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WELCOME

Welcome to the 45th Convention of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, the Texas District. For the 45th time, elected Pastor, lay, and advisory delegates, as well as many guests and visitors, will be coming together in a Texas District Convention.

This is our first weekend Convention. That means that we operate with fewer hours in the schedule. It means, also, that some of the traditional features of a Convention will have to be dropped. Others will be shortened, and time will be at a premium. The weekend Convention this year is an experiment, and some place during the Convention, you will be given an opportunity to express your feelings about the Convention. These observations and reactions will be helpful to those who are responsible for planning future Conventions.

THEME

The theme of the Convention, ON THE WAY HOME, sets us, the people of God, as a pilgrim people, on the way home. We travel on . . . unloving but loved; sinning but forgiven. This is not our abiding city. We seek one which is to come. While we are on the way, we travel along together, as a Synod . . . mindful of our relationships with God and with one another . . . mindful of our opportunities and challenges as ambassadors for the Living Christ.

We are ON THE WAY HOME.

WORSHIP

The Convention will open on Friday, 21 June, with a short devotion, led by the President of the Texas District. On Sunday morning at 8:30, the main Convention Service will be held in the Hotel. The speaker will be the official representative of the President of the Synod, The Reverend Guido A. Merkens, Pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church, San Antonio, and Second Vice President of the Synod. All other worship services will be the responsibility of the Convention Chaplain, The Reverend Keith C. Fox, Houston. The worship settings and format have been worked out by the Worship Committee of the District, under the Board of Parish Services.

ESSAY

The Essay, always a vital and exciting part of a Convention, will be delivered by the President of the Southern California District, The Reverend Dr. Arnold Kuntz, Los Angeles, California. The Essay, to be presented in two parts, will be a devotional and highly inspirational development of the Convention Theme, ON THE WAY HOME.

REGISTRATION

The Registration Committee for the Convention will begin registering all who attend the Convention on Friday, 21 June, at 2:00 PM, off the Mezzanine, Banquet Rooms 2, 3, 4. The Registration Desk will be open until 11:00 PM that evening. When you receive the registration instructions, read them very carefully.

VOTING

Every voting congregation (or parish, where such an arrangement is in effect) is entitled to two votes . . . one Pastor vote, one lay vote.

The voting badge will be issued by Committee #3, THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION to all Pastors of voting congregations, and to all lay delegates who present credentials signed by the Pastor and two elders of the congregation.

Voting delegates will be seated in the red section of the Convention Hall.

BOOK OF REPORTS AND MEMORIALS

The Book of Reports and Memorials is just what the title implies . . . the reports from boards and committees of the District, as well as from the President, Vice Presidents, and Circuit Counselors . . . and the memorials or overtures that are being brought to the attention of the Convention from Pastors, congregations, conferences, boards, committees, etc. In addition, this year for the first time, most of the Convention Committees will have met and the resolutions that they have prepared for presentation are included with the memorials to which they refer.

Be sure to bring this book to the Convention with you. Additional copies will not be available in the Convention Hall. If you were elected to serve as a lay delegate, and find that you cannot attend, be sure to give this book to the alternate delegate, who will be attending the Convention.

COMMITTEE

Most of the Convention Committee work will have been accomplished prior to the Convention. Open Hearings will not be scheduled. Should you want to address a concern to any of the committees, as listed in the next section of this book, you are encouraged to do that in writing. Should you desire an opportunity to speak to the entire committee, write to the chairman, and ask for an appointment on Friday afternoon, 21 June.

SECTIONAL MEETINGS

One of the traditional features of a District Convention has been the three breakfast sectional meetings . . . one for Pastors, one for Teachers, one for laymen. And this is one of the features that "had to go." However, there will be an orientation session for lay delegates at 5:00 PM, on Friday, just prior to the opening of the Convention proper, in the Texas Room. In connection with that, and to be sure that no one misses a meal, a catered meal will be served to the lay delegates in attendance at that orientation session.

NEW MEMBERS

The opening session will include a period of time during which Pastors and Teachers will be received as members of the Synod. Normally this would include those who graduated in 1972 and 1973, plus a few who from prior years were unable to sign the constitution. This year, women Teachers who qualify under the Bylaws of the Synod will also be received. After the Convention accepts these Pastors and Teachers, they will be given the opportunity to sign the Constitution of the Synod, thereby completing all of the requirements for membership in the Synod. Finally, congregations will be received into the Synod, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Constitutional Matters. The signature of the congregation to the Constitution of the Synod will be affixed by the elected lay delegate from that congregation.

OPEN EVENING

Actually there will be no open evening. However, the Saturday schedule is set in such a way that class reunions, group dinners, banquets, etc., may be planned for Saturday evening after 8:00 PM.

PHONE CALLS

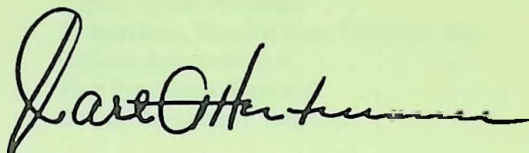
A message center will be installed in the hotel. There will be a direct line to the Convention Center. Your family or your office can reach you at that Convention number any time during Convention hours. The number is . . .

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IN CONCLUSION

For over a year, the good people of Dallas, under the direction of Pastor Martin Ramming, the District Convention Coordinator, have been at work to make this 45th Convention a good Convention. Hopefully families will accompany delegates to this first weekend Convention. It will be an inspiring experience. You won't want to miss a single session, or part of a session.

God bless your attendance and your participation at this Convention. And again . . . welcome! You are in for an exciting and rewarding experience.

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CARL A. HECKMANN, President

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ORGANIZATION

CONVENTION PROGRAM

Friday, 21 June 1974

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| 1:00 - 4:00 PM | Meetings of Convention Floor Committees. Open Hearings by appointment |
| 2:00 - 6:00 PM | Registration — on the Mezzanine, Zodiac Rooms 1, 2, 3 |
| 5:00 - 5:30 PM | Orientation for Lay Delegates in the Fiesta Room |

First Session

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| 7:00 PM | Opening of the Convention |
| 7:00 - 7:05 PM | Committee # 2 - CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION |
| 7:05 - 7:40 PM | Opening Devotion - President Carl A. Heckmann |
| 7:40 - 7:45 PM | Adoption of the Program |
| 7:45 - 7:50 PM | Committee # 1 - CONSTITUTIONS |
| 7:50 - 8:15 PM | Reception of new members |
| 8:15 - 8:30 PM | Committee # 4 - ELECTIONS |
| 8:30 - 8:40 PM | President's time |
| 8:40 - 9:10 PM | District Report |
| 9:10 - 9:40 PM | Committee # 7 - MISSIONS |
| 9:40 - 9:55 PM | Committee # 5 - RESOLUTIONS |
| 9:55 - 10:00 PM | Announcements and closing prayer by the Chaplain |

Saturday, 22 June 1974

Second Session

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| 8:30 - 9:00 AM | Worship — The Anniversary Service |
| 9:00 - 9:30 AM | The Report of the President of the District |
| 9:30 - 9:45 AM | Committee # 3 - NOMINATIONS |
| 9:45 - 10:00 AM | President's time |
| 10:00 - 10:45 AM | The Report of the President of the Synod — presented by the Second Vice President, The Reverend Guido A. Merckens |
| 10:45 - 11:30 AM | The Essay, ON THE WAY HOME, by The Reverend Dr. Arnold G. Kuntz, Los Angeles, California |
| 11:30 - 12:00 | Election of Delegates to Anaheim |
| 12:00 - 1:30 PM | Lunch |

Third Session

1:30 - 2:00 PM	Worship - The Memorial Service
2:00 - 2:30 PM	The Report of the President of the Synod
2:30 - 3:00 PM	District Report
3:00 - 3:30 PM	Committee # 8 - PARISH SERVICES
3:30 - 3:45 PM	Lutheran Campus Ministry of Texas, The Reverend Charles H. Born
3:45 - 4:00 PM	Committee # 5 - RESOLUTIONS
4:00 - 4:30 PM	Recess
4:30 - 5:15 PM	The Essay
5:15 - 5:30 PM	The Report of the Treasurer
5:30 - 6:00 PM	District Report
6:00 - 6:30 PM	Committee # 6 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS
6:30 - 6:50 PM	Committee # 5 - RESOLUTIONS
6:50 - 7:00 PM	Announcements and closing prayer by the Chaplain
7:00 PM	Dinner, reunions, etc.

Sunday, 23 June 1974

8:30 - 9:45 AM	The Convention Service with Holy Communion, The Reverend Guido A. Merkens, Second Vice President, preaching
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Fourth Session

10:00 -10:15 AM	Committee # 9 - PUBLIC RELATIONS
10:15 -10:30 AM	Committee # 5 - RESOLUTIONS
10:30 -11:15 AM	The Report of the President of the Synod
11:15 -11:25 AM	125th Anniversary Thankoffering — The Reverend John Kieschnick
11:25 -11:35 AM	The Lutheran Hospital, Houston — The Reverend Dr. Oliver R. Harms
11:35 -12:00	President's time
12:00 - 1:30 PM	Lunch

Fifth Session

1:30 - 1:45 PM	Opening devotion by the Chaplain
1:45 - 2:00 PM	Concordia Lutheran College, Dr. Ray Martens
2:00 - 2:30 PM	Committee # 5 - RESOLUTIONS
2:30 - 2:45 PM	Lutheran Social Service of Texas – Dr. Robert Culp
2:45 - 5:00 PM	Uncompleted reports of committees
5:00 - 5:10 PM	Committee # 11 - EXCUSES
5:10 - 5:15 PM	Committee # 10 - REVIEW OF MINUTES
5:15 - 6:00 PM	The Closing Service, Installation of Officers, and Adjournment

CONVENTION ESSAY**ON THE WAY HOME**

- I. The Only Way To Go
 - A. "I Am The Way"
 - B. That's The Truth
 - C. This Is The Life
- II. There's a Long, Long Trail A'Winding
 - A. Perilous Journey
 - B. Going In Circles
 - C. A Silent God
- III. Odd Jobs Along The Way
 - A. Men At Work
 - B. Calling The Weak
 - C. Another Way To Look At Life
- IV. All The Way Home
 - A. Reaching For A Crown
 - B. Forever and Ever, Amen

**The Reverend Dr. Arnold G. Kuntz, President
Southern California District, LC-MS
Los Angeles, California**

COMMITTEES FOR 1974 CONVENTION

1. COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONS

Chairman: The Reverend David Ebert, Fort Stockton, Faith
 Pastor: The Reverend Marvin Koch, Copperas Cove, Immanuel
 Teacher: Mr. Jonathan Fischer, Dallas, Holy Cross
 Layman: Mr. Fred Symmank, Carrollton, Prince of Peace

2. COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION

Chairman: The Reverend Fred Mattil, Dallas, Our Redeemer
 Pastors: The Reverend Delmer Brack, Denison-Honey Grove
 The Reverend Theodore Dallmann, Dallas, St. Paul
 Teachers: Mr. Ken Wegener, Dallas, Bethel
 Mr. Russell Reese, Irving, Good Shepherd
 Miss Katherine Bolland, Dallas, Zion
 Laymen: Mr. Arthur Ebert, Dallas, Our Savior
 Mr. Roger Hill, Irving, Our Redeemer
 Mr. Freddie Guggisberg, Vernon, Zion
 Advisory: The Reverend Elton Bauerkemper, Dallas, Our Savior
 Mr. Milburn Schubert, Austin

3. COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Chairman: The Reverend Walter T. Eifert, Houston, Concordia
 Pastors: The Reverend Arthur Radtke, Houston, Pilgrim
 The Reverend James Blumhorst, Tomball, Salem
 The Reverend Alfred Schubert, Houston, Mt. Olive
 The Reverend Richard Wagner, Houston, Trinity
 Teachers: Mr. Edgar Richter, Houston, Our Savior
 Mr. Norman Finke, Houston, St. Matthew
 Miss Susan Mueller, Houston, St. Mark

4. COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

Chairman: The Reverend Wayne Dittloff, Houston, Ascension
 Pastors: The Reverend Emil Krugler, Giddings, Immanuel
 The Reverend William Bredemeyer, Channelview, Grace
 The Reverend Bruce Blakelock, Orange, Grace
 The Reverend Steve Kappler, Kerrville, Holy Cross
 Teachers: Mr. Ewald Gutz, Amarillo, Trinity
 Miss Emilie Schmidt, Fort Worth, Zion
 Miss Barbara Watkins, Harlingen, St. Paul
 Mr. Wm. Leimbach, Pasadena, Zion
 Miss Mary Rosenthal, Houston, Our Savior
 Laymen: Mr. Alfred E. Herbrich, Houston, Bethlehem
 Mr. Curtis Boriack, Houston, Pilgrim
 Mr. Wayne Register, Houston, King of Kings
 Mr. Walter Patschke, Lexington, Trinity
 Mr. J. B. Hansen, West Sinton, Trinity

5. COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Chairman: The Reverend Walter Dube, Texas City, Peace
 Pastors: The Reverend Jon Siemsglusz, Brenham, Grace
 The Reverend G. W. Fickenscher, Houston, Our Redeemer
 The Reverend John D. Smith, Houston, King of Kings
 The Reverend Eugene Oesch, Houston, Memorial
 The Reverend Martin E. Ramming, Port Arthur, Trinity
 Teachers: Mr. Gary Merritt, Galveston, St. John
 Mr. Martin Mueller, Houston, Bethany
 Mr. Delvin Frieling, Houston, Pilgrim
 Miss Marjorie Wilke, Pasadena, Zion
 Laymen: Mr. Howard Klein, Tomball, Zion
 Dr. Richard H. Jesse, M.D., Houston, St. Matthew
 Mr. Juergen Koetter, Sr., Houston, St. Paul
 Mr. C. B. Tomek, Houston, Immanuel
 Mr. Walter Noack, Lake Jackson, St. Mark
 Mr. Louis Biar, Nederland, Holy Cross

6. COMMITTEE ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman: The Reverend Marvin Tschatschula, New Braunfels, Cross
 Pastors: The Reverend Eldor Mickan, San Antonio, Mt. Olive
 The Reverend Roy Bohrer, Austin, Christ
 The Reverend Wm. A. Johnson, San Antonio, St. Paul
 The Reverend Walter Harms, Austin, Bethany
 The Reverend Ed Schwanke, Austin, St. Paul
 Teachers: Mr. Curtis Riske, Austin, Redeemer
 Miss Caroline Ristau, Austin, Hope
 Mr. Howard Schuetze, San Antonio, St. Paul
 Mr. Norman Stuemke, Austin, Redeemer
 Laymen: Mr. Archie Malcom, Austin, Hope
 Mr. Gary Laneman, Austin, Redeemer
 Mr. Robert Carter, III, Elgin, Grace
 Dr. H. R. Buck, Premont, Grace
 Mr. Jim Haynes, Austin, Bethany
 Mr. Warren Ressel, Austin, Our Savior

7. COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

Chairman: The Reverend Gerald Thiele, Vernon, Zion
 The Reverend Harold Hein, Fort Worth, Christ
 The Reverend Hugo Gurney, Corsicana, Faith
 The Reverend Roger Neeb, Hurst, Peace
 The Reverend Marxen Dommmer, Dallas, Bethel
 The Reverend Harold Meissner, Dallas, Trinity
 Teachers: Mr. Dallas Collever, Fort Worth, Zion
 Mr. Norman Clasen, Dallas, Our Redeemer
 Mr. Richard Allman, Dallas, Zion
 Miss Paula Junkuntz, Dallas, Zion
 Laymen: Mr. William O. Freels, Dallas, Zion
 Mr. Jerry Bartos, Dallas, Our Redeemer
 Mr. Pual Esch, Fort Worth, Zion
 Mr. Jack Lauber, Richardson, Messiah
 Mr. James Grove, Iowa Park, Good Shepherd
 Mr. Clarence B. Lusk, Waco, Trinity

8. COMMITTEE ON PARISH SERVICES

Chairman: The Reverend Roland Friedrichs, Amarillo, Trinity
 Pastors: The Reverend David Melber, Canyon, St. Paul
 The Reverend George Ascher, Wilson, St. Paul
 The Reverend A. Dean Kelm, Odessa, Redeemer
 The Reverend Richard Mazak, San Angelo, Trinity
 The Reverend Donald Hafeman, Midland, Grace
 Teachers: Mr. David Stewart, Wichita Falls, St. Paul
 Mr. Ernest Quillen, Vernon, St. Paul
 Mr. Paul Rebsch, San Angelo, Trinity
 Miss Evelyn Kreimeyer, San Angelo, Trinity
 Laymen: Dr. Roy Malzahn, Amarillo, Trinity
 Mr. Bruce O. Barthel, Midland, Grace
 Mr. Fred Nelson, Andrews, Faith
 Mr. Travis Simpson, Lubbock, Christ
 Mr. Herman Wuensche, Wilson, St. Paul
 Dr. Fred Rathjen, Canyon, St. Paul

9. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

Chairman: The Reverend Vernon Appel, Thorndale, St. Paul
 Pastors: The Reverend T. R. Griesse, Waco, St. Mark
 The Reverend Eric Wagner, San Antonio, Redeemer
 The Reverend Kenneth Schauer, Walburg, Zion
 Teachers: Mr. Carl Dunk, Jr., Waco, St. Mark
 Miss Hilda Eisen, Walburg, Zion
 Laymen: Mr. Henry Nauert, Copperas Cove, Immanuel
 Dr. H. O. Kunkel, Bryan, Bethel
 Mr. Louis Lange, Clifton, Immanuel
 Mr. Jack Staples, San Antonio, St. Paul

10. COMMITTEE ON REVIEW OF MINUTES

Chairman: The Reverend Raymond D. Reich, Aleman, St. Paul
 Pastors: The Reverend Carl Boriack, Cisco, Redeemer
 The Reverend J. Arthur Rebber, Brady-Menard
 Teachers: Miss Rebecca Ebert, San Antonio, Concordia
 Mr. Brice Kuhlman, Bishop, St. Paul
 Laymen: Mr. Wilbert Schlegel, Olney, St. Luke
 Mrs. Art Ziebarth, Kermit, Zion

11. COMMITTEE ON EXCUSES

Chairman: The Reverend Harold Schroeter, Garland, Peace
 Pastors: The Reverend Fred Boden, Corpus Christi, Our Savior
 The Reverend Walter Bielefeldt, Wharton, St. John
 The Reverend Roy Stoll, Mercedes, Immanuel
 Teachers: Mr. Gerhard Piph, Houston, Bethany
 Mr. Ken Buehring, Galveston, St. John
 Laymen: Mr. Martin Schneider, Thorndale, St. Paul
 Mr. Hubert Teinert, Victoria, Grace

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

THE REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT

To the Honorable 45th Convention of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, Texas District, assembled in Convention at the Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas, 21-23 June 1974! GREETINGS!

In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

The report of the President will be coming to you in four parts; the first two of which are included in this Book of Reports and Memorials . . .

The written report, including the tabulation of all official acts and of all official appointments

The report of the major decisions of the Board of Directors of the District

The opening devotion for the Convention

The oral report, which will be made in an early session of the Convention

ON THE WAY HOME . . . that's the theme for our Convention. We are a pilgrim people . . . a people who have here no abiding city. Like Israel of old, strangers in a strange land, but a people on the way home . . . a people following their God . . . the pillar of cloud by day, the pillar of fire by night . . . always the people with whom, with whose forefathers, and with whose sons and grandsons, God had made the covenant.

In a sense, all through the old covenant it was a matter of being ON THE WAY, until the fullness of the time had come.

Peter picks up the theme in his letter, when he says to the Christians of the first century, "You too are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people." In Phil. 3, Paul puts us in sharp contrast to those of a different orientation, when he says, "Our commonwealth is in heaven."

Ours is not an abiding city . . . but there is a city in which we live and work, in which we minister and witness . . . several such cities . . . one of which is the State of Texas . . . the city in which the Texas District is at work. The Texas District has been a part of the Synodical scene for almost three score years and ten . . . 68 to be exact . . . and God has blessed us these 68 years . . . or to put it statistically . . .

	1906	1974
Voting Pastors	23	230
Advisory Pastors	23	42

or, almost 275 Pastors serving 290 congregations, plus our special and our exploratory ministries.

Teachers	11	393
Baptized membership	13,832	107,727
Communicant membership	7,250	76,940
Schools	48	77
School enrollment	1,739	9,050

In the two years since we met as a Convention at the Villa Capri in Austin . . .

. . . all of the resolutions of that Convention have been carried out

. . . all boards and committees met on schedule, their reports being included here, and an exciting report to be made to the Convention when we meet in Dallas

. . . the work has gone on in the District, in our congregations, in our parishes, where people live

. . . the New Orleans Convention has come and gone, with its impact still with us

. . . Lutheran Social Service of Texas continues as a beautiful inter-Lutheran ministry to so many

. . . Lutheran Campus Ministry of Texas, created at the last Convention, is hard at work, another inter-Lutheran effort that not only effectively serves the campus communities of the State of Texas, but demonstrates as well (as does also LSST) that a tri-Lutheran Agency can serve without compromising either our position or our principles.

And so the work goes on. In the pages that follow, and in oral and visual presentations to the Convention, you will be hearing the story of the ministry of a people ON THE WAY HOME. And coupled with that will be the exciting prospects of our hopes and dreams for the future . . . as we continue . . .

a pilgrim people
a people with a Savior and Lord
a people with a message
a people on a mission
a people ON THE WAY HOME

One of the major features of our Convention will be elections. Most of the officers of the District are coming to the end of a term. Others will be serving for an additional two years. I need to take this opportunity . . . and I want to take this opportunity . . . to thank a few people for all that happened these last two years also as a result of their commitment to Christ, their dedication to their ministry also for our District, their concern for people, and their support.

First of all, there are the Vice Presidents of the Texas District. . .

The Reverend Robert Helberg, Texarkana, First Vice President
The Reverend A. F. Droegemueller, Houston, Second Vice President
The Reverend Louis L. Pabor, Austin, Third Vice President
The Reverend Ronald L. Jenkins, Lubbock, Fourth Vice President
The Reverend Elmer G. Neunaber (now with his Lord in glory)

Then, there is the District Staff. . .

Fred J. Frieling . . . now retired after 18 years of service to the District as Treasurer
Milburn Schubert . . . Fred's able successor
The Reverend Eugene F. Gruell . . . the Executive Director, Board of Mission Administration (now in the Florida-Georgia District)
The Reverend Glenn O'Shoney . . . his successor, excited about this new ministry for him
The Reverend Ray Schkade . . . Executive Director, the Board of Parish Services . . . still with us and we are thankful
Mr. Keith Loomans . . . Assistant Director, the Board of Parish Services . . . still with us and we are thankful

Next . . . the Circuit Counselors . . . those that are serving now as well as those that served at one time or the other during the past biennium.

Then . . . the members of all of the boards and committees of the District . . . a large number of men and women, too many to enumerate . . . giving so much of themselves, so much time, so much effort . . . and so the work goes on.

All of these are people ON THE WAY HOME . . . and as such are deeply involved in a ministry for all whom the Lord would have be ON THE WAY HOME . . . those that are His and those that shall be.

If the delegates to the Convention could be as aware as I am of the contributions that have been made by these officers of the District . . . well, I can almost hear the round of applause.

Now, for a moment, looking to the future . . . let this 45th Convention indicate that we are aware of our role as a people ON THE WAY HOME. . .

. . . our role in and through the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod
. . . our role in the cities, villages, and rural areas of the commonwealth of Texas
. . . our role as those who cherish the Holy Bible as God's inspired and authoritative Word

. . . our role, above all, as those who are dedicated . . .

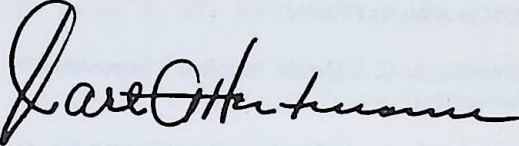
to the Gospel of Jesus Christ

to its message as the foundation of our faith, our theology, our ministry, and our church

and to the proclamation of that message of forgiveness, grace, and life as the only hope for our society
and for a people ON THE WAY HOME.

Lord, give us a good Convention!

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Carl A. Heckmann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carl" being more prominent and the last name "Heckmann" written in a continuous script.

CARL A. HECKMANN, President

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1972

PASTORS

The Reverend Duane E. Kirchner (St. Louis). Ordained 4 June by The Reverend Norman Walter. Installed 16 July by The Reverend Wm. K. Schuster to serve Friona, Immanuel and Redeemer.

The Reverend Neil M. Bockelmann (St. Louis). Ordained 18 June by The Reverend Armin C. Gottberg. Installed 16 July by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann to serve San Antonio, Redeemer as Assistant Pastor.

The Reverend David Schroder (St. Louis). Ordained 25 June by The Reverend A. C. J. Oesch. Installed 3 September by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann to serve as Assistant Pastor, Austin, Redeemer.

The Reverend Thomas Hedtke (Springfield). Ordained 9 July by The Reverend Dennis Pegorsch. Installed 30 July by The Reverend A. Dean Kelm to serve Kermit, Zion-Monahans, St. Paul.

The Reverend Gilbert Franke (St. Louis). Ordained 25 June by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann. Installed 6 August by The Reverend Gerald Thiele to serve Harrold, Immanuel.

The Reverend Martin Platzer (St. Louis). Ordained and installed 27 August by The Reverend Wm K. Schuster to serve Lariat, St. John.

The Reverend Lawrence Boye (St. Louis). Ordained 9 July by The Reverend Clarence C. Boye. Installed 23 July by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann to serve the Clara-Iowa Park Parish.

The Reverend Thomas P. Krause (St. Louis). Ordained 20 August by The Reverend Paul Krause. Installed 3 September by The Reverend Robert Helberg to serve Sulphur Springs, Our Savior.

The Reverend Mark Jungman (St. Louis). Ordained and installed 25 June by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann to serve San Antonio, Trinidad.

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The Reverend Jerome Teichmiller (Springfield). Ordained 17 June by The Reverend Eldon Weisheidt. Installed 1 July by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann to serve Clifton, Immanuel.

The Reverend Kenneth M. Hennings (St. Louis). Ordained 10 June by The Reverend C. D. Wetzmann. Installed 22 July by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann to serve Uvalde, Trinity-La Pryor, St. Paul.

The Reverend Robert J. Sielaff (St. Louis). Ordained 10 June by The Reverend Robert Kavasch. Installed 17 June by The Reverend Alvin Musgrove to serve as Associate Pastor, Cypress, St. John.

The Reverend William Knippa (St. Louis). Ordained 5 August by The Reverend Guido A. Merkens. Installed 9 September by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann to serve as Assistant Pastor, Austin, Christ.

The Reverend D. R. Nelson (St. Louis). Ordained 5 August by The Reverend Guido A. Merkens. Installed 2 September by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann to serve at Austin, Concordia.

The Reverend Stephen Wagner (St. Louis). Ordained 5 August by The Reverend Guido A. Merkens. Installed 26 August by The Reverend A. Dean Kelm to serve Andrews, Faith.

The Reverend Wm E. Dasch (Springfield). Ordained and installed 29 July by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann to serve Commerce, Trinity.

The Reverend Herbert Geisler (Springfield). Ordained and installed 9 September by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann to serve Schulenburg, Zion.

The Reverend Russell Saboe (St. Louis). Ordained and installed 2 September by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann to serve San Antonio, Beautiful Savior.

The Reverend John Nieman (St. Louis). Ordained and installed 16 September by The Reverend Carl Boriack to serve Albany, Trinity.

The Reverend Donald L. Olson (St. Louis). Ordained 10 June by The Reverend J. C. Henning. Installed 24 June by The Reverend Louis L. Pabor to serve Eola, Mt. Calvary-Ballinger, Bethel.

The Reverend Barry Hildebrandt (St. Louis). Ordained 10 June by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann. Installed 12 August by The Reverend A. F. Droegemueller to serve Houston, St. Paul.

The Reverend Wayne J. Pafk (St. Louis). Ordained 17 June by The Reverend Hilbert Huth. Installed 15 July by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann to serve Rockdale, Grace.

The Reverend James N. Herndon (St. Louis). Ordained 17 June by The Reverend Gerald Otte to serve the Deer Park Mission, Deer Park, Texas.

The Reverend James P. Noffke (St. Louis). Ordained 8 July by The Reverend Virgil F. Meyer. Commissioned 15 July by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann to serve Austin, Our Savior.

The Reverend Ronald M. Pfluger (Springfield). Ordained 24 June by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann. Installed 15 July by The Reverend Roland Friedrichs to serve Dumas, St. John.

The Reverend Wm Allwardt (Springfield). Ordained 5 August by The Reverend Howard Allwardt. Installed 12 August by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann to serve Paris, Grace and Clarksville, St. John.

TEACHERS

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Mr. Larry Buchhorn (River Forest). Installed 27 August by The Reverend Dewyth Beltz to serve Spring, Trinity.

Mr. Merlin Mohr (Seward). Installed 20 August by The Reverend Harold Jacobsmeyer to serve Dallas, Grace.

Mr. Byron Heinemann (Seward). Installed 24 August by The Reverend A. W. Schubert to serve Houston, Lutheran High School.

Mr. Wayne Kramer (Seward). Installed 24 August by The Reverend A. W. Schubert to serve Houston, Lutheran High School.

Mr. Neal Greatens (Seward). Installed 27 August by The Reverend Carl Biar to serve Lincoln, St. John.

Mr. Keith Boehlke (Seward). Installed 27 August by The Reverend Herbert Graf to serve Westfield, St. Matthew.

Mr. Mark Mischnick (Seward). Installed 20 August by The Reverend August Horn to serve San Angelo, Trinity.

Mr. Jonathan Lorenz (Seward). Installed 27 August by The Reverend Elmo E. Miertschin to serve Houston, Immanuel.

Mr. Curtis Adams (Seward). Installed 10 September by The Reverend Marxen Dommer to serve Dallas, Bethel.

Mr. Marcus Wolfram (Seward). Installed 27 August by The Reverend Eldor Mickan to serve San Antonio, Mt. Olive.

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Mr. Lawren Miller (Seward). Installed 24 June by The Reverend Virgil Meyer to serve Richardson, Messiah as DCE.

Mr. Daniel Fischer (Seward). Installed 26 August by The Reverend Eldor Mickan to serve San Antonio, Mt. Olive.

Mr. Robert Nitz (River Forest). Installed 19 August by The Reverend Herbert Graf to serve Westfield, St. Matthew.

Mr. Richard Allman (River Forest). Installed 19 August by The Reverend Carl A. Gaertner to serve Dallas, Zion.

Mr. Mark Mueller (Seward). Installed 20 August by The Reverend Martin Herzog to serve Houston, Lutheran High School.

Mr. Glen Kieschnick (Seward). Installed 26 August by The Reverend Louis L. Pabor to serve Austin, Redeemer.

Mr. Gary Schallock (Seward). Installed 19 August by The Reverend Robert Dehnke to serve Houston, Calvary.

Mr. Michael M. Naleieha (River Forest). Installed 26 August by The Reverend Ed Schwanke to serve Austin, St. Paul.

Mr. Robert Friedrich (Seward). Installed 26 August by The Reverend T. R. Griesse to serve Waco, St. Mark.

Mr. Kenneth Buth (Seward). Installed 9 September by The Reverend Al Schubert to serve Houston, Mt. Olive.

Mr. Kenneth Boehm (Seward). Installed 9 September by The Reverend Al Schubert to serve Houston, Mt. Olive.

Mr. Gary Linkugel (Seward). Installed 29 August 1971 by The Reverend Al Scholz to serve Pasadena, Zion.

Mr. Larry Rockemann (Seward). Installed 17 September 1972 by The Reverend Thomas Sorensen to serve Dallas, Holy Cross.

Mr. Terry Dankert (Seward). Installed 29 August 1971 by The Reverend Al Scholz to serve Pasadena, Zion.

Mr. Richard Riggert (Seward). Installed 19 August by The Reverend George Lange to serve Tomball, Zion.

TRANSFERRED AND INSTALLED

1972

PASTORS

The Reverend David Ebert, Hamilton, St. John to Fort Stockton, Faith-Rankin, Immanuel, 6 February, by The Reverend A. Dean Kelm.

The Reverend Robert Melde, Monte Vista, Colorado to Brownwood, Grace, 30 January by The Reverend C. T. Boriack.

The Reverend Benjamin Rathgeber, Gadsden, Alabama to Galveston, St. John, 9 January by The Reverend Walter Dube.

The Reverend O. C. Schreiner, Sealy, Trinity to Assistant, Westfield, St. Matthew, 30 April by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann.

The Reverend Steve Kappler, Rushville-Hay Springs, Nebraska to Kerrville, Holy Cross, 9 April by The Reverend Eric Wagner.

The Reverend Carroll Kohl, Harrold, Immanuel to Big Spring, St. Paul, 7 May by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann.

The Reverend Robert Petersen, crm, to Borger, Trinity, 18 June by The Reverend Roland Friedrichs.

The Reverend Albert Lindemann, Chaplain, USAF, to Burkburnett, Grace, 25 June by The Reverend Gerald Thiele.

The Reverend James Joiner, Southern District, to Pecos, Trinity, 9 July by The Reverend A. Dean Kelm.

The Reverend Robert Blakely, Columbus, Mississippi to Dallas, Our Redeemer (Asst), 20 August by The Reverend Fred Mattil.

The Reverend Varnes Stringer, Alabama Lutheran Academy and College to Concordia Lutheran College, Austin, 27 August by The Reverend Vernon Appel.

The Reverend John Freed, Metairie, Louisiana to Houston, St. Mark, 27 August by The Reverend Walter Eifert.

The Reverend Linsey Dettmer, Shattuck, Oklahoma to Sealy, Trinity, 3 September by The Reverend Carl Kasper.

The Reverend Robert Kamrath, crm, to Houston, Bethany, 17 September by The Reverend A. F. Droegemueller.

The Reverend Walter Harting, Houston, St. Luke to Wichita Falls, St. Paul, 10 September by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann.

The Reverend Robert Hill, Paris-Clarksville Parish to Plano, Faith, 1 October by The Reverend Fred Mattil.

The Reverend Ed Schwanke, Denver, Colorado to Austin, St. Paul, 24 September by The Reverend John Ellwanger.

The Reverend Herbert O. Hartfield, em, to Dime Box, Trinity, 22 October by The Reverend Arthur Arndt.

The Reverend Albert Wuensche, Eden, Trinity-Ballinger, Bethel to Hamilton, St. John-Pottsville, Immanuel, 22 October by The Reverend Raymond D. Reich.

The Reverend Wm Bloom, Sweetwater, Faith to Seguin, Grace, 26 November by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann.

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The Reverend Reinhard Wuensche, Clifton, Immanuel to Elgin, Grace, 7 January by The Reverend Emil Krugler.

The Reverend Robert Hartfield, Elgin, Grace to Lexington, St. James, 21 January by The Reverend H. O. Hartfield.

The Reverend Carl Bielefeldt, Pleasanton, Nebraska to the Alice-Premont Parish, 3 January by The Reverend Fred Boden.

The Reverend LaVerne Fitch, Schulenburg, Zion to Worker/Priest, Smithville, Grace, 10 December by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann.

The Reverend Kenneth Sinclair, Assistant Pastor, Rosenberg, Trinity to Sugar Land, Faith, 28 January by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann.

The Reverend Carl Kruse, Brownsville, Trinity to Assistant Pastor, Pasadena, Zion, 7 January by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann.

The Reverend Robert Koenig, Pochontas, Missouri to Giddings, Immanuel as Assistant Pastor, 22 July by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann.

The Reverend D. A. Robbins, crm, Houston, to Houston, Bethlehem, 25 March by The Reverend Walter Eifert.

The Reverend John Karlen, Onarga, Illinois to Raymondville, Mt. Calvary, 24 June by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann.

The Reverend Herbert Driessner, Clovis, New Mexico to Eden, Trinity-Menard, Grace, 13 May by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann.

The Reverend Gerald Kieschnick, Beloxi, Mississippi to Beaumont, Redeemer, 6 May by The Reverend A. F. Droegemueller.

The Reverend Richard Mazak, crm, to San Angelo, Trinity, 15 April by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann.

The Reverend Keith DuBois, Palestine, Bethlehem to Copperas Cove, Trinity, 3 June by The Reverend Raymond D. Reich.

The Reverend Keith Kubitz, Hoxie, Kansas to Shamrock, Trinity, 5 August by The Reverend Roland Friedrichs.

The Reverend Walter Moose, Cole Camp, Missouri to West Sinton, Trinity, 5 August by The Reverend Fred Boden.

The Reverend James Ristvedt, Picayune, Mississippi to Littlefield, Emmanuel, 12 August by The Reverend Ronald L. Jenkins.

The Reverend Stephen McClintic, Missionary at Large, Houston to Houston, Holy Spirit, 19 August by The Reverend G. W. Fickenscher.

The Reverend Douglas Rathgeber, Selma, Alabama to Beaumont, St. John, 9 September by The Reverend A. F. Droegemueller.

The Reverend Dr. Ray Martens, Professor, Concordia, Springfield to President, Austin, Concordia, 2 September by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann.

The Reverend Willard Meyer, Sweeny, St. Luke to Brownsville, Trinity, 16 September by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann.

The Reverend Peter L. Steinke, Director, Pilot Project for Juvenile Delinquents, Chapel Hill, North Carolina to Friendswood, Hope, 11 November by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann.

The Reverend Roger Reckling, Baldwin, Illinois to Houston, St. Michael, 28 October by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann.

