregations having schools in those states, where this problem exists, to enquire of them how they were faring under their state's regulations in this matter. It seems that most, if not all of them, have found ways and means of satisfying these requirements by having their teachers enroll in summer courses working toward certification and by other methods. It was our opinion that, if we made inquires of their states along the lines suggested by our last convention, we might create new problems for them and their schools. We therefore have to this time not pursued the matter.

Your board has also at some length investigated the matter of seeking accreditation for the teacher-training department of ILC. This was done by contacting Mr. Randall Thompson, head of the North Central Accrediting Agency, by letter and in person. According to the information received from him, it might be possible for our

school to become a candidate for accreditation after considerable preliminary work on our part of preparing and submitting detailed reports on our aims and goals and what we are doing and what our future plans are to achieve those goals. It would also involve a visit to our school on the part of a committee appointed by him. To seek the status of candidate for accreditation would require an outlay of about \$2,500. If accepted as a candidate for accreditation, students from ILC during that status would find acceptance of their acceptable credits at University of Wisconsin institutions. Achieving accreditation itself would be a process requiring a longer period of time. If we would eventually be accepted as an accredited school, a total cost of about \$8,000 would be involved. Upon the advice of Mr. Randall Thompson we have engaged Dr. Culver, an educator from St. Paul, to visit ILC and to evaluate the possibility of our school becoming a candidate for accreditation. After we have received and studied his report, we shall be in a position to offer recommendations in this matter of seeking accreditation in a supplementary report to our upcoming convention.

Whether seeking candidate for accreditation status for ILC proves possible and feasible or not, a program of continued spiritual guidance and religious instruction for education students in secular institutions to obtain certification will still be necessary and will be recommended in a supplementary report to the convention.

Whereas we believe that it would in the course of time result in considerable savings in the operation of our school, and whereas we believe that our president should be relieved of the work of acting as business-agent of our school, and whereas we are now able to provide office space for him in which to operate, we are at this time requesting the Coordinating Council for permission to create and to fill the office of business manager for ILC. A salary for this office has been included in the budget for ILC which we are submitting at this time. (See 1974 Proceedings, pp. 57-58. The CC approved the establishing of this office at this time.)

In order to compensate for the rise in the cost of living, the salaries of our auxiliary workers (those not receiving social security payments) were raised somewhat last September and another modest increase has been approved by your board to go into effect at the beginning of the new fiscal year. Recommendations for raising the salaries of our professors and other called workers of the CLC will be brought by another committee. The budget we are submitting does not include these anticipated raises in the salaries of our professors.

To compensate for the increased cost of our auxiliary services, we have raised the amount for room and board from \$375 to \$420 per semester, effective for the 1976-77 school-year. We recommend to the upcoming convention to raise the cost of tuition to meet the increased cost of the educational portion of the budget as follows:

High school from \$150 per semester to \$175
 College (general education) from \$200 per semester to \$230
 College (education and pre-theological) from \$175 per semester to \$200
 Seminary from \$125 per semester to \$150.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Accreditation

To obtain the expert opinion of a consultant recommended to us by the North Central Accrediting Association regarding the possibility of our ILC College Department attaining accreditation, your Board of Regents on May 11th of this year invited Dr. Dwight Culver of St. Paul to pay a visit to our school. According to his written report furnished us it would appear that to eventually gain accreditation for our College Department (2 years) would not be an impossibility. It would require con-

siderable preliminary paper-work on the part of our faculty, or one of its representatives, in setting forth the aims and goals in our College Department and what we are doing to achieve the same. It should also include a survey of our graduates and how they have fared in the secular schools which they have attended following their graduation in our midst. The first step would be to apply for the status of candidate for accreditation. This would involve an original outlay of about \$2,500. To finally obtain accredited status a total cost of about \$8,000 with a nominal annual fee to retain this status. If accepted as a candidate for accreditation the acceptable credits of our graduates would be received without question by other secular colleges and universities.

While it should be remembered that seeking candidate for accreditation status and eventually attaining accredited status will make the transfer of their credits possible for our student who enter state colleges and universities, it will not solve all the problems connected with the certification of teachers.

While it would appear from all that we have been able to learn that we would be free to operate our College Department free from outside interference under this status, we feel it in place to remind you of certain dangers which always have been connected with accreditation.

The danger of our school taking on a character different from what it now has and which we desire for it, in that we might be tempted to seek the approbation of the accrediting association more than that of Christ; the danger of being influenced by considerations other than those by which we want to be and are now guided in calling professors; and the danger of falling prey to secular influences into which other church schools have fallen in their striving for accreditation.

Nevertheless your Board of Regents recommends that this convention grant the Board of Regents authority to apply for the status of candidate for accreditation in order to be better able to continue its study and consideration of accreditation with the help of additional information received from a consultant.

Because the application for candidate for accreditation status may be acted upon within a year, the additional recommendation is made that the Board of Regents, together with the Coordinating Council, be authorized to evaluate the status of candidacy once more and either let the application stand or let it be withdrawn, as may be consistent with our principles.

Fourth Year College

Since the need for a fourth year in our pretheological department is becoming increasingly evident, so that the graduates from our Seminary may be more adequately prepared for their work, we are again bringing this need to your attention, as was requested at the 1974 Convention (Proceedings, p. 40), in the hope that it will be approved and granted at the earliest opportunity.

Spiritual Care for Our Students at Secular Colleges

In view of the implications in the question of securing accreditation and pending the outcome of this matter, your Board of Regents recommends that the initiation of a program for the supervision and guidance and educational counseling of those students preparing for church work who are enrolled in secular universities and colleges, be held in abeyance.

H. C. Duehlmeier, Chairman

FINANCIAL REPORT - ILC

<u>Year End Report</u>	<u>Accounts</u>			<u>June 30, 1976</u>
	Balance June 30, 1975	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	Balance June 30, 1976
Tuition	\$ 1,135.35	\$113,924.75	\$111,601.38*	\$ 3,458.72
Room & Board	3,177.27	93,789.10	94,187.63**	2,778.74
Activity	300.00	4,820.00	4,800.00	320.00
Breakage	1,487.55	440.00	263.80	1,663.75
German	24.50	- - -	15.00	9.50
Instrument Rental	529.50	630.00	650.00	509.50
Lab	8.00	815.00	729.05	93.95
Parking	101.00	3.00	- - -	104.00
Piano & Organ Lessons	-128.75	4,555.00	4,630.00	-203.75
Sunday Bus	760.58	2,074.00	1,839.72	994.86
Typewriting	453.85	570.00	258.23	765.62
Contingency	2,253.61	3,686.98	3,490.29	2,450.30
Gas	29.66	2,069.12	1,979.54	119.24
Government Lunch	1,760.01	4,293.67	5,399.77	653.91
Nolting Scholarship	200.00	- - -	200.00	- - -
Student Grant	3,359.45	353.10	600.00	3,112.55
Student Loan	1,956.75	450.65	1,130.00	1,277.40
Washers & Dryers	2,982.37	1,290.07	696.33	3,576.11
Gifts	4,861.75	9,682.17	9,396.86	5,147.06
Landscaping, Extra Budg.	- - -	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>2,553.40</u>	<u>1,446.60</u>
Totals	\$25,252.45	\$247,446.61	\$244,421.00	\$28,278.06
Tuition:	* Budget	\$106,587.22		
		14.16 Refunds		
		<u>5,000.00</u> Return to CLC		
		\$111,601.38		
Room & Board	** Budget	\$ 92,497.27		
		710.36 Refunds		
		<u>980.00</u> Room Rent		
		\$ 94,187.63		

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF IMMANUEL LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Immanuel Lutheran College reports the following enrollment figures for the biennium 1974-76: For the school year 1974-75 the Lord of the Church granted us a total enrollment of 179 with twenty students attending only part of the year. The enrollment according to departments and classes was as follows: high school--123 (freshmen--

24, sophomores--37, juniors--35, seniors--27). College--48 (freshman--18, sophomores--18, juniors--11, special--1). Seminary--8 (junior--1, middlers--4, seniors--3). The statistics for the 1975 graduating classes are as follows: high school--27, college--2-year general course--5, education course--6, pre-theological course--1, seminary--3.

For the school year 1975-76 the enrollment figures are as follows: high school --119 (freshmen--31, sophomores--21, juniors--40, seniors--27). College--44 (freshman --22, sophomores--8, juniors--9, special--5). Seminary--7 (juniors--3, middlers--1, seniors--3). While the total enrollment of 170 for 1975-76 was down by nine as compared with 1974-75, it is to be noted that whereas 159 students were in attendance for the entire year in 1974-75, 163 students were in full-time attendance during the past year. The 1976 graduating classes show the following totals: high school--26, college--graduates from the education course--4 and graduates from the pre-theological course--4. Seminary graduates--3.

We are happy to report that Mr. Michael Buck arrived on campus the fore part of July 1975 and was installed into his office at the opening of the 1975-76 school year by the chairman of the Board of Regents, Pastor H. C. Duehlmeier. The addition of Prof. Buck to our faculty has served to the great benefit of our college. His chief area of service is in the field of biology. He has, however, been active also in the athletic department and is presently also filling the position of supervisor of the audio-visual media.

Of special interest to the constituency of the CLC, in connection with preparations for a native ministry in Nigeria, is the addition of Mr. Patrick Udo to our seminary student body. He will be completing his junior year in the seminary this year. Mr. Udo has been available for speaking engagements in our congregations. On several occasions he has been accompanied by his wife Berta who has addressed Sunday School children and Ladies' Aid Societies. Berta has been taking courses in the college department of our school.

Students are eagerly awaiting the day when the new girls' dormitory will be opened for occupancy. Besides room facilities for girls and house-mother, this new dormitory (now known as South Hall) will provide quarters for a Book Store and Manager, a Dean of Students' office, piano practice rooms, and a student lounge and canteen (all on the ground floor). This will release a room in Reim Hall which is sorely needed for classroom purposes and will vacate the old recreation room in the basement of Ingram Hall. We hope that the day is not too far distant when a library building will be added to our campus, thus freeing our present over-crowded library for other purposes. I am sure our members are also aware of the congested condition of the present dining hall and kitchen.

The Alumni Association has been very active during the past biennium. Especially appreciated is the fact that our former students are busy promoting their Alma Mater both as to its spiritual as well as its material aspects. The project of providing video equipment (a video tape recorder, a television monitor, and a television camera) has now been completed. This equipment has already been put to good use in our seminary department in connection with class sermons, also in speech classes, the music department and in the field of athletics. The Association has chosen as its next project the raising of funds for the installation of a patio area for South Hall. This will, of course, be subject to the approval and supervision of the Board of Regents.

We are duly grateful to the Lord for His continued guidance and for His provision for the needs of our school. It is truly faith-strengthening to note how the

needs have been met as they arose. We recommend our school to the gracious keeping of the Lord who will provide day by day and year by year.

GIFT FUND--IMMANUEL LUTHERAN COLLEGE
(June 30, 1974 - June 30, 1976)

Chorus	\$ 40.00
Herbert Timm Memorial	\$ 10.00
Dorm Use	1,028.65
Lorna Pelzl Memorial	15.00
Helen Jones Memorial	20.00
Jerome Friedel Memorial	5.00
Equipment, Classroom	137.22
Equipment, Athletic	50.00
Equipment, Kitchen	75.00
Equipment, Service	260.19
Equipment, Science	150.00
Severin Hanson Memorial	3.00
Lorna Pelzl Memorial	100.00
ILC Expansion	12,144.36
Lorna Pelzl Memorial	439.36
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Klumb 50th Anniversary	25.00
Landscaping	584.01
Lorna Pelzl Memorial	100.00
Pastor Paul Albrecht Memorial	129.00
Louise Shield Memorial	10.00
Mr. Miller Memorial	5.00
Library, College	175.00
Marie Shield Memorial	5.00
Franklin Hansen Memorial	10.00
Lorna Pelzl Memorial	100.00
Minnie Odegard Memorial	3.00
Michael Hockhalter Memorial	5.00
Louise Shield Memorial	11.00
Mueller Memorial	3.00
Library, Seminary	99.60
Michael Hockhalter Memorial	10.00
Pastor Paul Albrecht Memorial	5.00
Lounge	1,155.00
Meat	132.00
Photo Copier	175.00
Seminary Addition	37.68
Stage Lights	25.00
Ellsworth Schleifer Memorial	15.00
Carl Jones Memorial	10.00
Undesignated	250.00

C. M. Gullerud, President

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TUITION ALIGNMENT

The Proceedings of the Eleventh Convention of the CLC, page 40 states:

"Whereas many have expressed a desire to bring the tuition fees for the four departments of ILC into closer alignment,

"Be it resolved, that the President of the CLC appoint a committee to study this question and to report its findings to the Spring 1976 meeting of the Coordinating Council."

Present Tuition Fees: High School \$300
 College (Ed. & Pre-The.) . . \$350
 College (Gen. Ed.) \$400
 Seminary \$250

1) It is not the work of this committee to suggest raising the tuition fees to bring them into line with other church schools in other bodies.

2) In the CLC tuition has been used to support the education part of the ILC budget. This is primarily salary. As salary increases were granted or a professorship created, the tuition was raised accordingly. The amount of salary and the number of professors have always been determined by Convention resolution. Unless tuition fees are used for other than the Education Budget, the Convention should, in our opinion, continue to exercise its traditional prerogative to determine salary and create professorships, thereby also setting tuition fees.

3) Tuition fee alignment for the sake of alignment is not a valid argument.

4) The disparity in tuition fees in the various departments of ILC seems valid and justifiable.

a) The high school student should pay less than the college student since his summer earning capacity is less.

b) Other church bodies (for example, WELS) have many area high schools which their high school students attend. Such students pay only tuition. Our high school students, with the exception of those in Mankato, must pay also board and room charges. Reduced tuition charges for the high school student would, therefore, seem valid.

c) Lower seminary tuition fees seem justified since the church has traditionally asked less tuition of such students. Such tradition may have been derived from the fact that the church wishes to recognize the commitment of seminary students to the Gospel Ministry. Earning time for seminary students is delayed while, at the same time, they expend additional funds for extra years of education.

5) It appears that those who expressed the desire to have the tuition fees of the four departments of ILC brought into alignment did not intend that that alignment be accomplished by averaging present tuition fees of these four departments. The intention was to raise the tuition of each department and to raise some more than others to achieve alignment.

a) We have agreed that the need for church workers in the CLC should urge us to keep tuition fees at a minimum. This minimum, however, must never influence the Board of Regents to withhold a request for a new professorship nor the CLC from granting a living wage.

b) Parents and students cannot and should not be required to bear the support of ILC entirely by themselves.

c) We feel that the 2/3 of the total cost (salaries, room, board) which the parent and/or student pays in comparison with the 1/3 which the CLC budgets in support of ILC is a reasonable and equitable division of financial responsibility.

d) Raising tuition fees to make them comparable to similar church schools is not a valid reason for alignment.

e) Should our mission program grow and require a larger budget than CLC offerings can support, a legitimate examination of the drain that ILC places on the CLC budget would be initiated. The CLC and the CC seem to have this balance under proper and constant surveillance.

For the reasons given above it is our opinion that there is no need for bringing the tuition fees for the four departments of ILC into closer alignment, nor do we see a need for changing the procedures established among us by which these tuition fees are determined.

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John Pfeiffer

Gerhardt Mueller, Chairman

MEMORIAL RE DEAN OF STUDENTS

We respectfully request that the resolution below be referred to the ILC floor committee for consideration.

Whereas we recognize the value of a Christian education and wish to encourage more of our young people to take advantage of the excellent educational environment at Immanuel Lutheran College (and High School),

And whereas counselling and related student services are a necessary part of any boarding school,

And whereas counselling and related student services are now handled by the Professors and a part-time Dean of Students (who is also a Professor) on a time available basis which is barely adequate with the present student enrollment,

And whereas we expect student enrollment to continue to increase,

And whereas the cost of maintaining a full-time Dean of Students is small compared to the cost of losing potential pastors and teachers for lack of adequate counselling,

Therefore be it resolved that we establish at ILC the position of full-time Dean of Students with all the amenities accorded a Professorship.

Submitted by St. Stephen
 Congregation of the San Francisco
 Peninsula
 Officially adopted July 11, 1976

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

The construction of the new girls' dormitory is all but complete. A few minor items still need correcting as well as the replacement of the windows. The new windows have been delayed in shipping, but we anticipate they will be delivered and installed in August.

Your committee feels the building should adequately fulfill the needs for which it was designed and are happy with the results.

In line with the intention of the 1974¹ convention, we have also sought sufficient in-

formation on a second phase of the ILC Expansion Program so the convention may be apprised of the estimated cost of this next phase. The decision of the Board of Regents to set as the next priority the library was the basis for the sketches and estimates obtained. The chairman, M J. Witt, will have costs and sketches available for floor committee consideration and sketches will be on display for all to see.

Recommendation:

1. to immediately proceed with the construction of a library building estimated at about _____.
2. to have the President appoint a Building Committee of five, subject to ratification by this convention.
3. to have the President appoint a Publicity Committee to handle the details of the collection.

Mr. Paul Kottke
Mr. Don Ohlmann

Mr. Marlyn Beekman
Prof. James Pelzl

Pastor M. J. Witt

ILC BUDGET FOR 1976-1977

Educational Budget:

1a. Salaries	\$ 85,946.00	
1b. Salary, Coaches.	1,200.00	
1c. Services, Sec-Lib, Bkpr., 1/2 Bus. Mgr.	8,536.00	
1d. Custodial Help	1,500.00	
1e. Conference Travel.	600.00	
2. Professional Advancement	500.00	
3. Administration Expense	250.00	
4. Board of Regents	300.00	
5. Athletic Program	2,750.00	
6. Classroom Equip., Teaching Aids.	2,000.00	
7. Library (Books & Periodicals).	1,350.00	
8. Equipment, Library and Adm. Maintenance.	500.00	
9. Pianos & Typewriters	500.00	
10. Office & Postage	1,000.00	
11. Catalog & Printing	900.00	
12. Fuel for Classrooms & Administration	5,050.00	
13a. Electric Power	2,500.00	
13b. Water Service.	500.00	
14. Grounds Care & Bldg. Maintenance (Profs)	1,600.00	
15. Building Improvement & Classroom Main.	1,000.00	
16a. Contingency.	2,200.00	
16b. Insurance.	3,000.00	\$123,682.00

Auxiliary Services:

17a. Service Wages (incl. 1/2 Business Manager)	33,076.00
17b. Student Help	5,500.00
18. Social Security.	2,000.00
19. Dorm Equipment	2,000.00
20. Building Improvement	1,200.00
21. Building Maintenance	3,300.00
22. Grounds Improvement.	1,600.00
23. Grounds Care	500.00
24. Fuel - cooking & heating	6,800.00
25a. Electric Power	3,400.00
25b. Water Service.	500.00
26. Telephone.	1,200.00

27. Kitchen Equipment	\$	500.00	
28. Food & Provisions		37,000.00	
29. Janitor Supplies		500.00	
30. Equipment Service		600.00	
31. Machinery Maintenance		600.00	
32. Tractor & Truck Fuel		500.00	
33. Truck Insurance & License		200.00	
34a. Contingency		3,500.00	
34b. Insurance		2,700.00	\$107,176.00
35. Subsidy for Accreditation	\$	2,500.00	
			\$233,358.00
Anticipated Revenues: Board and Room		100,000.00	
		Tuition	47,820.00
			147,820.00
Subsidy Required	\$		85,538.00

REPORT OF COMMITTEE #3: IMMANUEL LUTHERAN COLLEGE

I. Acknowledgements

"O praise the Lord all ye nations: praise Him all ye people. For His merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise the Lord." Psalm 117.

The Immanuel Lutheran College President's and Board of Regents' reports remind us of the continuing blessing the Lord grants us through Immanuel Lutheran College. Recent blessings include the arrivals of the Patrick Udo family and Professor Michael Buck family, and the completion of the construction of the new women's dormitory and another professorage.

We commend the building and publicity committee for their work on the new dormitory.

May the Lord graciously keep Immanuel Lutheran College in His care.

II. Dormitory Name

Whereas the West Central Delegate Conference has presented a memorial requesting that the name of the new women's dormitory be changed from South Hall to Albrecht Hall, and

Whereas we recognize the value of remembering our departed servants in the naming of our Immanuel College buildings, but

Whereas the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College, with the consent of the Board of Regents of Immanuel Lutheran College, has in the past named buildings at the Immanuel College campus, and

Whereas the selection of the name of South Hall was made prior to the death of former President P. G. Albrecht,

Therefore be it resolved that the name of the new women's dormitory remain the same.

III. Accreditation

Whereas Immanuel Lutheran College has a two-year general course and

three-year courses of study in teacher and pre-theological training in the college department, and

Whereas the guidelines under which the transferability of college credits from Immanuel Lutheran College to the University of Wisconsin system has seen changes effective July 1, 1976, and

Whereas the transferability of Immanuel Lutheran College college credits is difficult in most colleges and universities throughout the United States,

Therefore be it resolved that according to the Board of Regents' request they be granted the authority to make application with the North Central Accrediting Association for the status of candidate for accreditation of the two-year (junior) college department of Immanuel Lutheran College.

Be it further resolved that \$2500 be included in the Board of Regents' budget for this purpose.

Whereas the application for the status of candidate for accreditation may be acted upon by the North Central Accrediting Association before the meeting of the next CLC convention, and

Whereas it will be necessary for the Board of Regents to continually review this candidacy application,

Therefore be it resolved that the Board of Regents be authorized, in consultation with the Coordinating Council, to determine whether to continue pursuing this application or have it withdrawn.

IV. Expansion

Whereas the offering for the building of South Hall has not yet been completed, and

Whereas our people have contributed generously for this project, and

Whereas the proposed budget for the coming year is the largest in our history, and

Whereas a special offering for building in Nigeria is being considered, and,

Whereas the Board of Regents and the Immanuel Lutheran College faculty expressed no critical need for another building at this time,

Therefore be it resolved that we do not begin any further expansion at this time.

Whereas we recognize that in the future the need may arise for another building, yet

Whereas there is no substantial agreement either on the part of the Immanuel Lutheran College faculty or the Board of Regents concerning which building is most needed,

Therefore be it resolved that a planning committee be appointed by the President to study the needs and priorities of expansion at Immanuel Lutheran

College, especially regarding a boys' dormitory, chapel, library, and/or dining hall-commons unit, reporting to the Coordinating Council in the fall 1977 meeting.

Whereas there are resolutions from the 1963 and 1974 conventions regarding the separation of the high school from the college and seminary departments,

Therefore be it resolved that a Committee on the Separation of the High School from the College and Seminary at Immanuel Lutheran College be appointed by the President to study in detail the implications of further building on the present campus and bring a report to the fall 1977 meeting of the Coordinating Council.

And be it further resolved that we direct the Coordinating Council to authorize the planning committee to have preliminary plans drawn up for the next phase of expansion and to bring its recommendations to the next convention, if the reports of the committees indicate that further expansion is warranted.

V. Tuition

We thank the Tuition Alignment Committee for their careful work.

We concur with the Alignment Committee's conclusion that there is no need for bringing the four tuition levels of Immanuel Lutheran College into closer alignment, nor do we see a need for changing the procedures established among us by which tuition fees are determined.

Whereas we recognize the commitment and sacrifice that our seminary students make in preparing for the public ministry; and

Whereas a seminary student is required to have three years of education beyond his college education; and

Whereas we could well encourage and help our young men in the seminary by helping with their tuition; and

Whereas some of our sem students enter the ministry indebted financially to ILC; and

Whereas ILC returned to the CLC treasury in 1975 and 1976, \$21,000 and \$5000 from the educational budget;

Therefore be it resolved that seminary tuition remain at \$125/semester.

Whereas there are increased costs in the educational budget; and

Whereas the cost for a general education at a secular college is many times the cost of a similar education at ILC;

Therefore be it resolved that the tuition for college general education students be set at \$230/semester.

And be it further resolved that ILC tuition for high school be set at \$175/semester, and for college (teacher and pre-theological training) be set at \$200/semester.

VI. Fourth Year of College for Pre-Theological Students

Whereas the course load for pre-theological students is an extremely heavy program for a three-year period, and

Whereas there are additional courses which would be helpful to pre-theological students, and

Whereas the faculty has said that another professor would not be needed immediately to implement the fourth year of study for the pre-theological students,

Therefore be it resolved that we authorize the Board of Regents, in consultation with the faculty, to add a fourth year to our college program for pre-theological students.

VII. Degrees

Whereas the Board of Missions requested a study of granting degrees at Immanuel Lutheran College, and

Whereas the Board of Regents did not have time to study this,

Therefore be it resolved that the Board of Regents study the possibility of granting degrees as requested by the Board of Missions.

VII. Full-Time Dean

Whereas we feel the concerns expressed by the St. Stephen Memorial deserve attention, but

Whereas the cost of a full-time deanship would be prohibitive at this time, and

Whereas we feel our floor committee doesn't have sufficient information to arrive at a workable alternative,

Therefore be it resolved that the Board of Regents and Faculty at Immanuel Lutheran College study the problem and seek a solution.

IX. Certification

Whereas we concur with the Board of Regents that it would not be advisable to contact the Attorneys General regarding the requirement of teacher certification in our schools, but

Whereas some of our congregations have requested information regarding the states' constitutional right to demand the certification of parochial school teachers, therefore

We recommend that the Board of Education study the constitutionality of such demands by the states and suggest courses of action to such congregations.

Whereas Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, Washington, by memorial expresses concern that Immanuel Lutheran College has been unable to provide the certified teachers required in many states, and

Whereas we sympathize with their concern,

We suggest that public school teachers of the CLC, who desire to teach in our schools, consult with the President of the CLC, who with the dean of the college department of Immanuel Lutheran College will determine which courses must be completed before such a teacher is certified. (ACTION ON THIS SUGGESTION WAS TABLED UNTIL THE 1978 CONVENTION.)

We recommend that the Immanuel Lutheran College faculty apprise those students who are finishing the three-year education course at Immanuel Lutheran College of the need for certified teachers in many states.

X. Spiritual Care of Our Students at Secular Colleges Preparing for Church Work

Whereas continued spiritual care is desirable for those education students attending secular schools in addition to Immanuel Lutheran College, and

Whereas presently, there are not enough of these students to justify the added cost of a full-time position,

We recommend that a program involving counselling and classes be initiated at Immanuel Lutheran College, and

We further recommend that these student who desire to continue their education be encouraged to do so at the University of Wisconsin in Eau Claire.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE #3 - ADOPTED AS ANNOTATED AND PRINTED.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS

United States Missions

"He commanded us to preach unto the people," Acts 10:42. So said the Apostle Peter in the home of the Roman soldier, Cornelius. Who is the One that gave us this command? None other than Jesus of Nazareth, "whom they slew and hanged on a tree," and whom "God raised up the third day To Him give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins."

Our crucified and risen Savior, in whom we have forgiveness of sins, wants us in the Church of the Lutheran Confession to preach to the people. Our Board of Missions has been called by God through CLC delegates to help this work of preaching commanded by our Lord Jesus. We do not pretend to have done our work as it should have been done. We need the forgiveness of sins as well as those to whom we preach. We give thanks to our gracious Lord for whatever has been accomplished in the past two years covered by this report.

Congregations No Longer Supervised by the Board of Missions

It is our aim to help new congregations only until they are able to support themselves. In the past two years the following congregations formerly supported by mission offerings have become self-supporting, or their situation has changed in such a way that support is no longer required.

The Church of the Lutheran Confession in Aberdeen, SD received gradually decreasing subsidy until July 1, 1975, when, together with Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Hecla, it became a fully self-supporting parish.

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Rapid City, SD received financial assistance from the CLC from 1973 to 1975. This enabled Pastor John Klatt of Winner to conduct regular Sunday evening services in Rapid City and do some mission calling. For a time the Board considered the possibility of calling an unassigned seminary graduate to conduct Sunday morning services in the summer of 1975. However, the congregation declined the offer of the Board, since several member families had moved away from the area, and it did not seem likely that a self-supporting congregation would develop in the near future. Since July of 1975 Immanuel has not received any subsidy. Pastor Klatt still serves Rapid City on a part-time basis, even as he now also serves a small group in Pierre, SD. (The President's report, page 19 of these Proceedings, reports the dissolution of this congregation, Editor.)

Berea Lutheran Church of Inver Grove Heights, MN has not received financial help for several years. Nevertheless, the congregation remained under the supervision of the Board of Missions in the expectation that subsidy would again be needed when its new church building was erected. The building has now been in use since Christmas of 1975. It was dedicated on Feb. 15, 1975. Both inner and outward growth under God's blessing have enabled the congregation to declare itself self-supporting as of April 1976.

Likewise St. Stephen Lutheran Church of East Bay (Hayward, CA) on March 4, 1975 declared itself a self-supporting congregation, no longer under the supervision of the Board of Missions. Since the congregation is renting both parsonage and a place of worship and may need financial help again in the future, our Board resolved: If St. Stephen should need assistance in the future for the purchase of property or the building of a chapel or parsonage, our Board will sympathetically consider any request from the congregation to go under the Board of Missions once again. According to CLC regulations only subsidized congregations can apply for loans from the CEF-MIF.

Congregations That Have Come Under the Supervision of the Board of Missions

The following congregations not listed in our 1974 statistical report appear in the 1976 report:

Reformation Lutheran of Austin, TX is a daughter congregation of Zion of Corpus Christi. During the summer of 1975 ILC seminary student Douglas Libby lived in Austin and devoted part of his time to the congregation. The congregation decided to identify itself as Reformation Lutheran and to have a separate treasury in order better to pursue its mission in Austin. Weekly services are held in rented quarters near the airport. The Board of Missions has consulted with the three CLC congregations in Texas on a plan to have Bethel of Houston and Reformation of Austin be served by Pastor Redlin. This would free Pastor Fleischer of Corpus Christi to begin exploratory work in the Rio Grande valley in the extreme southern tip of Texas. A decision on this will be made in October.