The Reverend John Allmann, Azle, Good Shepherd to Dallas, Hope, 25 November by The Reverend Harold Schroeter.

The Reverend Donald Lunick, Savannah, Georgia to Lubbock, Redeemer, 25 November by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann.

The Reverend Bruce C. Cottrell, Evansville, Indiana to Amarillo, Christ, 2 December by The Reverend Roland Friedrichs.

The Reverend Al Loeschman, Assistant Pastor, Houston, Our Redeemer to San Antonio, Mt. Calvary, 16 December by The Reverend Eric Wagner.

The Reverend Andrew Simcak, Jr., Missionary at Large, Houston to Houston, St. Timothy, 23 December by The Reverend James Blumhorst.

TEACHERS

1972

Mr. Michael Kuhlman, Houston, Immanuel to Houston, St. Matthew, 9 July by The Reverend A. F. Droegemueller.

Mr. Robert House, New Orleans, Louisiana to Port Arthur, Trinity, 9 July by The Reverend Martin E. Ramming.

Mr. Jack R. Wiederhold, Paola, Kansas to Walburg, Zion, 16 July by The Reverend Kenneth Schauer.

Mr. Art Barkholtz, San Antonio, Mt. Olive to Houston, Pilgrim, 6 August by The Reverend Arthur W. Radtke.

Mr. Neal A. Kasper, Germantown Lutheran Academy, Philadelphia to Lutheran High School, Houston, 24 August by The Reverend A. W. Schubert.

Mr. John Kovac, Lockport, New York to Houston, Immanuel, 27 August by The Reverend Elmo E. Miertschin.

Mr. Kenneth Markert, Slovia, Florida to San Angelo, Trinity, 2 September by The Reverend Richard Mazak.

Mr. James Streger, San Angelo, Trinity to Westfield, St. Matthew, 27 August by The Reverend Herbert Graf.

Mr. Brice Kuhlman, Mercedes, Immanuel to Bishop, St. Paul, 13 August by The Reverend E. H. Sanders.

Mr. Michael Linebrink, Winter Haven, Florida to Concordia Lutheran College, Austin, 27 August by The Reverend Vernon Appel.

Mr. David Helms, Galena Park, Peace to DCE, Houston, Beautiful Savior, 12 October by The Reverend Glenn O'Shoney.

1973

Mr. Paul G. Steffens, Hastings, Nebraska to Tomball, Salem, 21 January by The Reverend James Blumhorst.

Mr. Robert Bierbaum, St. Louis, Missouri to Program Director, Good Samaritan Lutheran Home, Cypress, Texas, 25 March by The Reverend James Blumhorst.

Mr. Alan Geuder, Albuquerque, New Mexico to Austin, St. Paul, 22 July by The Reverend Ed Schwanke.

Mr. James Streger, Westfield, St. Matthew to Houston, Messiah, 12 August by The Reverend Melvin Cordes.

Mr. Randy Zielinski, Houston, Mt. Olive to Austin, Redeemer, 26 August by The Reverend Louis L. Pabor.

Mr. Keith Boehlke, Westfield, St. Matthew to Dallas, Grace, 9 September by The Reverend Harold Jacobsmeyer.

Mr. Larry Rockemann, CTC, Seward to Dallas, Holy Cross, 17 September by The Reverend Thomas Sorensen.

Mr. Lawrence Meissner, Detroit, Michigan to Concordia College, Austin, 2 September by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann.

Mr. Dalton Noack, Missionary, to San Antonio, Mt. Olive, 26 August by The Reverend Eldor Mickan.

Mr. Ronald E. Mueller, Cand, to Houston, St. Mark, 20 August by The Reverend John Freed.

Mr. David Goeke, San Antonio, Mt. Olive to Houston, St. Andrew, DCE, 7 October by The Reverend Charles Rathgeber.

Mr. Harlan Teske, Tuscon, Arizona to King of Kings, Ascension, Gloria Dei, Houston, 14 October by The Reverend Wayne Dittloff.

COMMISSIONED

1972

The Reverend Ronald Damerow, Cypress, St. John to Executive Director, Good Samaritan Lutheran Home, 9 January by The Reverend James Blumhorst.

The Reverend Peter Diebenow, Fort Worth, to Urban Pastor for Fort Worth, 6 February by The Reverend Arlin Holtz.

The Reverend Keith C. Fox, crm to Houston Area Representative, LSST, 20 February by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann.

The Reverend Stephen McClintic, San Antonio, Concordia to Missionary at Large, High Meadows Area, Houston, 26 March by The Reverend G. W. Fickenscher.

1973

The Reverend Andrew Simcak, Jr., Houston, St. Michael to Missionary at Large, North Harris County, 8 April by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann.

Mr. Gregory Lon Huse, River Forest, to Missionary to Japan, 19 August by The Reverend Edward Geschke.

Mr. Gary Barnes, Seward 1970, to Missionary to Hong Kong, 22 July by The Reverend Eugene Juergensen.

Mr. Garland Midgett, Austin, Redeemer to Director of Camping Ministry, Texas District, 26 April by The Reverend Carl A. Heckmann.

INDUCTIONS

Diane Fenske, Deaconess, to San Antonio, Immanuel as Worker/Priest, 27 December by The Reverend Marvin Tschatschula.

TRANSFERRED TO OTHER DISTRICTS

1972

PASTORS

The Reverend Donald Taylor, San Antonio, Beautiful Savior to Minnesota South District.

The Reverend Ronald Daley, Sulphur Springs, Our Savior to the English District.

The Reverend Wm H. Roth, crm, to the Oklahoma District.

The Reverend Gordon Peterson, Seguin, Grace to the Nebraska District.

The Reverend Robert Jacob, Assistant, San Antonio, Redeemer to the Michigan District.

The Reverend R. H. Lawrenz, crm, to the Central Illinois District.

The Reverend Victor Hellmann, Wichita Falls, St. Paul to South Wisconsin District.

The Reverend Fred Neumann, Lamesa, Grace to the Oklahoma District.

The Reverend Harold J. Maleske, crm, to the Southern California District.

The Reverend Theodore Michalk, Missionary on Furlough to the Southern Illinois District.

The Reverend Dan Deutsch, Copperas Cove, Trinity to the English District.

The Reverend Richard Thur, Alice-Premont Parish to the Missouri District.

The Reverend Theodore Schubkegel, Lexington-Rockdale to the Northwest District.

The Reverend D. V. Matasovsky, Amarillo, Christ to the Minnesota South District.

The Reverend Edwin Lange, Smithville, Grace to the Southern District.

Chaplain Melvin E. Witt, USAF, to the Missouri District.

The Reverend Louis Wetzel, em, to the Northwest District.

The Reverend David Dubbelde, Beaumont, Redeemer to the Indiana District.

1973

The Reverend Paul Stueckler, Shamrock, Trinity (em) to the Colorado District.

The Reverend Francis Mennenga, Dallas, Hope to the Iowa West District.

The Reverend Robert Garrels, Commerce, Trinity to the Michigan District.

The Reverend Robert Hobus, Friendswood, Hope to the Kansas District.

The Reverend John Fischer, Albany, Trinity to the Southern District.

The Reverend Ronald Mahnke, Dumas, St. John to the Minnesota North District.

The Reverend Robert E. Jones, Rosenberg, Trinity to the California-Nevada District.

The Reverend A. C. Liefer, Uvalde, Trinity-La Pryor, St. Paul to the Southern California District.

The Reverend Arlin Holtz, Fort Worth, Redeemer to the Kansas District.

The Reverend E. F. Gruell, Executive Director, Board of Mission Administration, Texas District to the Florida-Georgia District.

The Reverend Thomas Schaefer, Perryton, Bethlehem to the Kansas District.

The Reverend Melvin Herring, Pampa, Zion to the Oklahoma District.

The Reverend James Haupt, San Antonio, Mt. Calvary to the Northern Illinois District.

The Reverend Edward Geschke, Weatherford, Trinity to the Northern Illinois District.

The Reverend Daniel Piel, crm, to the South Wisconsin District.

The Reverend Robert Dehnke, Houston, Calvary to the South Wisconsin District.

The Reverend Norman Stoppenhagen, Taylor, Trinity to the Southern California District.

The Reverend Samuel Nafzger, crm, to the Missouri District.

The Reverend James Zwernemann, Houston, Christ Memorial to the Atlantic District.

The Reverend Paul Heyne, crm, to the Indiana District.

TEACHERS

1972

Mr. Thomas Tolford, Cand, to the Michigan District.

Mr. Robert Sitze, Cand, to the California-Nevada District.

Mr. David Lininger, Cand, to the English District.

Mr. Paul H. Feiertag, Cand, to the Mid-South District.

Mr. Everett Thies, Houston, Immanuel to the Nebraska District.

Mr. John Frank, Cand, to the Minnesota South District.

Mr. Kenneth Germann, Austin, Redeemer to the Indiana District.

Mr. Gerald Kogelmann, Cand, to the Northern Illinois District.

1973

Mr. Burg Smith, Concordia, Austin to the Florida-Georgia District.
 Mr. Robert Rosenwinkel, Houston, Lutheran High to the Minnesota South District.
 Mr. Mark Mischnick, Cand, to the Iowa East District.
 Mr. Ronald Trampe, Austin, Concordia to the Missouri District.
 Mr. Russell Aumann, Waco, St. Mark to the Northern Illinois District.
 Mr. Melvin Schroeder, Missionary to Hong Kong to the Michigan District.
 Miss Marjorie Rosenkoetter, Amarillo, Trinity to the Eastern District.
 Mr. Martin Eifert, McAllen, Good Shepherd to the Florida-Georgia District.
 Mr. Steve Sonnenberg, DCE, Friendswood, Hope to the Kansas District.

RESIGNATIONS

1972

PASTORS

The Reverend James Slow, Houston, St. Mark to crm.
 The Reverend August Horn, Eola, Mt. Calvary to em.
 The Reverend Daniel Piel, Burkburnett, Grace to crm.
 The Reverend Arthur Arndt, West Sinton, Trinity to em.
 The Reverend Louis Wetzel, Littlefield, Emmanuel to em.
 The Reverend Herbert Sims, Plano, Faith to crm.
 The Reverend Edmund B. Surber, San Angelo, Trinity, removed from Roster.
 The Reverend Walter Heintze, Raymondville, Mt. Calvary to em.
 The Reverend Dennis Schurter, Waxahachie, Christ the King to crm.

1973

The Reverend Wm E. Meyer, Beaumont, St. John to em.
 The Reverend Harry Smith, Brownsville, Spanish to em.
 The Reverend Walter Ellwanger, Tulia, Christ to em.
 The Reverend James Marshall, Raymondville, to crm.
 The Reverend Larry Davis, crm, removed from Roster.
 The Reverend Milton Markworth, crm, removed from Roster.

TEACHERS**1972**

Mr. E. B. Schaefer, Houston, St. Matthew to em.

Mr. Martin Schuetze, Lincoln, St. John to em.

Dr. Edward Keuer, Houston, to Cand.

Mr. David Lininger, Houston, Immanuel to Cand.

Mr. C. G. Barchenger, removed from Roster.

Mr. Kenneth Schwark, Cand, removed from Roster.

Mr. Keith Kammann, Cand, removed from Roster.

1973

Mr. Theodore Wolfram, San Antonio, Mt. Olive to Cand.

Mr. Don Petersen, Westfield, St. Matthew to Cand.

Mr. Mark Mischnick, San Angelo, Trinity to Cand.

Mr. Larry Buchhorn, Spring, Trinity, removed from Roster.

Mr. James Boriack, San Antonio, Concordia to Cand.

Mr. Wallace Manderude, Zion, Walburg to Cand.

Mr. Steve Sonnenberg, Friendswood, Hope to Cand.

Mr. Eugene Streger, Harlingen, St. Paul to Cand.

Mr. Raymond Dube, Westfield, St. Matthew to Cand.

Mr. Eugene Streger, Cand, removed from Roster.

Mr. Harold Streicher, Bishop, St. Paul to Cand.

Mr. Carl Bauer, Trinity-Messiah, Houston to Cand.

Mr. James Zuhn, Giddings, Immanuel to Cand.

Mr. Roy Wolf, Mt. Olive, Houston to Cand.

Mr. Rudy Zoch, Cand, removed from Roster.

DIED**PASTORS**

The Reverend Walter L. Ernst, em.

The Reverend John G. Elser, em.

The Reverend Elmer G. Neunaber, Lubbock, Redeemer.

The Reverend G. A. Zoch, em.

The Reverend Herbert F. Peiman, em.

The Reverend Wm Petersen, em.

The Reverend L. F. Westerman, Harlingen, St. Paul.

The Reverend Carl Biar, Lincoln, St. John.

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS

1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The Reverend A. Arndt
The Reverend Carl Biar
The Reverend Alvin A. Walter
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The Reverend Kenneth Schauer

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The Reverend James Marshall, Circuit 39

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The Reverend Bruce Blakelock, Circuit 22
 The Reverend Arthur W. Radtke, Circuit 26
 The Reverend Robert Garrels, Circuit 17
 The Reverend Delmer Brack, Circuit 17
 The Reverend George Ascher, Circuit 3
 The Reverend Roy Bohrer, Circuit 33
 The Reverend Harold Hein, Circuit 9
 The Reverend Ray Kahle, Circuit 14
 The Reverend Theodore Dallmann, Circuit 14
 The Reverend David Melber, Circuit 2
 The Reverend Marvin Koch, Circuit 11

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT — The Reverend Robert W. Helberg

AREA B

Official Representation at:

Regional Conferences - 3
 Funeral - 1
 Dedication of Church - 1

Ordinations and/or Installations: 2**Regular Meetings:**

President and Vice Presidents - 12
 Board of Directors - 12
 Circuit Counselors - 2

Other Meetings:

Synodical Convention
 Consultations with congregations and/or Pastors - 3
 Sub-committee of the Board of Directors - 3
 Texas Lutheran College Board of Regents - 2
 Clifton Seminar
 Congregational Visitations - 7
 Ladies Day, Concordia College, Austin

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT — The Reverend A. F. Droegemueller

AREA D

Official Representation at:

L C A Texas - Louisiana Convention
 Regional Conferences - 5
 Funerals - 4
 Synodical Convention - New Orleans

Ordinations and/or Installations:

Teacher R. Michael Kuhlmann - Houston (St. Matthew)
 Pastor John H. Freed - Houston (St. Mark)
 Pastor Robert Kamrath - Houston (Bethany)
 Pastor Gerald Kieschnick - Beaumont (Redeemer)
 Pastor Barry Hildebrandt - Houston (St. Paul)
 Pastor Douglas Rathgeber - Beaumont (St. John)
 Pastor Melvin Swan - Winnie
 Pastor Roland Wiederanders, Jr. - Houston (Gethsemane)

Regular Meetings:

President and Vice Presidents - 12
 Board of Directors - 11
 Circuit Counselors Conference - 2
 125th Anniversary Committee - 3

Other Meetings:

Attendance at Rallies and Area Meetings - 8
 Every Congregation Visits (ECV) - 6
 Consultations with Vacant Congregations - 2
 Anniversaries of Congregations or Pastors - 7

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**THIRD VICE PRESIDENT — The Reverend Louis L. Pabor****AREA C****Official Representation at:**

Ordinations and/or Installations - 2
 Regional Conferences - 7
 Funerals - 3
 "Pastor Help Committee" - 2
 "Standard Operating Procedure Committee" - 1
 LIFRS "Continuing Education" - 1
 Texas Conference of Churches (Access TV) - 2

Regular Meetings:

Presidents and Vice-Presidents - 12
 Board of Directors - 12

Other Meetings:

Circuit Counselors - 2
 Synodical Convention - 1
 1973 ECV - 7
 Consultations with congregations and/or pastors - 31

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**FOURTH VICE PRESIDENT — The Reverend Ronald L. Jenkins****AREA A****Ordinations and/or Installations: 6**

Official Representation at:

Regional Conferences - 3
Funeral Services - 2
Odessa Reformation Service - 1
Lutheran Council for Community Action - 3

Regular Meetings:

President and Vice Presidents - 6
Board of Directors - 5
Synodical Convention in New Orleans
Conference of Circuit Counselors - 1 (as a vice president), 3 (as a vice president
and counselor)

Other Meetings:

Circuit Counselor Visits - 9
Congregational Visits - 7
Area Pastor Visits - 26
Attendance at Area Functions - 11
Board of Mission Administration - 1
University Ministries Board - 8

REPORT OF CIRCUIT COUNSELORS

Circuit 1, Reverend Roland G. Friedrichs, Counselor

There are eight congregations in Circuit 1 which is located in the upper Panhandle area. A summary of our Circuit since the last District Convention is as follows:

The Reverend Ronald Mahnke left St. John's, Dumas, when he accepted a call to Minnesota. The Reverend Ronald Pfluger is now their Pastor. Pastor Pfluger is also beginning to do some work in the Dalhardt area.

The Reverend Fred Schuster, formerly of Borger, went to Iowa. The Reverend Robert Petersen, formerly of Austin, was called and installed as the Pastor of Trinity, Borger.

For several years, Trinity, Shamrock, was served by the Reverend Paul Stueckler. But when he resigned and moved to New Mexico, the congregation called the Reverend Keith Kubitz, who was installed on Sunday, August 5, 1973. Pastor Kubitz has also been doing some work in the Childress-Clarendon area.

Late in 1972, the Reverend Dan Matasovsky left Christ, Amarillo to move to southern Minnesota. Christ was vacant for nearly 15 months, and finally on the first of December, 1973, the Reverend Bruce Cottrell, formerly of Indiana, was installed as their Pastor.

Currently, we have three vacancies in the Circuit: They are Bethlehem, Perryton; Zion, Pampa; and Faith, Amarillo.

Many members of the Panhandle Zone were kept busy during the past two years in planning and preparing various conventions. In 1972, the Panhandle Zone of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League was host to the Texas District LWML Convention; and in 1973, the Panhandle Zone of the Lutheran Laymen's League was host to the Lone Star District Convention.

Other activities in the Zone include an active Youth Organization which meets together on the average of three times each year; the LWML Zone which conducts two Rallies each year; and the LLL Zone which sponsors several Rallies, the Tri-State Fair Lutheran Booth, and a Family Retreat at Ceta Glen.

The congregations are periodically reminded of their Stewardship, Educational, and Evangelistic responsibilities and privileges - as well as supporting the 125 Anniversary Thankofferings and the Good Samaritan Home of Texas.

Regular Visits:	15
Visits to organize for a vacancy:	7
Special Visits:	14
Ordinations and/or Installations attended:	6
Circuit Meetings:	
Other Meetings:	14 - Winkels 7 - Conferences

Circuit 2, Reverend Wm. K. Schuster, Counselor

The High Plains Circuit includes six of the ten leading agricultural counties in Texas and the past year has been a good one. Morale and support of the Synod are high. With a rather stable membership, the circuit has experienced some growth.

Candidate Martin Platzer was ordained and installed at Lariat and Candidate Duane Kirchner was installed in the Friona-Rhea parish. We were saddened by the death of veteran Pastor Herbert F. Peiman and regretted the retirement of Dr. Walter Ellwanger. Pastor Wm. K. Schuster has accepted a call.

There has been excellent rapport among the pastors with outstanding cooperation and mutual support. Although distances are great, we meet jointly with Circuit 1 for conferences and fellowship. Laymen of the two circuits meet jointly. The LWML has a separate zone organization and Circuit 2 has now organized a Youth Fellowship group and a Sunday School Institute.

Regular Visits:	14
Visits to organize for a vacancy:	2
Special Visits:	6
Ordinations and/or Installations attended:	2
Circuit Meetings:	17
Other Meetings:	5

Circuit 3, Reverend George P. Ascher, Counselor

Circuit 3 is made up of seven congregations and the Texas Tech University student program. There is an excellent balance of urban and rural ministries in the circuit. Three congregations: Christ, Our Savior, and Redeemer are located in the city of Lubbock and four: Faith-Post, Grace-Lemesa, Immanuel-Littlefield, and St. Paul-Wilson are rural in nature. These, together with the student work conducted at Texas Tech and the Gospel outreach in the minority area of Lubbock by means of Neighborhood House, provide a full ministry in the South Plains area.

The LC-MS Winkle conferences have been well attended and the subject matter has been of interest and benefit to all attending.

Only one congregation in the circuit is presently vacant. This congregation continues to prosper under the leadership of Pastor Carroll Kohl of Big Spring and the dedicated leadership of the members of Grace-Lemesa. Two vacancies have been filled during the past year. The Reverend James Ristvedt has accepted the work at Immanuel-Littlefield and The Reverend Donald Lunick has filled the vacancy at Redeemer-Lubbock.

Circuit 3 is awake and moving in the important ministries provided in this area.

Regular Visits:	9
Visits to organize for a vacancy:	0
Special Visits:	2
Ordinations and/or Installations attended:	2
Circuit Meetings:	6
Other Meetings:	11

Circuit 4, Reverend A. Dean Kelm, Counselor

"I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart" summarizes quite precisely my feelings in regard to Circuit 4 as this report is prepared for publication. Reflecting on the past two years, we have truly experienced the hand of blessing from a loving Heavenly Father.

1972 brought four pastors into our Circuit fellowship: Reverend David Ebert (Fort Stockton-Rankin parish) in February; Reverend Carroll Kohl (Big Spring) in May; Reverend James Joiner (Pecos) and Reverend Thomas Hedtke (Kermit-Monahans parish) in July. In August of 1973, Reverend Stephen Wagner (Andrews) filled the last vacancy in the Circuit!

Our Circuit stretches 150 miles from east to west. Distance does pose problems and create difficulties in planning area-wide events, but the faithfulness of our pastors and people is most commendable. Our monthly Winkels include a devotional Bible study, doctrinal presentation, matters of Synod, District, Circuit and Congregation business, as well as the sharing of individual joys and problems. We place much emphasis on fellowship and include the wives for a meal each month at a local restaurant. Periodically, we meet for a special evening of fun and fellowship.

It is truly an enriching experience to have a Circuit filled — with committed Christian men and women being led by dedicated pastors! Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good!

Regular Visits:	11
Visits to organize for a vacancy:	1
Special Visits:	7
Ordinations and/or Installations attended:	5
Circuit Meetings:	23
Other Meetings:	12

Circuit 5, Reverend J. Arthur Rebber, Counselor

If distance lends enchantment we have a reason why the congregations of the Circuit display a fine attitude toward each other and all the Pastors and Teachers work together in harmony. We find it difficult, however, to have good attendance on Sunday afternoons at our rallies and workshops, since some members would have to travel 175 miles after church to such gatherings. Our Synod is the only Lutheran Church represented in nine of the eleven counties comprising our Circuit.

Of the nine congregations we have three dual parishes and three single parishes. This last year we regrouped the dual parishes, which reduced travel and also made them stronger economically. This realignment resulted in one small congregation being willing to be served by retired Pastors as they are needed in the future. Only one of the six parishes still receives some subsidy from the District. At one time during the biennium nearly half the congregations were vacant, but all are now again supplied with Pastors.

The northeast corner of the Circuit is situated in the geographical center of Texas and yet, strange as it may seem, at times it is much farther to attend our own Regional Conference than to attend any of the other Regional Conferences in the whole State of Texas. Since there is only one Christian Day School the Circuit conferences are arranged so that the teachers can also attend at least part of the sessions. Under the blessing of God, the Circuit will cope with distances to carry on His work.

Regular Visits:	8
Visits to organize for vacancy:	6
Special Visits:	15
Ordinations and/or Installations attended:	2
Circuit Meetings:	12
Other Meetings:	13

Circuit 6, Reverend C. T. Boriack, Counselor

Though Circuit 6 is small in the number of congregations it does cover a large geographical area. Faith, Sweetwater in the western section of the Circuit has been vacant for nearly two years. This congregation is a merger of LC-MS and ALC. It is small. Hopefully they will call in the near future. With a full time ministry, Faith of Sweetwater should show new life. It will be supported by the District. Pastor M. Erich Knippa has served the congregation as Vacancy-pastor.

Our Savior, Abilene, Pastor M. Erich Knippa, the church in the round, has many Air Force people. As a result of this, members transfer in and out. Chaplain Ev. Gerdes, Chief Chaplain of Dyess Air Force Base is an asset to this congregation. The congregation is forging forward under the able ministry of Pastor Knippa.

Zion, Abilene, Pastor Wm. C. Petersen, is the largest congregation in the Circuit. Their Kindergarten program had to be discontinued in the Fall of 1973. This was due to public Kindertartens made available. Under the very able leadership of Pastor Petersen the congregation is making progress in all areas of ministry. Debt retirement is in sight. The congregation did very well in the efforts for the 125th Anniversary Thanksgiving Offering. The congregation is growing.

Trinity, Albany, was vacant for several months. God was good to this congregation in providing a Pastor for them on the second call. Candidate Nieman, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, accepted the call. He was ordained and installed by the Circuit Counselor on Sunday, September 16, 1973. Since Pastor Nieman began his ministry in Trinity, several fine members have transferred to the congregation. It is a small congregation. Growth possibilities are also small. The youth leave the community because there is little to hold them.

Last but not least, we arrive at Redeemer, Cisco. During 1973, the congregation lost several substantial members due to job transfers to other cities. Then the second loss resulted from several deaths of elderly people. Redeemer has many old people. However, the year 1974, so far, has brought in several new members. The only congregation in the Circuit that had an active Coral Ridge Evangelism effort beginning in the Fall of 1973. Blessings from this effort are becoming evident. Several of our young married couples are settling in the community. This is a tremendous boost.

We must conclude with thanksgiving to the Lord of the Church Who has given great blessings to Circuit 6.

Regular Visits:	12
Visits to organize for a vacancy:	2
Special Visits:	16
Ordinations and/or Installations attended:	1
Circuit Meetings:	9
Other Meetings:	11

Circuit 7, Reverend Gerald Thiele, Counselor

NO REPORT

Circuit 8, Reverend Roger J. Neeb, Counselor

Circuit 8 serves northern Tarrant County above the Trinity River and most of Wise County. There are six congregations, Azle, Bedford, Bridgeport, Hurst, and two in Fort Worth, St. Paul and Zion. The ministry varies a great deal because the area served varies greatly. While St. Paul is a large downtown church, Zion serves a neighborhood in the inner city; Peace and Bedford are in rapidly growing suburban areas (bedroom communities); Azle is a small town rapidly becoming a bedroom community and Bridgeport is a congregation that serves a very scattered people throughout much of Wise County.

The Circuit has been marked by stability among the Pastoral Staff serving for fairly long periods of time. Reverend Otte of St. Paul's, 11 years; Reverend Neeb of Hurst, 9 years; Dr. Miller of Bedford, 7 years; Reverend Socha of Zion, 3 years; and Reverend Stanley Geisler, formerly of Del Rio, begins his ministry at Azle and Bridgeport this spring following Reverend John Allmann who served for 6 years. There are two parochial schools in the Circuit at Zion and St. Paul. Peace has a kindergarten and is currently planning to add a Director of Christian Education.

Regular Visits:	6
Visits to organize for a vacancy:	2
Special Visits:	6
Ordinations and/or Installations attended:	2
Circuit Meetings:	3
Other Meetings:	0

Circuit 9, Reverend Harold Hein, Counselor

NO REPORT

Circuit 11, Reverend Raymond D. Reich, Counselor

The congregations in our circuit are for the most part rural. However, about half of them are concerned and involved in ministering to the personnel of the Fort Hood Army Base. This is particularly true of the congregations in Killeen and Copperas Cove and somewhat of Gatesville.

We have eight congregations and six pastors in our circuit. At the time of this writing, all pastoral positions are filled. Of the eight congregations, four of them have a dual parish arrangement.

One vacancy in our circuit was filled in the person of Reverend Keith DuBoise at Trinity Lutheran in Copperas Cove. Immanuel Lutheran of Pottsville closed its doors after sixty years of faithful service for the Lord in the Pottsville area. The circuit counselor held a special closing service on September 16, 1973. St. John Lutheran of Hamilton had ground breaking services on January 14, 1973, for a new modern sanctuary. Dedication services were held September 23, 1973.

Our Winkel conferences have been well attended and good programs have been presented. The Mission of the Church goes forward in Circuit 11 in a positive way. To God be all glory.

Regular Visits:	8
Visits to organize for a vacancy:	6
Special Visits:	2
Ordinations and/or Installations attended:	1
Circuit Meetings:	6
Other Meetings:	4

Circuit 12, Reverend Vernon M. Appel, Counselor

God has been good to Circuit 12. Most congregations are well supplied with willing workers, small debts, and either adequate plants or building plans. We are happy to have Grace Lutheran in Rockdale as a new congregation in the Circuit to help us serve the Lord. We are, for the most part, a Town and Country Circuit; however, Temple, Belton, and the Walburg area continue to experience residential growth. We live and work in rather strong ALC territory. Together we face the changing scene of larger farms, fewer young people farming, and smaller congregations. We have, under God, been able to work rather closely with the ALC to present a stronger Lutheran witness in the area. God has opened the door for Circuit 12 to be a "sending church" and a "receiving church." Our joy is in training and equipping our fewer children, fewer young people, and adults in becoming witnessing Christians who will go, not only to all parts of the country, but to all parts of the world. Many have been sent and are serving well. Some are returning to retire. We happily receive them. Will they be able to return with transfers!

Regular Visits:	12
Visits to organize for a vacancy:	1
Special Visits:	2
Ordinations and/or Installations attended:	1
Circuit Meetings:	0
Other Meetings:	3

Circuit 13, Reverend T. R. Griesse, Counselor

Waco is central to Circuit 13, where there are ten congregations - all self-supporting - and all supplied with shepherds as of this writing. While the urban congregations are busy winning people to Christ, the outlying churches with somewhat less of a population to reach locally are nevertheless involved in mission in a unique way - by preparing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in braille for the blind of Korea and other places and by preparing more items in sight-saving print. Salem, Malone was the first to inaugurate this program, and it has been spreading to other congregations in the circuit.

By means of this report, we do herewith commend those churches which have increased their pastor's salary and/or car allowance. Some, however, have done this only slightly while the cost of living has continued to soar. Let us not forget that "The laborer is worthy of his hire." This is a plea to delegates from Circuit 13 who read this to go back to your congregation and plead for your pastor that he receives an immediate increase in salary and car allowance, in keeping with the rising cost of living. This should be done before your pastor would be called to another ministry elsewhere. Don't wait until a vacancy forces you to raise these figures upward.

Regular Visits:	6
Visits to organize for a vacancy:	1
Special visits:	2
Ordinations and/or Installations attended:	1
Circuit Meetings:	2
Other Meetings:	1

Circuit 14, Reverend Theodore Dallmann, Counselor

NO REPORT

Circuit 15, Reverend Harold W. Schroeter, Counselor

NO REPORT

Circuit 16, Reverend Frederick A. Mattil, Counselor

All seven congregations of our Circuit look back on a bienium of grace with no special problems. Two new pastors were welcomed into the Circuit: The Reverend Robert Hill succeeded the Reverend Herbert Sims of Faith, Plano, and the Reverend Robert Blakely became the Associate Pastor of Our Redeemer, Dallas, with special ministry to the deaf in North Texas and Oklahoma. The congregations of Circuit 16 continue to utilize varied forms of ministry in serving the distinctive area of North Dallas with its attendant upper-middle socio-economic groups and the rapidly expanding suburban areas of North Dallas and North-Central Texas.

Regular Visits:	6
Visits to organize for a vacancy:	7
Special Visits:	1
Ordinations and/or Installations attended:	3
Circuit Meetings:	8
Other Meetings:	13

Circuit 17, Reverend Delmer Brack, Counselor

NO REPORT

Circuit 18, Reverend Hugo V. Gurney, Counselor

Circuit 18 comprises a rather vast land area, extending from Fairview and Corsicana in the West and North, to Longview and Kilgore in the East, and Lufkin and Hemphill in the South. It consists of seven congregations and two preaching stations. Fairview and Hemphill were officially added to the circuit in February. Circuit 18, together with Circuit 17, is known as "East Texas" and "the Baptist Bible Belt." It is, therefore, strongly Baptist in character, and the unchurched usually have Baptist background and claim the Baptist Church as their church home. This makes mission work in this area unusually difficult. Also, it has been the experience of the brethren in Circuit 18, that a high percentage of the church membership is transient in character, and only too often members are gained only to be lost to another brother in short order. However, despite the handicaps under which we labor, our congregations, with the blessing of our Lord and the power of the Word and the Holy Spirit, are steadily growing.

Regular Visits:	24
Visits to organize for a vacancy:	4
Special Visits:	8
Ordinations and/or Installations attended:	1
Circuit Meetings:	10
Other Meetings:	2

Circuit 19, Reverend Jon Siemsglusz, Counselor

Our circuit has not been disturbed by a vacancy in the past two years. A varied and vital ministry continues to be carried out by pastors and people. Within this circuit of the Texas District, we have six regular congregations, two congregations (Lyons and North Zulch) which are served part time, a campus congregation (A&M) and an active Lake ministry.

The circuit has seven active pastors; two retired pastors, Reverend A. Niemann and Reverend G. Obenhaus, both living in Navasota and still quite active; and one vicar.

Our conference program includes ten study meetings and two social gatherings during the year. This year, in our study, we are using the book and cassettes on THE NATURE OF REVELATION. Besides our regular monthly meetings we have four meetings a year with the ALC pastors of our area. Pastors and wives, (vicar and principal included) also enjoy about eight evenings a year together, rotating from home to home, for sharing sessions, book discussions and the like.

Our congregations have continued to grow both spiritually and numerically. They have also continued to increase their support of District and Synod. Each are participating in the 125th anniversary thankoffering. The glory goes to God, Who moves people to pastors to be faithful and to venture and accomplish great things for His kingdom!

Regular Visits:	16
Visits to organize for a vacancy:	0
Special Visits:	8
Ordinations and/or Installations attended:	0
Circuit Meetings:	24
Other Meetings:	4

Circuit 21, Reverend James K. Blumhorst, Counselor

Circuit 21 extends from just north of Houston to Huntsville. All the pastors who were serving in this Circuit two years ago, with one exception, are shepherding the same congregations now. Reverend Ronald Damerow, formerly pastor of St. John, Cypress, is now the Executive Director of Good Samaritan Lutheran Home, Cypress. Two pastors have joined our Circuit: Reverend Andrew Simcak, Jr. and Reverend Robert Sielaff. Pastor Simcak first came into the Circuit as a Missionary-at-Large to develop a mission north of Houston. He has since accepted the call as the first pastor of that mission, which is St. Timothy on Highway 149. Pastor Sielaff came into the Circuit as a graduate when he accepted the position as co-pastor with Reverend Alvin Musgrove at St. John, Cypress. Pastor Musgrove was formerly an associate pastor of St. John. The new mission at Spring, Resurrection, under the leadership of Reverend Alvin Franzmeier, has become a self-supporting congregation in only two years. Trinity Lutheran Church, Klein, under the guidance of Reverend Dewyth Beltz, has had the assistance of two fine vicars, Mr. Earl Bleke and now Mr. Richard Fink. Trinity and Resurrection are in the areas which appear to be having the most growth at the present time. But Reverend Herb Graf at St. Matthew, Westfield and Reverend Bill Luecke at St. Mark, Conroe are also in areas of expanding population. Reverend Don Kaspar is serving the town-gown congregation at Faith, Huntsville. Faith and Resurrection are two congregations of our circuit which have accepted women as voters. Reverend Lowell Rossow serves a dual parish, Trinity, Livingston and Good Shepherd, Cleveland; these congregations are meeting the challenge of people who like to live or have their weekend pleasures some distance from Houston. Reverend George Lange and Reverend James Blumhorst are serving congregations in gradually developing Tomball: Zion and Salem respectively. Pastor Lange is the District's Public Relations Director. Trinity, Klein and St. Matthew, Westfield have their own Christian Day Schools. Salem and Zion of Tomball have a united school, Tomball Lutheran. Circuit 21, as every other circuit in the Missouri Synod, faces the challenge of our day in the strength of our Savior. We go forth in His name by faith to proclaim the harsh severity of the Law and the sweet promise of the only saving Gospel - Christ.

Regular Visits:	11
Visits to organize for a vacancy:	3
Special Visits:	4
Ordinations and/or Installations attended:	2
Circuit Meetings:	1
Other Meetings:	12

Circuit 22, Reverend Bruce Blakelock, Counselor

NO REPORT

Circuit 23, Reverend Wm. Bredemeyer, Counselor

Circuit 23 consists of the following congregations: Zion and Good Shepherd-Pasadena, Christ-Houston, Our Shepherd-Crosby, Peace-Galena Park, Redeemer-Baytown, Grace-Channelview and the latest congregation Christ Redeemer, a new mission in Deer Park, who at present are completing their first worship center. The area covered by our circuit lies on both sides of the ship channel. The area in which our congregations exist is heavily populated with much industry. Because of the heavy population, two junior colleges-San Jacinto in Pasadena and Lee in Baytown-are available. All of the area around the channel is experiencing growth with some areas expecting very rapid growth within the next few years.

Our circuit is extremely blessed with able, dedicated and efficient pastors, they being the following: Herbert Eifert, James Herndon, Martin Herzog, Carl Kruse, Willard Meehleib, Chester McCown, Gerald Nichols and Albert Scholz. All of these men are doing an outstanding job in the work to which they have been called. As their counselor, I am proud to be associated with them.

Regular Visits:	6
Visits to organize for a vacancy:	0
Special Visits:	2
Ordinations and/or Installations attended:	0
Circuit Meetings:	18
Other Meetings:	2

Circuit 24, Reverend G. W. Fickenscher, Counselor

Circuit 24 offers an excellent cross-section of the church in mission. Holy Spirit is a new growing mission organized in 1972. Beautiful Savior congregation has already reached young adulthood with a communing membership of over 500. Calvary congregation is Christ's mission in a changing community, reaching out in love to both the White, the Black and the Latin community. Mount Calvary congregation has been a totally black congregation since its beginning in 1943. The total membership of these congregations is approximately 760 communicants. The remaining 3,000 communicants of Circuit 24 are divided almost equally among the remaining four congregations-Bethany, Our Savior, Our Redeemer and St. Luke. These congregations serve the working class white community of the North side of Houston. A beautiful

spirit of interdependence has been developing among these church families during recent years. Every congregation in this circuit is involved in the Kennedy Program of Evangelism. This began as a circuit endeavor and has continued. Within this circuit training schools have been conducted in Evangelism for the Pastors of the Texas District. The spirit of understanding and mutual support among the Pastors and congregations of circuit 24 is wonderfully unique. At this writing, four out of the eight congregations are vacant, yet Christ's mission carries on. May such a spirit of oneness for the Master continue.

Regular Visits:	16
Visits to organize for a vacancy:	6
Special Visits:	21
Ordinations and/or Installations attended:	3
Circuit Meetings:	13
Other Meetings:	19

Circuit 25, Reverend Walter T. Eifert, Counselor

Of the six congregations in Circuit 25, three are in an older residential part of Houston. The other three are in the more rapidly developing outer fringes of the city. The more rapid growth in congregation membership is found in the congregations on the fringes as more and more people leave the heart of the city and move into the suburbs.

God has blessed us mightily. Pastor John Freed was installed at St. Mark, Pastor Henry Traugott of Bethlehem resigned because of illness and was succeeded by Pastor D. A. Robbins. We are thankful to our gracious God that Pastor Traugott has improved miraculously so he is not able to serve on a limited basis. He has just accepted the call to serve Patterson. A third pastor installed in our circuit the 17th of March, 1974, is Pastor Roland P. Wiederaenders, Jr. He is serving as a second pastor in a team ministry at Gethsemane.

Regular Visits:	5
Visits to organize for a vacancy:	2
Special Visits:	3
Ordinations and/or Installations attended:	3
Circuit Meetings:	22
Other Meetings:	3

Circuit 26, Reverend A. W. Radtke, Counselor

The work in Circuit 26 has been progressing under normal and good conditions. Outside of a few special events the Circuit generally speaking has done well. In this past year, of course, we did not have Circuit meetings which I think is usually complicated by the fact that the Houston area has a "Chili Conference." It seems rather difficult for most men to attend two meetings per month. During the course of the year, we experienced one vacancy which was St. Michael's Lutheran Church, and at the present time, we have a vacancy existing at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church. We are happy to say that the vacancy at St. Michael's has been filled and presently Christ Memorial is calling a pastor.

In the area of District and Synod Missions, I believe the Circuit to have performed very well. According to the reports, our congregations have met their commitments to District and Synod and in some cases exceeded their regular pledge. We are hoping that in the coming year this spirit will again prevail.

Regular Visits:	10
Visits to organize for a vacancy:	25
Special Visits:	7
Ordinations and/or Installations attended:	1
Circuit Meetings:	0
Other Meetings:	0

Circuit 27, Reverend Wayne A. Dittloff, Counselor

The eight congregations (nine pastors), special ministries (three pastors), and one lively, retired pastor make up Houston's Circuit 27; the Circuit continues to make efforts to adapt itself to minority ministries. The men serving are innovative and resourceful in presenting Biblical truths - not hesitating to use varying media to make Jesus' love meaningful for today.

There are no vacancies in the circuit at present; St. Paul congregation welcomed a new pastor in the summer of 1973; an educational building there was completed and dedicated recently; the old church which had served as a social hall was rented to a group from another denomination.

St. Peter serves as a hub for innercity work.

The University ministry has an increased number of worship services; it has also successfully engaged lay persons in the work done on campus.

Ascension shared to a limited degree the cost of remodeling the church in which they are renting and negotiated a five-year contract in lieu of building; no longer being burdened with building debt and maintenance has enabled the members to improve mission outreach and inner spiritual growth. A Director of Christian Education is actively serving Ascension along with two sister congregations.

A member of Circuit 27 serves on the Chaplaincy staff of M. D. Anderson Hospital; two of 27's members participate in the training program there.

The Port of Houston Chaplain is kept busy spreading God's Word to men from many nations; new and better facilities are a great improvement and very conducive to serving those who need a friend and counselor while at anchor here.

Parochial schools are well run (and at capacity) by St. John, Mt. Olive and Trinity-Messiah; Trinity operates Allen Parkway Sunday School for less-advantaged youngsters.

There has been an increase in the number of Bible classes and Bible study groups within our congregations.

Regular Visits:	10
Visits to organize for a vacancy:	2
Special Visits:	13
Ordinations and/or Installations attended:	6
Circuit Meetings:	18
Other Meetings:	9

Circuit 28, Reverend Walter A. Dube, Counselor

Whether it be the frontiers of space (heaven), medicine, marine science (sea), super ports, super tankers, and energy production, tourism and recreation, or the industrial frontiers of the great Gulf Coast of Texas (Earth), Circuit 28 will be front and center stage with the vital and dynamic ministry which only the Spirit can generate through the Word of Him Who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Geography places the congregations of Circuit 28 in a unique relationship to the frontiers of today's world. St. John is located on Galveston Island and provides a base for ministry that is strategic to the Port of Galveston, Intercoastal Waterway, Todd Shipyards (home of the Super barges and tankers), tourism of Galveston's fine beaches, and the University of Texas Medical Branch. King of Kings, South Houston, has a ministry that is located in close proximity to Ellington Air Force Base, the Port of Houston, the Channel Industries along the Houston Ship Channel (South Houston and Pasadena) and NASA. Along with King of Kings, Gloria Dei (across the street by two blocks from the NASA Space Center's main gate) and Hope, Friendswood, encircle the NASA Space Center and serve its personnel. Peace, Texas City, is centrally located to a host of smaller communities which provide the residences for the large number of people who provide the manpower for the ten major petro-chemical industries and their satellite industries in the Texas City area.

The opportunities are fantastic and unparalleled. Our congregations are seeking to take advantage of these opportunities, but the manpower and money power often slows our progress. The horizons of ministry have continued to broaden within the circuit. King of Kings and Gloria Dei entered into a shared Director of Christian Education program. A beach ministry was sponsored last summer and is planned again for 1974. A port ministry is sponsored at the Port of Galveston. St. John maintains the only parochial school in the circuit. Mr. Gary Merritt is the principal. Reverend Robert Wedergren continues to serve the University of Texas Medical Branch as Chaplain under the auspices of Lutheran Social Services of Texas.

Regular Visits:	4
Visits to organize for vacancy:	1
Special Visits:	3
Ordinations and/or Installations attended:	1
Circuit Meetings:	10
Other Meetings:	5

Circuit 29, Reverend Walter F. Bielefeldt, Counselor

On April 16, 1972, Pastor O. C. Schreiner preached his farewell sermon in Trinity, Sealy, after more than a thirty year ministry there. It was in September 1972 that Pastor Linsey Dettmer of Shattuck, Oklahoma, was installed as Trinity's present pastor.

Our newest congregation is Faith Lutheran in Sugar Land where Pastor Kenneth Sinclair was installed on January 28, 1973.

In July 1973, Pastor R. Jones left Trinity, Rosenberg, for Wahiawa, Hawaii. The Reverend Charles Surovik, Jr. of McComb, Miss. was installed on February 24, 1974, as Trinity's present pastor.

In August of 1973, Pastor Willard Meyer left St. Luke of Sweeny for Trinity, Brownsville. Presently St. Luke is still calling.

In January of 1974, Pastor Oscar Horn resigned from his dual parish of Memorial in Katy and Christ in Pattison due to health problems. Memorial and Christ have decided to cease their dual parish arrangement. The Reverend Henry Traugott of Houston will be installed in Christ Lutheran on the last Sunday in March, 1974. Pastor Carl Kasper of Houston is serving Memorial in Katy as vacancy pastor.

Palacios, Our Redeemer, is being served every Sunday afternoon by pastors of Circuit 29.

Regular Visits:

Visits to organize for a vacancy: 4

Special Visits: 7

Ordinations and/or Installations
attended: 3

Circuit Meetings: 18

Other Meetings: 3

Circuit 31, Reverend LaVerne Fitch, Counselor

NO REPORT

Circuit 32, Reverend Emil F. Krugler, Counselor

Having served as Circuit Counselor for nine years, I can say without reservations that it continues to be one of the best. The congregations overall exceeded the amount pledged to missions in 1973. We have had a number of vacancies and God, according to His promise, has again provided His men to serve in Elgin, Lexington, Rockdale, and also, an Associate Pastor for Giddings. Lincoln congregation remains vacant since God suddenly called Pastor Carl Biar to his eternal rest on 31 December 1973, but the work goes on with God's blessings as in other congregations by dedicated Christian laymen, teachers and pastors.

We have four retired pastors in the Circuit: Adolph Michalk, Arthur Arndt, George Heinemeier, and August Horn. Pastor Herbert Hartfield, retired from Warda, continues to serve our Dime Box congregation.

Grace, Rockdale, was transferred by the District's Board of Directors to Circuit 12 (Thorndale).

The area has seen a reverse in the former general trend of young couples moving to large cities. More are staying and some are moving into the area with the opening of the Giddings State School and increased manufacturing activities.

All the pastors and members join me in expressing our heartfelt thanks to God for His continued blessings upon us as individuals and as a Circuit.

To the new Circuit Counselor, I extend my congratulations and God's richest blessings. May he experience the same joys I have had for these past nine years because of God's blessings and the wonderful cooperation and help from these people of God.

Regular Visits: 8

Visits to organize for a vacancy: 3

Special Visits: 2

Ordinations and/or Installations
attended: 4

Circuit Meetings: 20

Other Meetings: 8

Circuit 33, Reverend Roy K. Bohrer, Counselor

Circuit 33 comprises 11 congregations in Austin; we are also very proud to have the District Office and Concordia College with us. Of the congregations, two are "specialized" missions: University Lutheran, to serve U.T., and Jesus Church, to serve the deaf. San Juan continues to hold some services in Spanish, emphasizing ministry to Mexican-Americans. Two of the congregations are newly organized within the last year: Our Savior, whose building is currently under construction north of the city, and Good Shepherd, temporarily holding services at Cedar Park Opry House, served part-time by Pastor Ken Schauer. New pastors who have come into our Circuit since the last convention are: Jim Noffke at Our Savior, Ed Schwanke at St. Paul, Dave Schroder, Associate at Redeemer, Bill Knippa, part-time assistant at Christ, Herb Sims and Glen O'Shoney at the District Office, Ray Martens and D. R. Nelson at Concordia College. A major building project has just been completed at Bethany, giving them a new sanctuary, offices, and educational space. Christ completed a new education building and fellowship hall last year; and San Juan finished major remodeling of the parish house for their community Day Care Center. Redeemer is in early stages of a building program. The Austin Circuit shows great signs of increased ministry; the growth and progressive spirit of the city is generally carried over into our congregations, which are proclaiming joy in the Lord, and reaching out to offer Christ by Word and Deed.

Regular Visits:	12
Visits to organize for a vacancy:	0
Special Visits:	0
Ordinations and/or Installations attended:	3
Circuit Meetings:	8
Other Meetings:	1

Circuit 34, Reverend Eric E. Wagner, Counselor

None of the seven congregations of this circuit is at present experiencing a pastoral vacancy; two of the congregations had a change of pastors during the past biennium.

Building programs are either in progress or in the planning stage in several of the congregations. All in all, commendable progress is indicated among the churches of this northern (mainly northwestern) area of San Antonio which is definitely proving to be the fastest growing region of this metropolis. Calculated predictions have it that this growth will be stepped up in the foreseeable future. This should be kept in mind in the planning of the Church's future in the San Antonio metropolitan area.

Regular Visits:	4
Visits to organize for a vacancy:	2
Special Visits:	0
Ordinations and/or Installations attended:	3
Circuit Meetings:	0
Other Meetings:	0

Circuit 35, Reverend Marvin Tschatschula, Counselor

All of the congregations in Circuit 35 may be classified as urban congregations. Three of the congregations in the Circuit have received new pastors during the past two years (Beautiful Savior, San Antonio; Grace, Seguin; and

Evangelist, Kingsbury). Expansion of ministry and mission should be noted at Immanuel, San Antonio (Mexican-American ministry); St. Paul, San Antonio (Day Care Center, Wednesday evening family program, YMCA program); Holy Cross, San Antonio (Retirement Home ministry); Cross, New Braunfels (Mental Health-Mental Retardation Center). Cross, New Braunfels also completed a new education-gymnasium building in the hopes of a community development program. All congregations in the Circuit have noted membership growth and increase in mission offerings.

Regular Visits:	16
Visits to organize for a vacancy:	3
Special Visits:	3
Ordinations and/or Installations attended:	4
Circuit Meetings:	9
Other Meetings:	5

Circuit 36, Reverend Eldor Mickan, Counselor

Circuit 36 is both big and little. It is big in that the congregations are scattered over the "big country" of deep southwest Texas. We touch the Rio Grande from Del Rio to Laredo and extend up into southwest San Antonio. Some 150 miles separate four of our congregations from each other. It is small in the number of members represented. One congregation is big in the sense of being quite a bit bigger than the average. The remainder are little in that they are appreciably smaller than the normal. The Spanish language is used in two of our six parishes. We are grateful to God that we experienced only one very brief vacancy in connection with the normal retirement of one of our pastors. Another vacancy will begin after Easter 1974, and yet another of our pastors will retire from the full-time ministry in July. Request for a candidate through the Board of Assignments has been entered by this parish. Participation in the regular conferences for pastors has been excellent considering the great distances and the fuel crisis involved. Under the circumstances, it is difficult to carry on programs on the circuit level and to nurture a true "circuit spirit," but just as folks living on the scattered frontier in olden days in the west, so we also really appreciate our neighbors and enjoy being together with them.

Regular Visits:	15
Visits to organize for a vacancy:	3
Special Visits:	5
Ordinations and/or Installations attended:	2
Circuit Meetings:	2
Other Meetings:	6

Circuit 38, Reverend Frederick Boden, Counselor

Comprised of fourteen congregations, this circuit represents the largest in the Texas District. At the time of this writing, two vacant congregations had received word that the pastors whom they called had accepted the calls, thereby giving the circuit a full pastoral representation of ten. One of the congregations, Nuestro Salvador, serves the Hispanic population in Corpus Christi in the Spanish language. A full-time lay worker, Rudy Mireles, has served in Kingsville attached to St. Paul congregation as missionary-at-large to the Spanish speaking. Most recently, the port of Corpus Christi, 9th largest in the nation, has been served by a lay port chaplain, Mr. Ben Hanson, from Trinity Lutheran in West Sinton. He is serving under the auspices of the Corpus Christi Central Activities Council and the regional Mission Board.

There are three parochial schools in the circuit, two in Corpus Christi and one in Bishop, with a total of twelve teachers.

During the past year, the Circuit Counselor has preached at the ordination into the Holy Ministry of two local members: Donald Olson, Jr., of Trinity, Corpus Christi; and Ronald Pfluger of St. Paul, Bishop. On February 24, 1974, a special service marking the 45th anniversary of Ordination of the Reverend Erwin Sanders was celebrated at St. Paul, Bishop, at which the Circuit Counselor was asked to preach.

Most of the congregations have reported a steady, though sometimes slow, rate of growth. The On-going Ambassadors for Christ Youth Evangelism program has involved a number of circuit youth in an exciting outreach in many communities throughout the circuit. All pastors participate regularly at the monthly Winkel. A separate teachers Winkel meets monthly during the school year, with pastors from congregations with schools also in attendance. On fifth Mondays, LCM's pastors meet for a study conference with the clergy from the ALC and LCA in the Coastal Bend area.

(Disagreements over language usage at the Spanish congregation in 1972, accompanied with opposition to Synod's doctrinal and practical positions, led to a split in that congregation, which resulted in the formation of a Wisconsin Synod congregation in Corpus Christi.)

Regular Visits:	8
Visits to organize for a vacancy:	4
Special Visits:	2
Ordinations and/or Installations attended:	5
Circuit Meetings:	2
Other Meetings:	1

Circuit 39, Reverend Roy Stoll, Counselor

NO REPORT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

To the 45th Convention of the Honorable Texas District of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, assembled in Convention at Dallas, Texas, 21-23 June 1974.

MEMBERSHIP

Pastors: Dr. Carl A. Heckmann, President, Board Chairman
 The Reverend Robert W. Helberg, First Vice President
 The Reverend A. F. Droege Mueller, Second Vice President
 The Reverend Louis L. Pabor, Third Vice President
 The Reverend Ronald L. Jenkins, Fourth Vice President
 The Reverend Elton F. Bauerkemper, Secretary

Teachers: Mr. Wilbert Krause
 Mr. Carl Dunk, Sr.

Laymen: Mr. Don Graf Area A
 Mr. Carl Sheffield Area B
 Mr. Art Samuel Area C
 Mr. Harry Plackemeier Area D
 Mr. Arthur Noack At-Large

Executive Directors: The Reverend Glenn O'Shoney, Board of Mission Administration
 The Reverend Ray C. Schkade, Board of Parish Services
 Mr. Keith Loomans, Assistant, Board of Parish Services
 Mr. Milburn C. Schubert, Chief Fiscal Officer

Meetings:

1972 — May 23, July 25, September 26, November 21
 1973 — January 23, May 29, July 24, September 25, November 20
 1974 — January 29

ACTIVITY REPORT

The Board of Directors regularly received written and oral reports from the following . . .

The District President
 The District Treasurer and Office Manager
 The Board of Mission Administration
 The Board of Parish Services
 Special Boards and Committees

As vacancies occurred in the District structure, the District President appointed men to fill those vacancies, all of which were ratified by the Board, and which are included in this book, in the report of the OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT. In addition, elective positions were filled in the regular meetings of the Board of Directors, usually by an election by ballot.

DECISIONS MADE BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

It's the wish of the Board of Directors that the entire District be aware of all of the resolutions passed, all of the decisions made, and the general direction given to the mission and ministry of the church through the Board of Directors, and through those boards and committees that report to the Board of Directors.

In addition to the resolutions passed at each of the meetings, and in addition to all of the reports received there, there were many routine decisions, more or less housekeeping decisions, that are not included in this report. Also, congregations were assigned to Circuits, or congregations were moved from Circuit to Circuit, and these are not reported. Finally, the report of the Committee on Constitutional Matters was always made to the Board of Directors . . . and that report is included as an oral report to the Convention from Committee 1, COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONS.

Also, in each meeting of the Board of Directors, it was resolved that the Church Extension Report, as adopted by the Board of Mission Administration and presented to the Board of Directors, be accepted, and made a part of the Minutes of the Board of Directors.

A complete set of the Minutes of the Board of Directors, together with all supplements and attachments, is on file in the Office of the District President, and is available there for any who, with good reason, would want to research any given decision or resolution.

May 23, 1972

The following resolutions were adopted . . .

That as a service to Pastors and Teachers, for the down payment on a home, we accept the offer of an Austin bank to make loans to Pastors and Teachers, the maximum to be \$3,000 down payment

That the following serve as LC-MS representatives to the Board of Directors, Lutheran Campus Ministry . . .

Reverend Walter Dube
Mr. George Zehnder
Mr. Ernest Bolland
Dr. Bill Dahl
Mr. Carl Teinert
Mr. Monroe Karcher
Dr. Delmar Janke

That we recommend to congregations, that where the congregation owns that parsonage, the congregation set aside an amount of 5% of the Pastor's gross salary to be accrued for him annually. Upon his leaving the congregation, he would be given this amount for a future home

That the \$68,835.00 in income above disbursements be sent to Synod over and above the pledge

That a committee be appointed to make a study and bring recommendations to a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors, for the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Concordia Lutheran College

That the appointment of Reverend Andrew Simcak, Jr., as Consultant on Fraternal Organizations be ratified

That plans be put in motion for an All-Lutheran Conference in 1973

That the resolution on a Unified District Publication, the Supplement to the Lutheran Witness/Reporter, be implemented immediately

That the Board of Directors approve 1 January 1973 as the target date for the transition in Campus Ministry, from a District Campus Ministry to Lutheran Campus Ministry of Texas

July 25, 1972

The following resolutions were adopted . . .

That the mileage reimbursement rate for those who travel in the interests of the District be increased from 8½ cents to 10 cents per mile

That we accept the bid from the Baker Hotel for the 1974 Convention, 21 to 23 June

That the Combatting Racism Retreat be set for November 4 to 6 in San Antonio, to include the Board of Directors, the Board of Parish Services, the Board of Mission Administration

That a Work Program in the amount of \$1,910,000 be accepted for 1973

That we approve the concept of a full time Camping Ministry Director

That Pastors Gene Gruell and Ray Schkade be designated as Advisory Representatives of the Texas District to the New Orleans Convention and that Mr. Loomans as well as the Vice Presidents be sent as observers

September 26, 1972

The following resolutions were adopted . . .

That the Texas District, LC-MS transfer Trinity Lutheran Church (Neudorf) to the Spring Creed County Historical Society and that the LC-MS be permitted to conduct at least one service annually in these facilities

That the District, congregations, Pastors and Teachers, and individuals, be encouraged to share their views on abortion, with their Legislators

That the following serve as members of the Board of Directors, Lutheran Foundation of Texas . . .

Reverend Jim Haner
Mr. Herman Barsun
Mr. Monroe Bethke
Mr. A. T. Kramer

That candidates for election at a Convention be introduced to the delegates

That the District Handbook be updated to reflect all of the powers and duties accorded to the Board of Directors by the laws of the State of Texas, the Articles of Incorporation, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod, and the Resolutions of Delegate Conventions

That a "District-wide" celebration of the 125th Anniversary be planned in conjunction with the post-Easter Pastor-Teacher Conference in Austin

That the District Thankoffering goal be set at \$1,500,000, and that the expenses for the Thankoffering be taken from the total amount gathered

That we accept ownership of St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Houston, move toward the disposition of the property, and pay off bonded indebtedness

That the policy for coordinating assistance for major catastrophies as outlined by the Board of Parish Services be accepted as District policy

November 21, 1972

The following resolutions were adopted . . .

That the sale of all District-owned properties, including those controlled by the Church Extension Fund, be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors before such sale is consummated

That the recommended salary scale for 1973 be adopted

That the Texas District Thankoffering challenge list be adopted, the total goal to be \$1,500,000, and that a total budget for the Thankoffering observance be adopted in the amount of \$25,000

January 23, 1973

The following resolutions were adopted . . .

That Reverend Ray Schkade and Mr. Arthur Shorck be elected to the Board of Directors, LSST, and that Reverend Norbert Roschke be elected to serve out the one-year term of Dr. Louis M. Theimer

That Mr. Art Samuel serve as the lay delegate to the Fiscal Review Commission of the Synod

That the 1973 budget be set at \$1,833,600

That we approve the action taken by the BMA in granting an \$800.00 increase in salary to each worker salaried by the BMA

March 17-19, 1973

The following resolutions were adopted . . .

That \$1,200 be designated from the Contingency Fund for training and helping Pastors in changing communities

That the Board of Directors grant an extension for two months to the Hispanic-American Seminary project

That we extend the contract of Mr. Keith Loomans to 1 September 1977

That we change the name of the Board of Appeals in the District Handbook to "District Commission of Adjudication"

That the "per diem" for the New Orleans Convention be set at \$30.00 per day in addition to travel expenses

That the Texas District sell the property at Hope Lutheran Church, Fort Worth, to the Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church

May 29, 1973

The following resolutions were adopted . . .

That we approve the recommended salary scale for Pastors and Teachers for 1974

That the District promote a Lutheran High School Sunday in April 1974 and that the congregations be encouraged to receive an offering for Lutheran High School of Houston

That we extend a call to Chaplain Clifford Olsen to become the Chaplain-Warden of the Goree Unit, TDC

That Mr. Charles Jones be selected as a replacement for Rod Keller to the Board of Directors, LSST

That the Board of Directors approve the resolution of the BMA to send Reverend Charles H. Born to the New Orleans Convention

That the Board of Directors approve the action of the BMA relative to Reverend Harry H. Smith that he enter full retirement effective 1 July 1973, and that he and his wife be given the right to occupy the present parsonage during their lifetime

That Leo Fernandez be accepted as the replacement for Pastor Garcia on the Board of Directors, HAI

July 24, 1973

The following resolutions were adopted . . .

That memorials for the support of LIFRS and HAI be presented to the 1974 District Convention

That Mr. Milburn C. Schubert of Corpus Christi be appointed as Chief Fiscal Officer of the District

That the election of Ron Jenkins as Fourth Vice President of the District, replacing Reverend Elmer Neunaber, be made unanimous

September 25, 1973

The following resolutions were adopted . . .

That Mr. Billy Parker of Dallas and Mr. E. Bob Mueschke, Houston, be asked to serve on the Board of Directors, LFOT

That Reverend Eugene F. Gruell be granted a transfer to the Florida-Georgia District

That we approve the changes in the Constitution and Bylaws of LCMT

That Pastor Wageman be given liberty to include extra pages in the District Supplement

That travel accident insurance be provided for all staff personnel and board members who travel in the interests of the District at a cost of \$7.50 per year

November 20, 1973

The following resolutions were adopted . . .

That Reverend Norbert Roschke, Mr. Martin Wukasch, and Mr. Dick Chandler, serve as members of the Board of Directors, LSST

That Carl Teinert and Dr. Fred Rathjen serve as LC-MS representatives on the Board of Directors of LCMT

January 29, 1974

The following resolutions were adopted . . .

That normally the District will not involve itself with personal loans to individual Pastors and Teachers, but will direct and encourage congregations or employing groups to aid these individuals as needed, and that where loans of an emergency nature must be made, they are not to exceed \$200.00

That those members of Concordia Benefit Plans who no longer qualify as members, but who continue in spiritual ministries, present their case to the local congregation, and through the congregation make satisfactory arrangements for continued membership in the Concordia Benefit Plans

That The Reverend Glenn O'Shoney be elected as Executive Director of the Board of Mission Administration

That an annuity be purchased to make effective an equitable retirement for Fred J. Frieling

That the balance of \$27,110.64, income over disbursements, be sent to The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod over and above our commitment

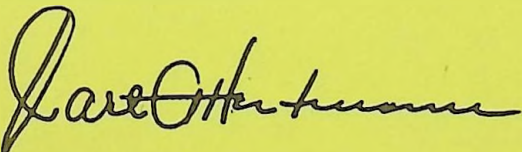
That the 1974 budget be adopted in the amount of \$2,000,000.00, the A Budget to be \$1,940,000.00

That the goal for the District celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Concordia Lutheran College be set at \$1,000,000.00, \$750,000 to be raised by the District and \$250,000 to be raised by Concordia.

That staff travel allowance be increased to 12 cents per mile

That we reaffirm the invitation to hold the 1977 Convention in Dallas and decline the 1975 Convention

Respectfully submitted,



CARL A. HECKMANN, Chairman

During the past two years, the following changes in the District Handbook, effected by resolutions of the Board of Directors, need to be approved by this District Convention.

1. (BD Min, Sept 1972, page 4) . . . an addition on Convention nominations and election procedures . . . that the Nominations Committee be briefed in their first meeting by the Secretary of the District, that candidates not be introduced at a Convention, and that nominations from the floor be governed by Synod's Handbook, 2.145.
2. (BD Min, Sept 1972, page 5) . . . included under functions and duties of the Board of Directors, to include the general management and supervision of all District affairs, carrying out of all resolutions and policies, and being held accountable to the Convention of the District, the District President charged to carry out the decisions of the Board of Directors.
3. (BD Min, Sept 1972, page 11) . . . an addition . . . policy for coordinating assistance for major catastrophies.
4. (BD Min, Nov 1972, page 2) . . . an addition . . . that all properties owned and controlled by the District be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors and that the sale of all District owned properties be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
5. (BD Min, Nov 1972, page 10) . . . an addition . . . the complete set of guidelines for Regional Missions Committees, elections, terms of office, replacement, functions, etc.
6. (BD Min, Jan 1973, page 3) . . . an addition . . . approach to sale of District owned property . . . that the Board of Directors be given a current list of properties that are available for disposal together with the real estate or professional evaluation of the prices that should be asked.
7. (BD Min, March 1973, page 8) . . . the revised constitution of Lutheran Campus Ministries of Texas.
8. (BD Min, March 1973, page 10) . . . change in Church Extension Policy relative to the cost of land charged to congregations.
9. (BD Min, Jan 1974, page 2) . . . change in policy on loans to individuals signed by the District.
10. (BD Min, Jan 1974, page 2) . . . change in policy on ministry of those working for the state, retirement policy, etc.

MISSION ADMINISTRATION

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On October 31, 1973, the Reverend Eugene F. Gruell ended seven years of faithful service to the Texas District as the Executive Director of Missions. The Reverend Glenn O'Shoney was appointed as the Interim Director and then called by the Board of Directors as Executive Director of Missions.

Visits to all pastors in subsidized and special ministries will be completed by the date of the District Convention. The goal of each visit — exploration and evaluation of individual ministries — is to equip the Executive Director to provide creative and constructive assistance and direction.

Gene Gruell spoke often of “360° ministry” — ministry that is active in the full scope of mission, proclaiming, and demonstrating to the whole community which it serves. This is the goal of the Board of Mission Administration — “360° ministries” — whether they be Anglo, Mexican-American, Black, Deaf, or Special, in all of Texas.

YOUR CHURCH IN MISSION

While we speak often of the mission work of the Texas District, most probably fail to comprehend the real extent of our effort. Perhaps the following “scan of missions” will provide a better understanding of your District and your mission.

From Perryton in the north to Hemphill in the east, from Brownsville in the south to Pecos in the west, your District is at work assisting in the support of congregations so they might be fully in mission for the Lord.

Sixty-two congregations are currently receiving subsidy assistance. Some of these will be able to gain self-support status rather quickly, some will take many years. Some may always need their brothers and sisters in Christ in the Texas District to assist them in their ministry. Of our sixty-two subsidized congregations, forty-seven are Anglo, seven are Mexican-American, four are Black, and three are categorized as “changing ministries.”

We are in the suburbs, we are in the inner-city. We are among the wealthy, we are among the poor. We are working among the well educated, and the less educated. We are involved in “360° mission” among white, brown, and black.

Our forty-seven Anglo missions will receive about \$225,000 in subsidy this year. Two congregations attained self-support status in 1973, and it appears that two more, at least, will achieve this goal this year. Increased salaries, increased material costs, and general inflation all seem to add to the difficulties of churches in reducing subsidy needs. Several new missions will soon need assistance, some formerly self-supporting congregations may soon need subsidy — these in addition to the congregations already receiving subsidy will place a considerable strain on available mission dollars. This is not so much a problem as a challenge to the people of God — a challenge that will be met through renewed emphasis on education, stewardship, and evangelism. The call is clear . . . to proclaim the good news of Jesus. The Mission Board is dedicated to be an enabling agency that this aim might be fully met.

Our seven Mexican-American congregations will receive \$83,600 in subsidy this year. The Missouri Synod, and particularly the Texas District, has always been willing to be on the cutting edge of missions - investing time and energy and funds in areas which others count as unprofitable. Our commitment in this ministry and in all minority ministries must be to invest as much as possible that these people might fully be in mission for Jesus. We need to emphasize “as much as possible” — we cannot do all we would like, but we must commit ourselves to our maximum possible. Our major thrust in Mexican-American ministries is, quite naturally, in the Valley and up to San Antonio, but the large Mexican-American population in our state makes it imperative that the Mission Board also assist existing congregations to minister to these people as they move into their area.

Our four black congregations, located in Port Arthur, Houston (2), and Dallas, will receive \$44,600 in subsidy this year. Three other congregations in changing areas, white to black or brown to black, will receive \$34,900 in subsidy. This is another area in which the Mission Board must take a positive step in assisting existing congregations to work fully in their areas — providing subsidy if this is necessary to help these congregations meet the needs of changing communities.

MISSION PLANNING BY OBJECTIVE

The stateside Districts of our Synod have joined in a program of mission planning and implementation by objective. The title of the program is **PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, AND BUDGETING**. This program aims at enabling the Church to determine what it needs to be doing and what resources it has to get the job done rather than permitting pressures, the pinch of economy, or other factors to dictate what its programs and performance will be.

According to those who have joined together to carry out the mission of our Synod in all of its Districts, the overall objectives for our mission are . . . A growing number of people in all structures of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod renewed and released through the Gospel of Jesus Christ by the Spirit of God, with a new awareness of their ministry as God's people, called to speak the Word of reconciliation and to manifest Christ's kingdom on earth with a new willingness to risk their total selves in order that God's Kingdom might break through in all areas of life and society. Starting with this objective, it is possible to fix goals, establish strategy, organize and implement programs, and then set the dollar figure.

The stimulation provided by the cooperation with other Districts in this program and the discipline called for in planning and programming has been very helpful in the Mission Department of our District. We have drawn up an evaluation and planning instrument, and we would share some of our statements of objectives and describe how the process of planning and implementation is carried on.

We have isolated a number of mission categories. Category I deals with dependent, or subsidized, congregations. We define dependent or subsidized congregations as a community of believers gathered around Word and Sacrament to scatter for Christian service, requiring financial support to carry on their entire ministry. Our objective for these congregations is: A growing number of people, nourished with the Gospel, being equipped to share this Gospel, and all the love and service which it produces, with a world that needs the living Christ and His life-style as it needs nothing. In this Category, we recognize two Sub-categories. Sub-category 1 is the established dependent congregation with good potential for growth and self-support. Sub-category 2 is the established dependent congregation with minimal potential for growth and self-support, but with good potential for witness and service. The District objective in the case of Sub-category 1 is: a) To place Lutheran presence in those communities where there is none and where one is needed; b) to aid those who share confessional Christianity to do so effectively and happily; c) to develop impetus toward early local support of the entire ministry.

The District objective for Sub-category 2 is: To provide a Lutheran presence in critical areas of growth in our state, even though such presences may produce little growth and are quite difficult and costly. Effectiveness criteria are as follows: a) Healthy active Christian communities; b) concentration in those areas where the Church truly is a society of "sent ones;" c) numerical growth; d) persistence in areas of difficult, unrewarding ministry.

In the case of those congregations for whom relatively early self-support is a possibility, a schedule is made for the attainment of such self-support. Where self-support is quite remote, a schedule is fixed for whatever increase in congregational support of ministry is possible.

The same process runs through all areas of mission. One more example: Category III is . . . ministry in minority race/class/culture setting. Definition: Ministry in, to and by any congregation or group made up principally of a minority either ethnic, such as black or brown, or of cultural, capability, or interest groups, such as deaf, young adults, seamen, etc. The District objective is to communicate the Gospel and the love which the Gospel produces in areas where the Church has not been too vocal or visible, and to groups that have felt neglected or excluded by the Church, so that people hear the good word of Christ, develop in the grace which builds life, and enjoy the unity which is part and parcel of the body of Christ. Sub-category 1 is ministry in black communities. The District objective here is to serve this unity which ignores color. Sub-category 2 is ministry to Mexican-American communities. The District objective here is to preach the Gospel to our Mexican-American people in the language they need, and in the context that will be effective, working toward complete integration of these brothers and sisters into our overall ministry. Sub-category 3 is culture/class ministry. The District objective here is to communicate the Gospel in areas in which the institutional Church has not been too vocal or visible so that people who have not been reached before, can also hear the good news of Jesus Christ and identify with the body of Christ.

These inclusions are sufficient to indicate our attempt to plan mission and ministry by objective, and then to set the goals which can be measured by more pragmatic factors.

ACCESSIONS TO THE CHURCH

While numbers and statistics are often misused, these are offered in the hope that they will identify some of the blessings of our Gospel proclamation in our subsidized congregations. The following figures represent two years of work:

	1972	1973
Total children baptized	163	186
Total adults baptized	29	31
Total children confirmed	144	159
Total adults confirmed	148	147
Total adults reclaimed through profession of faith	128	151
Total membership of subsidized congregations	7,708	7,992

WORLD MISSION PERFORMANCE OF DEPENDENT CONGREGATIONS

Because they, of all congregations, are aware of the importance of World Mission Support and, because, as they develop the good habit of supporting World Mission, they will continue in that habit, dependent congregations are encouraged to support World Missions most energetically.

In 1972, 20% of our dependent congregations met their World Mission pledges, and 41% exceeded their pledges.

In 1973, 24% of our dependent congregations met their World Mission pledges, and 44% exceeded their pledges.

STATUS OF THE BOARD OF MISSION ADMINISTRATION

As is always the case, there are changes in the Board between Conventions. Present membership of the Board: Reverend Jerry Otte, Reverend Ron Damerow, Reverend Victor Buvinghausen, Reverend Martin Ramming, Reverend Ed Schwanke, Mr. Don Moye, Mr. Leo Fernandez, Mr. Teddy Klein, Mr. James Streger, Mr. Kenneth Weiser, and Mr. Dick Rathgeber.