Trinity Lutheran of Denver, CO (Broomfield) asked the Board of Missions for financial aid at the 1974 CLC convention. The Board agreed to subsidize Trinity for a limited extent and for a limited time and cooperated with Trinity in the calling of Pastor Garrett Frank. Since Trinity has lost some of its former members while gaining new members, the Board is continuing to subsidize the congregation, but it will be self-supporting as of July 1, 1976. The Christian Day School is no longer in operation.

Grace Lutheran of Torrance County, NM is a daughter congregation of Mt. Olive Lutheran of Lamar, CO, which permitted its pastor, Vance Fossum, to make mission calls and instruct mission prospects in far-off New Mexico (particularly the groups

in Carlsbad and Estancia served by Pastor Fossum). After several calls had been declined, Pastor Ralph Schaller accepted the call of the Board and began his work on Oct. 26, 1975. Regular services have been held in Estancia and in Carlsbad. Pastor and Mrs. Schaller live in a rented home near McIntosh. The group organized itself as Grace Lutheran Church of Torrance County in January of 1976. Board member, Donovan Ohlmann, drew up a plan for a 1000 square foot slab-floor, frame chapel (approximate total cost: \$15,000) to be built on property at McIntosh that has been donated by an area rancher. Ground breaking ceremonies took place on April 4. The new chapel of Grace Lutheran of Torrance County, NM was dedicated on June 27.

Christ Lutheran of Montevideo, MN is regularly served by Pastor Marvin Eibs of Sanborn. In the summer of 1975 seminary graduate, Norman Greve, served for three months as resident pastor, conducting Sunday morning services and making mission calls. This small congregation has a more than adequate building for worship, purchased for \$3625 about two years ago. The members have worked hard at maintaining the building and grounds, with the help of members from Sanborn.

Bethlehem Lutheran of Neenah, WI began as a mission project of Faith Lutheran of Markesan. In its beginnings Pastor Egbert Albrecht conducted the services, assisted by students from the ILC Seminary. In April of 1975 the Board of Missions honored the request of the congregation for subsidy to enable it to call a resident pastor. Seminary graduate, Theodore Barthels, began his work in July of 1975. Services are held in the YWCA in Neenah. The Board is encouraging the congregation to keep looking for rental of a more suitable place of worship, possibly a parsonage-chapel combination.

St. Stephen Lutheran of the San Francisco Peninsula requested subsidy to enable it to explore mission possibilities in the north districts of its parish. The Board of Missions agreed to this proposal, and seminary student, Mark Gullerud, was called to serve for one year. This permitted the congregation to hold regular services at two separate locations for an extended time. Although the members applied themselves diligently in outreach endeavor, there is no indication that the northern field would support a new congregation. Therefore as of May 1 St. Stephen will again worship only in Sunnyvale.

Other Congregations Under the Supervision of the Board of Missions

There are ten congregations listed in our report of 1974 that are still listed in 1976. All of these congregations seem to be making progress toward the goal of self-support, and it is likely that several of them will be on their own before the next convention, God willing.

Redeemer Lutheran of Cheyenne, WY hopes to become self-supporting in 1977, when its property loan will be liquidated. In December of 1974 the Board of Missions informed the congregation that subsidy to enable it to operate a Christian Day School could no longer be justified in view of decreasing enrollment in the school and great needs elsewhere. After some correspondence and a joint meeting on May 13, 1975 between representatives of the Board and the congregation, it was agreed that the Day School would continue its operation, but that subsidy would be reduced to the \$325 a month proposed by the Board.

Immanuel Lutheran of Chicago, IL has managed to hold its own in spite of losing members by transfer. Pastor James Sandeen began his work in the fall of 1974 after Pastor David Schierenbeck was called to Saginaw, MI. In October of 1975 Immanuel sent its pastor to visit CLC members in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee. Efforts are being made to conduct services on a regular basis for CLC members in the vicinity of Louisville, KY. After Pastor Sandeen accepted the call to Coloma, MI,

seminary graduate, Douglas Libby, accepted the call of Immanuel and was installed as pastor on July 4, 1976.

Zion Lutheran of Corpus Christi, TX has experienced membership loss because of transferring its Austin members to the new organized Reformation congregation. New members continue to be added in Corpus Christi, however, and the congregation is working hard to reduce its subsidy needs.

Mt. Zion Lutheran of Greater Detroit, MI is still a young congregation. The small group has been very actively searching for a suitable room to rent for worship in Canton Township near Westland (west of Detroit), but so far nothing adequate has been found. Services are now regularly held in a member's home, conducted either by Pastor Paul Tiefel from Sister Lakes (180 miles away) or by Mr. Karl Brandle of Saginaw. The Board of Missions has not been in favor of buying property in the area until a resident pastor can be called and the field explored more thoroughly. In the last few months Pastor Tiefel has been carrying a heavy load, with his work at Sister Lakes and Detroit, plus the Coloma vacancy. Mt. Zion has requested both a resident pastor and the purchase of property in Canton Township for the purpose of building a chapel. Several members of the Board met with the members of Mt. Zion in March of 1976 in order to determine the best policy to follow in doing mission work in the area. The Board has now resolved to honor the request of Mt. Zion for a fulltime pastor, and we shall send additional subsidy to make this possible. Pastor John Klatt has accepted the call of Mt. Zion, Detroit, and will be installed on July 25. An apartment has been rented for him for \$200 a month.

Servant of Christ of Los Angeles, CA opened a Christian Day School in the fall of 1974 with an attendance of 18. In this second year there are 29 in attendance, somewhat less than the 40 anticipated. Mr. Robert Rehm is now the principal of the school, and various members of the congregation are assisting him. Rented quarters for the school were found on Welby Way in Canoga Park in the same locality as the parsonage. In July of 1975 our Board granted permission to Servant of Christ to sell its church property on Woodley Avenue in Sepulveda.

Since the rented school and church facilities on Welby Way may soon be sold to another group, Servant of Christ must again look for a place for worship and for school. The congregation has a reserve of \$33,000 for this purpose. Monthly subsidy to Servant of Christ has decreased from a December 1974 figure of \$905 to April's \$555. The Board is proposing that we continue to subsidize Servant of Christ, but only under the following conditions: a) that the cash reserve from the property sale be invested until such time as needed for property and buildings only; b) that subsidy be reduced by the amount of interest accruing from this investment; and c) that subsidy be further reduced by the amount that has been required for Bank of America payments.

After the purchase of a five-acre property for \$92,500 was recommended by the Board of Missions to the CLC Board of Trustees for Servant of Christ, it was determined that it would be impossible to get the area zoned for church and school use. Therefore the purchase was not made. The congregation has also lost its lease on the church and school property on Welby Way. Principal Robert Rehm accepted the call to Valentine, NB. In view of these developments the Board of Missions has advised the congregation to close the school temporarily and concentrate instead on church relocation, mission work, and spiritual growth among the members. If Servant of Christ wishes to continue the operation of a school, it is our decision that it will have to do so as a self-supporting congregation without any subsidy from the CLC.

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran of Madison, WI was encouraged by the Board of

Missions in October of 1974 to look for property in Middleton on which a temporary chapel (a saleable shell of a home) could be built. By April of 1975 3 1/2 acres of choice property were found on County Trunk M across from a county park. The Board of Missions asked the Board of Trustees to consider purchase, and the sale was completed in November of 1975. Since that time the congregation has been working on plans for a suitable chapel. Used pews have already been purchased, since the use of pews makes possible a less expensive floor for the chapel. The Board of Missions has recommended to the Board of Trustees a \$45,000 loan from the CEF-MIF for the building of the chapel. Meanwhile services are regularly held in a Middleton bank. Peace Thru Christ continues to serve the retarded at Lakeshore Manor by offering instruction classes, transportation to Peace Thru Christ services, and regular services at the Manor itself attended by an average of about 50 persons. In response to the request of the congregation for summer assistance, our Board is recommending to the ILC seminary faculty that a first-year seminary student serve as vicar in Madison under the supervision of Pastor John Johannes. Peace Thru Christ has assured board and room. The Board is willing to assure the vicar 10¢ a mile plus earnings of \$1000. We are anticipating that offerings from the congregations and individuals involved will reduce the expense that must be paid by the CLC from the exploratory budget. Seminary student, John Ude, was assigned to Peace Thru Christ and has been doing much useful work, particularly at the Lake Shore Manor. It is expected that by convention time the outside of the new chapel should be finished.

Holy Cross of Phoenix, AZ was given permission by the Board in April of 1975 to look for buyers for its church property. It was becoming clear that the congregation needed more room to grow. At first the congregation investigated the possibility of selling the present parsonage and buying the home immediately south of the church and then remodeling the church, but this plan proved unworkable. The Board therefore permitted Holy Cross to sell its property for \$50,000. Service are now being held on Sunday afternoons in a Savings Building. The congregation proposes the purchase of several acres on Thunderbird Road in North Phoenix, and the Board of Missions is in agreement with the proposal. The cost of this property is \$35,000, and Holy Cross can pay for it with its cash reserve of \$37,000. If this property can be purchased, plans will be drawn for a church building. Holy Cross, after careful consideration, has decided to buy the Thunderbird Road property, and the Board of Missions has approved this purchase.

Faith Lutheran of St. Louis, MO continues to decrease its subsidy requirements steadily. The congregation receives only \$150 a month at present. The Board financed several mission trips by Pastor Michael Sydow to Kansas City, but it did not seem that the potential justified the opening of a preaching station there. After considerable discussion the congregation decided not to open a Christian Day School at this time.

Redemption Lutheran of Seattle, WA is continuing to increase in membership and to decrease its subsidy by \$50 every quarter. At this rate Redemption will be self-supporting in two more years. The Board has asked Pastor B. Nauman to investigate the mission potential in Portland, OR and Ketchikan, AK. Both of these places are viewed by the Board as possible areas for future exploratory work, if men and money become available.

Redeemer Lutheran of Sister Lakes, MI has been sharing its pastor for some time with Mt. Zion of Detroit and Faith of Coloma. Attendance in the past few months has averaged 32, almost double that of a year ago.

Other Decisions of the Board Relating to the US Mission Program

Pastor David Lau of Red Wing accepted the Board's call as hospital pastor in

Rochester, MN after Pastor Mackensen moved to another area.

In response to a request from Pastor D. Koenig, who has been sent by his congregation in Lemmon, SD to make exploratory trips to Miles City, MT, our Board recommended to the ILC seminary faculty that a first-year seminary student serve as a summer vicar in Miles City under the supervision of Pastor Koenig. However, no seminary student was available for this assignment.

The Board resolved that every subsidized congregation authorized to plan a building project should be encouraged to begin a building fund drive on the local level, with the proceeds to be applied to the cost of land and basic building only.

Budgetary Matters--Current Fiscal Year

<u>Department</u>	<u>Budgeted for 1975-76</u>	<u>Actual Expenses, 1975-76</u>	<u>Underspent</u>
United States Missions . . .	\$ 89,000.00	\$77,423.00	\$11,576.50
Administration	8,000.00	6,684.46	1,315.54
Nigerian Missions.	28,000.00	7,606.30	20,393.70
Totals	\$125,000.00	\$91,714.26	\$33,285.74

Adopted Budget for 1976-1977

United States Missions . . .	\$ 80,000.00
Administration	9,160.00
Nigerian Missions.	30,500.00
Total.	\$119,660.00

1974-1975 Statistical Report on Subsidized Mission Congregations

	Av.				Two-Year		SS	VBS	CDS	Average
	Att.	Souls	Comm.	Voters	Gains	Losses	Enr.	Enr.	Enr.	Contribution per Comm.
Austin, TX--Reformation*	9	10	7	3	10	0	0	0	0	\$ 90
Cheyenne, WY--Redeemer	48	102	70	15	(net -27)		15	0	8	182
Chicago, IL--Immanuel	29	60	41	13	15	19	18	20	0	265
Corpus Christi, TX--Zion	39	62	44	13	17	18	15	0	0	277
Denver, CO--Trinity	35	50	30	9	36	46	0	0	0	264
Detroit, MI--Zion	20	22	14	7	4	7	5	0	0	538
Los Angeles, CA-- Servant of Christ	46	97	69	24	21	8	20	14	29	280
Madison, WI-- Peace Thru Christ	22	20	17	7	7	5	2	0	0	348
McIntosh, MN--Grace*	20	28	20	9	28	0	6	0	0	-
Montevideo, MN--Christ*	17	20	16	6	20	0	2	0	0	186
Neenah, WI--Bethlehem*	22	23	14	7	23	0	3	0	0	385
Phoenix, AZ--Holy Cross	51	83	50	11	33	27	29	85	0	207
St. Louis, MO--Faith	40	62	45	13	28	10	20	24	0	317
St. Paul, MN--Berea**	83	126	85	25	37	20	28	26	0	391
San Francisco, CA-- St. Stephen***	68	123	97	32	28	32	49	35	0	317
Seattle, WA--Redemption	62	135	65	21	27	7	35	45	0	335
Sister Lakes, MI--Redeemer		52	29	8	15	13	30	14	0	140

*These congregations appear on this report for the first time.

**This congregation, although until recently under the supervision of the Board of Missions, has not received financial support from the CLC for several years.

***This congregation received temporary financial support for a one-year mission project.

Nigeria

"As soon as possible." "As the Lord wills." These phrases keep reoccurring in our Board's discussion of Nigerian mission work in the past two years. We are reminded of the Apostle Paul's desire to reach the city of Rome, as he expressed it in his letter to the Romans. "I will come to you," he said (Rom. 15:24). Paul did eventually get to Rome, but not as soon as he wished nor in the way that he expected. He first had to sit around in Caesarea for two years as a prisoner of the Roman authorities, and even when he did his work in Rome, he was a prisoner in chains.

Our Board of Missions has said to the Nigerian Church of the Lutheran Confession (NCLC): We will come to you. We will send a spiritual advisor. But at the writing of this report we still cannot say definitely when our hopes will be realized. We urge our membership here and the members of the NCLC there to remember this work in their prayers to the Lord of the Church, to whom all things are possible.

The Udos

The 1974 CLC Convention approved two main Nigerian projects. The first was bringing Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Udo to Eau Claire, WI so that he might be trained for the preaching ministry and so that she also might take courses at the college that would be helpful in her work. The second was the sending of a resident spiritual advisor to Nigeria.

Before the Udos could come to Eau Claire, Immanuel Lutheran College had to be approved by the United States government as a school in which foreign students could be enrolled. After this was accomplished in the late summer of 1974, the Udos had many obstacles to overcome before being allowed to leave Nigeria and enter the United States. On Nov. 26, 1974 the Udos arrived in Eau Claire and soon began living in an apartment that had been rented for them by the Board of Missions. Dean of Students, Ronald Roehl, was asked by the Board to handle the details of the Udo's needs at the college. In April of 1975 the Coordinating Council approved the Board's request to designate the Udo's living and schooling expenses as an approved project for special gifts. We are grateful to all those who have contributed to this fund or in any other way have been of help to the Udos.