The Reverend Arthur Graf left the Board in order to serve on Synod's Board of Evangelism, and the Reverend Victor Buvinghausen was appointed to replace him. The Reverend Edward Schwanke was appointed to replace the Reverend Glenn O'Shoney when the latter received the call as Executive Director. The Board is divided into four Divisions: Administrative, Special Ministries, Student Aid, and Church Extension. Those working in the Administrative Division are: Reverend Jerry Otte (Also Chairman of the BMA), Reverend Edward Schwanke, and Mr. James Streger (Secretary of the BMA). Those in the Special Ministries Division are: Reverend Ronald Damerow, Mr. Don Moye. The Student Aid Division is composed of Reverend Martin Ramming, Mr. Kenneth Weiser, and Mr. Teddy Klein. Those working in the area of Church Extension are: Reverend Victor Buvinghausen, Mr. Leo Fernandez, and Mr. Dick Rathgeber.

Mr. Milburn Schubert, our Office Manager and District Treasurer, is also a member of the Mission Administration Staff, with special responsibility in the area of Church Extension.

The BMA meets bi-monthly and has found this arrangement very acceptable.

REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS FOR MISSION – LCUSA

Regional Mission Consultations through the Lutheran Council in the U.S.A. have become quite routine, and have been held once a year recently.

NEW MISSIONS

In 1972, we began work in the following areas:

Sugarland, Faith
Fairfield

Pastor Kenneth Sinclair
Preaching station

Hemphill
Clear Creek (near Dallas)

Preaching station
Preaching station

In 1973, we began work in the following areas:

Houston, St. Timothy
Deer Park, Christ Redeemer
Austin, Our Savior
Cedar Park, Good Shepherd
Winnie, Hope
Rockwall (near Dallas)

Pastor Andrew Simcak, Jr.
Pastor James Herndon
Pastor James Hoffke
Calling. Served by Reverend Ken Schauer
Pastor Melvin Swan
Preaching station

The last two years were years of sound growth for our Church. Many of the above are already well on the way to self-support.

PROJECTIONS FOR NEW MISSIONS

We will continue to search for future locations for Lutheran presences — not only in our larger metropolitan areas, but in smaller towns as well.

A meeting of pastors in February helped to identify several sites in the North Houston area as locations of great potential.

The more Pastor O'Shoney becomes acquainted with existing congregations and their ability, or lack of it, to serve the areas in which they are located — the more the Mission Board will be considering the exact locations of new Missouri Synod missions.

ADJUSTMENTS IN MINISTRY

During the last two years, full-time ministries were provided for the following:

Tulia, Christ
Winnie, Hope
Sweeny, St. Luke
Andrews, Faith

CONGREGATIONS CLOSED

At times it becomes apparent that a responsible approach to mission and ministry calls for the dissolution of a congregation, and this is not an easy thing to do. St. Stephen had experienced many years of difficulties and was in a steady state of decline. The Mission Board felt that the remaining members could be effectively served through other existing congregations; so in 1973, St. Stephen Lutheran Church of Houston was dissolved.

CONGREGATIONS ATTAINING SELF-SUPPORT

In 1972, the following congregations attained self-support:

Beeville, Trinity
Crosby, Our Savior
Houston, King of Kings
Lubbock, Christ
Paris, Grace
San Antonio, Shepherd of the Hills

In 1973, the following congregations attained self-support:

Irving, Our Redeemer
Spring, Resurrection

We wish these congregations all power from on high and all blessing as they continue to serve God and to share the ministry with His people in the Texas District.

EXISTING CONGREGATIONS PLACED ON SUBSIDY

Two congregations were placed on subsidy in 1972: Rankin, Immanuel and Weatherford, Trinity.

In 1973, only one established congregation came under subsidy, although no subsidy was expended due to the lack of a pastor. That congregation is Corpus Christi, Mt. Olive.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CONSULTATIONS

This service of the BMA is available to all congregations thinking of relocating, building, or refinancing. We stand ready to serve.

MISSIONARIES CONFERENCES

These conferences continue to be held annually in the middle of August. Last year the missionaries convened in San Antonio. Pastors of dependent congregations and other mission workers continue to describe this Conference as one of the most worthwhile of the year. They have been well attended and spiced with lively discussions.

GROUPS AFFORDING AID FOR MISSIONS

Assistance for Mission Programs came from several sources during the last two years.

The Woltman Foundation aided immeasurably by granting new mission grants in the amount of \$2,000 each to the following:

1972:	Good Shepherd, Iowa Park	1973:	Faith, Sugar Land
	Holy Spirit, Houston		St. Timothy, Houston
			Our Savior, Austin

The LWML made a considerable grant to the work for our In-Service Training Program and has asked for future suggestions for future grants.

The Aid Association for Lutherans also made a substantial grant to our In-Service Training Program.

Lutheran Brotherhood has just made a grant to our Texas Outdoors Ministry program which will give our work in this area a considerable boost.

We can only thank these groups for their assistance and hope they will continue to be supportive of the mission of our District for many years to come.

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

In addition to support through organized congregations, the Mission Board is involved in eight "special ministries." Each is a ministry of proclamation and demonstration. Love for Christ is shown, and love for Christ is spoken and shared — in apartments, aboard ship, in classrooms, in the inner city, and in camp settings. We invest \$97,689 in these "Church and Community" ministries. They could not exist without the concern of the Lutherans of Texas and the subsidy of the Mission Board. Perhaps a word about each of your special ministries would be helpful:

HOUSTON — Seamen's Ministry: Worker, Pastor T. Thomas Malone

The Seamen's Ministry at the Port of Houston continues to reach out to men from all over the world. In a physical way, the Seamen's Center has been relocated and expanded to the permanent location inside the port area behind City Dock 23. The interdenominational Committee for the Ministry to International Seamen now operates a heated swimming pool and a soccer field on eight acres of land.

In a pastoral way, Chaplain Malone continues to serve the spiritual needs of these men. A great part of his work is counseling and teaching the Word. The Holy Spirit has led many seafarers to be baptized and receive the new life in Christ. These men, from China, Nigeria, India, Persia, and other countries, now go around the world spreading the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ, God's Son.

On the local level, Pastor Malone coordinated the Family Volunteer program. He has over 100 Houston families who stand ready to invite seamen to Church and their homes for a day of fellowship and fun. His call into this ministry grows stronger each day as he sees God's mighty power in action, building His kingdom.

The Seamen's Ministry is one of the better Special Ministries of our District, and should be continued at all costs.

KINGSVILLE — Auxiliary Spanish Ministry: Worker, Mr. B. R. Mireles

In July of 1970, Mr. Mireles, who had been working in the Rio Grande Valley for five years, was assigned to Kingsville. He is employed by the District (under the auspices of the BMA), and with the cooperation of the congregation, is, in their behalf, making it known that St. Paul also has a heart for and the desire to bring the Word to the Mexican-American of the community.

In any given month, Mr. Mireles may make up to 150 calls, have several counseling sessions with parents of problem youths, transport individuals to their doctors, help families move into new homes, and in general, have a Christian sympathetic ear. During the summer, VBS is an important aid in helping draw children to St. Paul and making new contacts. Mid-week religion class also is an additional aid, although not as much as VBS. Through Mr. Mireles' sharing of salvation as it is revealed in the Scripture, many in the community of Kingsville, hopefully, will accept Christ.

HOUSTON — Inner City: Worker, Mr. Frank Morales

For many years, Mr. Morales has been working in the Inner City of Houston, using the facilities of St. Peter Lutheran Church, but under the aegis of the BMA.

Mr. Morales works in a "mission," but the word mission in this case does not mean a newly born congregation. What it does mean is the mission to get the Gospel to those who are not responsive to the usual congregational efforts. In order to do this, an effort is made to serve the physical needs while at the same time serving the spiritual needs.

To carry out this purpose, several means are used . . . a Montessori style pre-kindergarten, a weekday Bible School at two locations, a curbside clinic, a literature distribution in the community — these are the longest lived and most used. A tutoring session and Bible classes at a local housing development helps to reach beyond the normal boundaries. The biggest need is for more permanent personnel. At present most of the work is done by volunteers from area congregations.

DALLAS — Apartment Ministry: Worker, Reverend Steven Johnson

This ministry was first begun in December of 1965, with the Reverend Robert Hobus serving as the worker. The contract with him was terminated as of 1971, and in May of 1972, Pastor Steve Johnson accepted the call to this ministry.

His ministry is to have two thrusts:

1. Ministry to apartment residents and young adults in the Oaklawn area of Dallas.
2. Equipment of apartment dwellers, who are members of Dallas congregations, for ministry in their apartment complexes. Some five greater Dallas Churches are involved, those with the greatest number of apartment units in their communities.

This is a ministry of personal witness — it is an experimental ministry, hopefully providing some answers on how to minister to apartment dwellers in all areas of our state.

DALLAS – Community Service Pre-school: Worker, Joe Ann McCray

At one time, we had a pretty extensive and vigorous Lutheran Community Services program going in Dallas. It was largely a community organization project. At this time, everything of the program has fallen by the board except for the pre-school program, a Montessori-type carried on by Mrs. McCray.

She has been doing an excellent job with the pre-school, and it is particularly valuable because it ties in very well with the program of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church. As a matter of fact, it is being carried on at Mt. Olive.

BROWNSVILLE – Lay-worker in Training: Worker, Ruben Valdez

Ruben Valdez works under the supervision of Reverend Edgar Keller in Brownsville. He is not a pastor, but his training has eventual acceptance into the Lutheran ministry as a goal. He is currently working both in Brownsville and Raymondville.

His is a ministry of calling, of canvassing, of teaching, and of counseling. Once this man has completed his training, he should be a valuable asset to our church – working someplace along the border. Since he is Mexican-American by birth, he is, naturally, totally at home and able to understand the needs of these people.

LUBBOCK – Neighborhood House: Worker, Vacant at this time

Neighborhood House is a settlement-house type of community service program. The following services are provided: scouting, after school recreational activities, pre-school story hour; tutoring, emergency food program, clothing exchange; voter registration assistance; sewing instruction; recreation programs for teens; family "rap" sessions; arts and crafts, language classes; counseling, choirs, and a thrift store. This is an all-Lutheran program administered by a local Board, the Lutheran Council for Community Action in Lubbock. This program, in the absence of a full-time worker, is being re-evaluated with the goal of a program that will be both community conscious and Gospel proclamation oriented. The facility of the former Our Savior Lutheran Church is being sold, so all future activities will center around the Neighborhood House.

TEXAS OUTDOORS MINISTRY: Worker, Garland Midgett

In January of 1973, Garland Midgett was called as director of the total camping ministries in Texas. He is to work at all Lutheran camps, helping them in the area of staff training and programs. He will live in LaGrange and concentrate much of his effort at Camp Lone Star. He is also the responsible person for publicity for all Lutheran efforts in camping in Texas.

With more and more of our people enjoying camping, both weekend and more long-term, the BMA saw a need to find methods of ministering to these people, too. In addition to efforts at Camp Lone Star, Lutherland, and Ceta Glen, summer work is being done at Lake Somerville and on the beach in Galveston. The eventual goal is a camping program so well supported by the people of Texas that no assistance will be needed through the Mission Board.

DEAF MISSIONS

Our responsibility in deaf work in the state of Texas is being ably handled by Pastor Don Haug who works in Houston, Austin, and San Antonio, and by Pastor Robert Blakely who works in Dallas, North Texas, and Oklahoma (with financial assistance received from the Oklahoma District). A total of \$28,000 in subsidy is committed to this program.

The congregations served by Pastor Haug, (Holy Three In One, Houston, and Jesus Church for the Deaf, Austin), have been set up like any other subsidized congregation of the District and are functioning well under this arrangement. The great distances to be traveled pose a problem for effective distribution of ministry, but the work is going forward with slow but steady growth being recorded.

The deaf ministry in Dallas, formerly John of Beverly Chapel at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, has been made an integral part of the ministry of Our Redeemer, and is progressing well.

In past years, the District assumed a part of the responsibility of the deaf work within the District – the Synod providing the balance of support. With this year's budget, we are totally responsible for this mission effort in all of Texas.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING

One of our most exciting new mission efforts is our In-Service Training Program for Hispanic American Ministries. This program came into being in San Antonio in response to an urgent local need. Now in its second year of operation, the program has been expanded under the auspices of the Texas District.

The purpose of this program is to prepare seminarians and other dedicated persons to minister to the growing Spanish speaking population of our state and nation. The program requires fourteen months to complete and provides acculturation through the study of the language, life, culture, problems, and needs of Hispanic Americans, plus the normal supervised opportunities for full participation in ministry within the parish function.

The first ten weeks are spent in full-time, intensive language study. Then the student is assigned to a parish which is either Spanish speaking or is in ministry to some extent to the Spanish speaking. Here he follows a carefully planned program of learning and serving for a period of six months. After this he is reassigned to a different parish for a second six month period. This provides the student with varied and enriching experiences, taking him for example, from a large, metropolitan, multi-ethnic community to a predominantly Hispanic American, semi-rural community.

The seminarian who participates in this program during his vicarage year is then well qualified, upon graduation from the Seminary, to be assigned immediately to a Spanish speaking parish. With his unique experiences, not only in the learning of the language but also in becoming acquainted with the culture and thought patterns of Hispanic Americans, the candidate is able to go with a great deal of confidence and begin his ministry right away. This is good stewardship of both time and money.

The cost of the program for fourteen months amounts to approximately \$10,370 per student. It is hoped that the program may be enlarged for the 1974-1975 year. The program now includes three Vicars and a Deaconess. Next year, the program will include five Vicars and a Deaconess, possibly two.

The In-Service Training Program is the only operative program in our Synod for equipping workers for Hispanic ministry. In comparison to the growing and urgent need, our program is only a drop in the bucket. Hence, the vision to enlarge the Program. It is not an impossible dream to expect that Hispanic Americans will hear the Gospel of salvation in their own language and that our two cultures will live together in harmony, each enriching the other.

BOARD OF PARISH SERVICES

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PARISH SERVICES
THE TEXAS DISTRICT
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD
For the 1974 Convention**

To the honorable Convention of the Texas District of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod assembled at Dallas, June 21 – 23, 1974:

BOARD OF PARISH SERVICES . . . A WORD OF INTRODUCTION

“ON THE WAY HOME” . . . the theme of our 1974 Texas District Convention . . . brings to mind a number of things which relate to the parish . . . and thus to Parish Services. “In mission on the way Home” . . . that’s what the parish is all about.

IT’S GREAT WHEN A CONGREGATION OF GOD’S PILGRIMS, ON THE WAY HOME . . .

- is aware of the fact that there’s work to do for Christ on the way Home . . . to be the bearers of God’s love to men, so that they may be brought back to Him . . . so that they may be rescued from false ways and false gods . . . and led to Christ who is THE Way!
- recognizes that the work to be done for Christ calls for the ministry of every one of God’s pilgrims . . . and not only through the organized church . . . but also in the home, the job, the school, the social gathering . . . wherever pilgrims are with people.
- cares for each other . . . loves and supports each other . . . strengthens each other in the faith . . . and in their daily needs . . . as they join together in prayer and praise and celebration . . . as they assume responsibility for each other in the congregation.
- shows concern for people in their need for forgiveness, for healing, for freedom, for justice, for reconciliation with God.
- is concerned with every facet of society, since this too belongs to God . . . and is concerned for every nation on the face of the earth . . . as they band together in one church body to do what they could never do alone.

The Texas District Board of Parish Services is committed to assist, in every way possible, our congregations of pilgrims in their involvement with Christ and for Christ on the way Home. This is our Mission! Parish Services at your service!

BOARD OF PARISH SERVICES . . . ITS RESPONSIBILITY
(Texas District Handbook)

The specific areas of responsibility of the Board shall be:

1. Stewardship
2. Evangelism
3. Parish Social Ministries
4. Parish Education
5. Youth
6. Recruitment
7. Others which may from time to time be added by District Convention and/or the Board of Directors.

As an advisory body to the District and its officials on the one hand, and to the congregations and pastors on the other hand, the Board shall be responsible to the Synod and District for striving to plan, coordinate, promote, and provide for each parish a unified, non-overlapping, adequately emphasized program in its areas of responsibility and to carry out the services and duties prescribed by District resolutions.

BOARD OF PARISH SERVICES . . . ITS PERSONNEL

Pictured above are the members of the Board of Parish Services, the Director and Assistant Director of Parish Services.

Left to right: front row, Eugene Heckmann, Norman Stuenke, Jean Schmidt, Clarence Weiser, Clayton Kramer, back row, Ray Schkade, John Dallmann, John Goeke, Norbert Oesch, John Smith, James Pfluger, John Kieschnick, Keith Loomans. Not pictured, Harold Rutz.

BOARD OF PARISH SERVICES . . . ITS ORGANIZATION

Executive Director: Ray Schkade
 Assistant Director: Keith Loomans

Chairman: Clayton Kramer
 Secretary: John Dallmann

Each of the remaining board members serves as chairman of a committee as follows:

EVANGELISM

Evangelism Committee:

John Goeke, Chm., Richard Bontke,
 Elinor Blakney (Mrs.), Gerald Otte

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship of Life Committee:

Eugene Heckmann, Chm., Harold Heller,
 Dorothy Kalich (Mrs.), Martin Herzog,
 Jr., Hardy Schneider

Stewardship of Giving Committee:

John Kieschnick, Chm., Eugene Friesen,
 James Haner, Ken Krueger

RECRUITMENT

Recruitment Committee:

James Pfluger, Chm., Walter Harms,
 Roy Bohrer, Michael Linebrink,
 Marietta Kemnitz (Mrs.), D. R.
 Nelson, David Schroder

EDUCATION

School Committee:

Norman Stuemke, Chm., Beverly
 Dube (Mrs.), Alan Geuder, David
 Baum, Caroline Ristau,
 Rose Ann Crockett (Mrs.)

Adult Education and Family Life Committee:

John Smith, Chm., Marilyn and Keith Fox,
 Margaret and Bruce Kooms, Teddy and
 Henry Boehm

Child Education Committee:

Clarence Weiser, Chm., Jo Doerre,
 Linda Niemeyer, Joan Wageman (Mrs.)

Worship and Music Committee:

Harold Rutz, Chm., Harold Jacobsmeyer,
 Don Rotermund, Bernard Gastler,
 Norman Behrmann, Mark Herbener

YOUTH

Youth Committee:

Jean Schmidt (Mrs.), Chm., Gordon
 Albers, Curtis Riske, Melvin Noack,
 James Preece, Sandy Siemsglusz (Mrs.),
 David Helms

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Social Ministry Committee:

Norbert Oesch, Chm., Marvin
 Tschatschula, Edwardo Teniente,
 Irma Teniente (Mrs.)

BOARD OF PARISH SERVICES . . . ITS METHOD OF OPERATING

The Board of Parish Services, consisting of 12 elected members, is organized into 10 working committees, with a board member assigned as chairman of each committee. The president of the district, upon recommendation of the Board of Parish Services, appoints persons to each committee. These appointees are chosen from the geographic area where the committee chairman resides, thus making it possible to meet more frequently to fulfill assignments, and saving valuable time and finances in the process.

The committees, as "brainstorming" and working groups, submit all plans, proposals, and programs to the board for approval and evaluation.

The Board of Parish Services meets in Austin six times a year (every other month), with committees meeting as frequently as necessary prior to each board meeting.

The Board of Parish Services met for a two-day retreat on February 4 and 5, 1973, in order to develop a three-year plan of action. Prior to and following the retreat, the various committees concentrated on their area of responsibility related to the plan. The plan of action included: 1. Establishing specific objectives. 2. Developing strategy for each objective (what will we do in order to meet the objective). 3. Developing tactics related to each strategy (detailed plans, assignments, time line for completion of strategy).

The objectives and strategies for each area of Parish Services responsibility developed at the planning retreat are included in the reports that follow.

EVANGELISM

Function (District Handbook):

1. Assist all congregations in striving for greater mission activity on the local level;
2. Advise and assist circuits, communities, and congregations in conducting evangelism workshops, special evangelism efforts and programs, canvasses, and other ways and means of helping individuals do the work of evangelism;
3. Channel to the District and its conferences and congregations all helpful information and materials on evangelism and shall cooperate with Synod's Evangelism Division in implementing the Synodical program and emphases on the District, Circuit, and Congregational level;
4. Encourage each congregation to have a responsible and functioning Evangelism Committee to promote and lead in evangelism consciousness, training and activity.

PLAN OF ACTION

Evangelism Committee

Objective	Strategy
1. Equip full-time church workers for evangelism task in congregation	1a. Mission Outreach Clinics for pastors 1b. Mission Outreach Clinics for pastors, teachers, and other full-time church workers
2. Enthuse (fire-up) church leaders for their mission task	2a. Evangelism Lutheran In-Reach — Out-Reach Congress
3. Equipping congregational evangelism chairmen for their task	3a. Periodic mailings (resource helps and guidelines) directly to chairmen from Evangelism Committee
4. Equipping congregational lay-leaders for their evangelism task	4a. Mission Outreach Clinic for laymen (January 1975) 4b. Area workshops for congregational evangelism committees
5. Keeping congregations informed as to the variety of current evangelism material available	5a. Committee to research materials from other church groups and share findings with congregations 5b. Encourage Synod to keep us abreast of good materials available
6. Equipping elders in sharing Christ with each other and in their visitation program	6a. Elders' "Sharing Christ" Packet containing guidelines and resource materials for meditation and presentation
7. To initiate confrontation-demonstration activities for Christ in community	7a. Pilot program in Ft. Worth area involving families serving and sharing Christ in needy areas of the community. Emphasis on youth and parents working together.
8. Sharing the good news of Christ with young people via the radio	8a. Christian disc jockey in strategic metropolitan areas

Performance . . . '72 & '73

1. **Mission Outreach Clinics:** The Texas District has sponsored four Kennedy-type in-depth evangelism clinics for full-time professional church workers . . . two in January 1973 and two in January and February of 1974. The clinics, which were conducted from Sunday evening through Wednesday, were attended by 120 people . . . most of them pastors. Some 50 percent of the pastors of the Texas District have now participated in one of these clinics. Judging from the evaluations of the clinic participants, one can only draw the conclusion that they were highly successful. Future plans include clinics for lay people. Following are some statements taken from the evaluations of past clinic participants:
 - "Terrific, my trainees love it . . . I am so thankful I had the opportunity to undergo this training in the Texas District. It is one item that has changed my way of service and proclaiming the Gospel."
 - "People respond to Gospel who were unmoved by virtually everything else! Only a cold and hard heart can be left unaffected by this approach . . . It's a beautiful dimension in my ministry."
 - "This has been a great boost to getting what I consider the Good News of salvation by Christ alone and through faith alone out to people both Lutherans and non-Lutherans."
 - "The program is so simple and the Gospel so powerful . . . The most often heard phrase from those we visit has been: 'Boy, I'm glad you came!'"

- “One young woman confessed that she had never heard the Christian message in any form. She is now in our ‘Pastor’s Class’.”

Following are excerpts from a letter received from a pastor who attended one of these clinics:

“I think I can say that this past week has been the greatest week of my life! I find it hard to put down on paper what this clinic has done for me as an individual . . . Seeing these dedicated lay men and lay women calling in a community and doing an effective job of witnessing through their faith in Christ has filled me with joy and enthusiasm, a joy and enthusiasm that I had never known before. . . . I came to the Texas District from the center of Lutheranism, the ‘dead center’. . . . But it only took some dedicated Texas lay people three days to change thirty years of existence to a joyful living for Christ. . . . When I came to Houston just three short days before, I was skeptical. I didn’t see how such a program could work. I didn’t think you could get lay people that enthused about sharing their faith. But more than that, I was skeptical that they would be able to teach me anything. . . . I certainly didn’t come prepared to do any witnessing of my own. . . . By the time Wednesday morning came, I could hardly wait to get to the church. I couldn’t wait to get out on those calls. . . . As one of them said: ‘That Holy Spirit, he’s a wonderful guy, if you’ll just give him half a chance.’ I wouldn’t trade this experience for anything.”

2. **Explo ’72:** Arrangements were made for a gathering place for Lutherans attending Explo ’72, giving them an opportunity to share the experience with each other, and to offer them a “Lutheran dimension and perspective” in terms of the Gospel, the means of grace, relationship to Christ, and relationship to people. The “gathering place” was manned by Texas District Lutheran pastors.
3. **“Young Ones” Youth Evangelism Tour:** The “Young Ones,” a musical group from Houston, worked with the Evangelism Committee in various presentations throughout the state. A tour was also arranged for this musical group who presented the Gospel in song and in personal testimony.
4. **“Rock and Rap” Radio Evangelism:** Studies were made and plans were developed for radio evangelism, especially through Christian disc jockeys reaching the youth of the radio audience through the medium of music.
5. **Elders’ “Sharing Christ” Plan:** In order to help make Elders’ calls more effective, the Evangelism Committee developed the Elders’ “Sharing Christ” plan. The plan, in brief, works as follows: 1. Elders come together to meditate on an assigned section of Scripture. 2. Each Elder writes down what God is saying to him in that section of Scripture. 3. The Elders share Christ’s Word with each other. 4. The Elders meditate on a topical devotion based upon the Scripture section assigned. 5. The Elders make their calls, sharing the Scripture section, as well as their personal insights and testimonials. The plan includes twelve topics, Scripture sections, exercises and devotions (the devotions were prepared especially for the Texas District by Dr. Oswald Hoffmann). The Elders’ “Sharing Christ” packet of materials was sent to each congregation of the Texas District. Synod’s Evangelism Department distributed a sample packet to all the district evangelism leaders of Synod and will include it in a new evangelism manual being produced.
6. **Evangelism among Mexican-Americans:** Some of our pastors working among Mexican-Americans have been trained in a Texas District Mission Outreach Clinic, and are sharing this in-depth evangelism plan with fellow workers among Mexican-Americans. A Spanish translation of “Evangelism Explosion” has been provided these leaders. A special study survey has been made as to the best approach for reaching the Mexican-American for Christ.
7. **Newsletter for Evangelism Chairmen:** A quarterly newsletter is being prepared and sent out to each congregation Evangelism Chairman. The purpose of the newsletter is to encourage the Evangelism Chairman in his evangelism leadership responsibilities, and to share with him some ideas as well as available resource materials.
8. **All Lutheran Youth Gathering:** Texas District Evangelism Committee leaders helped plan and participated in the All Lutheran Youth Gathering in Houston.
9. **Evangelism Emphasis at District Teachers Conference:** Evangelism presentations on “Sharing the Gospel” were a part of the District Teachers Conference in Houston in October of 1973.

10. **Pastor-Principal Team Training:** Pastor-Principal teams from congregations were invited to participate in the 1974 Mission Outreach Clinics. Christian education leaders plus other leaders in our congregations are showing an increased interest in this in-depth evangelism program.
11. **Evangelism Emphasis . . . LWML:** Evangelism has been highlighted in LWML Zone and district meetings as district staff and Evangelism Committee members have served as guest speakers in many areas of the state. The women of the church have shown an eagerness to intensify evangelism efforts in their congregations.
12. **Congregation Evangelism Workshops:** District staff and Evangelism Committee members regularly respond to requests from congregations to make evangelism presentations, conduct workshops, or work with congregation evangelism committees.
13. **Audio-Visuals:** New films, filmstrips, and tapes are periodically previewed for the purpose of recommending their use to congregations or for inclusion in the Texas District Audio-Visual Library. Quite an assortment of filmstrips, films, and tapes are available for use by congregations of the Texas District.
14. **District Evangelism Congress:** Preliminary plans have been developed for a special gathering of Texas District congregation leaders for the purpose of being enlightened, uplifted, equipped, and launched forward in a united mission for Christ. This three-day congress is tentatively scheduled for 1975.
15. **Adult Confirmations and/or Baptisms:** The primary mission of the church is to share Christ with the people . . . in word and deed. How much of this is happening in a congregation cannot be measured statistically. One area of evangelism that can be measured is the number of people that are drawn into the community of believers within The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod by means of adult confirmation and/or baptism. How many unchurched are attracted into The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod's family in a given year depends upon factors such as: the number of unchurched in the area, the "spiritual" attractiveness of the congregation in the community, the power of the Holy Spirit working through many (or a few) members of the congregation who share Christ with others, the amount of emphasis that this form of evangelism receives in the congregation, the amount and type of training of callers, etc. The unchurched person needs the warmth, the care, and the encouragement of brothers and sisters in Christ within a congregation . . . needs a regular diet of Word and Sacraments . . . has a right to the joys of being in mission for Christ through the church. To that end, every congregation is encouraged to utilize the power of the Holy Spirit working through people in attracting people to Christ . . . and to our visible family of Christians. The record of our Texas District congregations:

Adult Confirmations and/or Baptisms	1972	1973
Number of Congregations Gaining Over 100 Persons	1	0
Number of Congregations Gaining 51 - 100 Persons	0	2
Number of Congregations Gaining 31 - 50 Persons	5	2
Number of Congregations Gaining 21 - 30 Persons	6	6
Number of Congregations Gaining 11 - 20 Persons	30	31
Number of Congregations Gaining 1 - 10 Persons	157	150
Number of Congregations Gaining None	59	72

Top Ten Congregations With Highest Number of Adult Confirmations

1972		1973	
Congregation and City	Number	Congregation and City	Number
Concordia Lutheran, San Antonio	104	Concordia Lutheran, San Antonio	70
Christ Memorial Lutheran, Houston	35	Our Redeemer Lutheran, Houston	56
St. Michael Lutheran, Houston	35	Redeemer Lutheran, Austin	34
Our Redeemer Lutheran, Houston	34	Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Houston	34
St. Paul Lutheran, Fort Worth	33	Christ Memorial Lutheran, Houston	28
Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Houston	33	St. Paul Lutheran, Fort Worth	27
Redeemer Lutheran, Austin	28	Immanuel Lutheran, Houston	27
Immanuel Lutheran, Houston	26	Grace Lutheran, Arlington	26
Grace Lutheran, Arlington	25	Zion Lutheran, Dallas	24
St. Mark Lutheran, Houston	23	Our Redeemer Lutheran, Dallas	22

STEWARDSHIP

Function (District Handbook):

1. Cooperate with Synod's Board of Stewardship, Mission Education, and Promotion in assisting and advising congregations of the District in the development and promotion of an adequate stewardship program;
2. Strive to develop the stewardship program on every level in keeping with the following principles:
 - a) Education in the principles of stewardship;
 - b) Recognition of the responsibilities of Church membership;
 - c) Activation and training of laity;
 - d) Mission education;
 - e) The grace of Christian giving
3. In the general interest of stewardship, encourage congregations to establish a functioning Stewardship Committee, whose duty shall be to promote and administer a program of total stewardship in the congregation according to the above principles;
4. Foster closer personal commitment to Christ through the use of an effective program;
5. In the interest of World Missions, suggest that congregations remit a set percentage of total receipts, promote the observance of two mission festivals annually, encourage congregations to borrow if necessary to meet their World Mission commitment, and remit their contributions for World Missions on a monthly basis;
6. In preparation for promotion of the District Budget:
 - a) Alert spending agencies of the District sufficiently in advance of the Board of Directors Work Program meeting to study their financial needs for the succeeding year and report anticipated needs to the Board;
 - b) Consolidate the needs of agencies and submit the Work Program figures to the Board of Directors for amendment and/or approval.

PLAN OF ACTION

Stewardship of Life Committee

Objective	Strategy
1. More members informed on World Missions	1a. Area Mission Fairs ('73, '74, '75) 1b. Cassette tapes from the district with messages from district leaders and mission workers ('73, '74, '75) 1c. Slide presentation on mission work in Texas ('74 in coordination with ECV) 1d. Mini-Messenger ('73, '74, '75) 1e. Promote Mission Ed plus projects in: day school, Sunday School, and mid-week school ('73) 1f. Developing a plan of action which will involve more of our foreign missionaries in congregation and person-to-person contact in the Texas District
2. A better informed laity relative to their responsibilities and privileges of church membership	2a. A slide presentation highlighting responsibilities and privileges in general with added script plus suggestions to localize presentation ('74) 2b. Place synodical filmstrip plus record regarding responsibilities and privileges of church membership in film library and promoting same ('73) 2c. Helps and guidelines for congregation orientation meetings ('74)
3. Involving, sensitizing, and enlisting more of our members in use of their time and talents for Christ	3a. Providing congregations with "helps" and ideas for enlisting members ('75) 3b. Providing pastors with motivational materials (sermon helps, Bible study, etc.) in area of time and talents ('75)
4. Helping to equip church leaders in their responsibility to lead their people in a total life committed to Christ	4a. Congregation leaders workshops ('73, '74, '75) 4b. Area workshops for congregation leaders ('73, '74, '75) 4c. Resource packet for church leaders workshops ('73, '74, '75)

PLAN OF ACTION

Stewardship of Giving Committee

Objective	Strategy
1. To stimulate a greater spirit of loyalty and trust among our members, congregations, district, and synod under a united faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.	1a. 1973 ECVs led by members of the district boards and staff. 1b. Personal letters by staff. Train and send "mission specialists."
2. To assist congregations in meeting their responsibility to their members in their Christian stewardship of spending.	2a. Family Financial Planning pilot series. 2b. Provide additional resources: materials, personnel.
3. To assist congregations in the administration of funds.	3a. Workshop for financial officers. 3b. Make available model forms and systems.
4. To aid congregations in developing more effective EMVs.	4. 1975 district directed EMV program.
5. To improve communication between synod/district and laity.	5. Lay conferences.

PLAN OF ACTION

Stewardship of Giving Committee (continued)

Objective	Strategy
6. To personalize World Missions.	6. 1974 Texas missionary in every self-sustaining congregation on a given Sunday during Bible Class and worship.
7. To develop an avenue of approach to deal with congregations that are irresponsibly low in World Mission giving.	7. To develop a resolution of concern and/or action regarding this matter to the district/synod.
8. To develop better and more modern ways of receiving members' offerings.	8. Give assignment to special task force having expertise in the world of finances.

Performance . . . '72 & '73

1. **Area Mission Education Fair:** The Texas District Stewardship of Life Committee conducted a "pilot" area mission education fair in Northwest Houston in '71. Following this, the committee developed a complete, detailed Area Mission Fair Manual, including step-by-step guidelines and resource materials for the fair. Circuits of the district are being offered the "package" program of a manual plus resource leader to help organize the fair.
2. **Mini-Messenger:** A four-page bulletin insert is being prepared on a quarterly basis and sent to each congregation in bulk for Sunday service distribution. This messenger highlights and personalizes the various areas of mission work being done in the Texas District and supported by World Mission dollars.
3. **Congregation Self-Studies:** Both resource materials and staff are available to congregations for a complete self-study in terms of understanding its mission, identifying problems and challenges, and the development of a proposed plan of action for the congregation. This is usually a three to six month process, and is undertaken only if requested by a congregation.
4. **Mission Education in Christian Day Schools:** The importance of mission education in our Christian day school system in Texas was highlighted at the 1973 District Teachers Conference in Houston. The teachers unanimously adopted a resolution setting up a special teachers' mission education committee which is to develop a thorough mission education program for Christian day schools. This special committee is now in the process of developing this program.
5. **Mobile Mission Van:** A new idea for a more thorough and personalized mission education program has been developed and submitted to Synod's stewardship department for consideration. A complete 31 page feasibility study was developed and presented to Synod with the hope that it will be adopted, implemented, and utilized in all the districts of Synod. The basic idea is to design and construct a complete mission education travel mobile unit, to be manned by a trained, dedicated Christian team who could travel to congregations throughout a district "showing and telling" the world mission story to congregations in assemblies, Christian day schools, LWML organizations, etc. The mobile trailer unit would be a "walk through" type structure with audio-visual presentations concerning mission work in the district as well as in North America and all the world. The feasibility study included a summary of the study to date, design of the mobile unit, preliminary exhibit layout, cost estimates, and a research and reference listing. Synod is presently studying the proposal.
6. **Integrating New Members:** Studies have been made of effective integration of new member programs within congregations. Suggestions are being compiled and an audio-visual presentation is being prepared and will be shared with congregations of the Texas District.
7. **Stewardship of Natural Resources Sunday:** The Texas District Board of Directors approved a recommendation from the Board of Parish Services that a special Sunday be designated as Stewardship of Natural Resources Sunday in the Texas District. Resource materials were developed and sent to the congregations of the Texas District for this special Sunday.

8. **District-wide Stewardship Workshops:** Area stewardship workshops were conducted in 15 strategic areas of the state in the fall of 1972. The workshops were led by district staff and stewardship committee members. The program included: 1. A position paper on "Giving." 2. "Vision of Mission" planning guide. 3. A visual presentation on district work. 4. An inspirational presentation on "The Miracle of Giving."
9. **Christian Family Money Management:** The Stewardship of Giving Committee has developed a Christian Family Money Management plan and is now developing a leader's guide for its presentation in congregations. Pilot programs have been presented in several congregations in the Texas District during a series of four Sunday morning Bible class periods. Once the leader's guide has been completed, key people throughout the state will be trained and will be ready to offer these presentations in congregations desiring their services.
10. **Working with Low World Mission Performance Congregations:** A Parish Services staff member arranges meetings with leaders of congregations that are low in World Mission performance or are declining in World Mission support. In each case, there is an attempt to analyze the problem, to identify trends, and to offer assistance.
11. **Monthly Computerized World Mission Reports:** A monthly statement is mailed to each congregation giving an up-to-date report on World Mission contributions by that congregation for the month and year to date. The statement is accompanied by a Parish Services Newsletter giving information, news, helps, and hints.
12. **Statistical Studies and Reports:** To assist congregation leaders in evaluating their congregation's performance, special studies and reports are prepared for each congregation on an annual basis. The statistical comparison study includes: communicant strength, amount contributed for all purposes, home purposes, and world missions per communicant, the World Mission goal, World Mission receipts, percent of budget for World Missions, and adults confirmed.
13. **Staff Consultant Services for Congregation Expansion Programs:** Congregations of the Texas District planning expansion programs (either personnel or building) are encouraged to utilize the services of a district staff consultant before finalizing their plans. The district staff member in no way tells the congregation what it must do, but rather serves as a consultant to evaluate the plans and to give suggestions as needed.
14. **Changing Community Plan of Action:** The pastors of four Texas District congregations in changing communities, together with a district staff member, were involved in a ten-day institute in St. Louis where, through professional assistance, each pastor developed a plan which enabled him to move from his present situation and integrate his newly developed insights into a ministry proposal for his next year's work. A variety of day-long workshops and training labs were offered to engage the practical/parish subjects unique to each participant.
15. **Every Congregation Visit:** In the fall of 1973, a plan was developed and undertaken whereby district staff and board members visit with the leaders of each congregation. The objectives of this visitation were: 1. to enrich the sense of personal loyalty and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. 2. to instill in each a sense of loyalty and trust between congregation members and district/synod. 3. to share a trust response with district/synod with the congregations and their members. 4. to obtain a trust response from congregations and their members in support of district/synod. Guidelines, flip charts, and other resource materials were developed for the ECV. Based upon the evaluations of the visitors, the visitations were judged to be extremely valuable and helpful both to congregation leaders as well as district leaders.
16. **Manpower Bank:** A Manpower Bank has been established in the district office containing the names of outstanding lay leaders in congregations throughout the Texas District . . . persons who have expertise in special areas of service for Christ, as well as people who have proven themselves to be outstanding leaders in church and community, and who might be available for service in district and synodical areas of service.
17. **World Mission Congregation Goals:** Each year, either a specific dollar goal or a percentage increase goal is prepared and shared with congregations of the Texas District. In December of each year, a pledge card is sent to all congregations, asking them to submit their World Mission goal for the coming year. The total of these goals determines the district budget for the coming year.
18. **"Loyalty and Trust" Worship Service Materials:** Special worship materials were prepared and distributed to all congregations of the Texas District in 1973, with the encouragement that a special Sunday be set aside to emphasize the congregation's partnership with district and synod in a common mission for Christ.

19. **Biennial District Lay Conference:** Repeated comments of lay leaders during our 1973 Every Congregation Visits to the effect that there is a need for a better informed and motivated lay leadership in Texas prompted the convention proposal to establish a Biennial District Lay Conference. This conference would be both inspirational and informational in nature.
20. **Church Contribution Alternatives:** Members of the Texas District Stewardship of Giving Committee are doing exploratory work on "church contribution alternatives", such as charge plates, bank drafts, and other systems that offer possibilities. Should experiments prove successful in the "testing" congregations, plans will be shared with the congregations of the Texas District.
21. **Professionally Directed Stewardship EMV for Texas Congregations:** A feasibility study is presently being made for a possible professionally directed stewardship EMV for Texas congregations. Texas District congregations wishing to participate would send their stewardship EMV leaders to a special meeting for training and organization. Each phase of the EMV would then be professionally directed. Target date for such a district-wide EMV is 1975.
22. **Per Family Income Study:** A family income comparison study for each county and city in the state of Texas over an eight year span was prepared and sent out to each congregation. The study revealed that there has been at least a 50 percent . . . and in many cases a 75 percent income increase in most areas of our state within an eight year period. Further studies showed that most congregations in the Texas District have not been keeping up with this income increase in terms of member contributions for all purposes. The study revealed that there is a potential for sizeable increases in contributions in many congregations.
23. **Texas District Work Program:** Each year, the various department leaders of the district submit itemized financial projected needs to the Director of Parish Services. The work program proposal is then developed and presented to the Board of Directors for study and evaluation. The Board of Directors, on the basis of the work program study and the pledges of the congregations, adopts a budget for the coming year.
24. **Church Leaders Training Sessions:** Parish Services staff members offer their services to help conduct congregation leaders training sessions. This applies to any type of assistance for a specific board or committee, or an in-depth training weekend for all congregation leaders. Resource materials are also made available upon request. A number of congregations in the Texas District have availed themselves of both personnel and resources. Congregations using this service have indicated a high degree of satisfaction.
25. **Stewardship Presentation Offer:** The Director of Parish Services, during the past few years, has been asked on numerous occasions to give special stewardship presentations for worship services, loyalty Sunday, stewardship banquets, EMV leaders motivation and training meetings, etc. This is a continuous service offered to congregations desiring this type of assistance.

26. **Texas District Budgets and Receipts:**

	Budget	Receipts
1972 Pledged Budget:	\$1,860,967	
1972 World Mission Receipts:		\$1,812,223
1973 Pledged Budget:	\$1,910,000	
1973 World Mission Receipts:		\$1,864,464
1974 Pledged Budget:	\$2,000,000	

27. **Gospel Revitalization Thrust:** A "package" Gospel Revitalization program was developed and offered to congregations of the Texas District in 1972. The package included: (1) A Gospel Revitalization manual developed in a pilot program with 18 key pastors in the Texas District, utilizing the resource leadership of the Reverend Victor Constien, Secretary of Adult Education for Synod. (2) Cassette tape and printed sermon series entitled "The Prodigal Son" written and delivered by Dr. Paul Bretscher during the workshop experience at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Austin, Texas. (3) Essay "Cain, Come Home" presented by Dr. Paul Bretscher and reproduced on cassette tapes. (4) A resource person to work with the participating congregation. In all, 47 congregations received the benefits of this program. Phase II of this program involves the offer of the "The Prodigal Son" sermon series on cassette tapes and in print to pastors of the Texas District on a cost basis.
28. **Congregation World Mission Contributions . . . '72 & '73:** Columns 1 & 2 list total contributions for World Missions (district and synodical budget); Columns 3 & 4 list congregations per communicant average for World Missions:

Congregation	World Missions 1972	World Missions 1973	Per Com. Av. 1972	Per Com. Av. 1973
Circuit #1				
(CC: Roland Friedrichs)				
Amarillo, Christ	\$ 4,608	\$ 3,842	\$15	\$13
Amarillo, Faith	6,137	2,583	48	20
Amarillo, Trinity	10,248	9,477	21	18
Borger, Trinity	5,527	7,048	28	30
Dumas, St. John	3,499	4,297	28	34
Pampa, Zion	4,377	2,687	24	15
Perryton, Bethlehem	2,321	2,275	37	37
Shamrock, Trinity	691	710	8	8
Circuit #2				
(CC: David Melber)				
Canyon, St. Paul	3,750	4,206	33	38
Tulia, Christ	2,045	2,459	36	40
Friona, Immanuel	2,509	2,615	78	90
Friona, Redeemer	779	701	19	13
Hereford, Immanuel	4,676	4,702	35	41
Lariat, St. John	5,773	7,887	63	84
Plainview, St. Paul	9,825	10,410	37	38
Circuit #3				
(CC: George Ascher)				
Lamesa, Grace	5,936	5,546	38	40
Littlefield, Emmanuel	3,071	3,048	24	26
Lubbock, Christ	8,609	10,446	37	37
Lubbock, Our Savior	70	35	9	4
Lubbock, Redeemer	11,505	10,026	24	21
Lubbock, University	900	900	-	-
Post, Faith	800	880	42	38
Wilson, St. Paul	2,488	4,005	19	28
Circuit #4				
(CC: A. Dean Kelm)				
Andrews, Faith	4,062	4,260	42	44
Kermit, Zion	2,535	2,520	50	43
Big Spring, St. Paul	1,016	2,657	6	13
Ft. Stockton, Faith	1,500	1,320	29	25
Midland, Grace	7,163	7,910	20	20
Monahans, St. Paul	2,609	2,150	79	56
Pecos, Trinity	3,047	2,303	47	33
Odessa, Redeemer	3,521	4,571	10	13
Rankin, Immanuel	935	700	18	15
Circuit #5				
(CC: J. Arthur Rebber)				
Ballinger, Bethel	187	420	4	6
Eden, Trinity	3,552	3,077	34	32
Brady, Mt. Calvary	827	850	11	12
Menard, Grace	1,163	1,057	29	26
Brownwood, Grace	2,065	2,336	15	16
Eola, Mt. Calvary	2,608	2,575	22	26
Ozona, Faith	91	840	5	42
Sonora, Hope	1,200	1,325	44	39
San Angelo, Trinity	12,112	8,707	22	17

Congregation	World Missions 1972	World Missions 1973	Per Com. Av. 1972	Per Com. Av. 1973
Circuit #6				
(CC: C. T. Boriack)				
Abilene, Our Savior	\$ 3,278	\$ 3,358	\$14	\$15
Abilene, Zion	10,114	10,345	34	34
Albany, Trinity	4,443	3,800	37	31
Cisco, Redeemer	8,953	8,644	60	53
Sweetwater, Faith	558	689	6	7
Circuit #7				
(CC: Gerald Thiele)				
Bowie, St. Peter	3,610	3,944	38	34
Burkburnett, Grace	3,185	3,751	21	23
Clara, Trinity	3,509	3,324	26	30
Harrold, Immanuel	1,799	3,370	14	26
Olney, St. Luke	4,814	5,124	24	25
Seymour, Trinity	907	1,038	24	29
Vernon, Zion	9,332	7,679	44	36
Vernon, St. Paul	8,491	8,202	23	23
Wichita Falls, Our Redeemer	7,308	7,407	24	24
Wichita Falls, St. Paul	10,000	10,600	20	21
Graham, Faith	564	625	13	15
Iowa Park, Good Shepherd	182	390	1	6
Circuit #8				
(CC: Roger Neeb)				
Azle, Good Shepherd	3,240	3,504	39	34
Bedford, Concordia	5,100	4,361	29	20
Bridgeport, Trinity	1,000	600	31	19
Fort Worth, St. Paul	26,116	25,938	26	24
Fort Worth, Zion	2,785	3,063	7	8
Hurst, Peace	17,897	18,856	40	40
Circuit #9				
(CC: Harold Hein)				
Arlington, Grace	16,128	16,419	29	26
Cleburne, Ascension	1,800	2,299	25	26
Weatherford, Trinity	2,899	3,108	24	34
Fort Worth, Christ	13,273	12,717	47	42
Fort Worth, Redeemer	2,042	1,940	8	8
Mineral Wells, St. Mark	2,135	2,332	18	19
Stephenville, Faith	2,854	3,000	43	44
Arlington, University	100	-	-	-
Granbury, Our Savior	-	1,024	-	-
Circuit #11				
(CC: Raymond Reich)				
Aleman, St. Paul	8,561	9,525	35	40
Copperas Cove, Immanuel	6,088	6,000	35	30
Lampasas, Faith	612	802	14	17
Copperas Cove, Trinity	4,329	5,057	24	27
Gatesville, First	400	600	8	11

Congregation	World Missions 1972	World Missions 1973	Per Com. Av. 1972	Per Com. Av. 1973
The Grove, St. Paul	\$ 3,356	\$ 3,554	\$22	\$28
Hamilton, St. John	4,441	4,804	17	17
Killeen, Grace	5,823	7,521	11	38
Pottsville, Immanuel	1,335	1,324	21	22

Circuit #12

(CC: Vernon Appel)

Belton, Prince of Peace	2,649	2,709	37	30
Temple, Immanuel	11,640	12,435	31	32
Noack, Christ	2,826	3,194	26	28
Rockdale, Grace	3,803	3,508	45	42
Taylor, Trinity	5,600	6,300	32	34
Thorndale, St. Paul	16,985	19,344	36	41
Walburg, Zion	15,346	16,613	33	35

Circuit #13

(CC: T. R. Griesse)

Clifton, Immanuel	3,854	4,648	24	30
Hillsboro, Christ	1,212	1,400	9	9
Malone, Salem	5,683	6,613	20	23
Marlin, Grace	4,702	5,112	16	17
Mart, Grace	4,232	4,505	24	24
Riesel, Trinity	4,922	4,883	17	18
Waco, St. Mark	6,616	11,000	11	18
Waco, St. Paul	5,983	6,635	25	26
Waco, Trinity	8,825	9,088	16	15
Rosebud, First	3,629	3,859	46	52

Circuit #14

(CC: Theodore Dallmann)

Dallas, Grace	7,958	7,948	13	13
Dallas, Our Savior	7,801	8,299	27	29
Dallas, St. Paul	6,251	6,126	49	75
Grand Prairie, Faith	12,300	11,500	37	32
Irving, Good Shepherd	9,000	9,000	18	17
Irving, Our Redeemer	4,761	8,016	38	56
Waxahachie, Christ the King	4,000	2,333	55	28

Circuit #15

(CC: Harold Schroeter)

Dallas, Bethel	21,025	17,054	50	38
Dallas, Hope	7,802	7,838	33	32
Dallas, Mt. Olive	1,750	2,550	14	20
Dallas, Oak Lawn	-	-	-	-
Dallas, Trinity	12,000	12,000	33	32
Dallas, Zion	38,303	37,917	41	42
Garland, Peace	1,210	887	4	3

Circuit #16

(CC: Fred Mattil)

Carrollton, Prince of Peace	6,148	7,214	28	28
Dallas, Holy Cross	15,397	20,000	26	32
Dallas, Our Redeemer	17,701	20,413	35	39

Congregation	World Missions 1972	World Missions 1973	Per Com. Av. 1972	Per Com. Av. 1973
Denton, St. Paul	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,008	\$ 9	\$ 6
Lewisville, Lamb of God	4,200	4,500	38	28
Plano, Faith	1,668	3,431	11	21
Richardson, Messiah	28,025	30,000	49	52
Circuit #17				
(CC: Delmer Brack)				
Clarksville, St. John	1,700	2,000	29	36
Paris, Grace	2,841	2,903	27	29
Commerce, Trinity	3,000	3,000	51	54
Sulphur Springs, Our Savior	2,700	1,871	36	27
Denison, Grace	3,771	3,901	18	19
Honey Grove, St. James	960	832	14	11
Texarkana, First	7,200	7,531	29	29
Circuit #18				
(CC: Hugo Gurney)				
Corsicana, Faith	2,340	2,400	49	55
Kilgore, Pilgrim	2,997	3,135	32	31
Longview, Our Redeemer	4,000	4,600	38	35
Lufkin, First	1,838	1,133	11	7
Nacogdoches, Redeemer	3,300	3,600	73	73
Palestine, Bethlehem	5,441	2,852	48	25
Tyler, Trinity	8,100	8,100	28	29
Jasper, St. Paul	-	100	-	-
Circuit #19				
(CC: Jon Siemsglusz)				
Anderson, Zion	3,985	4,366	19	20
Brenham, Grace	9,861	10,108	22	15
Bryan, Bethel	13,920	12,072	27	23
College Station, University	500	400	56	22
Lyons, Immanuel	25	25	.83	.83
Wm. Penn, Bethlehem	5,084	5,404	19	21
Navasota, Trinity	6,986	7,806	22	25
North Zulch, Bethlehem	1,036	1,220	32	41
White Hall, Salem	5,370	4,846	32	27
Circuit #21				
(CC: J. K. Blumhorst)				
Conroe, St. Mark	10,007	12,132	40	40
Cypress, St. John	10,011	10,500	19	19
Huntsville, Faith	4,000	4,500	35	38
Livingston, Trinity	2,210	2,723	33	38
Spring, Trinity	28,468	30,000	33	35
Tomball, Salem	14,978	-	36	-
Tomball, Zion	9,000	9,514	27	27
Westfield, St. Matthew	14,340	4,939	28	9
Cleveland, Good Shepherd	1,405	1,568	26	24
Spring, Resurrection	4,958	5,500	54	38
Houston, St. Timothy	-	696	-	-

Congregation	World Missions 1972	World Missions 1973	Per Com. Av. 1972	Per Com. Av. 1973
Circuit #22				
(CC: Bruce Blakelock)				
Beaumont, Redeemer	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$34	\$34
Beaumont, St. John	14,000	7,831	41	23
Nederland, Holy Cross	12,770	15,590	40	46
Orange, Grace	10,626	13,051	86	106
Port Arthur, Good Shepherd	4,318	4,867	28	35
Port Arthur, St. Mark	675	1,300	7	14
Groves, St. Paul	7,485	7,312	28	26
Port Arthur, Trinity	20,264	18,008	36	33
Circuit #23				
(CC: William Bredemeyer)				
Baytown, Redeemer	6,550	7,456	17	20
Channelview, Grace	3,017	3,600	20	20
Crosby, Our Shepherd	3,666	3,368	30	22
Galena Park, Peace	4,161	5,477	14	19
Houston, Christ	4,327	4,401	17	17
Pasadena, Good Shepherd	8,964	9,902	21	23
Pasadena, Zion	11,907	11,898	17	16
Circuit #24				
(CC: G. W. Fickenscher)				
Houston, Bethany	10,801	11,897	13	14
Houston, Calvary	4,503	2,104	27	17
Houston, Our Redeemer	5,400	9,480	7	12
Houston, Our Savior	10,672	10,888	14	15
Houston, St. Luke	9,958	9,757	18	18
Houston, Mt. Calvary	676	1,004	10	14
Houston, Beautiful Savior	11,710	15,982	30	35
Houston, Holy Spirit	-	3,000	-	48
Circuit #25				
(CC: W. T. Eifert)				
Houston, Bethlehem	2,298	3,800	8	11
Houston, Concordia	10,696	12,504	29	31
Houston, Gethsemane	17,300	18,637	31	33
Houston, Immanuel	24,700	23,700	25	24
Houston, Messiah	8,500	8,211	18	18
Houston, St. Mark	16,120	21,235	8	14
Circuit #26				
(CC: A. W. Radtke)				
Houston, Christ Memorial	18,000	18,305	40	32
Houston, Pilgrim	19,247	19,721	24	24
Houston, St. Andrew	15,400	15,006	19	23
Houston, St. Philip	7,333	8,799	27	28
Houston, St. Matthew	18,724	19,244	28	28
Houston, St. Michael	6,508	6,252	17	15
Houston, Memorial	4,375	11,463	7	17

Congregation	World Missions 1972	World Missions 1973	Per Com. Av. 1972	Per Com. Av. 1973
Circuit #27 (CC: Wayne Dittloff)				
Houston, Ascension	\$ 6,005	\$ 6,903	\$20	\$22
Houston, Holy Cross	1,500	900	17	10
Houston, Mt. Olive	8,104	9,900	16	17
Houston, St. John	1,000	1,500	2	3
Houston, St. Paul	6,358	4,269	23	17
Houston, St. Peter	1,037	872	7	6
Houston, Trinity	48,970	52,400	36	39
Houston, Holy 3-in-1 Deaf	25	100	-	-
Houston, University	-	-	-	-
Circuit #28 (CC: Walter Dube)				
Friendswood, Hope	3,682	6,504	7	12
Galveston, St. John	1,000	1,000	3	3
Houston, Gloria Dei	6,700	7,600	26	29
Houston, King of Kings	9,000	8,670	49	46
Texas City, Peace	4,167	5,033	11	12
Circuit #29 (CC: Walter Bielefeldt)				
Freeport, Grace	444	383	4	3
Katy, Memorial	6,610	6,895	33	33
Lake Jackson, St. Mark	5,127	5,396	30	30
Pattison, Christ	2,076	2,161	19	20
Rosenberg, Trinity	6,704	4,107	30	19
Sealy, Trinity	10,025	9,731	19	18
Sweeny, St. Luke	223	245	3	3
Wallis, St. Paul	1,774	1,819	15	16
Wharton, St. John	11,312	11,147	45	43
Edna, St. Paul	2,910	3,077	17	17
Palacios, Our Redeemer	50	200	3	12
Victoria, Grace	1,200	1,492	6	8
Sugar Land, Faith	-	1,000	-	-
Circuit #31 (CC: LaVerne Fitch)				
La Grange, Mt. Calvary	12,172	12,564	23	24
Schulenburg, Zion	3,725	3,903	23	26
Serbin, St. Paul	11,208	12,571	32	35
Smithville, Grace	2,884	3,240	11	12
Warda, Holy Cross	4,321	4,107	18	17
Winchester, St. Michael	5,728	6,352	25	28
Circuit #32 (CC: Emil Krugler)				
Dime Box, Trinity	677	777	9	10
Elgin, Grace	1,672	1,322	22	17
Fedor, Trinity	3,379	3,729	22	23
Giddings, Immanuel	20,106	18,325	18	17
Lexington, St. James	5,065	5,027	21	21
Lincoln, St. John	4,604	5,263	19	22
Loebau, Christ	525	1,850	5	19
Manheim, Ebenezer	3,149	3,390	20	23

Congregation	World Missions 1972	World Missions 1973	Per Com. Av. 1972	Per Com. Av. 1973
Circuit #33				
(CC: Roy Bohrer)				
Austin, Bethany	\$ 7,754	\$ 8,400	\$21	\$21
Austin, Christ	4,645	5,206	20	20
Austin, Hope	16,057	14,412	38	31
Austin, Redeemer	37,771	38,489	28	27
Austin, St. Paul	34,431	31,600	32	30
Austin, San Juan	1,352	250	16	3
Austin, Trinity	15,862	14,695	29	27
Austin, Jesus Church of Deaf	600	500	-	-
Austin, University	1,900	2,146	42	37
Austin, Our Savior	-	84	-	-
Cedar Park, Good Shepherd	-	505	-	-
Circuit #34				
(CC: E. E. Wagner)				
Kerrville, Holy Cross	2,651	3,000	15	17
San Antonio, Concordia	50,500	57,500	25	27
San Antonio, Mt. Calvary	9,000	9,500	20	19
San Antonio, Peace	1,318	-	6	-
San Antonio, Redeemer	15,139	15,131	33	32
San Antonio, St. Matthew	3,000	3,000	24	24
San Antonio, Shepherd of the Hills	3,427	3,771	23	22
Circuit #35				
(CC: Marvin Tschatschula)				
Kingsbury, Evangelical	1,220	1,499	20	17
New Braunfels, Cross	11,052	11,019	34	33
San Antonio, Beautiful Savior	978	960	4	4
San Antonio, Holy Cross	6,660	6,634	20	19
San Antonio, Immanuel	7,388	6,630	24	19
San Antonio, St. Paul	12,000	11,000	22	20
San Marcos, Grace	198	374	2	4
Seguin, Grace	3,514	3,634	25	27
San Antonio, Deaf	5	25	-	-
Circuit #36				
(CC: Eldor Mickan)				
Del Rio, Grace	1,359	150	10	12
Devine, Grace	525	927	11	24
Pearsall, St. Peter	2,800	2,800	39	39
LaPryor, St. Paul	885	893	55	43
Uvalde, Trinity	3,714	3,388	38	35
Laredo, Faith	3,148	2,850	52	48
San Antonio, Mt. Olive	8,500	9,200	19	19
San Antonio, Trinidad	2,990	1,000	25	10

Congregation	World Missions 1972	World Missions 1973	Per Com. Av. 1972	Per Com. Av. 1973
Circuit #38 (CC: Fred Boden)				
Alice, Trinity	\$ 4,123	\$ 4,573	\$46	\$57
Premont, Grace	794	908	20	23
Bishop, St. Paul	11,917	11,583	49	46
Corpus Christi, Mt. Olive	80	270	.39	2
Corpus Christi, Our Savior	2,200	2,000	17	16
Corpus Christi, St. John	2,600	4,000	7	10
Corpus Christi, Trinity	8,148	8,390	14	13
Kingsville, St. Paul	10,034	9,579	36	36
Aransas Pass, Faith	1,302	1,535	32	37
Rockport, Peace	1,500	1,625	27	26
Beeville, Trinity	1,200	1,200	12	14
Refugio, Trinity	1,200	1,425	31	41
Three Rivers, St. Paul	700	700	18	17
West Sinton, Trinity	4,200	4,391	79	83
Circuit #39 (CC: Roy Stoll)				
Alamo, Zion	4,517	4,134	32	30
Brownsville, Evangelical	518	320	8	4
Brownsville, Trinity	2,575	2,650	14	14
Harlingen, Our Redeemer	400	-	8	-
Harlingen, St. Paul	6,500	6,526	21	20
McAllen, Good Shepherd	600	1,200	3	7
McAllen, St. Paul	14,800	16,235	26	28
Mercedes, Immanuel	4,508	4,329	27	24
Raymondville, Mt. Calvary	8,136	9,197	51	60
San Benito, St. John	1,171	1,007	12	10

RECRUITMENT

Function (District Handbook):

1. Stimulate and encourage our District members regularly to concern themselves with an on-going recruitment program within the congregation;
2. Develop and distribute recruitment materials designed and prepared for special use within the District;
3. Cooperate with Synod's Board for Higher Education, furnishing reports to said Board, and receiving and distributing reports from said Board;
4. Stimulate and solicit scholarship funds and other student aid funds;
5. Coordinate recruitment efforts within Austin Concordia College and the District Auxiliary Organizations.

PLAN OF ACTION

Recruitment Committee

Objective	Strategy
1. Recruit men for pastoral ministry	1a. Ministerial Youth Retreat ('73, '74, '75) 1b. Participant Follow-up ('73, '74, '75) 1c. Utilize Christian Day School ('73, '74) 1d. Utilize Parish Agencies ('73, '74, '75)
2. Recruit for all facets of church vocations other than pastoral ministry	2a. Recognize opportunities for full-time workers and disseminate information regarding broad spectrum of church vocations ('73, '74, '75) 2b. Provide church vocation clinics, seminars, retreats ('75) 2c. Utilize Christian Day School ('73, '74) 2d. Utilize Parish Agencies ('73, '74)
3. Sensitize Recruiters	3a. Promotional materials to pastors ('74, '75) 3b. Special plans to reach Christian Day School Teachers 3c. Promotional materials for parents ('74, '75) 3d. Promotional materials for church lay-leaders ('75) 3e. Conference, Rally, and Convention presentations ('74) 3f. Develop a plan for utilizing key recruitment personnel throughout state ('75)
4. Recruit students for Concordia College, Austin	4a. Hold retreats at Concordia ('73, '74) 4b. Coordinate activities of Recruitment Committee with Concordia P. R. Department ('73, '74, '75) 4c. Promote Concordia where ever possible through the various avenues of recruiting in which the committee is involved ('73, '75) 4d. Concordia Scholarships to Youth Retreat participants & others ('73, '74, '75)

Performance . . . '72 & '73

- Recruitment Youth Retreats:** The Texas District Recruitment Committee conducts two five-day retreats each summer . . . one for boys in the 8th and 9th grades, and the other for 10th, 11th, and 12th graders and first year students in college. Thirty young men are selected for each retreat from recommendations submitted by Texas congregations. A pastor counselor is chosen for each five boys attending. The objectives of the retreat are two-fold: 1. Recruit students for the pastoral ministry. 2. Instill within these young men a better understanding of and a greater appreciation and support for the pastoral ministry. The retreats emphasize Christian vocation and explore the many kinds of roles pastors fill today. The week of activities includes: visits to a large church, small parish, parsonage, suburban congregation, inner-city mission, city hospital chaplaincy, campus ministry, military chaplaincy, Texas District office, prison chaplaincy, a presentation by a foreign missionary, and a taste of classroom work under the direction of Concordia College professors. This unique ministerial recruiting program, developed by the Texas District Recruitment Committee, has become a very effective ministerial recruiting system. 289 young men have participated in a retreat to date. 125 of these are now in college. Of these 125 . . . 40 (32%) are presently attending a Lutheran college. 31 of the 125 (24.7%) are preparing for the ministry. Of those having

attended a ministerial youth retreat who are still in high school and who have been contacted since attending the retreat, over 82% of them have expressed an interest in preparing for the public ministry. Following are some comments lifted from evaluations completed by youth attending our latest retreat:

"I think we should be able to come back again, even if we have to pay."

"Great! Someone turned my 'light' on."

"I experienced the greatest thrill in my life being here and I enjoyed it. Thank you for asking me."

"By far this has been probably the most worthwhile and enjoyable time that I have ever had. I saw things that I had never seen and did things I had never done."

"It gave me a real insight of the ministry."

"It has changed my view of the ministry tremendously."

"It made me more interested in the ministry."

"It opened my eyes to all the possibilities of ministry."

2. **Recruitment Youth Retreat Follow-up:** A complete, up-to-date record is kept on each recruitment youth retreat participant. Included on the record are such things as follow-up visitations made, correspondence, school being attended, etc. During the summer of 1973, seminary graduate D. R. Nelson was enlisted to make personal follow-up visitations on all young men having attended a retreat. 177 were contacted in this process. The pastors of these young men were also visited wherever possible. Another follow-up procedure which has now been adopted is a weekend retreat involving alumni of the recruitment youth retreats who are still showing interest in studying for the parish ministry. The emphasis on this follow-up will be more on "Is the parish ministry for me?" and "the Christian perspective on vocation."
3. **Scholarships:** The B. M. Woltman Foundation in Houston has been making available to the Texas District the sum of \$25,000 each year in support of students preparing for the parish ministry. The Texas District places \$20,000 in its annual budget for student aid in support of students preparing for full-time church work. Each student participating in a recruitment youth retreat is offered a financial grant to attend Concordia College, Austin, Texas.
4. **Recruitment Brochure:** A recruitment brochure is presently being prepared by the committee for distribution within congregations.
5. **Recruitment Through the Christian Day School:** A special Christian Day School task force has been asked to examine recruiting possibilities within the Christian day school and to come up with specific recommendations and plans for a more effective recruiting program in that area.
6. **Something New for '74 Recruitment Youth Retreats:** In the past, a number of the boys nominated were not selected for a retreat. Plans now call for a "no lose" approach in that each candidate will either be selected for the regular retreat, or will be invited to a special weekend gathering.
7. **Promoting Recruitment:** In order to encourage congregation leaders . . . as well as all parents . . . to recruit young people for a professional church vocation, articles have been prepared for various publications including the "Lutheran Witness Supplement," regional conference reports, Parish Services Newsletter, and other mailings to congregations.
8. **Contact with the Board for Higher Education:** The Texas District Recruitment Committee is keeping in close contact with the staff members of the Board of Higher Education in order to determine the continued needs for recruitment and various plans for recruitment.
9. **Developments and Trends:** All of us need to be aware of the following trends among young people: the avoidance of specific vocational commitment by many young people; the postponement of vocational decisions, often until late college years; the surge of vocational and proprietary schools and training programs; the decline of the "college phenomenon" (campus life and activities).

10. **Church Workers Shortage Becoming Critical:** In 1965, 465 men entered synodical schools with the intent of professionally entering the ministry. In 1973, only 199 students are beginning their pastoral studies. A similar situation exists for Christian day school teachers. Our problem will become critical if not remedied in the very near future. **RECRUIT!**

EDUCATION

Function (District Handbook)

1. Promote all areas and concerns of Christian education through use of publications and the printed word, personal counseling, and group presentations;
2. Provide leadership training for the congregational workers in Christian education through workshops, conferences, and specially prepared study materials;
3. In the general interest of Christian education within the District encourage congregations to establish a functioning Christian Education Committee, whose duty shall be to promote and administer a program of total Christian education in the congregation;
4. Provide consultative service to congregations and Christian education associations;
5. Serve as liaison with Synod's Board of Parish Education by receiving and acting on suggestions and directives;
6. Serve as a representative of the Lutheran schools of Texas with State and Federal Governments and other organizations outside the Church, and represent the interests of the Texas District in the field of Public Education;
7. Serve in a research capacity by studying and evaluating the District program of Christian education on a continuing basis.

PLAN OF ACTION

School Committee

Objective	Strategy
1. To emphasize a child-evangelism program for Christian day schools of the Texas District.	1a. Utilize procedures developed in other districts (73, 74) 1b. Provide guidelines for child-evangelism in cooperation with Evangelism Committee (73, 74) 1c. Utilize teachers' conference program for evangelism workshops (73, 74) 1d. Promote child-evangelism through mailings (73, 74, 75)
2. To assist congregations in establishing day-care, pre-school, kindergarten, primary school, and middle school programs.	2a. Maintain current resources in each area (guidelines, state regulations, etc.) (73, 74, 75) 2b. Provide counsel through committee members and BPS staff (73, 74, 75) 2c. Utilize conventions and conferences to promote the Christian day school (74, 75)
3. To assist congregations in maintaining and improving Christian day schools.	3a. Continue school accreditation program (73, 74, 75) 3b. Revise district school accreditation instrument (74) 3c. Assist local school in contacts with Texas Education Agency and Regional Educational Service Centers. (73, 74, 75) 3d. Develop school visitation program for those schools not accredited by the district (74, 75)

PLAN OF ACTION**School Committee**

Objective	Strategy
	3e. Provide suggestions for parent involvement. (73, 74, 75)
	3f. Provide guidelines for implementing Texas District Christian Day School Affirmations (73, 74)
	3g. Assist schools in obtaining state accreditation.
	3h. Assist schools in working with state and synodical school student teaching programs.
4. To strengthen the ministry of the Lutheran Christian day school teacher.	4a. Summer teacher institutes (73, 75)
	4b. Beginning teacher seminars (74, 75)
	4c. Regional teacher workshops (75)
	4d. Provide suggestions for conferences (73, 74, 75)
	4e. Develop listing of District Resource people in education (74)
	4f. Develop District education materials loan library.
	4g. Expand educational resources in Media Library.
	4h. Promote teacher membership in the Lutheran Education Association.
	4i. Encourage faculties to develop listings of local resources in education.
	4j. Develop models for faculty workshops and retreats.

PLAN OF ACTION**Adult Education and Family Life Committee**

Objective	Strategy
1. To assist congregations in improving intra-family communication.	1a. Share "Study of Generations." data (73, 74, 75)
	1b. Est. models for joint youth-adult Bible classes (73, 74, 75)
2. To discover what "Parent-child effectiveness" is and how it can be used in family life ministry in parishes.	2a. Committee research (73)
	2b. Attend seminars (73)
	2c. Publicize "training seminars" (74, 75)
3. To emphasize family togetherness for spiritual, social, and physical growth.	3a. Guidelines for Pastor Family Retreats (74)
	3b. Guidelines for congregation Family Retreats (74)
	3c. Suggestions for Family Sunday School (74)
	3d. Provide models for unified congregation family activities (73, 74, 75)
4. To increase meaningfulness and frequency of family devotions.	4a. Examine resources and methods and share information with congregations (73, 74, 75)
	4b. Use various means to encourage family devotions (73, 74, 75)
5. To evaluate Family life materials.	5a. Examine 15 items in 1973.
6. To work for more meaningful Adult Bible Study.	6a. Comm. review of '71 Bible Surveys (73, 74)
	6b. Share information on Bible class leader training courses
	6c. Emphasize small group Bible study (74)
	6d. Evaluate Bethel Bible Series (73)
	6e. Publicize media for Bible study (73, 74, 75)

PLAN OF ACTION**Adult Education and Family Life Committee**

Objective	Strategy
7. To provide pastors with opportunities for continuing education.	7a. Marriage/Family Counseling Seminar (73) 7b. Publicize Pastor/Teacher Institutes
8. To cooperate with Worship and Music Committee in emphasizing "education thru worship."	8a. Provide congregations with narrative Communion Service 8b. Provide congregation with a narrative worship service based on p. 5 TLH 8c. Promote use of Worship Supplement & Services developed by the ILCW, at conferences and in congregations
9. To evaluate Adult Education Materials	9a. Examine 10 items in 1973

PLAN OF ACTION**Child Education Committee**

Objective	Strategy
1. To provide opportunities for church-school teachers in the Texas District to grow as instruments of the Holy Spirit.	1a. Promote Circuit Church-School Teacher Associations (73, 74, 75) 1b. Distribute program resources for Church-School Teacher Association meetings (73, 74, 75) 1c. Teacher workshops (General, Mission: Life Curriculum, Communications) led by district staff (73, 74, 75) 1d. Co-Sponsor and promote North American Lutheran Church School Convention (74) 1e. Encourage Christian day school faculties to plan Vacation Bible School Teacher Workshops (73, 74, 75) 1f. Provide Regional Vacation Bible School teacher training workshops (74) 1g. Improve teacher training resources in District Media Library.
2. To emphasize a child-evangelism program for Weekday and Sunday schools of the Texas District.	2a. In cooperation with School Committee and Evangelism Committee provide guidelines for child evangelism. 2b. Promote regional child-evangelism workshops for church-school and day school teachers (73)
3. To provide opportunities for teachers of church-school to become acquainted with various programs of church-school teacher training.	3a. Teach-Life Workshops (3) (73) 3b. Course material available for review (73, 74, 75) 3c. Information on various training courses (73, 74, 75)
4. To increase the number of congregations operating Weekday school programs.	4a. Dist. Staff consultation (73, 74, 75) 4b. Survey existing Weekday programs (73) 4c. Mailing of resource materials (73, 74, 75) 4d. Share news articles about existing programs (73)
5. To assist congregations in improving Weekday and Sunday School programs.	5a. Offer district staff visit for evaluation (73, 74, 75) 5b. District-Wide Weekday and Sunday school class visitations (75) 5c. Resource mailings

PLAN OF ACTION**Child Education Committee**

Objective	Strategy
6. To assist those who at the congregation level are conducting Christian education classes for mentally retarded.	6a. Provide information on course material (73, 74, 75) 6b. Teacher-Pastor Workshops (74)
7. To cooperate with the Social Ministry Committee in providing bi-lingual Christian education materials for Spanish speaking Christians	7a. Determine available materials (73) 7b. Task Force for development (74)

PLAN OF ACTION**Worship and Music Committee**

Objective	Strategy
1. To assist pastors and parish musicians of the Texas District in their role as worship leaders in parishes.	1a. Provide Regional Conference presentations (73, 74, 75) 1) Pericopic Systems 2) New service forms 3) Multi-Media Worship 4) Vestments 1b. Share printed materials (73, 74, 75) 1) Mailings 2) District Resource Library on Worship 1c. District Convention Booth on Worship and Liturgy materials (74) 1d. Articles in Parish Services Newsletter (73, 74, 75)
2. To assist the parish worshipping community.	2a. Provide guidelines for parish worship committees (73) 2b. Conduct Regional worship and music seminars (74, 75) 2c. Share printed materials (73, 74, 75) 1) Mailings 2) Resource Library 2d. Prepare developmental liturgy for adults (75)
3. To assist the family in worship.	3a. Share concerns with Family Life and Adult Education Committee (73, 74, 75)
4. To assist the Texas District in convention worship services and devotions.	4a. Provide a set of worship guidelines for District Handbook. (73)

Performance . . . '72 & '73

1. **Acts of Worship For Christian Day Schools:** Published in 1971 through the work of the Worship and Music Committee, these devotional materials were recommended to Synod's Elementary Schools by the 1972 Administrator's Kit produced by the synodical Board of Parish Education. Acts Of Worship are in use in Lutheran elementary schools and weekday schools throughout synod.
2. **Convention and Conference Worship:** The Worship and Music Committee planned the devotions and worship services for the 1972 District Convention. The committee also assisted conference program committees with devotion and worship suggestions.