We are also grateful that the Lord permitted Mr. Udo in the summer of 1975 to meet Mr. Oscar Erpenstein of California before he died. Mr. Erpenstein will always be remembered by many Nigerians now in the NCLC as their devoted teacher-by-mail.

During his first school year at ILC Mr. Udo did so well in his classroom work that he was ready to begin the three-year seminary course in the fall of 1975, at least a year or so sooner than we first anticipated. Mrs. Udo began to attend ILC for the first time in the fall of 1975. Both Patrick and Berta have been happy to hold parttime jobs on the campus to help pay their own way as much as possible. Many CLC congregations have invited the Udos to participate in mission festivals and other special occasions, and their presence at these gatherings has surely helped to draw the CLC and the NCLC closer together.

Because we believe that this will be a great advantage to Mr. Udo on his return to Nigeria, we are asking the Board of Regents to study the possibility of granting a B.A. degree to theological students after the first year of seminary and a B.D. degree after the third year of seminary, and to report their findings to the 1976 CLC Convention.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Patrick Udo has had to be hospitalized twice

because of illness, once in Eau Claire, and once in Washington, DC. It may be necessary that she undergo further medical tests at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. We urge our membership to remember the Udos in their prayers.

Sending an Advisor to Nigeria

The sending of an American to Nigeria has been delayed by the Lord for His own good purposes. At one time we believed that the necessary first step in this project, the registration and incorporation of the NCLC, was completed, but now we have been informed that the use of an incorrect form must still be corrected before registration is complete. The NCLC officers have begun the process of gaining permission from the Nigerian government for an expatriate from the United States to live in Nigeria. All of these procedures are complicated by transportation difficulties, lost letters, etc. We are thankful that several workers in the Nigerian government have given us special assistance in these matters. But in spite of these delays, we are hoping to call and send an American and his family to Nigeria, and to send Pastor N. Reim to Nigeria for approximately five months to provide initial assistance and guidance in view of his previous Nigerian experience.

We are recommending to the 1976 Convention that \$20,000 from the unspent amount budgeted for Nigerian purposes be transferred from the CLC General Fund to the Special Nigerian Fund to be set aside for Capital Expenditures until such time as a spiritual advisor can be sent to Nigeria.

Meanwhile

Meanwhile we are doing what we can to help the NCLC and its officers in their program of indoctrination and outreach. Pastor Norbert Reim, the Board's executive secretary for Nigerian Mission work, receives regular reports and correspondence from the NCLC officers, and he in turn advises them with respect to many details of the operation. These reports and letters are made available to all the members of the Board for their study. Pastor Reim has prepared a series of questions and answers on the Lord's Supper as well as two-dozen sermons for use in Nigeria.

We are happy to report that Pastor E. E. Essien and his ten congregations, who left the old Synodical Conference Mission in Nigeria some years ago for doctrinal reasons, have indicated their agreement with the NCLC Confession and Constitution, and we hope to receive word soon that they have been received as members of the NCLC. Another congregation 75 miles away in the area north of Calabar has also been added to the group.

The NCLC officers have been making use of the NCLC administrative fund to purchase needed supplies, identifying sign boards, and especially to pay the wages of an assistant to the secretary, Mr. M. C. Mfon, whose function is to visit the congregations of the NCLC to keep them informed of our plans and the decisions of the NCLC officers and to gather information from the NCLC congregations.

We now report (at the time of the convention) that Mr. M. C. Mfon is no longer functioning as an assistant to the NCLC secretary. The position is now vacant. For this reason only \$500 will be needed for the NCLC administration fund in the 1976-77 fiscal year instead of the \$2,000 originally proposed. This reduces the Nigerian budget from \$32,000 to \$30,500. We can also now report that Pastor E. E. Essien and his ten congregations have been received into the NCLC. The total number of congregations in the NCLC is now thirty-four. The NCLC President, Chief Adiakpan, has been transferred by the government to the village of Itu, between 60 and 80 miles north of where the majority of the NCLC congregation are located.

Since the NCLC officers repeatedly expressed the need of financial relief for the unpaid and underpaid preachers of the NCLC, and whereas such a gesture of brotherly love on our part was seen to be an encouragement to the NCLC congregations in their need, the October 1975 Coordinating Council at our request released \$1000 from the Special Nigerian Fund to the NCLC administrative fund for this purpose. Our general policy remains the same as before: to have Nigerian workers paid by the Nigerian congregations and to use the CLC offerings primarily for the upkeep of American personnel living in Nigeria and to train Nigerian workers.

Nigeria: Estimated Operational Budgets

	1976-77 Budget	First Full Year	Second Year	Third Full Year	
				One Family	Second Family
Total of itemized budget	\$20,098	\$30,250	\$21,670	\$24,170	\$13,064
10% overrun ?	2,101	3,052	2,167	2,417	1,306
	<u>\$22,108</u>	<u>\$33,275</u>	<u>\$23,837</u>	<u>\$26,587</u>	<u>\$14,370</u>
				(\$40,957)	
Udos' schooling and living	6,400	6,400	7,000	?	
NCLC administration fund	2,000	2,000	2,500	2,500	
Nigerian administration	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	
US costs	<u>\$32,018</u>	<u>\$43,175</u>	<u>\$34,837</u>	<u>\$44,957</u>	

Nigeria: Capital Expenditures

	<u>First Year</u>	<u>Second Year</u>	<u>Third Year</u>
Bush house for missionary (N1600)	\$ 2,600		\$ 2,600
Basic furniture for missionary	3,000		3,000
Small car, purchased new	7,000		8,000
2 bush bldgs, Bible Institute	5,000		
Middle-size offset press, rebuilt	4,500		
Typewriter and mimeograph	1,500		
Permanent bldg, Bible Institute (70x30, 2 classrooms, library- chapel, office and conv.)		\$31,500	
	<u>\$23,600</u>	<u>\$31,500</u>	<u>\$13,600</u>

REPORT OF COMMITTEE #4: MISSIONS

I. United States Missions

We thank the Lord of the Church for the bold step of faith taken by the several small congregations who became self-supporting this past biennium. We endorse the Board of Mission's policy of permitting newly-declared self-supporting congregations to receive future subsidy, should the need arise, thus encouraging them to become independent at an earlier date.

We commend both our pastors and congregations who with no small effort are holding services for distant members. This has resulted not only in the spread of the Gospel but also the beginning of several present CLC Missions.

We also commend all our mission congregations for their efforts in reducing subsidy, thereby effecting a considerable savings in our CLC budget.

In spite of obstacles faced by both pastors and congregations, we pray that our Lord would grant them joy and steadfastness in their calling.

II. Congregational Payments on the Principal

The present method of subsidy is that the congregation pays its entire operating expense, which includes pastoral support and property payments. The CLC subsidizes as necessary to help the congregation meet its monthly budget. We propose that this method be continued.

III. Christian Day Schools

We commend the Board of Missions for their interest in Christian education, and we endorse the following guidelines for establishing well-planned Christian Day Schools in our mission congregations:

- 1) The congregation should be contributing at least \$7.00 per communicant per month for the pastoral expenses (basic salary, experience increment, car allowance), besides providing for all of its other needs (interest payments on church and/or parsonage loan, property maintenance, church utilities, pastor's telephone, all educational expenses, including teachers' salaries, etc.).
- 2) The congregation should be maintaining its mission contributions at a level in line with the average mission contributions of CLC congregations.
- 3) The congregation should be able to maintain its school (equipment, materials, school rent or loan payments, teacherage rent or loan payments) and pay its teachers' salaries without any additional subsidy from the CLC.

The Mission Floor Committee has also reviewed the other portions of the "Guidelines" and suggested several minor changes to the Board of Missions.

IV. Mission Newsletter

We appreciate the Mission Newsletter as a useful tool informing our people of current mission developments. We thank the Board of Missions for this special effort and encourage them to continue this work.

V. Nigerian Missions

In accordance with the 1974 Convention resolutions (Proceedings, p. 50, points 4a-e), we urge the Board of Missions to continue its efforts to implement our Nigerian Mission program, as our Lord leads us. In the meantime, we ask His continued blessings on the labors of Patrick Udo as he is trained for the work of preaching the Gospel in Nigeria. May our Savior continue to strengthen our Nigerian brethren in their confession of Christ and His Word.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE #4 - ADOPTED AS PRINTED.

PUBLICATIONS

Journal of Theology

Financial Report: 4/15/75 to 4/15/76.	
Balance on hand, 4/15/76.	\$ 835.43
Receipts: Subscriptions and renewals . .	\$680.50
Subsidy from CLC (3/31/76) . .	400.00 <u>1080.50</u>
Total to account for.	\$1915.93

Disbursements: Printing	\$780.00
Typing and composition	100.00
Postage (incl. mailing permit)	89.96
Typewriter carbon ribbons	12.17 . . \$ 982.13
Balance on hand, 4/15/76	<u>933.80</u>
	\$1915.93
Number of copies mailed, 3/76	264
Paid subscriptions	211
Complimentary copies mailed	53
Complimentary copies to students	20

Comment: There is one bill for printing that has not been received, in the amount of \$195.00, so the actual balance on hand should be \$738.20. Note that the average cost for printing a single issue of the JOURNAL went up from \$162.50 in 1974 to \$195.00 in 1975. We hope that the printer will hold the line at \$195.00 in 1976.

John Lau, Managing Editor

The Lutheran Spokesman

The Lord has His way of reminding us that we are "strangers and pilgrims" (I Pet. 2:11) here on earth, and that we "know not what shall be on the morrow." (James 4:14) We make plans and look ahead to accomplishing certain objectives in accord with the duties of our calling, but the Lord oftentimes has in mind something else for us. It teaches us to say: "If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that." James 4:15)

Editor Resigns. So it was that the Lord through the severe illness of the editor, Pastor Gilbert Sydow, brought about changes in staff assignments. Pastor Sydow resigned as editor, and his work was temporarily taken over by the associate editor. Pastor David Lau was also appointed by Pres. E. Albrecht as a second associate editor. This arrangement is in effect until the time of the convention.

As we look back, we thank the Lord for the gifts and abilities which He has given to Pastor G. Sydow in doing the work of editor. We also express our gratitude to Pastor Sydow for serving our church body so well in this capacity. As we look ahead, if the Lord be willing we express the optimistic hope that Pastor Sydow will once again in the not too distant future be able to resume the editorship.

Other Changes. Effective May 1, 1976 the work of Business Manager will be taken over by Mr. Peter Sydow with Mr. Benno Sydow as his assistant. This work was done by Pastor M. Eibs since August, 1973.

There has also been a change in the place of publication. Our church paper is now published at Graphic Publishing Co., Inc., Lake Mills, Iowa. It was found to be financially advantageous to have the Spokesman printed by Graphic Publishing Co., and the work has been done efficiently to our satisfaction.

Thanks. A word of gratitude is due to Mr. Stanley Cooper of Immanuel Congregation, Winter Haven, FL for designing the covers from January through November, 1975; to Mr. Waldemar Bernthal, a commercial artist and member of Messiah Congregation, Hales Corners, WI, who is at present producing the cover designs; and to Pastor Elton Hallauer, Hancock, MN, who has given us computerized labeling service without any charge for his work. All the donated work of the staff makes it possible to keep the cost of printing a church paper at a low level.

M. H. Eibs, Acting Editor

printed and all official reports of the CLC. Bulletin inserts were printed for the ILC Expansion Publicity Committee without cost to them. This fund also finances the travel expenses of the Secretary to the meetings at Eau Claire.

Actually both the MbM and the printing activities of the Secretary of the CLC are carried on in conjunction with Holy Trinity of West Columbia. The CLC owns the offset press and IBM Selectric II plus filing cabinets--without cost to the CLC. Holy Trinity pays the maintenance fees on the equipment, which amounts to more than \$300 annually, in exchange for the use of the equipment for its congregational needs. Holy Trinity has also equipped a special printing room with working counter, storage space, special lighting and heating. The congregation also furnishes volunteer laborers, who react upon call to Psalm 100:2: "Serve the Lord with gladness!"

Paul F. Nolting, Editor/Secretary

CLC Book House

For reasons of health the Manager has resigned, effective at such time when the Book House can be moved to ILC, Eau Claire. The current cash balance is \$1,615.50; accounts payable - \$105.38. A rather heavy supply of books is on hand. The Book House is still serving the CLC by financing needful publications, such as the Directory and Church and Ministry.

Gilbert Sydow, Manager (resigned)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE #2: PUBLICATIONS, CLC BOOK HOUSE, BOARD OF EDUCATION

I. Journal of Theology

We are happy that so many of our lay membership enjoy their subscriptions to the Journal of Theology. We want to encourage the Journal of Theology to remain what it is--a Journal of Theology dedicated to provide the preaching-teaching ministry of the CLC with scholarly, in-depth studies related to and concerning the Word, as well as with the fruits of penetrating research in areas of contemporary problems which confront those who are dedicated to communicate the Word of Life to a dead world.

The Journal of Theology is a source for professional studies and articles; the Lutheran Spokesman is a channel for popular studies and articles. May these standards continue to characterize these CLC publications.

We express our appreciation for services rendered by the editor and staff of the Journal of Theology.

II. The Lutheran Spokesman

We note with regret the resignation of the editor of the Lutheran Spokesman, Pastor Gilbert Sydow, due to his illness. We wish to express our appreciation for his faithful, dedicated service.

A word of gratitude is in order to all those individuals who have contributed their efforts to the Spokesman. We also express our gratitude to Faith, New Ulm, for the use of its facilities and the services of its pastor.

We encourage those who are involved in sending in the group subscription

lists, that they do so on time. When these lists are delayed, there is a resulting increase of costs and time. The rates of subscription are very much influenced by the promptness of attention to this detail!

We also encourage gift subscriptions to the Lutheran Spokesman.

III. Ministry by Mail

We commend Pastor Nolting and the West Columbia congregation for the continued publication of the Ministry by Mail during the past biennium.

IV. CLC Book House

Whereas the 1974 Convention of the CLC resolved to move the Book House from New Ulm to the ILC campus, and

Whereas the New Ulm congregation urgently requests the immediate removal of the Book House, and

Whereas the manager has resigned his responsibilities to the Book House because of health, and

Whereas special space has been provided in South Hall for such a business undertaking,

Therefore be it resolved that we implement the same 1974 resolution of the CLC as soon as practical,

And be it further resolved that we express our gratitude to the manager and New Ulm congregation for all their efforts on behalf of our Book House.

V. Board of Education

We would encourage that the Board of Education be reactivated so that the work begun--a booklet on the Establishing of Christian Day Schools--may be completed and this Board work into any newly assigned field.

VI. ILC Student Aid Travel Fund

Whereas the Report of the Special Committee on Student Travel, offered to the 1974 Convention, was tabled (1974 Proceedings, p. 58), and

Whereas it is not possible, under the press of time, for a convention floor committee to consider without prior notice the ramifications and the manner of implementation of such a program.

Therefore we recommend that the President appoint a special committee to study the matter and propose a solution to be acted upon by the Coordinating Council in the spring of 1977.