3. **Baptism Rite:** The Worship and Music Committee developed *The Rite of Holy Baptism for Children*. This rite has been in use in selected parishes of the district.
4. **Conference Presentations:** The Worship and Music Committee prepared papers on worship for presentation at Regional Conferences. Topics covered: Visual Acts in Worship; Theology of Worship; New Hymns in Worship; Creating New Worship Forms; Training Adults in Worship; and, Worship Supplement, ILCW Worship Forms, New Pericopies.
5. **Marriage and Family Counseling Seminar:** This seminar originally scheduled for '72 was held in October-November 1973 in San Antonio. The program consisted of two phases. The first being a four-day session for pastors. The second session held four weeks later was for these same pastors and their wives. The Woltman Foundation gave twenty \$200 scholarships to allow twenty congregations to send their pastors to this seminar. Lutheran Brotherhood provided \$1500 for fifteen \$100 scholarships. The seminar was attended by 30 pastors in the first and second sessions. Twenty-eight of these men were joined by their wives in the second session. Of the 30 pastors, 25 were LCMS, three were ALC, and two were LCA. Some reactions to the seminar were, "My only feelings are 'Thanks so much.' This seminar was perhaps the greatest thing that has happened to me in our marriage. I know we will never forget the experience we had." (wife) "Of all the post graduate work I have done, this has been by far the most successful and beneficial task I have undertaken." (pastor) "Certainly was my greatest learning experience since the seminary." (pastor)
6. **Effectiveness Training for Lutherans:** In 1973 the Texas District became involved with Synod's program of Effectiveness Training. The program goals are to help teachers and parents be more effective as they carry out their God-given responsibilities over against their children. The Texas District had seven trained instructors who conducted classes in Houston, San Antonio, Austin, Dallas, and Hurst. The total program is under the direction of the Board of Parish Education of Synod.
7. **School Affirmations:** The Affirmations for Christian Day School adopted at the 1972 District Convention were shared with all district schools as well as the education office of each district. The affirmations served as study topics in a number of schools. The affirmations are as follows:
 - a) The Christian Day School is an integral part of the church, therefore, the school is God's mission, its purpose is to help people experience and share God's love.
 - b) The Christian Day School is a mission to the congregation and to the whole community. It will reflect congregational and community diversity, showing concern and responsibility for all. This will be reflected by enrollment practices. This will be reflected by the influence, impact, and involvement of the school in the congregation and in the community.
 - c) As members of the Holy Christian Church, we are one with all Christians. God unites us and uses His schools as instruments of this union.
 - d) The Christian Day School has the unique opportunity to minister to the whole person as the Holy Spirit involves students and teachers in the "whole curriculum of being."
8. **Texas Association of Nonpublic Schools:** This association was incorporated in 1972 with Texas District Christian educators being on the initial list of incorporators. The purpose of the organization is to allow a forum for nonpublic school systems in which concerns of nonpublic education can be discussed. A number of district schools are members of TANS.
9. **CREDIT:** Citizens Relief for Education by Income Tax was organized at a national level to educate parents of children in nonpublic schools of pending legislation on income tax credits for education. Materials were distributed to all district schools. The effort to bring about such legislation was curtailed following a Supreme Court ruling against such tax credits at the state level.
10. **Christian Day Schools in Texas:** School statistics for the 1971-72 school year indicated fifty-seven day school programs enrolling children in kindergarten or grade one, and beyond through grade six, seven, or eight. In addition seventeen congregations operated pre-school and kindergarten programs. Total district enrollment was 9094 students; teachers numbered 401.

Statistics for 1972-73 year indicated forty-nine day school programs enrolling children in kindergarten or grade one, and beyond through grade six, seven, or eight. Twenty-three congregations operated pre-school and kindergarten programs. Total district enrollment was 9065 students; teachers numbered 413.

Statistics for 1973-74 school year indicated fifty day school programs enrolling children in kindergarten or grade one, and beyond through grade six, seven, or eight. In addition fourteen congregations operated pre-school and kindergarten programs. Total district enrollment was 8247 students; teachers numbered 418. The decrease in the number of kindergartens and total enrollment was caused by the beginning, in the 73-74 school year, of the state funded kindergarten programs in the public schools.

11. **Consolidated Schools:** Those congregations supporting Christian day schools continue their efforts to improve and strengthen their schools. For some congregations this has meant working cooperatively with a neighboring congregation/congregations in consolidated schools. Such programs are in operation between Holy Cross, Nederland, Trinity and St. Mark, Port Arthur; St. Luke and Our Redeemer, Houston; Trinity and Messiah, Houston; Immanuel and Bethlehem, Houston; Salem and Zion, Tomball.
12. **Lutheran School Accreditation:** The district has continued the program of school evaluation and accreditation using the instrument, "Principles and Standards for Lutheran Schools in Texas." Schools accredited at the beginning of the 73-74 school year were:

Amarillo, Trinity
 Austin, Redeemer
 Austin, St. Paul
 Dallas, Grace
 Dallas, Holy Cross
 Dallas, Zion
 Galena Park, Peace
 Giddings, Immanuel
 Harlingen, St. Paul
 Houston, Bethany
 Houston, Immanuel-Bethlehem
 Houston, Lutheran Elementary North
 Houston, Our Savior
 Houston, St. Mark

Houston, St. Matthew
 Houston, Trinity-Messiah
 McAllen, St. Paul
 Pasadena, Zion
 Port Arthur, Trinity-Holy Cross
 San Angelo, Trinity
 San Antonio, Concordia
 San Antonio, St. Paul
 Spring, Trinity
 Tomball Lutheran School
 Waco, St. Mark
 Walburg, Zion
 Wichita Falls, St. Paul

Total: 27

Accreditation is for a three-year period, with evaluation visits made every three years. Initial and renewal visits are made by teams of teachers who are members of the School Committee of the Board of Parish Services.

13. **State Accreditation:** The 1972-73 school year was historic for Lutheran elementary schools in Texas. During that term Immanuel-Bethlehem Lutheran School of Houston became the first Lutheran elementary school in the district to receive full accreditation from the Texas Education Agency. By late 1973, Holy Cross Lutheran School of Dallas was visited by TEA and received initial probationary accreditation from the state agency.
14. **Teacher Institute:** Under the direction of the School Committee, a Teacher Institute was conducted for three days in June 1973 at Concordia College, Austin. Two mini-courses were offered--Individualized Reading Program in Grades 4-6, and, Definition of Early Childhood Education. Forty-three teachers attended the program which was funded by the Texas District, A Lutheran Brotherhood grant, and individual tuition.
15. **Teachers Conferences:** The Texas District Lutheran teachers meet annually in conference. For years the conference was held in August in Austin. In 1972, the conference was moved to Houston and held in October. Attendance increased from near 275 in 1971 to 350 teachers in 1972. Approximately 375 attended the 1973 conference in Houston. The 1972 conference emphasized the power of the Holy Spirit in the ministry of Christian day school teachers and students. The 1973 conference centered on the teacher as evangelist.
16. **Outstanding Teacher Awards:** In 1972 was begun the practice of selecting the outstanding teacher of the year. The award was presented at the annual conference. In 1972, there were two recipients: Lois Vahrenkamp of St. Paul, Austin, and Curtis Riske of Redeemer, Austin. In 1973, the honor was bestowed on Ruth Doering of St. John, Galveston.

17. **Patterns of Performance:** This synod-wide program of school self-improvement and evaluation was concluded in the 72-73 school year. The emphasis was on the area of Leadership In Mission and Ministry and the curricular area of social studies. In the 73-74 school year, the program was renamed Performing Our Patterns. Resource materials, prepared by Synod's Board of Parish Education were distributed to each school.
18. **Sunday School-Church School Teacher Institutes:** Sunday School Teacher Institutes and Seminars are being held throughout the state. In some areas these are annual meetings. Topic materials published twice a year by synod have been distributed in each circuit. In spring of 1973, these materials emphasized Child Evangelism. The committee urged every circuit to have a seminar on the topic of evangelism. From spring through fall of 1973, twelve circuits did have evangelism seminars for Sunday School Teachers. The Assistant Director of Parish Services, members of the Child Education Committee, pastors and teachers throughout the district continue to serve as resource people in Sunday School Teacher Institutes. These range from two-hour programs to half-day programs to day-long programs.
19. **Weekday Schools in Texas:** Considered as Weekday Schools by synodical statistics are: weekday after school classes, weekday released time classes, Saturday confirmation classes, or combinations of these. Statistics relating to weekday classes:

Synodical Statistics (1972)

Congregations with Weekday Schools	219
Enrollment	4798 (including 542 non-member students)

Committee Survey (May-July 73)

Responding Congregations	166
Congregations with programs	144
Number of classes	356
(6 congregations indicated plans for beginning program fall '73)	

By using information from synodical statistics for congregations not responding to committee survey we gain the following data:

Total congregations with programs	-240 (out of 283)
Number of classes	-474
Most predominate classes	- 7, 8 or 7-8 combination

20. **Sunday Schools and Bible Classes:** The total Sunday school and Bible class enrollment in the Texas District in 1971 was 37,550. In 1972, the enrollment declined to 36,364. The statistics for 1973 were not compiled at the time of writing but are expected to show an additional decline. The decline reflects the situation being experienced by church bodies throughout the United States. The total number of teachers and officers involved in Sunday school and Bible classes in 1971 was 4,588. In 1972, it was 4,452. Texas continues to rank in the top ten districts of synod with regard to Sunday and weekday Bible study groups. The following data applies to weekday Bible study groups involving youth and adults. There were 208 groups holding weekly meetings with an enrollment of 2,796. There were 231 groups that were meeting periodically but not weekly. A total of 389 teachers were involved in these classes.
21. **Vacation Bible Schools:** The Vacation Bible School continues to be an important mission agency for the church. This is also true in the Texas District. When comparing statistics, we find that in 1971 . . . 192 congregations out of 285 enrolled 18,560 students in their Vacation Bible Schools. Of these, 6,890 were nonmembers. The total teaching staff numbered 2,204. In 1972 . . . 201 congregations sponsored Vacation Bible Schools but the enrollment decreased to 18,354. What is interesting to note is that in 1972 the nonmember enrollment rose to 7,276. There was also an increase in the number of teachers involved, the total numbering 2,290.
22. **Mission: Life Workshop:** In June 1972, a Mission: Life Workshop for teachers was conducted on the campus of Concordia College, Austin. The workshop leaders were Vic Constien of St. Louis and Walt Rosin of Concordia, Mo. Nine people attended. The program was funded by the district, by AAL, and by individual tuition.
23. **Teaching The Faith Workshops:** During the last week of November 1973, Teaching the Faith in Grades 6, 7, and 8 Workshops were held in San Antonio, Houston, and Irving. These 1½-day programs were for pastors and other professional teachers involved in confirmation instruction. The general objective was to assist those who teach the

faith in that aspect of confirmation ministry taking place in grades 6, 7, and 8, to do so with more effectiveness and joy. A total of 52 attended these workshops. The program was presented by Evan Temple of Synod's BPE, assisted by the Assistant Director of Parish Services, Texas District. Some reactions were: "I wanted more 'how to' answers." "I got a lot out of it!" "Today's session interesting and helpful!" "Too much time on goals and objectives."

24. **Work Among Mentally Retarded:** Various media resources are available to congregations through the district office. The office also has inspection copies of synodically produced course materials for the Christian education of the mentally retarded. In 1972, ten district congregations reported enrollment of 54 students in classes for the mentally retarded. Statistics for 1973 indicate that in the Texas District, 15 congregations had special classes with an enrollment of 50 students.
25. **Directors of Christian Education:** By the end of 1973, twelve district congregations were being served by Directors of Christian and Youth. In one pilot situation, three Houston congregations are being served by one person. This two-year pilot project is partially funded by the district. Experience gained in this project is being shared with congregations considering the cluster-congregation concept for using a DCE. The DCE's areas of responsibility vary from congregation to congregation. The most usual job description includes work with youth in addition to directing congregation education activities. In some cases, the DCE is also responsible for the parish music program.
26. **Lutheran Secondary Education:** The Texas District is fortunate to have one Lutheran high school program. Lutheran High School, Houston, which began operation in 1949, is, during the 1973-74 school year celebrating its 25th Anniversary. The central purpose of Lutheran High School is to impart to the student an initial or deepening knowledge of God's will and His saving grace in Jesus Christ, and to relate this knowledge to all areas of human living and learning. Lutheran High School has a 73-74 enrollment of approximately 400 students with a faculty of 20 instructors. Andrew W. Komarchuk, EdD, is principal. The program is supported by the Lutheran High School Association made up of Houston area Missouri Synod Lutheran congregations.
27. **Audio-Visual Library:** This district library provides a source of films, filmstrips, tapes (reel-to-reel and cassette), records, and related materials in all areas of the ministry of the church. An attempt is made to keep materials up-to-date. Additions are made as the budget allows. In 1973, a beginning was made on upgrading the 16mm film selection.
28. **Bilingual Education Materials:** The Child Education Committee, the School Committee and the Social Ministry Committee have begun work on sensitizing district congregations to the need for bilingual education in general and bilingual religious education, specifically. These committees have also begun reviewing materials with the intent of developing or adapting curricular materials for bilingual Christian education.

YOUTH

Function (District Handbook):

1. Promote youth work by preparing and recommending information and publicity for the entire program of youth work;
2. Provide leadership training by planning and administering a training program within the District;
3. Provide consultative services to congregations, groups, and individuals in the development of the Christian youth ministry within the local congregation;
4. Cooperate with Synod's Board of Young People's Work, receiving and giving reports and acting on recommendations;
5. Serve in a research capacity by studying and evaluating the District program of youth ministry on a continuing basis;
6. Promote Youth Committees within the local congregations.

PLAN OF ACTION

Youth Ministry Committee

Objective	Strategy
1. To provide leadership training and support for lay youth counselors.	1a. Expand and train Youth Facilitator Corps (73, 74, 75) 1b. Regional Counselor Training Workshops (74, 75) 1c. Resource mailings (73, 74, 75) 1d. Library Media (73, 74, 75)
2. To utilize as many means as possible for sharing the spectrum of youth ministry.	2a. Periodical Articles (73, 74, 75) 2b. Care packs (73, 74, 75) 2c. Special mailings (73, 74, 75) 2d. Facilitator teams (73, 74, 75) 2e. Committee member and staff contacts (73, 74, 75) 2f. Media presentation on youth ministry (74)
3. To facilitate youth ministry at the parish level.	3a. Facilitator team (73, 74, 75) 3b. Regional Counselor Training Workshops (74, 75) 3c. Resource mailings (73, 74, 75) 3d. LSV Schools (73, 74) 3e. Develop inter-league sharing through existing or developing structures (73, 74, 75)
4. To share youth ministry with other Districts of the LCMS.	4a. Mailings to all districts (73, 74, 75) 4b. Meet with Oklahoma District Youth Committee (74) 4c. Meeting with Southern District Youth Committee (75)
5. To be involved in inter-Lutheran youth ministry at the district level.	5a. Mailings to ALC and LCA youth committee chairperson (73, 74, 75) 5b. Committee contact person (73, 74, 75) 5c. Inter-committee meeting (74)
6. To promote inter-auxiliary cooperation in ministry (LWML, LLL, etc.)	6a. Mailings (73, 74, 75) 6b. Contact person (73, 74, 75) 6c. Resource sharing (73, 74, 75)

Performance . . . '72 & '73

1. Equipping People for Ministry continued to be the theme of youth committee efforts in 1972-1973. In 1972, eight teams of youth ministry facilitators were trained for assisting congregations who were in need of youth ministry direction. In 1973, the program was expanded so that there was a pastor or DCE in almost every one of the 36 circuits of the district, serving as a spokesman for youth ministry in that area. In a number of regions, these facilitators collaborated in conducting workshops for adults who serve as youth counselors in congregations. Throughout the district these facilitators have been involved in congregation, zone/circuit, and regional youth activities.
2. Explo '72 brought over 80,000 youth to Dallas. Using the facilities of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church located within blocks of the Cotton Bowl area, the Youth Ministry Committee provided a meeting/resting/raping site for LCMS participants. Various Dallas area pastors were at Mt. Olive to facilitate various activities. This operation was under the direction of Hugh Beck, campus pastor at Texas A&M.
3. **Inter-Lutheran Activities:** LCMS, LCA, and ALC Youth Committees sponsored the summer 1972 event known as Lifeprint. The event, held at Camp Latham Springs near Waco, drew 250 Lutheran Youth from all over Texas.

While the committee was not involved in "Discovery 73" held in Houston, a number of the committee members as well as many of the pastors, DCE's and teachers of the Houston area were involved in the event that brought nearly 25,000 Lutherans together "With Eyes Wide Open."

4. **District-Wide Youth Events:** The committee sponsored a number of district-wide retreats. One, held in October 1972 at Camp Lone Star, specialized in religious drama. The reactions of some of those who attended the workshop were: "I found I need to study God's word more. I 'kinda' take advantage of it, I guess." "Thank you, Lord, for this experience! Amen, Amen, Amen!" "This weekend has been a very beautiful and meaningful experience for me." "If you only knew. This has been, I believe, the most beautiful emotional experience that I've ever been through. You can't know how thankful I am."

Another weekend retreat held in March 1973 at Concordia College, Austin, emphasized Bible study. This retreat was attended by 49 youth, counselors, and staff. Some reactions to this retreat were: "Great weekend-inspirational!" "The closeness of the people attending was great." "You helped us put our faith into action." "It has taught me a lot about myself and my God!"

In the fall of 1973, a "Youth In Worship Workshop" was held at Camp Lone Star. This retreat sponsored in part by the District Youth Committee was primarily for the youth of the Bryan area. This type of retreat is being promoted in other areas of the district. Some reactions to this retreat were: "I feel that I learned something important when I learned the basics of writing a song." "I liked this weekend because I think that it exposed God's love for me so that I could see and feel it." "The service Saturday was great!"

5. **Lutheran Service Volunteer Schools:** Over the past few years the district has sponsored Encounter I and II programs. Week-long and weekend Encounter II programs were planned for summer 1972, but were cancelled because of insufficient registrants. The committee in 1973 revived the Lutheran Service Volunteer School program with a one-week program held at Camp Lone Star in July with 11 youth attending. The purposes of the LSV program are: To enable youth age 13-16 to be more effective as active youth at the parish level, to enable these youth to become more effective stimulators and leaders at an earlier age when their interest level is at its peak; to tone their mental, spiritual, and social effectiveness, helping them grow in the mature, Christian life; to equip these youth to lead youth with skills and techniques and deepen Christian attitudes essential in all church ministry.
6. **Youth Work Camp:** The committee instituted the youth work camp program during the summer of 1973. Twenty-one youth were at Camp Lone Star, June 17-22. The purposes of the work camp are (a) to provide work service for Camp Lone Star and, (b) to provide a Christian camping experience for participants. Campers are involved each morning in some work task such as cleaning of brush, developing trails, facility construction, etc. The rest of the day is spent in recreation, fellowship, Bible study, devotions, etc. The total group is split into small communities. Each of these communities functions as a work group as well as a study group. Various other activities involve community interaction. Strong emphasis is placed upon the spiritual growth of the individual as he functions within the community.

One participant wrote in evaluation of the work camp, "The camp was really an exciting experience for me. I also feel it is a wonderful way the youth can serve Camp Lone Star."

7. **District Youth Ministry Resource Packet:** The committee has begun publishing a resource and program bulletin for pastors and congregation youth counselors. This resource is published four times a year.
8. The Youth Ministry Committee members and the Assistant Director of Parish Services have served congregations as consultants in youth ministry. Various youth ministry resources are available from the district office including records, films, filmstrips, and tapes from the Audio-Visual Library and printed materials developed by the Board of Youth Ministry of Synod. The committee has attempted to assist the congregation in a) evaluating local youth ministry needs, and, b) in facilitating youth in ministry.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Function (District Handbook):

1. Keep itself informed of all Social Ministry opportunities and developments within the District and Synod, including public and private agency resources within the state;

2. Investigate and utilize both new and established techniques which will expedite its work and enable individual Christians, congregations, circuits, and the District to serve troubled people and the welfare of their fellowmen in a manner consistent with the Word of God;
3. Implement and where necessary adapt the recommendations of the Synodical Department of Social Ministry to the needs of our parishes, circuits, and District;
4. Encourage and facilitate the development of a sound program of social ministries on the parish and circuit level;
5. Promote the active support of existing Social Ministry agencies which merit the financial support of the District;
6. Be responsible for alerting the human relation concerns expressed by Synodical and District Conventions as they relate to the congregation's ministry;
7. Integrate social ministry work and social mission concerns into the total program of the congregation;
8. Implement the needs of World Relief as carried on by the Synodical Board of World Relief;
9. Counsel with individuals and congregations as to areas of opportunity for social ministry in their community.

PLAN OF ACTION

Social Ministry Committee

Objective	Strategy
1. To assist the local congregation in equipping itself for its social ministry.	1a. Survey congregational needs by questionnaire (73, 75) 1b. Use Parish Services Newsletter to provide information for congregation Social Ministry committee (73, 74, 75) 1c. Use various media to sensitize congregations to social ministry needs within the congregation and the community. (73, 74, 75) 1d. Develop guidelines for congregation Social Ministry Committee. (73) 1e. To expand Social Ministry resources in the District Media Library (73, 74, 75) 1f. Train 30-36 pastors for conducting circuit workshops for congregation Social Ministry Committee (74) 1g. Sponsor circuit Social Ministry Committee training workshops (74, 75) 1h. In conjunction with LSST to continue to sponsor Project Compassion training sessions.
2. To provide encounters and experiences for professional church workers which will a) improve a person's ability to recognize social ministry needs, and b) give directions to respond to such needs.	2a. To sponsor community awareness seminars on combating racism. (73, 74, 75)
3. To assist the Synodical Board of Social Ministry and World Relief in implementing convention resolutions at the District and Congregational level.	3a. To relate the concerns of the Synodical Board of Social Ministry and World Relief: 1) to the Texas District Board of Parish Services, 2) to the Pastors and Congregations of the Texas District. (73, 74, 75)

Performance . . . '72 & '73

1. **Combatting Racism Retreat:** In response to the synodical resolution on combatting racism, the committee was involved in planning and implementing a Combatting Racism Retreat for the members of the Board of Directors, Board of Mission Administration and the Board of Parish Services. The 2½-day retreat was held in March 1973 in San Antonio. Fifteen Chicanos helped the board members relate to Hispanics; their life, and their needs. The general purpose of the retreat was to help board members sharpen their concerns for all people as the boards shaped policy and action in the mission and ministry in the Texas District.
2. **Welfare Assistance Policy Statement:** At the request of the District President the committee developed "The Texas District Policy for Coordinating Assistance for Major Catastrophies." The policy was approved by the Board of Parish Services and adopted by the Board of Directors. The policy was shared with district congregations in October 1972.
3. **LWML Social Ministry Workshop:** These workshops, begun in 1971, were continued in 1972 in four areas of the district. Approximately 375 women were involved in these day-long seminars which centered on the study of the Social Ministry Affirmations adopted by Synodical Convention 1971. Congregation LWML organizations were given helps in assessing community needs and in planning for involvement.
4. **Gifts For The King:** The committee promoted special offerings for social ministry through the "Gifts For The King" Christmas offerings. New promotional materials and offering envelopes were printed for the 1972 offering. These "Gifts For The King" were applied to the district social ministry budget covering participating in Lutheran Social Services of Texas. Approximately \$6200 was received from district congregations in 1972 and 1973.
5. **Uganda Expellee Situation:** In late 1972 the chairman of the committee helped coordinate the resettlement of Ugandan Expellees. In cooperation with the LCA and ALC, ten families were brought to Texas.
6. **Social Ministry Committee Guidelines:** In early 1973, the committee conducted a survey to determine how congregations were meeting social ministry concerns. The committee found that very few congregations had Social Ministry Committees within the parish structure. Social Ministry and Welfare activities were the responsibility of the pastor, the women's organization, the Board of Elders, or an interested group or individual. This led the committee to issue "Guidelines for Congregation Social Ministry Committee." The guidelines gave administrative ideas and program suggestions.
7. **State Legislation on Abortion:** The committee was active in sharing with Texas legislators the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod statement on abortion.
8. **Coordination with LSST:** The Social Ministry Committee worked in coordination with LSST in promoting various activities such as Project Compassion; ministry among the aging; child welfare; etc. Many of the committee meetings were attended by a representative of LSST.
9. **Resource Materials:** Through the Parish Services Newsletter and special mailings, pastors and congregations were made aware of welfare and social ministry needs throughout synod and district. Special resource materials — filmstrips, tapes, etc., are available through the Audio-Visual Library. Pamphlets, articles, bibliographies and the like, produced by synod, state or federal government agencies, and various organizations are periodically obtained for distribution to pastors and congregation leaders.

A MESSAGE FROM BOARD OF PARISH SERVICES STAFF MEMBERS

Ray Schkade, Executive Director: "As I pause at this point of time on the way Home, I think of my calling as Director of Parish Services for the Texas District. I look back over the last two years since our 1972 convention, and I remember . . .

- a lot of miles that have been covered (Texas is a mighty big state).
- many meetings and visitations (207 board and committee meetings . . . 230 congregation and pastor visitations).
- above all, hundreds of my brothers and sisters in Christ with whom and for whom I have served.

I look back and I feel . . .

- frustrated when I think of the people and congregations I wasn't able to help . . . the goals I didn't reach.
- grateful for the opportunity of serving as a team member on the district full-time staff. It's a privilege to work with such dedicated, Christ-loving leaders.
- thankful for our Parish Services Board and Committee members . . . 50 Christ-filled people who have devoted some 3,000 hours during this 2-year period serving Christ and His Texas District in board and committee work.
- happy as I remember the many moments of working and "fellowshipping" together with congregation pastors, teachers, and lay people in the many facets of mission and ministry for Christ, and witnessing the power of God working His miracles in and through these people.

And now . . . as I look ahead . . . on the way Home . . . I ask my Lord to . . .

- keep me faithful to my Savior and His Mission.
- help me fulfill my calling in the Texas District . . . in the best way possible . . . and for as long as He asks me to serve in this position.

Keith Loomans, Assistant Director: The work of the Board of Parish Services for 1972 and 1973 has been reviewed for you in the foregoing report. There is much there for which to thank and praise God.

It has been my privilege to be a part of the action of this board. My involvement with the specific areas of education, youth, and social ministry has led me across the length and breadth of the district. A lot of time was spent traveling, much time was spent in meetings, and personal consultation and a considerable amount of time was spent in the office. It has always been and will continue to be my prayer that whatever time God gives me "on the way home" I will use to facilitate you in your ministry.

It has been my privilege to grow in my understanding of the Communion of Saints as I worked with more and more of the people of God's kingdom. I think of the many lay-people I've met, the pastors, principals, teachers, DCE's, parish workers, vicars, committee and board members with whom I've worked. I thank God that I am a member of "the body" with people supporting me in ministry, with the opportunity to support others in ministry. I thank God that my failures and my weaknesses are forgiven through Christ's righteousness. I thank God that my burdens are shared by fellow believers.

To be "on the way home" is a good feeling. To be "on the way home" in partnership with you in the ministry of God's kingdom is reason for celebration!

May God in His majesty and wisdom shower His grace upon us. May God bless our efforts as we find ourselves working together, "walking together" on the way home!

FISCAL REPORTS

**BALANCE SHEETS
AND
INCOME STATEMENTS
FOR
YEARS ENDING JANUARY 15, 1974 AND 1973**

**BALANCE SHEET
JANUARY 15, 1974**

ASSETS

I. CURRENT FUNDS

Cash \$ 118,746.16

Petty Cash 100.00
\$ 118,846.16

II. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Cash - Due from Other Funds 42,489.10

III. CHURCH EXTENSION FUNDS

Accounts Receivable	\$ 27,559.72	
Accrued Interest Receivable	16,327.33	
Loans Receivable	5,418,153.94	
Contracts Receivable	95,278.72	
Investments	483,597.24	
Advance Sites	720,328.33	
 Real Estate Investments	 36,000.00	
Properties Held in Trust	84,546.97	
 Prepaid Expense	 <u>14.96</u>	 6,881,807.21

IV. PROPERTY FUNDS

Cash - Due from Other Funds	\$ 6,238.03	
Office Buildings	204,800.87	
Campus Centers	725,660.16	
Staff Housing	48,886.34	
Equipment	50,131.33	
Other Properties	<u>84,868.22</u>	1,120,584.95

V. ENDOWMENT AND TRUST FUNDS

Cash - Due from Other Funds	\$ 100,774.01	
Loans Receivable	7,933.94	
Accrued Interest Receivable	108.90	
Investments	<u>8,963.44</u>	117,780.29

VI. AGENCY FUNDS

Cash - Due from Other Funds	\$ 2,890.56	
Accrued Interest Receivable	28.59	
Investments	<u>4,709.65</u>	7,628.80

TOTALS

\$8,289,136.51

LIABILITIES

I. CURRENT FUNDS

Accounts Payable	\$	27,973.22
Cash - Due to Other Funds		46,234.48
Deferred Income Credits		14,068.00
Current Fund Balance		30,570.46
	\$	<u>118,846.16</u>

II. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Restricted Fund Balances	42,489.10
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III. CHURCH EXTENSION FUNDS

Cash - Due to Other Funds	\$	106,157.22	
Accounts Payable		728.39	
Accrued Interest Payable		48,872.81	
Reserve - Uncollectible Loans		10,000.00	
Deferred Income Credits		4,774.56	
Savings Stamps		74,063.50	
Non-Passbook Savings Deposits		728,389.60	
Savings Certificates		284,739.86	
Loans Payable - Investors		2,433,303.25	
Contracts Payable		99,247.06	
Notes Payable - Synod		994,200.00	
CEF - Capital		<u>2,097,330.96</u>	6,881,807.21

IV. PROPERTY FUNDS

Accrued Interest Payable	\$	79.13	
Unexpended Property Funds		6,158.90	
Mortgages Payable		28,881.49	
Church Extension Loans Payable		212,448.04	
Net Investment in Property		<u>873,017.39</u>	1,120,584.95

V. ENDOWMENT AND TRUST FUNDS

Endowment Fund Principal	117,780.29
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VI. AGENCY FUNDS

Charities and Agency Funds Payable	\$	22.00	
Deposits Payable		<u>7,606.80</u>	7,628.80

TOTALS

\$8,289,136.51

**BALANCE SHEET
JANUARY 15, 1973**

ASSETS

I. CURRENT FUNDS		
Cash		\$ 308,295.92
Petty Cash		100.00
Loans Guaranteed		<u>511.10</u>
		\$ 308,907.02
II. RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Cash - Due from Other Funds		28,924.02
III. CHURCH EXTENSION FUNDS		
Cash - Due from Other Funds	\$ 129,356.74	
Accounts Receivable	32,715.87	
Accrued Interest Receivable	10,062.59	
Loans Receivable	4,709,487.98	
Contracts Receivable	39,490.98	
Loans Guaranteed	360,919.30	
Investments	554,334.63	
Advance Sites	331,825.86	
Real Estate Investments	36,000.00	
Properties Held in Trust	117,386.96	
Prepaid Expenses	<u>2,767.45</u>	6,324,348.36
IV. PROPERTY FUNDS		
Cash - Due from Other Funds	\$ 32,717.33	
Office Buildings	204,800.87	
Campus Centers	702,627.47	
Staff Housing	15,000.00	
Equipment	49,835.96	
Other Properties	<u>127,376.52</u>	1,132,358.15
V. ENDOWMENT AND TRUST FUNDS		
Cash - Due from Other Funds	\$ (303.39)	
Loans Receivable	28,444.66	
Accrued Interest Receivable	758.69	
Investments	<u>86,331.57</u>	115,231.53
VI. AGENCY FUNDS		
Cash - Due from Other Funds	\$ 3,135.46	
Accrued Interest Receivable	9.59	
Investments	<u>3,500.00</u>	6,645.05
TOTALS		<u><u>\$7,916,414.13</u></u>

LIABILITIES

I. CURRENT FUNDS

Accounts Payable	\$	71,879.95	
Cash - Due to Other Funds		193,830.16	
Contracts Guaranteed		511.10	
Deferred Income Credits		12,874.00	
Surplus		<u>29,811.81</u>	
	\$		308,907.02

II. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Restricted Fund Balance		28,924.02	
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III. CHURCH EXTENSION FUNDS

Accounts Payable	\$	216.44	
Accrued Interest Payable		27,180.83	
Mortgages Guaranteed		360,919.30	
Deferred Income Credits		4,438.60	
Savings Stamps		77,297.25	
Savings Deposits		635,311.51	
Saving Certificate		274,891.35	
Loans Payable - Investors		2,442,598.07	
Contracts Payable		73,200.01	
Notes Payable - Synod		424,000.00	
CEF - Capital		<u>2,004,295.00</u>	
			6,324,348.36

IV. PROPERTY FUNDS

Accrued Interest Payable	\$	122.06	
Unexpended Property Funds		32,595.27	
Mortgages Payable		44,552.65	
Church Extension Loans Payable		226,741.78	
Net Investment in Property		<u>828,346.39</u>	
			1,132,358.15

V. ENDOWMENT AND TRUST FUNDS

Endowment Fund Principal		115,231.53	
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VI. AGENCY FUNDS

Charities and Agency Funds Payable	\$	10.00	
Deposits Payable		<u>6,635.05</u>	
			6,645.05

TOTALS

\$7,916,414.13

STATEMENT OF CURRENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURES
JANUARY 15, 1974 AND 1973

	1973	1972
CURRENT INCOME		
CURRENT FUND INCOME		
District Congregations	\$1,864,464.77	\$1,399,610.14
Designated Gifts		420,558.14
Synodical Subsidy or Grants		25,306.21
Individuals and Agencies	16,310.15	
Other Income	35,297.78	73.50
	<u>\$1,916,072.70</u>	<u>\$1,845,547.99</u>
DESIGNATED GIFTS – SYNODICAL MISSIONS		
Armed Forces Offering	\$ 1,890.16	\$ 4,092.35
World Relief	11,228.25	11,424.71
Synodical Budget – Designated	538.48	2,667.14
Other	1,553.11	2,004.79
	<u>\$ 15,210.00</u>	<u>\$ 20,118.99</u>
CONVENTION REGISTRATION AND ASSESSMENTS	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,622.50</u>
OTHER INCOME		
Lutheran Witness and Reporter	\$ 37,425.93	\$ 24,190.74
Other Income		1,062.34
	<u>\$ 37,425.93</u>	<u>\$ 25,253.08</u>
TOTAL CURRENT INCOME	<u><u>\$1,978,708.63</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,898,612.56</u></u>

	1973	1972
CURRENT EXPENDITURES		
A. OPERATIONS		
Missions and Ministries	\$ 810,972.62	\$ 759,323.31
Parish Services	75,513.41	65,835.37
Special Services and Projects	107,008.87	56,135.28
General Assemblies	32,826.49	25,655.55
General Administration	106,551.43	99,409.34
TOTAL OPERATIONS	<u>\$1,132,872.82</u>	<u>\$1,006,358.85</u>
B. ALLOCATIONS		
Church Extension Fund	\$ 5,000.00	\$
Capital Outlays	24,863.16	24,103.49
World Mission Projects	815,214.00	853,376.21
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS	<u>\$ 845,077.16</u>	<u>\$ 877,479.70</u>
TOTAL CURRENT EXPENDITURES	\$1,977,949.98	\$1,883,838.55
Excess of Income over Expenditures	758.65	14,774.01
TOTALS	<u><u>\$1,978,708.63</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,898,612.56</u></u>

1972 FINANCIAL REPORT – THE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash - Due from Other Funds	\$ 129,356.74	Accounts Payable	\$ 216.44
Accounts Receivable	32,715.87	Accrued Interest Payable	27,180.83
Accrued Interest Receivable	10,062.59	Mortgages Guaranteed	360,919.30
Loans Receivable	4,709,487.98	Deferred Income Credits	4,438.60
Contracts Receivable	39,490.98	Savings Stamps	77,297.25
Loans Guaranteed	360,919.30	Savings Deposits	635,311.51
Investments	554,334.63	Saving Certificate	274,891.35
Advance Sites	331,825.86	Loans Payable - Investors	2,442,598.07
Real Estate Investments	36,000.00	Contracts Payable	73,200.01
Properties Held in Trust	117,386.96	Notes Payable - Synod	424,000.00
Prepaid Expenses	2,767.45	C.E.F. - Capital	2,004,295.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$6,324,348.36	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$6,324,348.36

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES – 1972

A – OPERATIONS

INCOME

Interest on Loans	\$ 237,890.52	\$
Interest on Investments	24,815.59	
TOTAL INCOME		262,706.11

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	14,988.45	
Employee Benefits	1,706.89	
Auditing Service	1,058.96	
Auto Operation and Maintenance		
Board and Committee Meetings	218.40	
Conferences and Workshops	115.00	
Equipment Maintenance	63.90	
Legal Service	300.00	
Periodicals and Resource Materials	16.00	
Postage and Shipping	1,184.06	
Promotional and Public Relations		
Promotional Materials	2,549.85	
Stationery and Supplies	1,294.84	
Tab Service	9,025.07	
Telephone	476.89	
Travel	1,226.35	
Uncollectible Accounts and Loans Receivable		
Provision	34,224.66	
Interest Expense	179,697.56	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		213,922.22
Net Operating Balance		48,783.89

B – CAPITAL ADDITIONS

Individuals and Agencies	32,559.36	
Legacies and Bequests	1,872.35	
Other Income		
TOTAL OPERATING BALANCE AND CAPITAL ADDITIONS		83,215.60
Add: ADJUSTMENTS:		
Interest Accruals on CEF Notes	5,400.45	
Write off Property Held in Trust	(3,166.84)	
NET ADDITIONS – January 15, 1973		85,449.21
CAPITAL FUND BALANCE – Beginning of the Year		1,918,845.79
CHURCH EXTENSION FUND CAPITAL – January 15, 1973		2,004,295.00

1973 FINANCIAL REPORT – THE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Accounts Receivable	\$ 27,559.72	Cash - Due to Other Funds	\$ 106,157.22
Accrued Interest Receivable	16,327.33	Accounts Payable	728.39
Loans Receivable	5,418,153.94	Accrued Interest Payable	48,872.81
Contracts Receivable	95,278.72	Reserve - Uncollectible Loans	10,000.00
Investments	483,597.24	Deferred Income Credits	4,774.56
Advance Sites	720,328.33	Savings Stamps	74,063.50
		Non-Passbook Savings Deposits	728,389.60
Real Estate Investments	36,000.00	Savings Certificates	284,739.86
		Loans Payable - Investors	2,433,303.25
Properties Held in Trust	84,546.97	Contracts Payable	99,247.06
		Notes Payable - Synod	994,200.00
Prepaid Expense	<u>14.96</u>	C.E.F. Capital	<u>2,097,330.96</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$6,881,807.21	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$6,881,807.21

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES – 1973

A – OPERATIONS

INCOME

Interest on Loans	\$ 250,356.14	\$
Interest on Investments	43,632.24	
TOTAL INCOME		<u><u>293,988.38</u></u>

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	16,173.36	
Employee Benefits	1,874.72	
Auditing Service	960.50	
Auto Operation and Maintenance	245.00	
Board and Committee Meetings		
Conferences and Workshops	408.00	
Equipment Maintenance	40.00	
Legal Service	283.40	
Periodicals and Resource Materials		
Postage and Shipping	1,268.92	
Promotional and Public Relations	770.17	
Promotional Materials	1,128.83	
Stationery and Supplies	854.09	
Tab Service	5,510.58	
Telephone	739.27	
Travel	1,324.05	
Uncollectible Accounts and Loans Receivable	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Provision	36,580.89	
Interest Expense	215,114.78	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u><u>251,695.67</u></u>
Net Operating Balance		<u>42,292.71</u>

B – CAPITAL ADDITIONS

Individuals and Agencies	21,299.46	
Legacies and Bequests	8,935.91	
Other Income	<u>20,507.88</u>	
TOTAL OPERATING BALANCE AND CAPITAL ADDITIONS		<u>93,035.96</u>
Add: ADJUSTMENTS:		
Interest Accruals on CEF Notes		
Write off Property Held in Trust		
NET ADDITIONS – January 15, 1974		<u>93,035.96</u>
CAPITAL FUND BALANCE – Beginning of the Year		<u>2,004,295.00</u>
CHURCH EXTENSION FUND CAPITAL – January 15, 1974		<u><u>2,097,330.96</u></u>

CHURCH EXTENSION DIVISION

DEVELOPMENTS AND PROPOSALS

The 1972 Convention combined the duties of Church Extension Administrator with those of the Treasurer—Office Manager. A memorial for additional changes in Church Extension Administrator and the creation of a Church Extension Board is presented in the "Books of Reports and Memorials." The purpose of the recommended changes is to facilitate the management and growth of the Church Extension Fund. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the District would be the Executive Officer of the new Church Extension Board. We feel these changes are essential for growth of the Church Extension Fund.

REVIEW OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

The Church Extension Fund is a self-supporting department of the District. Its only sources of funds are loans and gifts to the Fund. It is a revolving fund from which Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod congregations of the Texas District can borrow at a reasonable rate of interest for the purpose of building facilities for their mission and ministry. This can include land, buildings, equipment and personal property. The prime object of the Fund is to assist young, struggling congregations, mostly subsidized, but if the Fund is large enough, any congregation in the District can borrow from it.

Subsidized congregations are charged 4% interest. All loans are made on a five-year term. After five years, the entire unpaid principal balance comes due and the loan can be renegotiated or refinanced elsewhere. Self-supporting congregations are charged 6% interest and, in addition, are asked to raise 100% of the amount borrowed in earmarked funds, none of which can be withdrawn in the first year. Thereafter, 90% of the unpaid principal balance must be maintained in earmarked funds.

Since it began on January 1, 1972, the non-passbook savings plan continues to gain in popularity. This makes saving and serving with Church Extension as attractive and easy as possible. The non-passbook plan is a save-by-mail program. You send in your deposit; this opens your account. You have an account number, your cancelled check is your receipt, and you receive two statements of account per year. Money may be withdrawn from your account at any time, and your interest is figured at 5% to the day, compounded semi-annually.

Church Extension still invites the lump-sum deposit with Note, for amounts above \$500. It offers the Certificate Plans, the interest of which is tax-sheltered until the date of withdrawal. Under these plans you may either deposit a certain amount annually or monthly, and you receive a certificate which will keep you from paying any tax on the interest until you withdraw the money from the account. At that time, the tax must be paid to IRS. All interest paid is 5%.

Church Extension also offers the savings stamp plan, especially the Tracky plan, by which children are encouraged to save by an attractive "game board." When the board is completed, the amount is sent in, and the child's account is either opened or added to, with all the conditions obtaining to this account that apply to any Church Extension account.

It is felt that there is now a good variety of plans for saving through Church Extension, and it is hoped and prayed for that our people in the Texas District will choose one or several of these plans to enable them to save and serve through the Church Extension Fund.

STATISTICAL REPORTS

The attached reports on both the projects and the status of the Church Extension Fund will indicate that much is being done with the money in this revolving fund, and that the District has a respectable Capital Fund and a moderately-sized overall fund. I think these reports will also demonstrate, however, that there is need for a larger amount of money on deposit and in endowment for the purposes which only the Church Extension Fund can carry out. All congregations of the Texas District are encouraged to place the Church Extension Capital Fund in their budgets for 1975 and the following years.

PROMOTION

In the coming years there will be renewed and increasing effort to get a Church Extension Manager appointed in each congregation. Promotion of the Fund must be done at the congregational level. Much needs to be done. We urge every congregation to support this worthwhile cause.

LOANS GRANTED

January 16, 1972 — January 15, 1974

The following congregations were granted loans during the period of January 16, 1972, through January 15, 1974. Projects approved by the Board of Mission Administration, but not yet completed, are also included in this report.

CONGREGATION	PROJECT	COST
Amarillo, Faith	Repairs	\$ 4,000.00
Aransas Pass, Faith	Building project	11,500.00
Arlington	Advance Site	255,000.00
Austin, Bethany	Building project	300,000.00
Austin, Our Savior	New Mission	185,000.00
Austin, San Juan	Paving and repairs	1,000.00
Bedford, Concordia	Building project	158,300.00
Cedar Park, Good Shepherd	New Mission	171,000.00
Cleveland, Good Shepherd	New Building	125,000.00
Corpus Christi, Mt. Olive	Purchase land for church site	150,000.00
Corpus Christi, Our Savior	Remodeling	80,900.00
Dallas, Mt. Olive	Repairs	2,055.00
Dallas, St. Paul	Repairs	5,500.00
Deer Park	New Mission	194,000.00
Fairfield, Trinity	Purchase land for church site	11,920.00
Fort Worth, Zion	Building project	273,000.00
Graham, Faith	Purchase land for church site	7,000.00
Hemphill, Preaching Station	Purchase mobile unit for worship	3,000.00
Harlingen, Our Redeemer	Remodeling	23,992.53
Houston, Beautiful Savior	Additional loan for building	1,577.13
Houston, Holy Spirit	New Mission	150,000.00
Houston, St. Philip	General purpose building	146,240.00
Houston, St. Timothy	New Mission	182,519.20
Iowa Park, Good Shepherd	New building	15,000.00
Irving, Our Redeemer	Improvements	2,437.00
Lewisville, Lamb of God	Purchase house for educational unit	20,500.00
Lubbock, Christ	Paving	5,500.00
Orange, Grace	Educational wing	7,368.00
Port Arthur, Good Shepherd	Paving	2,000.00
San Antonio, Trinidad	Building project	80,000.00
Sugar Land, Faith	New Mission	250,000.00
Taylor, Trinity	New building	70,000.00
Winnie, Hope	New building	125,000.00
TOTAL		\$3,020,308.86

OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

REPORT FROM LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY OF TEXAS

In 1972, the Texas District, as well as the Southern District of the ALC and the Texas-Louisiana Synod of the LCA, passed resolutions approving the proposed Constitution of Lutheran Campus Ministry of Texas. LCMT was born on January 1, 1973. Now, one year later, it is our pleasure to report that the baby was born and walks well. If it can avoid some catastrophic accident, it will be most productive. The fact that LCMT is alive and well is a great credit to very responsible Lutheran cooperation in Texas.

LCMT has been blessed with an excellent Board of Directors who have united around a common purpose — the administration of Lutheran Campus Ministry in Texas. This Board is composed of fourteen persons — seven from the LC-MS, five from the ALC and two from the LCA. Each of these judicatories elects its representatives in its own way. The Texas District representatives are elected by the Board of Directors of the District. The Board Members are:

Texas District, LC-MS	Reverend Walter Dube
	Reverend A. Paul Vasconcellos
	Mr. George Zehnder
	Mr. Ernest Bolland
	Mr. Monroe Karcher
	Dr. Fred Rathjen
	Mr. Carl Teinert
Southern District, ALC	Reverend Robert Adix
	Reverend James Lueders
	Miss Karen Immel
	Dr. David Chester
	Mr. Frank Shannon
Texas-Louisiana Synod, LCA	Reverend Vance Daniel
	Mr. David Farris

LCMT has not been exempt from some measure of "reorganization-itis" during its first year of operation. We have had to work hard at clarifying with all the constituent bodies what it means for LCMT to be "the functioning agency" for the Districts and Synods. Accordingly, LCMT has developed policies and guidelines which place it into partnership with the national structures and the Districts and Synods on the one hand and with local Campus Councils on the other. In practically every place, each campus that has a full-time campus pastor also has a local Campus Council, whose task it is to facilitate ministry at that place and to interpret that ministry to the constituents in that community. LCMT has been attempting to define its role with great care to protect the principals and procedures and policies of all the judicatories, and, although that is no easy feat, we believe that has been accomplished. LCMT has as its major concern to accomplish as much ministry as possible while encouraging openness, communication, and responsibility in all directions.

The LCMT Board of Directors very shortly realized that it was going to need someone, at least on a part-time basis, to coordinate its activities, provide liaison, and handle the detail work of an agency. Accordingly, they elected Reverend Charles H. Born to fill the role of Coordinator-Executive Secretary. He has been asked to spend 40% of his time in this position and 60% as Campus Pastor at the University of Texas in Austin.

In a rapidly expanding cost cycle, LCMT is being asked to face the future with budgets that are becoming more fixed. This virtually means that LCMT is being expected to carry out its present work with less resources and practically excludes the expansion of our full-time professional forces. As a result, LCMT is encouraging more parishes in academic communities to engage in campus ministry. We are also attempting to provide more training for pastors who are being asked to assume the role of contact pastor for a nearby college or university. The primary activity in this direction is the sponsorship of a state-wide conference for in-service training. The Lone Star District of the Lutheran Laymen's League has assisted us in this endeavor with a gift of \$1000.

LCMT receives its financial support from five major sources — the Texas District, the Southern District of the ALC, the Texas-Louisiana Synod of the LCA, the ALC Division of College and Educational Services and National Lutheran Campus Ministry. LCMT takes this opportunity to thank the members of the Texas District for its continued high level of support. Since the Texas District brought the largest number of campus pastors and town-gown ministries into LCMT, it also supplies the largest proportion of financial resources. The Texas District contributed \$151,360 in 1973, and has projected the sum of \$155,000 for 1974. But even more than your generous financial assistance, we request that you uphold LCMT's arms with your prayers — prayers for our agency, for our pastors, and for our students on the campuses all over Texas, that God may use all of us to reflect His gracious redemptive love in Christ Jesus.

LCMT would also like to share a few of its joys with you in this report:

- New physical facilities in Denton and Austin provide a more adequate base for ministry. The shared building arrangements in Austin and Lubbock are working very well.
- Pastor Arthur Preisinger, Chairman of the Department of Religious Studies at Texas Tech, coordinated a highly successful Institute on Abortion sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies in cooperation with the Medical and Law Schools. The Medical School later provided funding for Pastor Preisinger to attend a conference on Ministry in Medical Schools.
- Seven adults were confirmed and/or baptized by Pastor Charles Born at University Lutheran Church in Austin.
- Pastor Hill, in Houston, has been asked to serve as a Facilitator with graduate students in a program leading to a MRE degree at the University of St. Thomas this summer.
- 59 students enrolled in the Bible Chair Course, taught by Reverend Curtis Johnson at the University of Texas at Austin in the 1974 Spring Session.
- Throughout the state more and more students are attending worship.
- Pastor Hubert Beck at Texas A&M is conducting two services a Sunday — a regular service in the morning and a worship celebration in the evening. He is also the author of the book, "Why Can't the Church Be Like This."
- Reverend Ronald Birk, at San Marcos, conducts two mid-week services each week. In addition, students are referred to both the ALC and LC-MS churches in town for Sunday worship.
- Pastor James Luecke, at the University of Texas in Arlington, is still offering Bible Chair Courses and informal Wednesday evening worship. He also spends one day each week at SMU in Dallas.

LCMT, above all, requests your help for our campus pastors in the area of referrals. The majority of schools no longer provide religious preference information. Without your assistance, many students will remain uninformed about the ministry awaiting them for sharing and involvement. Your hands can help our hands, your feet can strengthen our feet, and your love move us to show His love.

LCMT Ministries
(Full-time Campus Pastors)

Arlington—University of Texas	Reverend James Luecke, 800 S. Pecan, Arlington 76010 Dallas Universities
Austin—University of Texas	Reverend Charles Born, 2100 San Antonio, Austin 78705 Reverend Curtis Johnson, 2100 San Antonio, Austin 78705
College Station—Texas A&M University	Reverend Hubert Beck, 315 N. Main, College Station 77840
Denton Universities	Reverend Alton Donsbach, 703 N. Elm, Denton 76201 (Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church) Mr. Kenneth Fitch (Minister to Students-Intern)
Houston Universities	Reverend Allan Dieter, University of Houston Religion Center, 3801 Cullen, Houston 77004 Reverend Frederick Hill, University of Houston Religion Center, Houston 77004
Lubbock—Texas Tech University	Reverend Arthur Preisinger, 2412 13th Street, Lubbock 79401
San Marcos—Southwest Texas State University	Reverend Ron Birk, 600 N. Guadalupe, San Marcos 78666

Town-Gown
(Major Subsidization from LCMT)

Canyon—West Texas State	Reverend David Melber, 2600 Fourth Avenue, Canyon 79015
Commerce—East Texas State	Reverend William Dasch, 1502 Monroe, Commerce 75428
Huntsville—Sam Houston State	Reverend Donald Kaspar, 1629 Avenue J, Huntsville 77340
Nacogdoches—Stephen F. Austin	Reverend Richard Swanson, 1801 North Street, Nacogdoches 75961
Stephenville—Tarleton State	Reverend Fred Traugott, 365 St. Peter, Stephenville 76401

Contact

In addition, Contact Pastors have been appointed for most of the educational institutions in the state of Texas, with the exception of El Paso.

Respectfully submitted:

The LCMT Executive Committee
Reverend Robert Adix, President
Reverend A. Paul Vasconcellos, Vice-President
Reverend Walter Dube, Secretary
Mr. David Farris, Treasurer
Reverend Charles Born, Coordinator-
Executive Secretary

REPORT FROM LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE OF TEXAS

Faith Active in Love

1923-1924

1973-1974

FIFTY YEARS OF MINISTRY IN HIS NAME

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and the Texas District of the LC-MS have stated in the report to the New Orleans Convention, July 6-13, 1973:

“People live in a world where tensions, problems, diseases, poverty, and heartaches exist. A world which God did not intend to be such. People’s sinfulness injected itself, bringing sorrow, trouble, and death. While people caused pain, people have the capacity to reduce and eliminate pain. This is God’s way of bringing healing and help. He uses people to heal and help people. People are the channels and tools through which God ministers to other people.”

Convention Workbook, LC-MS,
July 6-13, 1973, Page 313.

For FIFTY YEARS, the Lutherans in Texas have carried out a major, significant aspect of these stated purposes through Lutheran Social Service of Texas. A group of Pastors and laymen gathered together in Christian compassion in 1923-24 at Taylor, Texas, to begin this ministry of the Church to our fellowman in human need. Now in 1974, the Church gathers together again in Convention to express its mission in a ministry to individuals, families, groups and communities who evidence needs and human concerns. The Church listens, prays and responds to this suffering concern

of our fellowman through such programs as Lutheran Social Service. By the Grace of God may it continue to do so for the next fifty years in Texas under the guidance of the Holy Spirit;

“Let your Light so Shine among men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven.” Matthew 5:16

A few of the goals and objectives of Lutheran Social Service of Texas in 1974 may be briefly noted as illustrations of its mission and ministry in this year of our Lord. These goals of Lutheran Social Service have been established by the dedicated hours of work by our Board of Directors, Standing Program Committees, and professional staff people working closely together on behalf of the people whom we are privileged to help.

1. To recruit sixty (60) loving, Christian families for infants and children who need a home of their own.
2. To provide counseling services for seventy (70) women who are experiencing the crises of unplanned pregnancies in their lives.
3. To provide a Chaplaincy Ministry to some 150 families across the State.
4. To provide high quality care and nurture to 200 individuals in need of residential or skilled nursing care.
5. To provide over 7,500 meals to older people.
6. To enter into a ministry of Adult Day Care Centers in at least three locations in Texas.
7. To provide supportative, back-up services and resources for several Child Day Care programs.
8. To provide a ministry of professional counseling services to individuals and families in time of stress.

This above listing of programs and services for 1974 through Lutheran Social Service is, of course, only a very partial one at best. As the reader reviews the following program statistics for the year of 1973, he will become more familiar with the broad scope of services provided on behalf of our Church.

Lutheran Social Service of Texas is also becoming more and more involved with assisting Pastors, congregations and groups of congregations at the community level to develop and maintain significant programs of human ministry (care for the elderly, day care programs for pre-school children, counseling and guidance programs, ministry to the aging, social service centers, hospital chaplaincy, etc.). Professional staff assistance is available to assist with these programs at the local level from Lutheran Social Service upon your request.

Lastly, but of equal importance, Lutheran Social Service provides an educational emphasis to its ministry through several methods. College students (undergraduate and graduate) have been with our program each year for their important practice learning experiences (practicums). Staff members of Lutheran Social Service have made numerous educational presentations on a variety of topics to church groups, community clubs and congregations upon request. Volunteers for programs of church service have been recruited, trained and supervised in their functions. Members of the agency have participated and contributed to programs at the state, regional and national levels. Lutheran Social Service of Texas, then, provides programs of human services and educational opportunities for many, many people on behalf of our beloved Church.

All of these goals and programs—and many others—are made possible in Texas through the support of Lutherans in our area. Lutheran Social Service in this Fiftieth Anniversary Year of 1974 has tremendous opportunities and challenges ahead of it. We have faith that the stewardship of the Church's talents, time and financial support will make possible to all of us these needed programs in Texas. May our Lord be with us.

“Even there shall your hand lead me and your right hand shall hold me.” Psalm 139:10

During 1973 Lutheran Social Service of Texas has:

MINISTERED TO CHILDREN in need of a Family

The Division of Social Work Services placed 70 children in homes during 1973; of this group 15 have been Korean children received through the international Holt Adoption Program. The ministry to children with special needs (older

children, handicapped, ethnic) consumed most of the staff time as 22 such children were placed last year. With the introduction of the new Family Life Code into Texas Law, there have been numerous changes in our adoptive placement program. The most significant has been the greatly increased costs involved in "freeing" (legally) a child for adoptive placement. In spite of significant financial Church support, the cost for adoption of young children will be around \$3,000 beginning in 1974. Even this amount, however, will be on an "break even" basis for Lutheran Social Service of Texas.

For the older child with special needs the adoptive cost will range between \$350—\$2,000 depending on the family income. This fee structure reflects the Church's basic concern for placing the so-called "Hard-to-Place" youngster in a loving, Christian home of his own.

A quality program of adoption services has many essential components which lead to the placement of an infant, child, teenager into an adoptive home. Work with natural parent(s), social and community services, medical and hospital care, legal services, foster parent care, adoptive parents, etc., is all essential to an adoptive placement. This is a time and cost-consuming process for all who are involved. The placement of 70 children in loving adoptive homes is but the realization of a lengthy and costly process.

MINISTRY TO WOMEN expecting unexpectedly

The Vickki-Jane "hot line" and counseling services provide resources to those individuals who find that they are experiencing unplanned pregnancies. Area Code 512/454-1795 connects the caller directly with a concerned, informed listener; one who has been there before herself, one who can truly help an individual sort out her many options and reflect upon her decisions. During 1973, 275 individuals have utilized this service. Twenty individuals have been used in this helping relationship as trained volunteer counselors. Forty-five individuals have been assisted through a long-term counseling relationship with professional agency staff members as an outcome of this program. This program of service has already received local and state recognition and acclaim.

MINISTRY TO INDIVIDUALS in crisis

The Chaplaincy Ministry of eleven (11) full-time Chaplains located in twenty-three (23) hospitals, prisons, and state institutions throughout the State provided 3,808 long-term counseling services, 16,835 short-term pastoral care contacts, 493 preaching services, 466 devotionals, 10 Baptisms, 968 Communion, 8 weddings and 18 funerals.

As many, many families are confronted daily with sickness, loneliness, imprisonment, and death, Lutheran Social Service of Texas has also provided 26 "Contact Pastors" in State and Federal institutions across the State of Texas to provide a Christian Ministry of concern and compassion.

The requests for professional, trained Chaplains by hospitals, institutions of various kinds, programs for the aged, etc., continue to be made to Lutheran Social Service of Texas. Due to our limited financial resources, Lutheran Social Service of Texas can not adequately respond to these many pressing and vital needs for pastoral, chaplaincy care. The human needs and concerns are present; the financial resources are modest in relationship to the expressed need.

MINISTRY TO OLDER INDIVIDUALS

The Trinity Lutheran Homes at Round Rock and Shiner, and the Altenheim Residence in Austin provided quality care to 229 individuals during 1973. An initial thrust in Community Programs for older persons began in 1973 with a mobile meals program in Austin using the Altenheim Residence for meal preparation; Trinity Home in Shiner being selected as a site for congregate (group) meals for the elderly of Lavaca County, and the initial design of an Adult Day Care Center for Austin being developed with implementation to be carried out in 1974. Lutheran Social Service has also provided consultation, direction and suggestions to many local congregations in their programs for the aging.

The Texas District of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod provides this MINISTRY TO INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL HUMAN NEEDS. Lutheran Social Service of Texas is a part of the Church's Mission. The District provided \$85,000.00 in 1973. The Board of Directors of Lutheran Social Service reported to the Annual Meeting for 1973 that the agency finances were as follows:

FINANCIAL REPORT — 1973**INCOME:**

Contributions	\$ 34,066.28
Bequests	18,427.11
Southern District, The ALC	53,837.61
Texas Louisiana Synod, The LCA	20,690.72
Rocky Mountain Synod, The LCA	972.00
TEXAS DISTRICT, The LC-MS	85,000.00
National American Lutheran Church	5,000.00
Fees for Service ¹	832,257.21
Interest on Investments	12,395.62
Other (Miscellaneous)	15,612.40
	\$1,078,258.95
Expense for Free Service ² (Non-compensated)	81,467.07
	\$ 996,791.88

EXPENSE:

Social Work Services	\$ 88,618.28
Chaplaincy Services	74,859.82
Programs for the Aging	791,394.69
Administration ³	83,492.15
Plant Operations (408 West 45th Street)	19,669.96

¹ Please note that "Fees for Service" at Lutheran Social Service of Texas in 1973 totaled \$832,257 in income. Total expenditures in the same year totaled \$1,058,034.90. This means that for every Church dollar contributed by all sources to the program of Lutheran Social Service of Texas four (4) additional dollars were generated by the agency through its services; a 1:4 ratio. A very good investment return for human services on behalf of our Church.

² This amount of \$81,467 represents the cost to Lutheran Social Service for assistance provided clients and residents of our Homes for which the client or resident was unable to pay. It represents our Church at work among our fellow man.

³ The "General Administration" cost for Lutheran Social Service of Texas in 1973 was \$83,492 as reported. The figure is 7.8% of the total agency expense.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE OF TEXAS

COMPARATIVE INCOME

	ACTUAL 1971	ACTUAL 1972	ACTUAL 1973	ADOPTED BUDGET 1974	PROPOSED BUDGET 1975
Contributions	\$ 93,623.00	\$ 90,219.00	\$ 34,066.00	\$ 24,150.00	\$ 30,000.00
Bequests	4,272.00	2,508.00	18,427.00	-0-	-0-
Southern District, ALC	-NA-	51,275.00	53,838.00	82,148.00	92,500.00
Texas Louisiana Synod, LCA	17,141.00	18,653.00	20,691.00	22,000.00	25,000.00
Rocky Mountain Synod, LCA	400.00	-0-	972.00	500.00	1,000.00
Texas District, LC-MS	78,852.00	81,370.00	85,000.00	90,000.00	99,000.00
National ALC	3,000.00	4,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	8,000.00
Fee for Services	795,760.00	832,238.00	832,257.00	798,992.00	1,118,762.00
Interest	2,424.00	5,297.00	12,396.00	11,170.00	12,000.00
Other	21,839.00	29,424.00	15,612.00	13,200.00	15,000.00
	<u>\$1,017,311.00</u>	<u>\$1,114,984.00</u>	<u>\$1,078,259.00</u>	<u>\$1,047,160.00</u>	<u>\$1,401,262.00</u>
Non-compensated	<u>63,150.00</u>	<u>81,728.00</u>	<u>81,467.00</u>	<u>46,135.00</u>	<u>50,500.00</u>
	\$ 954,161.00	\$1,033,256.00	\$ 996,792.00	\$1,001,025.00	\$1,350,762.00

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE OF TEXAS, INC.

Programmatic Comparative Financial Statement

	ACTUAL 1971	ACTUAL 1972	ACTUAL 1973	ADOPTED BUDGET 1974	PROPOSED BUDGET 1975	% OF TOTAL REVENUE 1975	% OF TOTAL REVENUE 1975
ADMINISTRATION							
Revenue	\$ 172,827	198,938	196,894.51	215,640	250,142	19	
Expense	59,673	125,325	103,162.11	88,090	106,890*		8
(Includes: Plant Operation, Utilities, Insurance, etc.)	113,154	73,613	93,732.40	127,550	143,252		
CHAPLAINCY							
Revenue	3,089	5,257	12,733.00	11,350	29,849	2	
Expense	16,102	66,555	74,859.82	75,243	104,005		7
	(13,013)	(61,298)	(62,126.82)	(63,893)	(74,156)**		
SOCIAL WORK SERVICES							
Revenue	65,281	44,019	31,054.83	26,850	148,227	11	
Expense	95,776	91,357	88,618.28	73,504	200,504		15
	(30,495)	(47,338)	(57,563.45)	(46,654)	(52,277)**		
AGING							
Revenue	712,964	785,042	756,109.54	747,185	922,544	68	
Expense	717,378	797,427	791,394.69	763,203	939,363		70
	(4,414)	(2,385)	(35,285.15)	(16,108)	(16,819)**		
TOTAL AGENCY							
Revenue	954,161	1,033,256	996,791.88	1,001,025	1,350,762	100	
Expense	933,929	1,069,664	1,058,034.90	1,000,040	1,350,762		100
	20,232	(36,408)	(61,243.02)	985	-0-		

*Of this \$106,890 some \$65,340 is utilized for *general agency administration* which amounts to 5% of the total agency budget.

**The Sum of program support collectively totals balance of \$143,240 in Administration category.

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST

WIN, PLACE, AND SHOW

We have been so busy trying to win, trying to place, and also show, that our statistics of items and numbers of services are discarded in favor of

Winning

Yes, we are in the business of winning for Jesus. The Archives is not a tolerated old grandfather but an extension of accumulated experience of that best but most perishable archive, our own brain-contained memory. This is all in the service of lifting hearts, giving glorious dimension to the Church's past performance and potential future, or bringing heart-stirring admonition and law-like warning from the only source that we have, be that our memory, be that our Archives, or be it the grandest of all Archives, the Sacred Record of God's people and His Holy Word. We are there to win, not primarily the raw converts from sheer heathendom, but ourselves from lassitude and neglect, to give color and dimension to every program, be that from the District President, any Board, any Conference Essayist in such a way that we will be more willing and more intimately involved in being fellow soldiers of the prophets and apostles, past, present, or even future.

To Place

The business of the Archivist is to place into the Archive of your mind or the District Archive shelf recordable experience of what great things God has done.

Then also, we want to place them so that they can be reached, become available, and placed at the disposal, physically, at the right time, to the right people. Acquisition is one thing. Shelving is another. But knowing whether you have something on something is largely a matter of eating your own chow, and eventually indexing so that significant resources can be reached. To this end, we are considering calling in the talents of our veterans to help us evaluate, highlight, index, and amplify the things that we have. Emeriti Pastors Heinemeier, Arndt, and especially Michalk are in a small pilot project. Pastor Niemann and others expressed interest in translation.

The Board of Parish Services has joined the Board of Directors in supporting our Oral History hopes. Mr. Kenneth Kramer is becoming directly involved. Some implementing primary material has been prepared to stimulate interviewing. We would like to recognize the Worship Service of the 1973 Post-Easter Conference in Austin as an atmosphere-producing occasion that sensitized our workers for oral and autobiographical history.

It may be a bit providential that in this year of the Lee County Centennial, and therefore possibly a homecoming event at Serbin, we had wonderful help from the University of Texas in getting a grip on our Wendish Document Collection. This has long been a challenging mountain. It appears that we are scaling it.

Under "Placing," we would like to conclude by recognizing at least some of the recent acquisitions that we can place on our shelves, a substantial portion of The Lutheran School Journal from the sainted teacher, Mr. Emil Schulz of Houston, which goes back to about 1910; some autobiographical material and tape on Dr. E. A. Heckmann, Emeriti L. Boriack, and Ludwig Karcher; a significant amount of Synodically produced material from Mrs. John Elser and Emeritus Walther Rolf. An exceptional find was the contact with Mrs. Ed Mertens of Houston, President Mertens' aunt, who was able to surrender (incidentally from her contact with the parents of Emeritus Harry Smith) that portion of the Lutheran Annual series which we most needed, and of all things, a copy of the minutes (mimeographed) of the Missionary Society of Greater Houston of 1920-1933.

To Show

We hope to have a little something to show you in the way of a booth. This is to show you that the Archives can be used for Mission Fairs and other promotional work. Yet the Archive History Department is not at present a museum, even less a curiosity. We put on this show in order to solicit your interest in things to place, in order to equip us to win for Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Reinhard H. Wuensche
Archivist

REPORT OF THE CHURCH IN TOWN AND COUNTRY COMMITTEE

In August of 1973 a report was made to all circuit counselors informing them of the purpose and the mechanics of a self-study. It was stressed that self-studies are not for the purpose of closing congregations, but establish its strengths, examine its weaknesses, set up goals, give it a mission and some guidelines to accomplish its mission. A self-study is not only for rural congregations, but for any congregation in the Texas District. Ideas were requested for improvements and for ways in which this committee could be helpful. A presentation of this committee was made to most regional conferences in the fall of 1973 and winter of 1974. Letters were sent to vacant congregations asking them to consider self-studies. Help available from Texas A&M University was shared with all pastors through Parson to Parson. Two self-studies have been conducted — one at St. John, Beaumont, and one at Trinity, San Angelo.

Joy to you,

Ken Schauer, Chairman
Town and Country Committee

REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF THE TEXAS MESSENGER

In my humble opinion, one of the greatest things that happened to the TEXAS MESSENGER in the past biennium was the District's adoption of the Every-Home Subscription Plan for the LUTHERAN WITNESS at the last convention. This increased the circulation of the WITNESS from about 13,400 or 45% of the District's homes in 1972, to over 28,000 or about 95% of the District's homes beginning with 1973. Since the TEXAS MESSENGER is a part of the WITNESS, it experienced this same increase in circulation.

Not only is the MESSENGER reaching more homes, and I hope it is bringing some news of interest, but it has also broadened its scope. Since January 1973 the District LWML has been utilizing a page or two of each issue. In October, Concordia College of Austin came in with a regular page. In November the District LLL began using a half-page in every other issue. Each of these organizations pays for the cost of the space used and each has its own editor who prepares copy and layout and channels it through the MESSENGER editor. Mrs. J. L. Konz of Marlin edits the LWML page and Miss Anita Fritchey of Austin is responsible for the Concordia page. At the time of this writing, the LLL editorship is vacant. It's been a joy working with these fine folks and I know that they, too, hope that you find at least some of their news helpful and interesting.

I want to express thanks to the many congregations who send me their bulletins and newsletters and to all who have sent various kinds of news releases. Keep the news coming! I scan every bulletin and newsletter received and try to pick out news that would be of District-wide interest. I know I sometimes miss things so if you have something that's really newsworthy and you don't want to run the risk of the editor missing it, mark it in some attention-getting way . . . or write it up as a news article and, please, keep it as brief as possible because the MESSENGER is really a pretty small paper in space available.

Always looking for news,

Harold Wageman, Editor

REPORT OF THE FISCAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Years 1972 and 1973

The Fiscal Affairs Committee has always encouraged policies intended to unify or provide continuity in the organization of the fiscal office responsible for administrative control of District funds and properties. Activities of the committee during the past two years were largely concerned with the organization and operation of the fiscal office, since the retirement of the Treasurer was impending after 17 years of service, and since the increasing importance and complexities of transactions involving the Church Extension Fund was causing an apparent need for more unification of the Fund with other fiscal operations.

Working closely with a special Fiscal Program Committee appointed by the Board of Directors, our Fiscal Affairs Committee made procedural recommendations concerning retirement of the Treasurer, and we recruited a "Director of

Fiscal Affairs" to be the chief fiscal officer of the District, replacing the Treasurer and accepting expanded responsibilities related to the Church Extension Fund. We also consulted with the Fiscal Program Committee in formulating job descriptions for the position of Director of Fiscal Affairs and in making recommendations, with which we fully concur, for the Board of Directors to seek Texas District approval for a separation in the functions of the Mission Board from a proposed new Church Extension Fund Board.

Other subject matters upon which the Fiscal Affairs Committee has advised the Board of Directors included policies and practices for internal accounting controls, budgetary controls, lending policies, and salary scales and expense allowances for District employees.

It is anticipated that future efforts of the committee will continue to be directed toward recognition of changing fiscal needs arising from the pace set by the steadily growing activities and programs of the Texas District.

Respectfully submitted,

THE FISCAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Ernest A. Hoffman, Chairman

Monroe E. Bethke

Elbert G. Donsbach

Arthur J. Schroeder

James C. Werchan

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON MINISTERIAL HEALTH

The Commission on Ministerial Health, active since its initial appointment in May 1971, has accepted the following goals:

1. To promote an awareness and active concern for the health and well-being of professional church workers.
2. To assist the District President in helping individual professional church workers who are beset with disabling problems.
3. To enhance District structures in promoting ministerial health.

Since the last Convention, the Commission has met quarterly and submits the following report:

1. The Commission has completed a questionnaire which eventually will be sent to all pastors and teachers of the Texas District. The questionnaire has been carefully designed to help identify the most common problems in the lives of our professional church workers. The data gathered will assist the commission in making specific recommendations to the District President for programs at the district and local levels that are designed to promote ministerial health. The questionnaire was validated in a "pilot study" of approximately twenty-five (25) individuals.

The Commission has sought financial assistance to underwrite this project from the Wheat Ridge Foundation and from Synod's Commission on Ministerial Health. After a consultation with the chairman of the latter, it appears likely that funding for this project will need to come from District resources. The major cost involved will be in tabulating and processing the questionnaires by means of the computer services of the University of Texas at Austin. The Commission hopes to complete this project during the next biennium.