We further recommend that the Coordinating Council make provisions for the funding of this program.

VII. Report of the Committee on Depreciation

Whereas the 1974 CLC Convention tabled action on a proposed depreciation

program for ILC buildings, furniture and equipment until this convention (1974 Proceedings, p. 79), and

Whereas the proposed CLC 1976-77 budget does not contain any allocation for such depreciation program, and

Whereas said proposed budget already exceeds our anticipated contributions based on past history, and

Whereas the ILC room and board rates have already undergone substantial inflationary increases for the 1976-77 school year, and

Whereas there appears to be no immediate method of funding the proposed depreciation program, and

Whereas continued careful study of this program may suggest ways and means for implementation,

Therefore be it resolved that the matter of an ILC depreciation program, together with the special committee report as contained in the 1974 Convention Proceedings, be placed in the hands of the Board of Trustees for consideration in future CLC budget proposals and in general CLC financial planning.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE #2 - ADOPTED AS PRINTED.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT STUDY PROGRAM

Committee assignment: "We . . . recommend that the President appoint a committee to continue to study the matter of Retirement Benefits, building on the work of the past committee, the Ohlmann Memorial, and the Sydow Memorial and any additional material provided, and we further recommend to the 1975 spring meeting of the Coordinating Council for consideration and for dissemination to the congregations of the CLC for careful local discussion and reaction in advance of any CLC action." 1974 Proceedings, page 77.

Retirement and survivor's benefits became a part of the budget of the CLC in 1969 when \$25 a month was given to each individual or family. Over the years these benefits have been increased. Currently for fiscal 1974-75 the benefits are \$75.00 a month for one person and \$125.00 for families.

We recognize that it is the feeling of some that the privilege of providing for our retired workers and their survivors belongs to the individual congregations; others feel that it is the responsibility of the CLC as a church body to provide these benefits. Since 1969 the CLC has operated under the latter policy. We do not recommend any change, since the work of the CLC is the work of its congregations and individual members, who are the CLC and support its efforts.

The committee considered the work of the Committee on Retirement Benefits (1974 Proceedings, p. 67), the Ohlmann Memorial (1974 Proceedings, p. 67), and the G. Sydow Memorial (1974 Proceedings, p. 71). While not adopting as its own any of these specific proposals, your committee feels that certain aspects from these proposals could be incorporated into a long range plan for retirement and survivor's benefits.

The committee has the following comments and recommendations to place before the members of the CLC for their consideration:

1) In answer to the report of the Committee on Retirement Benefits to the 1974 Convention, we feel that potentially troublesome problems will be averted by maintaining our present policy of not inquiring into the financial matters of the retired workers and their survivors. That committee inquired into the Social Security received by our recipients in order to establish "more equity of income for the recipients of our Retirement Benefits." This approach could in the future be expanded to an inquiry regarding other income and financial obligations in the interest of establishing further equity of income. That we feel would be most undesirable. In addition, administration would be complicated, since the amount received from Social Security and other sources changes frequently, and such a program would require regular auditing and updating. Also, it is possible that many of the beneficiaries would prefer not to disclose personal matters concerning their finances.

2) In answer to the Ohlmann Memorial, we feel that a program which would assess each congregation on a formula basis of per communicant contributions would be difficult to set up and administer on a sound fiscal basis. First of all, to be operational it would require subscription by every congregation to the plan. Secondly, all the congregations would be committing themselves and future generations to a regular assessment without the freedom of choice. There is also the definite possibility that some would consider such an assessment to be legalistic.

3) We support a continuation of the present arrangement of providing retirement benefits from the general budget. We realize that the CLC could show more love for its retired workers and their survivors, and we encourage the CLC to improve its retirement benefits program. Our Christian love should constrain us to make it our goal to provide for their support. We believe that the suggestion of the Ohlmann Memorial, that the amount be tied to a percentage of the CLC base code salary has merit. We also agree that a good percentage to strive for would be 50%. However, the Sydow Memorial brings to our attention the cost of housing, a considerable item for those who retire without housing, as most church workers do. Therefore, we propose that the percentage figure include not only the code salary, but also an established housing allowance. Under present circumstances our goal would be 50% of \$705.00 (Salary code, \$505.00 plus estimated housing at \$200.00 a month). This would mean that families would receive \$353.00 a month. For single persons we would recommend 40% of salary code plus housing, or \$282.00 a month under existing scale.

4) When the above goals are reached, and we would hope that they will be reached as quickly as possible, the entire program should be restudied and re-evaluated to consider whether there should be an increase in the percentage of the code.

5) In further answer to the Sydow Memorial we suggest that the CEF-MIF be expanded to make it possible for our retired workers and their survivors to borrow from the fund for a down-payment to purchase housing, should the recipients so desire. With such a low interest loan, together with the benefits received from the CLC and Social Security income, it might be possible for some to purchase homes to their advantage.

For the purpose of comparison these are the figures that would apply to our present program and to our proposal at various stages:

	Single	% of code	Family	% of code	Annual Cost	% of Current Budget
Current	\$ 75	10.6	\$125	17.7	\$ 9,000	4.3
	\$106	15	\$177	25	\$12,732	6.0
	\$141	20	\$212	30	\$16,092	7.6
	\$177	25	\$247	35	\$19,512	9.2
	\$212	30	\$282	40	\$22,872	10.8
	\$247	35	\$317	45	\$26,232	12.4
Goal	\$282	40	\$353	50	\$29,610	14.0
	Martin Albrecht		Robert Mackensen		L. W. Schierenbeck	

Response of Floor Committee #5: Finances

1. Be it resolved that we continue our present policy of not inquiring into the financial matters of our retired workers and their survivors.

2. Be it further resolved that we support a continuation of the present arrangement of providing retirement benefits from the general budget.

3. Whereas we feel that the present retirement program is inadequate and in need of long range goals, and

Whereas we feel that our Christian love should constrain us to provide for the support of our retired workers and their survivors,

Therefore be it resolved that we tie the retirement program of the CLC to a percentage of the base code salary. (We agree that a good percentage to strive for would be 50% for a family and 40% for a single person.

4. Whereas the cost of housing is considerable, and

Whereas most of our workers retire without housing,

Therefore be it resolved that the retirement figure include not only a percentage of the code salary, but also a percentage of an established housing allowance, to be determined by the Coordinating Council.

Be it further resolved that for the year 1976-77 we adopt the Coordinating Council's recommended 15% of base code salary plus 15% of the housing allowance for a single person and 25% for a family, plus 25% of the housing allowance.

5. Whereas we feel that monies contributed for the CEF-MIF (Church Extension Fund-Mission Investment Fund) should not be used towards loans for down-payment to purchase housing, and

Whereas in many cases loans for down payments on house purchasing is illegal,

Therefore be it resolved that the CEF-MIF not be used for purposes of loans toward the purchasing of housing for retired workers or their survivors.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT

This committee consisted of three men, L. W. Schierenbeck, M. Albrecht, and J. Pelzl. Their report was studied by the Floor Committee on Finance and was reported to the convention floor by that committee with but few changes. Instead of printing the Report of the Committee on Retirement the response of the floor committee and convention will be printed. Editor.

Response of Floor Committee #5: Finances

We recommend that a Standing Retirement Committee of three members, consisting of a pastor, a teacher, and a layman, be appointed by the President of the CLC, and ratified by this CLC convention, and that it be the responsibility of this committee to determine who is eligible for retirement benefits or for benefits for dependents of deceased servants of the Word.

We further recommend that this committee have on-going responsibility for

certification of recipients for benefits, as well as authority to make necessary changes in benefits when a recipient's eligibility status changes.

Retirement or Disability Benefits

I. Concerning Pastors, Male Teachers and Professors.

A. Eligibility Criteria:

1. At the point of retirement, pastor, male teacher, or professor has been under a regular call in the public ministry, and
2. Is at least 65 years of age, or
3. Is constrained to retire early because of medical disability which makes a continued full-time ministry impossible. If a disabled recipient secures part-time employment, the total of earning and disability benefits shall not exceed Mission Code. After the recipient's 65th birthday, benefits shall be the full retirement benefits, regardless of any earnings.

B. Criteria for Determining Amount of Benefit:

1. "Single person" benefits to be applied to a recipient who has no dependents.*
2. "Head of household" benefits to be applied to the recipient who has dependents.*

* Dependents are defined as:

- a. A wife who is not employed full-time--full-time meaning earning Mission Code (excluding housing allowance).
- b. A person who is claimed as a dependent under IRS guidelines.

II. Concerning Women Teachers

A. Eligibility Criteria:

1. Teacher is at least 65 years of age and has served under a regular call in the teaching ministry for at least 20 years. (For exceptions see General Regulations, A.) Or
2. Is constrained to retire early because of medical disability which makes continued full-time teaching impossible. If a disabled recipient secures part-time employment, the total of earnings and disability benefits shall not exceed Mission Code. After the recipient's 65th birthday, benefits shall be the full retirement benefits, regardless of any earnings.

B. Criteria for Determining Amount of Benefit:

1. "Single person" benefits to be applied to a teacher who has no dependents (as defined by IRS).
2. "Head of household" benefits to be applied to the teacher who has dependents (as defined by IRS).

III. Benefits to Dependents of Deceased Servants of the Word

In the event of the death of a pastor, teacher, or professor, benefits shall be provided to the dependents.

A. Eligibility Criteria:

Widows and orphans of pastors, teachers, or professors, whether single person or head of household, if they are not employed full-time. If employed, the total of earnings and benefits shall not exceed Mission Code.

B. Criteria for Determining Amount of Benefit:

1. "Single person" benefits to be applied to the recipient with no dependents (as defined by IRS).
2. "Head of household" benefits to be applied to the recipient who has dependents (as defined by IRS).

IV. General Regulations

- A. Other cases in which the church has a clear responsibility shall be duly considered by the committee. Appeal from an adverse decision of the committee may be made to the Coordinating Council for final decision.
- B. The committee shall report all certification of recipients or changes of status to the President of the CLC for action.
- C. Recipients shall inform the committee of any change of their status.
- D. The Coordinating Council shall establish the figure to be used for housing allowance.
- E. Membership in the CLC shall not be made a condition for the reception of retirement or disability benefits.
- F. By "Mission Code" for purposes of retirement or disability benefits is meant base salary plus housing allowance.

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EQUALIZATION

Report of the Committee on Equalization

After due consideration your committee has arrived at the following conclusions:

1. That it is financially preferable and easier for the greatest number that our general synodical gatherings be held in the area where most of our congregations are located;
2. That this, indeed, puts an unfair and unequal burden of expenses upon distant congregations so that equalization of some sort is desirable;
3. That the best solution for financing an equalization program is to add the cost to the synodical budget.

We submit two possible programs, the only difference being in the cost:

I. Full Equalization:

1. All official delegates will be reimbursed for travel expenses according to the synodical mileage code. The mileage to be allowed will be determined from a highway mileage map and computed air miles to Eau Claire. Those who travel by car with others will receive no mileage allowance.
2. Necessary lodging during travel will be allowed.
3. Meals will not be included.
4. Requisitioning from the synodical budget will be done by a special committee appointed as are other convention committees.

II. Partial Equalization:

1. The expenses of all delegates within a 500 mile radius of the meeting site will be borne by their respective congregations, or howsoever they may choose.
2. All delegates from beyond the 500 mile radius will receive the same mileage allowance as above, minus 1000 miles.

We offer to give a practical example of how these plans would work for this current convention to the convention.

Gilbert Sydow, Chairman Sherman Carlsensen Elton Hallauer

Memorial of the Pacific Coast Southern Delegate Conference

Whereas the matter of equalizing travel expenses for participants in the CLC General Pastoral Conference has been referred to the 1976 convention, and

Whereas the same problem exists also for the transportation of delegates to the biennial conventions of the CLC, we herewith submit the following for consideration by the floor committee appointed for this matter:

1) Since the CLC General Pastoral Conferences and the CLC Conventions are necessary for the work and welfare of the church body as a whole, it seems evident that the constituents of the body would wish to share in expenses, in as equitable a manner as possible (Gal. 6:2; II Cor. 8:13-14).

2) As it has been in practice, a central location has been favored for conference and conventions. This has expedited the transportation of the many who live near the center, but it has also placed a disproportionately heavy burden on our remote churches.

3) We believe that the sharing of the burden could be easily and fairly effected in the following manner.

A) Each congregation would advise the designated CLC officer (perhaps the vice president) of the travel expenses of their representatives, were they to employ the most economical and yet practical method of transportation. Car-pooling, where distances allow, would be an example of such a method. If individuals for personal reasons choose a different, more costly method, they would be re-imbursed in the amount of the less costly.

B) All expenses incidental to the operation of the convention, including food, housing, and convention reports would be reported to the previously mentioned officer of the CLC.

C) The total cost of the convention or conference would be divided by the number of congregations in the CLC. That amount would then be billed to the congregations. In the event that any of these obligations cannot be met, the unpaid amount would be added to the total cost of the next convention or conference for division.

D) All disbursements for travel expenses would normally be made at the conference or convention, except when requested in advance.

E) When necessary, an advance of funds shall be made from the administration contingency fund, to be recovered by subsequent assessments.

4) We further suggest that equalization begin with the 1976 convention, with an evaluation in 1978 of the method adopted.

Russ Holt, Secretary

Response of Committee #5: Finances

Whereas it is our desire to have complete rather than regional representation at our synod conventions, and

Whereas we feel that it is financially preferable and easier for the greatest number of congregations that our synodical conventions be held in the area where most of our congregations are located, but

Whereas we feel the cost of attending these conventions puts an unfair and unequal burden of expenses upon outlying congregations,

Therefore be it resolved that we adopt some form of equalization, and

Be it further resolved that this equalization program be financed in some manner other than through the CLC budget, and

Be it further resolved that this be a full equalization for round-trip transportation only, based on one car for each congregation (or more, if the number of

delegates from a particular congregation demands it). The mileage will be determined from a highway mileage map, and reimbursed according to the synodical mileage code (presently this is 10¢ per mile), and

Be it further resolved that this equalization be financed on a per-communicant basis. (Note: Using the above formula, the costs for this convention would have been approximately \$8500, or \$1.20 per communicant member), and

Be it further resolved that this convention equalization program may serve as a model for the General and Area Pastoral Conferences and Teacher Conferences, but that they be free to modify it to suit their own particular needs and use or not use it as they see fit, and

Be it further resolved that the implementation of this equalization program be handled through the office of the Vice-President of the CLC, and go into effect with the next synod convention, and

Whereas the ILC faculty represents a special case, and

Whereas conventions are generally held in Eau Claire,

Therefore be it resolved to disregard ILC faculty in computing equalization, and

Be it further resolved that should the convention be held elsewhere, then the ILC faculty travel expenses are to be funded through the ILC Board of Regents.

Be it finally resolved that this constitutes our answer to the Memorial of the Pacific Coast Southern Delegate Conference.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The following is a report of the past biennium's finances, as well as the present and future budgetary concerns and projections.

By every measure we have cause to rejoice in the great grace of our God showered upon the work of our hands in response to the tasks He set before us in the past two years. He has moved hearts to give more than double the budgetary needs in order to cover also new building needs at ILC. He continues to supply a steady stream of monies for new mission expansion so that we can enter doors open to the message of the saving Gospel here at home.

At the same time, as we consider tasks now before us as well as projections for the future, we encourage reasonable caution.

We believe that reasonable caution is called for because of the fact that last year we budgeted for \$3000 per month more than we actually spent, and yet gained little financial ground. Had the Lord hastened the calling of a Nigerian missionary last year, we would be--humanly speaking--in deep financial trouble. This is hindsight. Foresight-by-faith dictates that what the Lord asks, He also supplies. This coming year may be the time to double our mission efforts while it is still "day" in Nigeria, John 9:4.

The previous paragraph reveals an additional vital fact. All CLC boards together spent approximately \$3000 less per month last year than they said they would.

Will we continue ILC Expansion at least through the coming biennium? Will

the Lord also enable us, during this same period, to send a man to Nigeria? Your Board of Trustees submits that, if the ILC Expansion and the Nigerian mission effort are both to be implemented during the coming biennium, some hard choices need to be made from among many new and worthwhile projects involving additional budgetary increases.

The Church Extension Fund--Mission Investment Fund

General information: Some \$400,000 in mostly saleable property is being administered by the Board of Trustees. In one year this figure will increase by at least an additional \$100,000 just in mission land and building acquisitions now under way. Adequate interest-bearing as well as interest-free monies continue to flow into this fund. Approximately \$16,000 in interest payments are made from the CEF-MIF annually. Borrowing missions pay a 5 1/2% interest rate while actual administration costs run just under 5%.

Your Board of Trustees is currently offering a new compound interest option to all CEF-MIF investors. In this way, investors can receive a higher rate of interest, and the CEF-MIF is enabled to repay loans in future inflated dollars.

Recent CEF-MIF actions: McIntosh, MN (Grace) has been granted a \$15,000 chapel (future parsonage) loan. Middleton, WI (Peace Thru Christ) has been granted a \$45,000 chapel (future parsonage) plus utilities loan. Phoenix, AZ (Holy Cross) has been given the go-ahead for the purchase of property from funds on hand, preparatory to a CEF-MIF loan for new church construction. Los Angeles, CA (Servant of Christ) continues to search for suitable relocation property, and we encourage these brethren in their efforts.

ILC Expansion Fund--New Dormitory

Some unforeseen expenses have arisen in connection with building delays. After all facts are considered, we feel that all of the cost overruns have been either advisable or unavoidable (without recourse to legal action), and that in this time of national economic expansion and inflation, our Building Committee is to be commended for holding the overrun figure under 4%.

The New Water Supply Brought into ILC and the Pelzl Residence in 1971

The Board of Trustees requests of the convention that the approximate \$31,000 remaining in fund mistakenly borrowed for this purpose from the CEF-MIF not be refinanced at high commercial rates, but continue to be repaid to the CEF-MIF at the current 5 1/2% rate.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE #5: FINANCES

I. The New ILC Water Supply and the Pelzl Residence in 1971

We recommend adoption of the Board of Trustees' suggestion that the approximate \$31,000 remaining in funds mistakenly borrowed for this purpose from the CEF-MIF not be refinanced at high commercial rates, but continue to be repaid to the CEF-MIF at the current 5 1/2% rate.

II. Proposed Salary Increases

We recommend that we continue the present approach toward salary increase

(base salary increase) rather than the new approach of an increment schedule as proposed by the Board of Missions.

Be it resolved that the base salary of all CLC supported workers in the teaching or preaching ministry be increased by \$55 per month, and

Be it further resolved that the Coordinating Council be authorized to re-assess the base code salary at the end of the 1976-77 fiscal year.

Be it finally resolved that we leave the experience increment schedule as it is at present.

III. Car Allowance for Missionaries

Whereas we feel that the present method of mileage allowance for missionaries is more equitable and fair than the proposed new guidelines, and

Whereas we feel that the proposed new guidelines would work still another hardship on certain congregations,

Therefore be it resolved that the mileage allowance for missionaries remain at the present level and be allocated under the existing guidelines.

IV. Bonding Request of the Board of Trustees

Whereas the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the CLC Treasurer are presently authorized to write checks in unlimited amounts, but are bonded up to \$20,000 (a token bonding), and

Whereas the Board of Trustees has asked the convention for a decision on whether or not their bonding should be increased, and

Whereas the cost to the CLC budget to increase the bonding of both men to an appropriate level would be prohibitive, and

Whereas bonding is not required by the CLC Bylaws,

Therefore be it resolved that two additional men be designated, either one of whom must cosign with the CLC treasurer any check before any monies be expended on behalf of the CLC, and

Be it further resolved that one of these be designated by the Board of Trustees and the other by the President of the CLC.

V. Nigerian Capital Investment Offering

Whereas estimated cost for capital expenditures in Nigeria for the biennium (1976-78) are estimated at about \$55,000, and

Whereas this ought properly be handled as a special offering rather than through the budget,

Therefore be it resolved to have the Coordinating Council initiate a \$50,000 offering when it becomes evident that we can send a spiritual advisor into Nigeria.

VI. 1976-77 Budget: General Administration

Travel	\$2,500	Treasurer's expense allowance.	\$ 1,200
Meals and lodging.	300	Capital investments:	
Telephone.	1,350	Mortgage loan, ILC	17,000
Postage.	450	Interest, personal loans	1,330
Printing and stationery.	350	CEF-MIF.	3,000
Journal of Theology.	400	Retirement benefits.	12,050
Miscellaneous.	70	Emergency support.	1,000
Secretarial.	100		\$41,100

VII. 1976-77 Budget of the CLC

Board of Trustees	\$41,100	
Retirement and Disability Increase.	5,000	\$ 46,100.00
Board of Missions	89,160	
Nigeria	30,500	119,660.00
Immanuel Lutheran College	85,538	85,538.00
Board of Education.	600	600.00
		<u>\$251,898.00</u>

Nigerian Capital Investment Offering. \$ 50,000.00

Note: The salary increases have been allotted to the various departments and the total amounts verified by the department heads. Editor.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT
Church of the Lutheran Confession
July 1, 1974 to July 1, 1975

Budgetary

Receipts:

Offerings	\$177,622.20
Memorials	53.00
Bequest	1,000.00
ILC Expansion Payment of Extra-Budg. Disb..	2,000.00
ILC Refund of Subsidy	21,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS.	<u>.\$201,675.20</u>

Disbursements:

Retirement Benefits	\$ 9,900.00
Capital Investments (Summary #1).	18,017.96
General Administration (Summary #2)	5,503.63
Missions and Administration (Summary #3).	81,605.50
Immanuel Lutheran College, Regents.	69,918.00
Nigerian Fund from 1974-75 Offerings.	2,861.46
CLC Reserve Fund Loan Requested to ILC Expansion Fund.	10,000.00
ILC Regents--Extra-Budgetary.	583.74
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>.\$198,390.29</u>
Cash Balance for Year	<u>.\$ 3,284.91</u>
Cash Balance, July 1, 1974.	<u>.\$ 23,957.58</u>
Cash Balance, July 1, 1975.	<u>.\$ 27,242.49*</u>
*Checking Account . . . . .	.12,242.49
CLC Reserve Fund . . . . .	.15,000.00. . . \$ 27,242.49

SUMMARY #1: CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

Mortgage Loans, ILC	\$ 13,680.00
Personal Loans, Interest.	1,337.96
CEF-MIF	3,000.00
TOTAL	<u>.\$ 18,017.96</u>

SUMMARY #2: GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Travel Expense	\$ 1,828.53
Meals and Lodging.	150.65
Telephone and Telegraph.	569.80
Postage.	493.82
Printing and Stationery.	254.60
Interest	500.00
Journal of Theology.	400.00
Treasurer's Bond	50.00
Treasurer's Expense Allowance.	1,200.00
Miscellaneous.	56.23
TOTAL.	\$ 5,503.63

SUMMARY #3: MISSIONS AND ADMINISTRATION

Church of the Lutheran Confession, Aberdeen, SD	\$ 1,440.00
Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY	6,975.00
Immanuel, Chicago, IL.	5,305.00
Zion, Corpus Christi, TX	9,085.00
Trinity, Denver, CO.	2,330.00
Servant of Christ, Los Angeles, CA	11,685.00
Peace Thru Christ, Madison, WI	395.00
Christ, Montevideo, MN	1,500.00
Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ.	6,453.00
Immanuel, Rapid City, SD	1,800.00
Faith, St. Louis, MO	3,525.00
Redemption, Seattle, WA.	7,610.00
Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI	8,650.00
Nigerias	7,377.72
Administration	7,474.78
TOTAL.	\$81,605.50

LOANS PAYABLE--GENERAL FUND
(Capital Investments)

American National Bank--ILC Mortgage Loan.	\$117,873.45
CEF-MIF--ILC Professorage.	32,011.24
Private Notes--Miscellaneous	27,879.61
TOTAL. . . . .	.\$177,764.30

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND--MISSION INVESTMENT FUND

Receipts:

Offerings.	\$ 7,047.08
Memorials.	718.00
Loans Received	38,350.00
Interest Received.	21,343.44
Principal Payments Received.	20,672.11
Miscellaneous.	6,641.14
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$94,771.77

Disbursements:

Interest Paid	\$16,911.59
Principal Paid	7,307.83
Loans Disbursed	45,000.00
Miscellaneous	4,441.17
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$73,660.59</u>
Cash Balance for Year	\$21,111.18
Cash Balance, July 1, 1974	<u>\$67,810.52</u>
Cash Balance, July 1, 1975	<u>\$88,921.70</u>

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND--MISSION INVESTMENT FUND

Loans Receivable:

Messiah, Milwaukee, WI.	\$ 3,600.00
Servant of Christ, Los Angeles, CA.	83,607.34
Faith, St. Louis, MO.	27,683.18
Bethel, Spring, TX.	50,288.74
Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ	11,388.85
Immanuel, Chicago, IL	25,656.62
Berea, St. Paul, MN	36,655.01
Zion, Corpus Christi, TX.	79,245.96
ILC Professorage (Capital Investments).	32,011.24
Christ, Montevideo, MN.	3,413.50
TOTAL	<u>.\$353,550.44</u>

Loans Payable:

Elmhurst Federal S&L (Chicago Property) . \$	11,232.05
Private Notes (Miscellaneous)	314,676.80
TOTAL	<u>.\$325,908.85</u>

DEBT RETIREMENT RESERVE FUND

Balance on Hand, July 1, 1974 \$11,184.96

Receipts:

Interest Earned	752.67
Accrued Interest on General Fund Note	500.00
Accrued Interest on CEF-MIF Note.	500.00
TOTAL	<u>\$12,937.63</u>

Disbursements:

Interest Overpayment Repaid to CEF-MIF. . \$	250.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
Balance on Hand, July 1, 1975	<u>\$12,687.63</u>

CLC RESERVE FUND

Balance on Hand, July 1, 1974 \$10,000.00

Receipts:

Transferred from Checking Account	30,000.00
Interest Earned	1,144.11
TOTAL	<u>\$41,144.11</u>

Disbursements:

Transferred Back to Checking Account. . . \$	5,000.00
Loan Requested to ILC Expansion Fund.	10,000.00
TOTAL	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
Balance on Hand, July 1, 1975	<u>\$26,144.11</u>

JAPAN TRAINING FUND

Balance on Hand, July 1, 1974	\$ 2,478.78
Receipts:	
Offering from Japan Congregation.	2,000.00
Interest Earned	87.96
TOTAL	\$ 4,566.74
Disbursements:	
Salary Subsidy Paid to Trainee.	\$ 3,150.00
Refund to Japan Congregation.	1,416.74
TOTAL	\$ 4,566.74
Balance on Hand, July 1, 1975	\$.00

NIGERIAN FUND

Receipts:	
Balance of 1973-74 Offerings from General Fund	\$ 2,861.46
Offerings and Memorials	4,161.50
Interest Earned	231.94
TOTAL, Balance on Hand, July 1, 1975.	\$ 7,254.90

ILC EXPANSION FUND

Receipts:	
Offerings and Memorials	\$118,349.36
Bequest	10,000.00
Interest Earned	1,421.56
TOTAL . . . . .	.\$129,770.92
Disbursements:	
Publicity Committee Expenses.	\$ 249.93
Bank Expenses (checks).	8.86
Architect's Fees.	7,386.75
Building Committee Expenses	11,106.82
TOTAL . . . . .	.\$ 8,752.36
Balance on Hand, July 1, 1975 . . . . .	.\$121,018.56

BALANCE SHEET AND OPENING ENTRIES, 7/1/75

ILC Expansion Fund Receipts . . . . .	.\$129,770.92
General Fund.	\$ 12,242.49
Debt Retirement Reserve Fund.	12,687.63
CLC Reserve Fund.	26,144.11
Nigerian Fund	7,254.90
CEF-Mission Investment Fund	88,921.70
CEF Checking Account.	\$10,400.01
CEF Savings Account	78,521.69
CEF-MIF Loans Receivable.	353,550.44
CEF Messiah, Milwaukee, WI.	\$ 3,600.00
CEF Servant of Christ, LA, CA.	83,607.34
CEF Faith, St. Louis, MO.	27,683.18

CEF Bethel, Spring, TX	\$ 50,288.74	
CEF Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ. . .	11,388.85	
CEF Immanuel, Chicago, IL. . . .	25,656.62	
CEF Berea, St. Paul, MN.	36,655.01	
CEF Zion, Corpus Christi, TX . .	79,245.96	
CEF ILC Professorage	32,011.24	
CEF Christ, Montevideo, MN . . .	3,413.50	
ILC Expansion Fund		\$ 121,018.56
ILC Checking Account	1,597.00	
ILC Savings Account.	119,421.56	
Immanuel Lutheran College Property	1,100,000.00	
ILC Expansion Fund Misc. Disbursements	8,752.36	
Loans Payable--General Fund.		\$ 177,764.30
Loans--American National Bank	117,873.45	
Loans--CEF-MIF.	32,011.24	
Loans--Private Notes.	27,879.61	
CEF-MIF--Loans Payable		325,908.85
CEF-MIF Elmhurst Federal S&L	11,232.05	
CEF-MIF Private Notes.	314,676.80	
CLC Capital.		<u>1,097,128.12</u>
	<u>\$1,730,572.19</u>	<u>\$1,730,572.19</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Lowell R. Moen, Treasurer

CLC CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS
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<u>Eastern Conference</u>	<u>Budgetary</u>	<u>C.E.F.</u>		<u>ILC</u>	<u>Nigeria</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>M.I.F.</u>	<u>Expansion</u>				
Faith, Coloma, MI	\$ 428.00	\$	\$ 390.00	\$	\$	\$	818.00
Zion, Corpus Christ, TX	965.53	91.00	123.06		205.01		1,384.60
Living Word, Hendersonville, NC	420.00	101.00	1,731.00	720.00			2,972.00
Faith, St. Louis, MO	237.35		705.00				942.35
Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI	604.70		200.00				804.70
Bethel, Spring, TX	4,747.23	192.00	9,491.55				14,430.78
Mt. Zion, Westland, MI	403.50	39.84	1,051.08				1,494.42
Holy Trinity, W. Columbia, SC	6,000.00	353.50	5,990.94				12,344.44
Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL	505.72		1,872.50				2,378.22
	<u>\$14,312.03</u>	<u>\$ 777.34</u>	<u>\$21,555.13</u>	<u>\$720.00</u>	<u>\$205.01</u>		<u>\$37,569.51</u>
<u>Minnesota Conference</u>							
St. Paul's, Austin, MN	8,538.18	825.00	7,831.16	141.00	73.00		17,408.34
Mt. Olive, Detroit Lakes, MN	211.05		94.00				305.05
Salem, Eagle Lake, MN	1,586.53	50.30	271.25				1,908.08
Grace, Fridley, MN	3,853.25	91.54	2,630.22				6,575.01
Bethel, Hancock, MN	1,638.53	262.95	330.00				2,231.48
Berea, Inver Grove Heights, MN	4,362.25	601.71	1,259.00				6,222.96
Immanuel, Mankato, MN	14,274.89		5,218.40				19,493.29
Christ, Montevideo, MN	226.00		331.00				557.00
Faith, New Ulm, MN	2,254.07	289.65	729.00				3,272.72
Faith, Nicollet, MN	921.63	72.56	205.00				1,199.19
St. John's, Okabena, MN	6,888.50	148.00	1,565.05	2004.13			10,605.68
St. Paul's, Osage, MN	618.20		287.00				905.20
Peace, Parker's Prairie, MN	1,551.43	119.00	720.00				2,390.43
Our Redeemer, Red Wing, MN	3,764.44	294.75	1,986.00	40.00	37.00		6,122.19
Faith, Sanborn, MN	6,190.29	635.00	6,770.50		20.00		13,615.79
Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN	7,626.00	261.65	8,795.45				16,683.10
	<u>\$64,505.24</u>	<u>\$3,652.11</u>	<u>\$39,023.03</u>	<u>\$2185.13</u>	<u>\$130.00</u>		<u>\$109,495.51</u>

<u>Pacific Northwest Conference</u>	<u>Budgetary</u>	<u>C.E.F.</u>		<u>ILC</u>		<u>Nigeria</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>M.I.F.</u>		<u>Expansion</u>				
Redemption, Lynnwood, WA	\$ 2,009.26	\$ 350.42		\$1,390.65		\$206.00	\$	\$ 3,956.33
St. Stephen, Hayward, CA	1,494.51			216.00		154.11		1,864.62
St. John's, Clarkston, WA	1,335.18	36.85		971.15		97.00		2,440.18
Japan CLC							2000.00	2,000.00
Servant of Christ, LA, CA	769.00			204.00				973.00
Holy Trinity, Missoula, MT	606.00			825.00				1,431.00
Peace, Orofino, ID	688.89	24.54		463.75		309.50		1,486.68
Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ	727.78	118.89		1,079.03				1,925.70
St. Stephen, Sunnyvale, CA	1,890.00			2,000.00		62.00		3,952.00
Gethsemane, Opportunity, WA	5,648.63			1,781.00				7,429.63
Trinity, Spokane, WA	4,711.77	20.00		3,171.50				7,903.27
	<u>\$19,881.02</u>	<u>\$ 550.70</u>		<u>\$12,102.08</u>		<u>\$828.61</u>	<u>\$2000.00</u>	<u>\$35,362.41</u>
<u>West Central Conference</u>								
Ch. of the Luth. Conf., Aberdeen	318.50			100.00				418.50
Redeemer, Bowdle, SD	4,406.02			850.00				5,256.02
Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY	879.75			586.25				1,466.00
St. Luke's, Danver, CO	2,219.04			743.00				2,962.04
Trinity, Broomfield, CO	217.59			82.20				299.79
Zion, Estelline, SD	886.10	72.50		110.00				1,068.60
First Lutheran, Faulkton, SD	1,068.75							1,068.75
Grace, Firesteel, SC	237.00							237.00
Prince of Peace, Hecla, SD	586.53			725.00				1,311.53
Zion, Ipswich, SD	947.18							947.18
Our Savior's, Jamestown, ND	2,458.90			3,125.96				5,584.86
Mt. Olive, Lamar, CO	1,228.61			1,365.66		72.34		2,666.61
St. Luke's, Lemmon, SD	3,941.68			248.75				4,190.43
Peace, Mission, SD	355.94			250.00				605.94
Immanuel, Rapid City, SC	100.00							100.00
Immanuel, Thedford, NB	263.75			60.00				323.75
Grace, Valentine, NB	3,339.29			1,601.97		256.42		5,197.68
Trinity, Watertown, SD	4,337.08	343.03		1,572.50		17.00		6,269.61
St. Paul's, White River, SD	104.14	160.00						264.14
St. Paul's, Winner, SD	934.52	10.00		139.00				1,083.52
	<u>\$28,830.37</u>	<u>\$ 585.53</u>		<u>\$11,560.29</u>		<u>\$345.76</u>		<u>\$41,321.95</u>
<u>Wisconsin Conference</u>								
Immanuel, Addison, IL	1,296.65			605.00				1,901.65
Faith, Cambride, WI	766.60	53.25		701.15				1,521.00
Messiah, Eau Claire, WI	7,672.95			5,531.99		3.00		13,207.94
Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI	11,219.26	1,139.45		10,695.55				23,054.26
St. Paul's, Green Garden, MI	2,150.32	304.00		40.00				2,494.32
Peace Thru Christ, Madison, WI	474.50			409.25				883.75
Faith, Markesan, WI	10,313.68	17.00		5,623.00				15,953.68
Calvary, Marquette, MI	2,711.43			283.00			6.00	3,000.43
Trinity, Millston, WI	329.45			704.00			138.94	1,172.39
Messiah, Milwaukee, WI	3,781.20	20.00		3,364.63		20.00	40.00	7,225.83
Bethlehem, Neenah, WI		122.00		50.00				172.00
St. Mark's, Onalaska, WI	1,425.40			603.25				2,028.65
Gethsemane, Saginaw, MI	2,040.55			748.00				2,788.55
St. Peter's, Stambaugh, MI	2,844.00	132.70		1,390.00		35.00		4,401.70
St. Luke's, Stoddard, WI	1,596.00			1,640.00				3,236.00
	<u>\$48,621.99</u>	<u>\$1,788.40</u>		<u>\$32,388.82</u>		<u>\$ 58.00</u>	<u>\$184.94</u>	<u>\$83,042.15</u>
Miscellaneous	2,525.55	410.00		1,500.00		70.00		4,505.55
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$178,676.20</u>	<u>\$7,764.08</u>		<u>\$118,129.35</u>		<u>\$4,207.50</u>	<u>\$2,519.95</u>	<u>\$311,297.08</u>

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT
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Budgetary

Receipts:

Offerings	\$198,587.65
Memorials	194.00
Mission Refund of Exploratory Funds	286.00
Reimbursement from ILC Expansion Fund	219.00
ICL Refund of Unused Subsidy.	5,000.00
Interest Earned on Reserve Fund	2,543.94
TOTAL RECEIPTS.	\$206,830.59

Disbursements:

Retirement Benefits	\$ 11,300.00
Capital Investments (Summary #1).	20,088.71
General Administration (Summary #2)	6,753.89
Missions and Administration (Summary #3).	91,714.31
Immanuel Lutheran College	68,940.00
Extra Budgetary (Summary #4).	5,086.22
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$203,883.13
Cash Balance for Year	\$ 2,947.46
Cash Balance, July 1, 1975.	\$ 27,242.49
Cash Balance, July 1, 1976.	\$ 30,189.95*
*Checking Account.	15,189.95
CLC Reserve Fund.	15,000.00. . . \$ 30,189.95

SUMMARY #1: CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

Mortgage Loans, ILC	\$ 16,025.77
Personal Loans and Interest	1,062.94
CEF-MIF (Professorage).	3,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 20,088.71

SUMMARY #2: GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Travel Expense.	\$ 1,979.15
Meals and Lodging	387.64
Telephone and Telegraph	1,578.27
Postage	310.45
Printing and Stationery	308.71
Interest.	416.67
Journal of Theology	400.00
Treasurer's Bond.	50.00
Treasurer's Expense Allowance	1,200.00
Miscellaneous	123.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,753.89

SUMMARY #3: MISSIONS AND ADMINISTRATION

Austin, TX, Reformation	\$ 2,150.00
Cheyenne, WY, Redeemer.	4,150.00
Chicago, IL, Immanuel	5,735.00

Corpus Christi, TX, Zion	\$ 7,410.00	
Denver, CO, Trinity	1,900.00	
Detroit, MI, Mt. Zion	2,400.00	
Los Angeles, CA, Servant of Christ	8,100.00	
Madison, WI, Peace Thru Christ	4,275.00	
McIntosh, NM, Grace	11,868.50	
Montevideo, MN, Christ	1,050.00	
Neenah, WI, Bethlehem	5,050.00	
Phoenix, AZ, Holy Cross	3,955.00	
St. Louis, MO, Faith	2,250.00	
San Francisco, St. Stephen of the Peninsula	5,825.00	
Seattle, WA, Redemption	5,685.00	
Sister Lakes, MI, Redeemer	7,120.00	
Nigeria	7,606.30	
Administration	5,184.51	
TOTAL		\$ 91,714.31

SUMMARY #4: EXTRA BUDGETARY

Cost of Buck Professorage Above Loan	\$ 1,086.22	
Landscaping New Dormitory	4,000.00	
TOTAL		\$ 5,086.22

LOANS PAYABLE--GENERAL FUND
(Capital Investments)

American National Bank--ILC Mortgage Loan	\$143,122.12	
CEF-MIF--ILC Professorage	30,740.05	
Private Notes	27,619.02	
TOTAL		\$201,481.19

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND--MISSION INVESTMENT FUND

Receipts:

Offerings	\$ 19,013.04	
Memorials	769.00	
Loans Received	91,527.75	
Interest Received	27,876.19	
Principal Payments Received	110,017.83	
Miscellaneous	13,880.14	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$263,083.95

Disbursements:

Interest Paid	\$ 19,532.14	
Principal Paid	12,536.62	
Loans Disbursed	155,167.00	
Miscellaneous	2,315.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$189,550.76
Cash Balance for Year		\$ 73,533.19
Cash Balance, July 1, 1975		\$ 88,921.70
Cash Balance, July 1, 1976		\$162,454.89*
*Checking Account	\$ 2,127.93	
Savings Account	\$160,326.96	\$162,454.89

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND-MISSION INVESTMENT FUND

Loans Receivable:

Messiah, Milwaukee, WI . . . . .	.\$ 17,684.28
Temple Beth Torah (Servant of Christ, LA	31,875.00
Faith, St. Louis, MO	26,721.75
Bethel, Spring, TX	43,161.09
Immanuel, Chicago, IL.	24,519.27
Berea, St. Paul, MN.	98,940.25
Zion, Corpus Christi, TX	76,917.38
ILC Professorage (Capital Investments)	30,740.05
Christ, Montevideo, MN	3,158.97
Peace Thru Christ, Madison, WI	35,000.00
Grace, McIntosh, NM.	15,000.00
TOTAL. . . . .	.\$403,718.04

Loans Payable:

Elmhurst Federal S&L (Chicago Property). . . . .	.\$ 10,215.43
Private Notes (Miscellaneous).	391,794.55
TOTAL. . . . .	.\$402,009.98

ILC EXPANSION FUND

(From Inception to July 1, 1976)

Receipts:

Offerings and Memorials. . . . .	.\$188,441.56
Bequests	20,000.00
Interest Earned.	4,569.91
TOTAL. . . . .	.\$213,011.47

Disbursements:

Publicity. . . . .	.\$ 563.31
Administration	2,671.45
Architect Fees	9,553.44
Construction Costs	191,646.82
TOTAL. . . . .	.\$204,435.02
Balance on Hand, July 1, 1976. . . . .	.\$ 8,576.45

DEBT RETIREMENT RESERVE FUND

Balance on Hand, July 1, 1975. \$ 12,687.63

Receipts:

Interest Earned.	1,112.14
Balance on Hand, July 1, 1976. . . . .	.\$ 13,799.77

CLC RESERVE FUND

Balance on Hand, July 1, 1975. \$ 26,144.11

Receipts:

Interest Earned.	1,399.83
Total. . . . .	.\$ 27,543.94

Disbursements:

Interest Transferred to General Fund . . . . .	.\$ 2,543.94
Balance on Hand, July 1, 1976. . . . .	.\$ 25,000.00

ILC PROFESSORAGE FUND

Receipts:

Loan from American National Bank	\$ 32,000.00	
TOTAL		\$ 32,000.00

Disbursements:

General Contractor, Buck Professorage.	\$ 30,199.55	
Miscellaneous Construction Expenses.	1,800.45	
TOTAL		\$ 32,000.00
Balance on Hand, July 1, 1976.		\$.00

UDO EDUCATIONAL FUND

Receipts:

Offerings and Memorials.	\$ 570.50	
Interest Earned.	25.10	
TOTAL, Balance on Hand, July 1, 1976		\$ 595.60

NIGERIAN FUND

Balance on Hand, July 1, 1975.	\$ 7,254.90	
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Receipts:

Offerings and Memorials.	694.47	
Interest Earned.	377.41	
TOTAL		\$ 8,326.78

Disbursements:

Special Requisition to Nigeria	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance on Hand, July 1, 1976.		\$ 7,326.78

BALANCE SHEET AND OPENING ENTRIES, 7/1/76

ILC Expansion Fund, Miscellaneous Receipts	\$213,011.47
General Fund	\$ 15,189.95
Debt Retirement Reserve Fund	13,799.77
CLC Reserve Fund	25,000.00
Udo Education Fund	595.60
Nigerian Fund.	7,326.78
CEF-MIF--Demand Deposits	162,454.89
CEF Checking Account	\$ 2,127.93
CEF Savings Account.	160,326.96
CEF-MIF--Loans Receivable.	403,718.04
CEF Messiah, Milwaukee, WI	17,684.28
CEF Temple Beth Torah, SofC.	31,875.00
CEF Faith, St. Louis, MO	26,721.75
CEF Bethel, Spring, TX	43,161.09
CEF Immanuel, Chicago, IL.	24,519.27
CEF Berea, St. Paul, MN.	98,940.25
CEF Zion, Corpus Christ, TX.	76,917.38
CEF ILC Professorage	30,740.05
CEF Christ, Montevideo, MN	3,158.97
CEF Peace Thru Christ, Madison, WI.	35,000.00
CEF Grace, McIntosh, NM.	15,000.00

ILC Expansion Funds--Demand Deposits . . . \$	8,576.45
ILC Checking Account \$	3,006.54
ILC Savings Account.	5,569.91
Immanuel Lutheran College Property	1,357,000.00
ILC Expansion Fund--Miscellaneous Disb. . .	204,435.02
Loans Payable--General Fund. \$	201,481.19
Loans--Amercian National Bank	\$143,122.12
Loans--CEF--MIF (Professorage)	30,740.05
Loans--Private Notes.	27,619.02
CEF--MIF--Loans Payable	402,009.98
CEF--MIF Elmhurst Federal S&L	\$10,215.43
CEF--MIF Private Notes. . . . \$	391,794.55
CLC Capital.	1,381,593.86
	<u>\$2,198,096.50</u> <u>\$2,198,096.50</u>

Repectfully submitted,

Lowell R. Moen, Treasurer

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<u>Eastern Conference</u>	<u>Budgetary</u>	<u>C.E.F. M.I.F.</u>	<u>ILC Expansion</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Reformation, Austin, TS	\$ 50.00	\$	\$ 5.00	\$	\$ 55.00
Faith, Coloma, MI	1,796.35				1,796.35
Zion, Corpus Christ, TX	788.35	911.11	242.52		1,941.98
Living Word, Hendersonville, NC	480.00		120.00	20.00	620.00
Faith, St. Louis, MO	352.75		319.79		672.54
Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI	723.95				723.95
Bethel, Spring, TX	11,207.34	7,195.00	2,525.08		20,927.42
Mt. Zion, Westland, MI	484.08		504.00		988.08
Holy Trinity, W. Columbia, SC	6,600.00	1,019.12	3,605.76		11,224.88
Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL	463.73		834.08	90.50	1,388.31
	<u>\$22,946.55</u>	<u>\$9,125.23</u>	<u>\$ 8,156.23</u>	<u>\$110.50</u>	<u>\$40,338.51</u>
<u>Minnesota Conference</u>					
St. Paul's. Austin, MN	\$ 7,234.69	\$ 350.00	\$ 2,549.00	\$104.27	\$10,237.96
Mt. Olive, Detroit Lakes, MN	173.50				173.50
Salem, Eagle Lake, MN	2,319.26	26.00	661.75		3,007.01
Grace, Fridley, MN	4,149.08	25.00	2,998.57		7,172.65
Berea, Inver Grove Hights, MN	4,870.62	716.96	774.00		6,361.58
Immanuel, Mankato, MN	13,412.60		4,132.50	150.00	17,695.10
Christ, Montevideo, MN	430.25	76.30	434.10		940.65
Bethel, Hancock, MN	1,597.77	185.00	341.11		2,123.88
Faith, New Ulm, MN	2,357.79	249.10	1,331.00		3,937.89
Faith, Nicollet, MN	634.45	90.58	151.41		876.44
St. John's, Okabena, MN	7,272.26	1,866.85	1,994.67		11,133.78
St. Paul's, Osage, MN	280.00		100.00		380.00
Peace, Parker's Prairie, MN	1,456.64	100.00	705.00		2,261.64
Our Redeemer, Red Wing, MN	4,035.10	407.80	1,683.20	16.20	6,142.30
Faith, Sanborn, MN	5,766.56	634.25	2,114.50		8,515.31
Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN	10,594.17	579.35	3,457.35		14,630.87
	<u>\$66,584.74</u>	<u>\$5,307.19</u>	<u>\$23,428.16</u>	<u>\$270.47</u>	<u>\$95,590.56</u>

	Budgetary	C.E.F.	ILC	Other	Total
		M.I.F.	Expansion		
<u>Pacific Northwest Conference</u>					
St. John's, Clarkston, WA	\$ 1,438.25	\$ 25.00	\$ 903.35	\$199.00	\$ 2,565.60
St. Stephen, Hayward, CA	1,560.69	150.31	40.00		1,751.00
Servant of Christ, LA, CA	666.00		265.00		931.00
Redemption, Lynnwood, WA	3,381.51	16.00	1,460.79		4,858.30
Holy Trinity, Missoula, MT	412.50				412.50
Peace, Orofino, ID	1,207.00		584.00	11.00	1,802.00
Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ	966.12	10.00	110.60	10.00	1,096.72
St. Stephen, Sunnyvale, CA	2,720.00		1,026.65	482.00	4,228.65
Gethsemane, Opportunity, WA	5,645.60		1,960.00		7,605.60
Trinity, Spokane, WA	5,344.08	176.76	1,022.00		6,542.84
	<u>\$23,341.75</u>	<u>\$ 378.07</u>	<u>\$ 7,372.39</u>	<u>\$702.00</u>	<u>\$31,794.21</u>
<u>West Central Conference</u>					
Ch. of the Luth. Conf., Aberdeen	171.00				171.00
Redeemer, Bowdle, SD	4,853.28		1,216.00		6,069.28
Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY	932.41		315.00		1,247.41
St. Luke's, Denver, CO	2,469.33		130.00		2,599.33
Trinity, Broomfield, CO	87.84		20.00		107.84
Zion, Estelline, SD	1,189.30	57.85	220.00		1,467.15
First Lutheran, Faulkton, SD	630.50		55.00		685.50
Grace, Firesteel, SD	128.00		70.00		198.00
Prince of Peace, Hecla, SD	202.76				202.76
Zion, Ipswich, SD	638.71		138.50		777.21
Our Savior's, Jamestown, ND	2,786.75	367.51	397.00		3,551.26
Mt. Olive, Lamar, CO	1,407.20	154.29	27.20		1,588.69
St. Luke's, Lemmon, SD	3,758.08		1,045.00		4,803.08
Peace, Mission, SD	328.73				328.73
Immanuel, Rapid City, SD			100.00		100.00
Immanuel, Thedford, NB	183.90		50.00		233.90
Grace, Valentine, NB	3,859.17		772.46	100.00	4,731.63
Trinity, Watertown, SD	4,506.68	485.13	250.00		5,241.81
St. Paul's, White River, SD	103.72		122.00		225.72
St. Paul's, Winner, SD	977.50		325.00		1,302.50
	<u>\$29,214.86</u>	<u>\$1,064.78</u>	<u>\$ 5,253.16</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$35,632.80</u>
<u>Wisconsin Conference</u>					
Immanuel, Addison, IL	1,498.49		275.00		1,773.49
Faith, Cambridge, WI	724.25	72.50	550.63		1,347.38
Messiah, Eau Claire, WI	9,344.17	470.10	2,985.49		12,799.76
Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI	13,718.31	1,181.75	3,129.72	91.20	18,120.98
St. Paul's, Green Garden, MI	2,293.47	-304.00	1,155.56	10.00	3,155.03
Peace Thru Christ, Madison, WI	469.00	81.00	277.00		827.00
Faith, Markesan, WI	12,420.22	45.00	4,489.00		16,954.22
Calvary, Marquette, MI	2,994.62		763.73		3,758.35
Trinity, Millston, WI	228.01		168.00		396.01
Messiah, Milwaukee, WI	3,937.64	2,137.07	2,053.95		8,128.66
Bethlehem, Neenah, WI	436.00		225.00	15.00	676.00
St. Mark's, Onalaska, WI	1,521.30		615.00		2,136.30
Gethsemane, Saginaw, MI	2,302.22		430.47		2,732.69
St. Peter's, Stambaugh, MI	2,931.95	223.35	258.35	30.00	3,443.65
St. Luke's, Stoddard, WI	1,649.50		3,255.00		4,904.50
	<u>\$56,469.15</u>	<u>\$3,906.77</u>	<u>\$20,631.90</u>	<u>\$146.20</u>	<u>\$81,154.02</u>
Miscellaneous	224.60		5,221.36	96.50	5,542.46
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$198,781.65</u>	<u>\$19,782.04</u>	<u>\$70,063.20</u>	<u>\$1425.67</u>	<u>\$290,052.56</u>

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTSOfficers

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 Mr. LeRoy Hulke
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CLC Directory

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CLC BOOK HOUSE FINANCIAL REPORT
July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1976

Finances

Disbursements:		Receipts:	
Merchandise	\$6,171.79	Balance	\$ 1,246.58
1975 CLC Directory (1500) .	625.01	Deposits	9,194.48
1976 CLC Directory (1500) .	441.90		<u>\$10,441.06</u>
CONCERNING CHURCH FELLOWSHIP		Disbursements	\$ 9,154.56
(3000)	467.05	Balance, July 1, 1976	\$ 1,286.50
CHURCH AND MINISTRY (2000) .	320.00	Petty cash	\$ 6.46
Wages (G. Sydow)	450.00	Accounts due	\$ 380.87
Mileage (G. Sydow)	93.06	TOTAL CASH BALANCE	\$ 1,673.83
Office supplies	73.75		
Refunds	29.42		
Off-set press (\$50.00 for			
hauling)	350.00		
Spokesman	12.25		
Box rent	32.00		
Minnesota Sales Tax	74.12		
CLC official seal (for			
President)	<u>14.21</u>		
	<u>\$9,154.56</u>		

Comments

A break-down of any of these figures, or any other information, is available on request. This accounting has been balanced with the bank statement and has been audited by a qualified accountant, Don Kassuelke of Faith, New Ulm.

Hopefully, as planned and authorized, the Book House will be moved to Immanuel Lutheran College in the near future, housed in the basement of the new dormitory and managed by the ILC Business Manager. This move has long been desired by the Book House Board and the New Ulm manager. It appears to be a much better arrangement to get the Book House out of a private dwelling into a more public area; and the continuity of management will be better served.

This also fits the wishes of Faith Congregation, New Ulm, which has asked that their pastor, for reasons of health, be relieved of the Book House assignment. In keeping with this and at a time when another stay in the hospital was in the offing, the New Ulm manager resigned, effective when a new set-up is established. It is the desire of Faith Congregation and the pastor-manager that the Book House effects be moved out of the New Ulm parsonage as soon as possible after the convention. There are items in Book House use that belong to the Book House, the congregation, and the manager; and Book House materials are stored all over the church-parsonage complex. The present manager is the only one who knows what belongs to whom and where things are. Now is a good time to unravel this mystery.

Gilbert Sydow, Manager

ILC EXPANSION PUBLICITY-PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Your committee was directed by the 1974 Convention "to direct their attention to the overall expansion program as mentioned in the interim Expansion Committee." The immediate thrust of the promotion was to publicize specifically the construction of a new dormitory, while at the same time trying to keep the CLC

constituency mindful that this was only the first phase of the longer projected expansion.

To this end the following materials were produced and distributed: a) 22,000 offering envelopes; b) 3 bulletin inserts; c) 5 special Spokesman articles; d) Spokesman financial reports and progress graphs; e) a congregational poster; f) a Xerox copy of an Eau Claire newspaper write-up on ILC; g) five congregational newsletters; h) an 80-slide presentation of ILC history and present expansion with cassette commentary, used by 36 of our congregations.

The inflation of the original estimated cost of \$160,000 to the present \$223,000 figure is now history, detailed and explained in the Prospectus. Yet despite this apparent cause for discouragement, you and your congregations have responded with an outpouring of offerings to date which are nearly 40% more than originally anticipated and called for. This is proof that you and all our people are a wealthy people--rich not merely in your checking and savings accounts, but rich where it counts most of all, rich in good works of sacrifice for Christ's perfect work of sacrifice for us all. All praise and credit got to Him, as we confess with Solomon: "Who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee." I Chronicles 29:14.

FINANCIAL	1) Committee phone calls	\$ 86.30
REPORT,	2) Offerings envelopes	189.86
August, 1974	3) 90 ILC posters.	90.00
to	4) 3 80-slide sets of ILC expansion history. . . .	100.51
July, 1976	5) Postage for slides, inserts, letters, etc.. . .	78.88
	6) Miscellaneous	15.76
		<u>\$561.31</u>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Prof. G. Radtke for ILC slide photography; W. Bernthal for artwork design of posters; P. Nolting and the West Columbia congregation for providing the materials and labor for printing 15,000 bulletin inserts; those who sent publicity ideas and materials, and who participated in the CLC "National Free Delivery" system. We acknowledge with gratitude these contributions which account for the low publicity expenses.

Looking back in wonderment and thanksgiving should encourage us to look forward in faith and hope toward completing this present phase and getting on to the next phase of ILC expansion, for "a growing school means a growing church." To that end may God bless our labors of love.

Norman Gurath

John Pfeiffer

James Sandeen

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ON THE PROCEEDINGS

The cover of the 1976 Proceedings was designed by Mrs. Egbert Albrecht of Markesan, WI, drawn on a paper master by Mr. G. David Douglas of West Columbia, SC, and produced on our offset press. The typing of the masters was done by PFN, the proof-reading by his wife. Mrs. Allan Shealy assisted with the printing. The "Serve the Lord with Gladness" women's corps again did the collating, while some of the men assisted with the stapling. The printing was done on a #324 ABDick Offset Duplicator. A run of 1400 copies was printed.

Paul F. Nolting, Secretary and Editor

COMPARATIVE STATISTICAL REPORT¹

Church of the Lutheran Confession

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	
Reports:	69	70	70	69	68	72	- congregations
Membership:	1667	1753	1799	1864	1888	1928	- voters
	6637	6817	6837	6927	6950	7105	- communicants
	2812	2860	2716	2752	2717	2685	- pre-communicants
	9449	9677	9553	9679	9667	9790	- total souls
Ministrations:	34	29	25	16	31	28	- adult baptisms
	246	244	224	225	228	236	- child baptisms
	116	141	122	136	142	159	- adult confirmations
	196	179	201	175	164	179	- child confirmations
	101	127	108	99	93	123	- marriages
	96	76	95	73	71	74	- funerals
	29,771	31,134	32,488	34,533	34,555	35,528	- total communed
	4.48	4.57	4.75	4.98	4.97	5.03	- average per communicant
	52.9	51.2	53.2	52.1	51.8	51.1	- Sunday worship service (%)
Christian Education:	11	11	12	12	15	15	- Christian Day Schools
	459	401	419	404	413	443	- CDS enrollment
	33	34	29	33	41	45	- CDS teachers
	59	62	61	60	60	62	- Sunday Schools
	1619	1521	1416	1408	1478	1412	- SS enrollment
	256	266	251	255	259	238	- SS teachers
	12	40	56	52	60	58	- Saturday Schools & Conf.
	242	428	434	537	549	524	- SS & C enrollment
	34	56	83	81	88	88	- SS & C teachers
	37	38	36	36	38	40	- Vacation Bible Schools
	1209	1193	966	996	1059	1164	- VBS enrollment
	160	155	146	150	148	174	- VBS teachers
	38	49	48	52	51	53	- Bible Classes
	837	962	900	1070	1015	1111	- BC average attendance
Contributions:	\$659,934	\$721,765	\$795,612	\$919,915	\$1,050,597	\$1,079,413	- home purposes
	125,272	140,107	155,218	165,514	177,418	179,971	- CLC missions
	80,299	31,713	23,202	17,244	36,830	143,925	- CLC special
	865,505	893,585	974,032	1,102,673	1,264,845	1,403,309	- total contributions
	130.40	132.55	142.46	159.18	181.99	198.06	- average per communicant

NOTE: 1) 1960-67 reports, 1968 Proceedings, p. 66
 1968-73 reports, 1974 Proceedings, p. 95

James E. Sandeen, Statistician