2. The Commission has continued to be available to President Heckmann as a consultative resource and has responded with recommendations in a number of instances.
3. Individual members of the Commission have served as consultants at the local scene. They have made presentations at pastoral conferences, and served in leadership roles at marriage and counseling workshops.

4. The Commission is proposing to this Convention a Memorial calling for the District President's involvement in the screening and endorsement of ministerial candidates.

Respectfully submitted,

Commission on Ministerial Health
 Chaplain John Saeger, Chairman
 Chaplain Keith Fox
 Dr. Oliver Graebner, Ed.D.
 Mr. Harold Kieschnick
 Dr. Sandra Steinbach, M.D.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

The primary task of the District Department of Public Relations is to interpret the work of the Texas District to the public through the mass communications media. In order to do this, your District Department serves as a link in a chain that begins with the Synodical Office of Public Relations and reaches down to the circuit public relations representative. Congregations are also encouraged to appoint a public relations representative responsible for interpreting the congregation's ministry to the public.

Each level of the public relations organization is responsible for publicizing its particular activities and news. In addition, each level cooperates with those above and below it. For example, a Circuit Public Relations Representative is responsible to report and interpret news of area or circuit activities. His task is also to encourage public relations mindedness in the congregations of his circuit. At the same time, he is called upon by the District Director to assist in the operation of a media center at District conferences and conventions.

In the same way, the District Director assists the Synodical Office of Public Relations, while also interpreting District events to the public and working with circuit representatives. This network of public relations people is unique among the Lutheran church bodies in America. It was originally set up in 1948 when the Synod's Department of Public Relations was organized. It has served well.

The electronic media (radio and television) receive the Department's attention as well as the print media. The District Director and circuit representatives work closely with District and Synodical people of Lutheran Television and The Lutheran Hour.

In addition to its work with the public media, the Department works with our church's publications (such as the Texas Messenger, The Lutheran Witness and the Houston Lutheran) to help keep our own constituency informed.

During the past biennium, the Department has been heavily involved in the work of the 125th Anniversary Thankoffering. The Director was appointed to serve as Communications Director on the Thankoffering Steering Committee of the District and many of the circuit representatives were involved as Circuit Communications Directors.

The Department continues also to serve the District by maintaining a biographical information file on all pastors and male teachers. Duplicates of this biographical information are provided to the District President and to the editor of the Texas Messenger.

The opportunities for public relations work continue to outrun the strength and time of the many people throughout the District who devote themselves to it on a part-time basis. But because of its importance we ask for and appreciate their willingness to go "the extra mile." Public Relations, after all, continues to be a prominent opportunity in the ceaseless endeavor to carry out our Lord's Great Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Reverend George H. Lange, Director, Pastor member, Tomball
 Mr. Robert Clark, Lay Member, Houston
 Teacher Member (Vacant)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW OF CONFERENCE ESSAYS

The Committee has read the minutes and essays of the four conferences of the eight Regions that were held during the past two years. With minor exceptions, these were found to be in accord with the Scriptures and the Confessions.

HOWEVER:

1. We did not receive even half the essays that were delivered at the two pastoral and two pastor-teacher conferences, although we did receive most of the minutes. This is due to two things. Many presentations are being made that are not in written form. And some of the secretaries do not know they are responsible for delivering the essays to our committee.
2. According to the programs we received, more and more emphasis is being placed on "practical" matters and less and less attention is being given to doctrinal discussions. There is one region that is an exception to this trend.
3. One of the functions assigned to our committee by the District Handbook is that of giving "positive direction and imaginative leadership, also in the area of types of conference papers and programs." We do not feel qualified to give "imaginative" help in this area; but we do feel that our church and each of us individually needs to get back to the teaching and discussing of the basic principals of our faith. We would strongly urge that all conference programs be built around the five main branches of theology: Exegetics, Symbolics, Dogmatics, Homiletics, and Pastoral Theology, with strong emphasis on Exegetics and Dogmatics.

The Committee stands ready to offer help and recommendations if requests are sent in.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Hartfield
Herbert Geisler
Martin Schuetze
Alvin A. Walter, Chairman

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPPORT AND PENSIONS

This report covers the two-year period from February 1, 1972, to February 1, 1974. Our records show the following beneficiaries.

	February 1, 1973	February 1, 1974
Old Age Retirement Pension	41	43
Disability Pension	3	3
Disability Pension Plus Support	1	0
Age Annuity	1	1
Widow's Pension	29	34
Widow's Pension Plus Support	1	0
Widow's Pension and Special Children's Benefit	2	0
Retirement Annuity	3	1
Widow's Annuity	2	0
Support Widows	6	3
Retirement Pension & CRP	2	2
Widow's Annuity & CRP	4	2
Retirement Annuity & CRP	1	6
Orphan's Annuity & CRP	0	1
	96	96

Personnel changes of this board took place when Reverend D. V. Matasovsky accepted a call into another district, and Reverend Melvin Herring was appointed to serve in his place. Reverend Herring also accepted a call to another district and has not been replaced.

We gratefully acknowledge the help and cooperation of Synod's Board of Managers-Pension and Support, which has made the discharge of our duties possible.

Respectfully submitted,

**TEXAS DISTRICT BOARD OF PENSIONS &
SUPPORT:**

John E. Albers, Chairman
Paul Rebsch

REPORT FROM TEXAS OUTDOORS MINISTRY

Texas Outdoors Ministry (TOM) started on June 1, 1973, when Garland Midgett accepted the call and took up residence at Camp Lone Star. The immediate concern at that time was to get our campsite cleaned up and a good Christ-centered children's summer camp program underway. This was accomplished with six weeks of open camping taking place at Camp Lone Star and Camp Lutherland under the guidance of the director and a staff of trained Christian counselors selected from our Concordia Colleges. In addition, work was coordinated with the District Youth Ministry Committee and some individual congregations to provide events for the youth such as work camps, Confirmation camp, LSV schools, and special interest events such as physical fitness camp. With the end of summer, events shifted to the retreat variety. There were youth retreats, Board of Elders retreats, faculty retreats, family gatherings, Sunday School retreats, graduate class seminars, "September Camp" for retired/semi-retired people in the "September" of their lives, church couples club retreats, congregational retreats, confirmation and post-confirmation retreats, LLL workshops and District convention, youth facilitators conference, handicappers retreat, etc., etc.

In between these activities, the director was attending conferences, talking to laymen, pastors and teachers, trying to determine how TOM could best serve our District. As a result, a grant of \$9200 was requested and secured through Lutheran Brotherhood which enables us to provide a mobile resource package that can reach out to any congregation in the District and assist them with outdoors ministry projects in their own backyard. This means that if you want to have a float trip or canoe trip, if you want to take a backpack outing, if you want to have an event on a river or other location near to you, TOM can provide you with physical resources as well as program resources, and will even go along and help you out.

All in all, it has been a very good first year. We have more and more people coming out into nature and being confronted with the "footprints" of God and the Word of God. TOM has been able to provide a witnessing ministry to hundreds of people and they in turn to one another. On the physical side, we have been able to make some improvements of our campsites and secure materials that enable us to reach out to the whole District. It has been a good beginning, under God's grace TOM will continue to grow and become a more integral part of every congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

Garland Midgett, Director

REPORT FROM CONCORDIA LUTHERAN COLLEGE

ROLE

Concordia Lutheran College continues to be faithful to its stated purpose:

The purpose of Concordia Lutheran College is to promote education in the atmosphere of a Christian community on the junior college level.

As an educational institution, owned and maintained by the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, Concordia Lutheran College sees its purpose as that of offering programs of pre-professional church work, liberal arts and selected vocational education. Concordia believes that within the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions there exists a set of human values which justifies its program of higher education. Therefore, the programs are designed to challenge and guide students in their quest for knowledge, to motivate them toward self-realization, to improve their skills and to enable them to develop a life of highest values and service.

With reference especially to the last sentence of this statement of purpose, prospective students are challenged to consider:

Concordia Lutheran College — a place to discover yourself;
a place to become yourself;
a place to share yourself.

Within this role, students and faculty of Concordia continue to say, "Concordia is a good place to go to school!"

ENROLLMENT

	1972	1973
Total	264	269
Pastoral ministry	30	28
Teaching ministry	44	35
Men	7	5
Women	37	30
Deaconess	2	1
Social Worker	8	5
Liberal Arts (full-time)	135	177
Liberal Arts (part-time)	45	23

Total enrollment continues to climb, though not significantly. The number of those committed to professional church work, however, is in a period of slight decline. Three observations are in order:

- 1) The recruitment effort, involving personal contact and significant financial assistance, has been stepped up in anticipation of next year;
- 2) Present staff and facilities can accommodate more students without additional cost;
- 3) The need of the church for additional professional workers and for a knowledgeable laity is dramatic.

The point is that Concordia is not operating or producing to capacity. Our appeal is that everyone in the district be more determined to help young people seek careers of dedication and commitment for which Christian higher education is an important background.

FULL-TIME STAFF

Since the last district convention the following have joined the full-time teaching or administrative staff at Concordia:

Rose Ann Crockett - Dean of Women
Ruth Gross - Radiologic Technology
Michael Linebrink - Recruitment
Ray F. Martens - President
Laurence Meissner - Athletic Director and Coach
D. R. Nelson - Public Relations and Recruitment
Donald Schroeder - German, English

In the same period of time, the following have left Concordia to assume other positions:

Norman Egelhoff
Oliver Graebner
Jörg Kröner
Burge Smith
Ronald Trampe

Dessie Zoch resigned her position as Dean of Women, but has assumed an administrative position in the Registrar's Office. Richard Dinda has for the past two years taken leave of his teaching in order to serve the institution as Director of Development.

We at Concordia continue to be grateful for dedicated and faithful staff in all areas of teaching and administration. The mission of our Lord and the tasks assigned by our church are met with commitment and diligence.

PHYSICAL PLANT

Major developments in the past biennium have been in the area of purchase and use of modern and effective equipment, for which Concordia is indebted to a number of foundations, associations, and societies. There has been no new construction of buildings.

The next biennium, however, promises significant progress in the construction of two major facilities, some of which is part of the business of this convention. A significantly enlarged and improved Library and Media Center is being planned. Concordia also anticipates with joy and gratitude the assistance to which the Texas District has committed itself for the construction of a sizable facility for major assemblies and recreational and athletic instruction and programming. Concordia's "skyline" is about to undergo some change.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Concordia continues to expand and to improve its curricular offerings. Additional courses have been designed to allow for greater flexibility of program in the areas of religion, mathematics, human services, and physical education. Every attempt is made to devise teaching levels and instructional methods which will permit every student to develop at his maximum potential. Self-paced learning and presentation of material through several media are becoming increasingly common.

The program in Radiologic Technology, now entirely college based, continues to graduate very effective workers in this vocational area.

After twenty-five meaningful and productive years as a high school, Concordia took the dramatic step of becoming a junior college. Now, after twenty-five eventful and progressive years as a junior college, Concordia anticipates becoming a four-year institution in its fifty-first year. Following this dramatic decision by the Board of Control, preliminary planning has begun to ready the institution for this greater role of service to the church and to the people of Texas and the south. Final approval awaits the action of the delegates assembled in Los Angeles for the synodical convention in 1975.

RECRUITMENT

The work of two energetic young men, Mike Linebrink and D. R. Nelson, their staff assistant, Anita Fritchey, their secretary — all under the administrative leadership of Varnes Stringer, Director of Admissions, Counseling and Records is yielding encouraging results in reaching young people and their parents with the Concordia story. Anticipated greater enrollment figures are the happy outcome of such efforts.

Credit is herewith also given to the faculty representatives assigned to work with each of the eight regions of the Texas District, and to all faculty and staff who represent the school far and wide out of their love for Concordia. Bouquets are also in order for the District Recruitment Committee in their programs and supports. Especially encouraging is the energetic, but scattered, involvement of pastors, teachers, and ex-students in the recruitment task.

FINANCES

Because synodical subsidy covers a smaller part of the operational budget each year, and because student fees cannot be raised beyond a sensible level, a greater urgency attaches to securing gifts and grants from individuals and groups. Approximately one-third of the annual operating budget and sizable amounts of scholarship aid must be financed through gifts of love which come from friends of the institution. Capital funds for building or major improvements must be raised in their entirety from sources outside the synodical treasury.

All of the above requires continuing identification of those people who identify with the mission of Concordia Lutheran College. Happily, the Texas District has always and does now recognize Concordia as a part of its mission. Concordia continues to be blessed with other generous friends as well.

FINALLY

Together we face the future with enthusiasm and optimism. If we continue to pray for Concordia, support Concordia, and enroll our young people in Concordia, the best is yet to come. Because God is present to guide and to bless all of

the people of Concordia, we know that we are engaged in a ministry of great potential under His able direction. We are therefore pledged to spare no effort in the faithful study and proclamation of His Word and in reaching out for whatever goals He may set before us.

Peace and Joy,

Ray F. Martens
President

REPORT FROM THE ARMED FORCES COMMISSION, LC-MS

Reverend Carl A. Heckmann, President
Texas District, LCMS
8100 US 290 East
Austin, Texas 78724

Dear President Heckmann:

By now you may be making preliminary preparations for the 1974 convention and pastoral meetings of your District. It would be greatly appreciated if you would announce to your pastors and congregations the sincere appreciation of the Armed Forces Commission for their generous contributions, especially through the annual Mothers Day Offering sponsored through Synod's Board of Stewardship. By the prayerful support and assistance of the congregations in the Districts of our church, we have been able to provide a ministry to service personnel and their dependents in all parts of the world.

Recent issues of the "Lutheran Witness" have published the new location and programs of the Armed Forces Commission. Our church congregations may wish to be reminded of the present addresses since the relocation: (1) Executive Secretary, Armed Forces Commission, 955 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Suite 4300, Washington, D.C. 20024, (2) Program Director, Ministry-by-Mail, AFC, LCMS, Box 8934, Jefferson Memorial Station, St. Louis, Missouri 63102. All new addresses, changes of address and discharge notices of military service men and women of the congregations should be forwarded to the Ministry-by-Mail Program in St. Louis. All other reports and correspondence to the Armed Forces Commission should be directed to the executive office in Washington, D.C.

May the Lord continue to bless you in your mission for His Kingdom.

Sincerely yours, in Christ,

M. S. Ernstmeyer
Executive Secretary

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONS

Personnel

The Committee on Constitutions consists of two pastors, one teacher and one layman elected for four-year terms. All positions on the Committee are subject to the election to be held at the District Convention in 1974.

Several vacancies have arisen over the past four years and have been filled by appointments. After serving on the Committee since 1963, Teacher Martin Eifert accepted a call to Florida in 1973. Replacing him on the Committee is Teacher Jonathan Fischer of Dallas. Pastor Marvin Koch of Copperas Cove and Mr. Fred Symmank of Carrollton were both appointed to the Committee in 1972. Pastor David Ebert was appointed to the Committee in 1966 and as chairman in 1968.

Duties

The Committee on Constitutions is to approve all new, revised and amended constitutions of Texas District congregations (see Synodical Handbook, Section 1.11). The Committee's approval is reported to the Texas District Board of Directors for their action and is ratified by the next District Convention.

Four Copies

The Committee on Constitutions does most of its work by correspondence and therefore requests that four copies of all constitutions be sent to: Committee on Constitutions, c/o Reverend David Ebert, P. O. Box 1481, Fort Stockton, Texas 79735.

Thirty-five constitutions, including nine new congregations, have been approved by the Committee on Constitutions in the two years since the last District Convention. Several more constitutions are before the Committee at this time. A complete listing of all constitutions approved in the last two years will be reported at the time of the Convention.

Woman Suffrage

If congregations wish to adopt woman suffrage, they are asked to study the statement issued in January 1970 by Synod's Commission on Constitutional Matters, entitled, "Suggestions for Congregational Constitutions or Bylaws Regarding the Privileges of Women (Voting and Holding Office)." This statement gives guidelines for congregations and lists certain offices which should be held by men, in keeping with Resolution 2-17 of the Denver Convention. Copies of this statement are available on request. The Texas District Committee on Constitutions has been following these guidelines in approving woman suffrage in congregations.

Lower Voting Age

Last summer a Texas state law went into effect granting full legal rights to 18 year-olds. If a congregation chooses to adopt a lower voting age, 18 year-olds now may vote on any issue and may legally hold any office in the congregation, unless the congregation decides to place a higher age requirement on holding any or all offices. The Committee on Constitutions feels that members of the Board of Elders should be at least 21 years of age.

Unalterable Articles

The Committee on Constitutions has received many questions about "unalterable" articles. We have consulted with Synod's Commission on Constitutional Matters and with lawyers in Texas. We have concluded that legally it would be difficult to enforce an unalterable article. The only thing that will never change is God's Word (Matthew 24:35). Other items in a constitution that are free to be changed by a congregation should not be declared "unalterable."

Model Constitution

A number of requests have been received for a model constitution. The Committee on Constitutions is planning to have such a model constitution completed and ready for distribution soon.

If the Committee can be of service to your congregation at any time, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,

Reverend Marvin Koch
Mr. Jonathan Fischer
Mr. Fred Symmank
Reverend David Ebert, Chairman

REPORT OF THE LUTHERAN HOSPITAL BOARD, HOUSTON, TEXAS TO THE CONVENTION OF THE TEXAS DISTRICT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD IN SESSION AT DALLAS, TEXAS JULY 21-23, 1974

During the latter part of the 1950's a Christian couple, Marshal and Lillie Johnson of Wharton, Texas, determined to dedicate some of their wealth for the purpose of establishing a hospital. Through their friendship with some Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod members the decision was reached to establish a Lutheran Hospital.

As a result a Lutheran Hospital Board was selected by the Central Lutheran Activities Council of Houston, Texas and a charter was applied for in 1958.

After years of study and planning the decision was reached to join the University of Texas and the M.D. Anderson Cancer Hospital and Tumor Institute in the quest for successful research and treatment of cancers and tumors.

The Johnson gift amounted to more than fifteen millions of dollars. The University of Texas matching funds fixed the total at approximately forty million dollars.

The hospital is under construction and the hope is that it will be in operation some time in 1975. In addition, the Boards of M.D. Anderson-Lutheran Hospital complex resolved to build a chapel to serve both hospitals and that a Chaplaincy Program be established to serve the patients at the hospitals.

Funds for the construction of the hospital and the chapel have been provided. However, the Chaplaincy Program is in need of financial support. In addition to providing spiritual help to the patients at the hospitals the program will offer opportunities for chaplains to gain the necessary accreditation for service in chaplaincy programs in hospitals throughout the nation. The program at its optimum state will engage seven chaplains. One chaplain will supervise the total program, two staff chaplains will give direction to the patient care and the clinical pastoral education of four chaplains in a training program. A total of thirty months of study and training will equip the trainees for a position as supervisor of a chaplaincy program or for positions as staff chaplains. Naturally, all seven of the chaplains will carry their assigned share of spiritual help to the patients.

It is estimated that an endowment of a half million dollars supplemented by an on-going program of financial support will be sufficient to provide the necessary funds estimated at this time to be \$64,000.00 annually.

The records of patient population at M.D. Anderson Hospital show that only twenty percent come from the greater Houston area, that sixty percent come from Texas and that the remaining twenty percent come from all parts of the United States.

Three hundred beds are available at M.D. Anderson Hospital. When Lutheran Hospital has been completed the number of beds will be more than doubled for a total of approximately six hundred fifty. Experience teaches that an average of two persons accompany the patients who come to M.D. Anderson Hospital for the treatment of cancer. This means that an average of one thousand nine hundred fifty persons will form this hospital parish at any given time. In addition an average of one thousand two hundred fifty out-patients visit the hospital clinic daily. True, Lutheran chaplains will not be alone in giving spiritual attention to the patients. Nevertheless, the number of persons, lonely, anxious and in need of spiritual help present a tremendous challenge to a Lutheran Chaplaincy program.

In view of this the Houston Lutheran Hospital Board respectfully recommends that the Texas District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in session at Dallas, Texas endorse the chaplaincy program, giving thanks to our gracious God for the opportunity of this service, and that the District in session encourage its congregations to participate actively by providing funds for the support of the chaplaincy program.

Respectfully submitted by

The Lutheran Hospital Board
Houston, Texas
Doctor Richard Jesse, Chairman
Doctor Oliver R. Harms, Coordinator of Fund Raising for the chaplaincy program

MEMORIALS

MEMORIAL 5-1-74 TO REPORT NUMBER OF VOTES CAST

RESOLVED, That we petition the Texas District, beginning at this convention, report the number of votes received by all candidates for elective office, each time a vote is reported.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Navasota
H. C. Eickenhorst, President
David Husfeld, Secretary

MEMORIAL 5-2-74 TO DESIGNATE SMOKING AREAS

WHEREAS, Smoking is offensive to some; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the pastors of Region V, petition the District to have a designated area for smokers at the District Convention and Regional Conferences; and be it further

RESOLVED, That smokers be asked to refrain from smoking or confine themselves to the designated area(s).

Region V Pastoral Conference
John F. Selle, Secretary

MEMORIAL 5-3-74 TO CHANGE THE NUMBER AND ROLE OF VICE PRESIDENTS

WHEREAS, The Synod has deemed it advisable that the Vice Presidents of the Synod be not members of the Board of Directors, but serve as advisory members to this Board, (HB 2.71), and

WHEREAS, This arrangement does not restrict their best judgment and counsel to the unity of a praesidium, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the number of Vice Presidents for the Texas District be limited to two (2) and that they serve in the capacity of assisting the President and as advisory members to the Board of Directors, and be it further

RESOLVED, That a Pastor of a member congregation be elected by the convention from each of the four (4) designated areas (A,B,C,D) to serve the District as a member of the Board of Directors.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Houston
R. L. Johnson, President
James Muetschke, Secretary

An identical Memorial was submitted by:

Memorial Lutheran Church, Houston
Leonard F. Schroeder, President
Keene G. Melde, Secretary
Eugene A. Oesch, Pastor

MEMORIAL 5-4-74 TO LIMIT TERMS OF OFFICE

WHEREAS, There is much good to have a fresh approach and a wider base of operation; and

WHEREAS, Two terms in an elective office also requires much time for those involved, time which should be spent in the Parish Ministry or the Teaching Ministry, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That those elective offices of the District which are for a four year term be limited to not more than two successive terms beginning with the present Convention.

Trinity Lutheran Church, West Sinton
Hilmer Person, Chairman
Donald Adams, Secretary

MEMORIAL 5-5-74 TO LIMIT TERMS OF OFFICE

WHEREAS, There are available men who are qualified to occupy the elective offices in the District besides those who are in office, and

WHEREAS, It is good to have fresh approaches and a wider base of participation, and

WHEREAS, Two terms, eight years in office also takes a lot of time for those thus involved; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the elective offices of the District that are on a four year term be limited to succeeding oneself once, effective with the present elections. Be it further

RESOLVED, That an office holder could be returned to office after one term away from that office.

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Corpus Christi
Arnold L. Herman, President
Mrs. Martin Birnbaum, Secretary

MEMORIAL 5-6-74 TO IMPLEMENT THE SYNODICAL CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, AND CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, The Bylaws of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod provide (3.07) concerning the relationship between Synod and the Districts that

“a. The Synod is not merely an advisory body in relation to a District. A District is the Synod itself performing the functions of the Synod. Resolutions of the Synod are binding on Districts.”
And

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod provides (in Art. XII: Districts of the Synod and Their Regulation, Par. 9) that

“Furthermore, the District Presidents shall . . . a. See to it that all resolutions of the Synod which concern the Districts are made known to the Districts and are carried out by them.” Now, be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the aforesaid provisions of the Constitution of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and its Bylaws be implemented within its Texas District with particular reference to the Resolutions of its 1973 New Orleans Convention concerning doctrinal matters.

Memorial Lutheran Church
Leonard F. Schroeder, President
Keene G. Melde, Secretary
Eugene A. Oesch, Pastor

MEMORIAL 5-7-74 TO SUPPORT CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in convention at New Orleans, La. passed resolutions 3-12A and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Control, St. Louis Seminary, has taken action in connection with this resolution and,

WHEREAS, Certain persons and groups within the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod have gone beyond the bounds of the constitution of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and have failed to avail themselves of the procedures for protest of actions taken by the synod in clear violation of the Fourth Commandment ie: “GOD FORBIDS US TO DESPISE OUR PARENTS AND OTHER SUPERIORS BY DISREGARDING THEIR DIGNITY OR PROVOKING THEM TO JUST ANGER BY DISOBEDIENCE OR BY ANY OTHER KIND OF WICKEDNESS.” and “Whosoever therefore resisteth the power resisteth the ordinance of God; and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. Rom. 13:2” (Luther’s Small Catechism pages 64-65) Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, in Convention assembled, take the lead in asking all those who have left full participation in Synodical activities in support of those who have been charged in regard to the Synodical Resolution 3-12A, to return to their lawful duties and to take any and all steps of protest provided by the Constitution of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and be it further,

RESOLVED, That the Texas District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod issue a firm and open statement of support for the Resolutions passed at the New Orleans Convention and be it finally,

RESOLVED, That the Texas District take the lead in supporting the administration of pastoral love in our synod and the work of restoring unity to the synod under the clear passages of Scripture and in accordance with the Lutheran Confessions.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wilson
Glen Lehman, Chairman
Dan Gatzki, Secretary
George Ascher, Pastor

**MEMORIAL 5-8-74 TO DECLARE THE TEXAS DISTRICT IN FULL SUPPORT OF
DOCTRINAL RESOLUTIONS OF THE SYNOD**

WHEREAS, The Texas District is an integral part and arm of Synod, and

WHEREAS, There is need for all District officers to carry out the Synodical Doctrinal Resolutions, and neither minimize nor act contrary to them in fact or in spirit, and

WHEREAS, Much strength and joy in witnessing can be gained as well as help to the confused, whether seminarians or members of our local congregations. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas District in Convention assembled June 21-23-1974 in Dallas, Texas declare itself in full harmony with our parent body in particular in the Doctrinal Resolutions on the authority of Holy Scripture and hereby require all elected officials as well as all pastors and teachers to be in full agreement with the historical stand of our Synod on Scripture as a factual record, witness and prophecy as God's errorless, infallible Word unto man with the Good News of deliverance from sin by the blood of Christ, available to all who accept Him by faith as the world's One and Only Savior of man. And that we likewise urge all the laity to accept the same Doctrinal position.

Trinity Lutheran Church, West Sinton
Hilmer Person, Chairman
Donald Adams, Secretary

**MEMORIAL 5-9-74 TO DECLARE THE TEXAS DISTRICT IN FULL SUPPORT OF
DOCTRINAL RESOLUTIONS OF THE SYNOD**

WHEREAS, The Texas District is an integral part and arm of Synod, and

WHEREAS, There is need for District office holders to carry out Synodical doctrinal resolutions, and neither minimize nor act contrary to them in fact or in spirit, and

WHEREAS, Much strength of joy in witness can again be gained, as well as help to the confused, whether seminarians at St. Louis, or in our congregations; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas District in convention assembled 21-23 June, 1974, in Dallas, declare itself in harmony with our parent body, in particular in the doctrinal resolutions with authority in Scripture, and hereby urge all elected officials, as well as pastors and teachers, to show agreement with the historic stand of our Synod on Scripture as a factual record, witness, and prophecy, in fact, God's errorless Word to man, with the Good News of deliverance from sin by the blood of Christ, available to all who accept Him, as the main, chief message.

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Corpus Christi
Arnold L. Herman, President
Mrs. Martin Birnbaum, Secretary

MEMORIAL 5-10-74**TO CALL FOR AMENDS**

WHEREAS, President J.A.O. Preus, the Board of Control of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Acting President Martin H. Scharlemann and the current administration of Concordia Seminary, and the Board for Missions of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, represent a view held by many members of the church, and

WHEREAS, There has been a de-emphasis on the Gospel as the center of all Scriptural study, as well as on the Mission Affirmations as a way of life for the church, and

WHEREAS, The direction that the administration of the church has been taking has led to divisive controversies, a grasping for power, and to bureaucratic control instead of evangelical edification, and

WHEREAS, Such action on the part of the administration of the Synod has created between brothers suspicion instead of understanding, within the Synod polarization instead of reconciliation, the destruction of Concordia Seminary and a slowdown in the work of the Mission Staff and of the foreign Missionaries, and

WHEREAS, Such action depends upon the majority vote of a Convention instead of Scriptural injunction in order to operate, and

WHEREAS, This approach will lead to a fragmentation of all of our Institutions including the local parish, and eventually to a general split within the Synod, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That those aforementioned who are in control make amends to the faculty majority and student body of Concordia Seminary, to the Mission Staff of the Synod, and to the church at large for the threats imposed upon persons, families, and reputations, and above all, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That if no such amends, or attempts at amends, are made, the resignations of such officials within our Synod be called for on the grounds that they have failed to act pastorally, and in conjunction with the spirit of Matthew 18.

Victor Buvinghausen, McAllen

MEMORIAL 5-11-74**TO MAKE A STRONG DOCTRINAL CONFESSION**

WHEREAS, District officials, some members of the faculty of Concordia College, and some pastors of the Texas District, continue to maintain that there are "true discrepancies" in the Scriptures, and

WHEREAS, Evidence of this position is documented by the adoption of the paper titled "Are There Any Discrepancies in Scripture?" which maintains that there are "true discrepancies in the Scripture" and that the Synodically adopted statement: "Since the Holy Scriptures are the Word of God, it goes without saying that they are in all parts the works and words, the infallible truth, also in those parts which treat of historical, geographical, and other secular matters, John 10,35" (Brief Statement), "goes too far by imposing a definition of truth and reliability on the Scripture which is not supported by Scripture itself," and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, has and continues to believe and confess, "With Luther we confess that "God's Word cannot err" (LCIV 57), We, therefore, believe, teach, and confess that since the Holy Scriptures are the Word of God they contain no errors or contradictions but they are in all their parts and words the infallible truth. We hold the opinion that Scripture contains errors in a violation of the sola Scripture of principle for it rests upon the acceptance of some norm or criteria of truth above the Scriptures. We recognize that there are apparent contradictions or discrepancies and problems which arise because of uncertainty of the original text, and

WHEREAS, We are enjoined to walk in unity, a purpose for which our Synod was formed, and

WHEREAS, Support for Concordia College cannot be given by all members of the Texas District because some of the clergy on Concordia's faculty and members of the District subscribe to the contention that there are true discrepancies in Scripture, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas District clearly confess with Synod: "We, therefore, believe, teach and confess that since the Holy Scriptures are the Word of God, they contain no errors or contradictions but that they are in all their parts the work and words, the infallible truth. We hold the opinion that Scriptures contain errors is a violation of the sola Scripture of principle, for it rests upon the acceptance of some norm or criteria of truth above the Scriptures, we

recognize that there are *apparent* contradictions or discrepancies and problems which arise because of uncertainty over the original text," and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas District with Synod reject the view "that Scriptures contain theological as well as factual contradictions and errors," and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Texas District declare that while there are apparent discrepancies there are no true discrepancies in the Scriptures.

Reverend Thomas E. Petersen

MEMORIAL 5-12-74 TO RESCIND NEW ORLEANS RESOLUTION 2-12 and 3-01

WHEREAS, The confessional basis which all members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are bound to accept without reservation is set forth in Article II of its Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Article VI of the Constitution of the Synod prescribes that one of the conditions for acquiring and holding membership in the Synod is "Acceptance of the confessional basis of Article II," Which Article prescribes only the Holy Scriptures and the Confessional Books of the Lutheran Church; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2-12 of the New Orleans convention asserts the right of the Synod, in order to clarify its doctrinal position, to adopt doctrinal statements that are binding on its members; and

WHEREAS, The arguments of Resolution 2-12 apply to a large extent to such doctrinal statements that explain the Synod's confessional position "over against aberrations of every sort" and more specifically in order to apply the teachings of Scripture as they apply to "issues of the day" not previously made explicit in the Lutheran Confessions; and

WHEREAS, This in effect can and does change what the Synod clearly declared previously in its norms (Article II) and thus in effect amends the confessional basis of the Constitution of the Synod without following the procedures required by Article XIV of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, New Orleans Resolution 3-01 explicitly implements Resolution 2-12 by adoption of "A Statement of Scriptural and Confessional Principles," which intends to address itself "to the doctrinal issues troubling the church today" and now serves as a "formal and comprehensive statement of belief" that has become binding on its members; and

WHEREAS, A similar attempt to amend the confessional basis of the church by the San Francisco convention of 1959 (Resolution 3-09) was rescinded by the next convention (Cleveland, 1962, Resolution 6-01) as being unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, "A Statement" does not merely deal with doctrinal matters but also with biblical interpretation, making these too binding on the Synod and thus further broadens the confessional basis, since "A Statement" was accepted "in all its parts;" and

WHEREAS, The Synod historically, in the tradition of confessional Lutheranism, never bound its members officially to a specific Biblical interpretation, provided that alternate interpretations advanced were not contrary to the analogy of faith; and

WHEREAS, The Synod has over the years been embarrassed when in an overzealous manner it unofficially but nonetheless firmly accepted certain Biblical interpretations as the only correct ones (e.g., concerning marriage to one's sister-in-law, life insurance, taking of interest, engagement, etc.), and later found it necessary to change its position, but only after it had burdened the consciences of untold numbers of its members, even to the point of excluding some of them from membership in the Synod; be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Synod declare Resolutions 2-12 and 3-01 of the New Orleans convention unconstitutional and therefore null and void on the ground that said resolutions have in effect amended the confessional basis of the Constitution of Synod without following the procedure of Article XIV of the Constitution; and be it further

RESOLVED, That President Carl Heckmann be asked to submit this resolution as an overture to the 1975 convention of the Synod in Los Angeles.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Belton
L. A. Richter, President
Dorothy Baird, Secretary
Larry Heimsoth, Pastor

MEMORIAL 5-13-74 TO RESCIND NEW ORLEANS RESOLUTION 3-09

WHEREAS, Res. 3-09 charges "the faculty," or "the faculty majority," with being in violation of Article II of the Constitution, teaching false doctrine which "cannot be tolerated in the church of God, much less be excused and defended," and

WHEREAS, President John Tietjen and seminary professors at New Orleans flatly denied that what was condemned in Res. 3-09 was being taught in the seminary; and

WHEREAS, Res. 3-09, having been "turned over to the Board of Control of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis," could be used as an instrument to discipline and even dismiss professors, in spite of the fact that these professors have denied the charges against them contained in the resolution; and

WHEREAS, Members of "the faculty majority" have not been confronted as individuals with specific accusations or with those who make these accusations, and

WHEREAS, In full conformity with Synod's instructions (Milwaukee, Res. 2-28), the Board of Control of Concordia Seminary, after thorough review of the faculty's doctrinal position on the basis of written documents and personal interviews, did, in fact, resolve to "commend" every member of the faculty as being not guilty of false teaching while recognizing certain problem areas which needed further discussion; and

WHEREAS, Since this Report of the Board of Control (June 22, 1972) no new charges have been responsibly made, nor new evidence of false teaching has been brought forth, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Res. 3-09 of the New Orleans Convention contravenes orderly and constitutionally approved procedures in dealing with such matters, and shall therefore be declared null and void; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Res. 3-09 not be used as a criterion for disciplinary proceedings against any professor in the Synod; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all professors accused of false teaching be dealt with in a fair and fraternal manner according to the provisions of 6.77, 6.78, and 6.79, as adopted at New Orleans; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this resolution be transmitted by the Texas District as an overture to the Los Angeles convention of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod for action by that convention.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Belton
L. A. Richter, President
Dorothy Baird, Secretary
Larry Heimsoth, Pastor

MEMORIAL 5-14-74 TO REFRAIN FROM PASSING BINDING RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, The Synod in convention has adopted *A Statement of Scriptural and Confessional Principles* which it has declared to be a formal and comprehensive statement which purports to apply Scripture to the issues of our days (New Orleans, Res. 3-01); and

WHEREAS, the Synod's Constitution (Article VII) states that

"In its relation to its members the Synod is not an ecclesiastical government exercising legislative or coercive powers, and with respect to the individual congregation's right of self-government it is but an advisory body. Accordingly no resolution of the Synod imposing anything upon the individual congregation is of binding force if it is not in accordance with the Word of God or if it appears to be inexpedient as far as the condition of a congregation is concerned," and

WHEREAS, This is in no way invalidated by Bylaw 1.09; and

WHEREAS, The founding fathers strongly resisted any attempt on the part of Synod to exercise legislative or coercive powers; and

WHEREAS, C.F.W. Walther, for instance, declared in his first presidential address (1848),

"According to our constitution we have no right to formulate decrees, pass laws and regulations, and to make a judicial decision, to which our congregations would have to submit unconditionally in any matter involving the imposing of something upon them."

and warned "all who have an office in the church against all desire to rule" (*Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly*, XXXIII (April 1960), 13 and 16); and

WHEREAS, Walther, as late as 1879, said to Iowa Lutheran congregations,

"According to our Constitution no synodical resolution has binding force upon any congregation. Note well: no resolution! The things we decide here in this convention must be reported back home by the preachers and the lay delegates. They must say that the Synod has decided a certain thing. But they dare not add that therefore the local congregation must obey it. Rather the congregation is to recognize that it is such a matter that they as a congregation are free to ignore without any official reprisal." (*CTM*) XLIV (November 1973) 378; and

WHEREAS, When the Synod in convention in 1857 and 1881, as cited in New Orleans Resolutions 2-12, 3-01, 3-09, and 5-03, did indeed pass a series of theses, Synod did so with the understanding that in adopting the doctrinal theses it was putting into practice what was clearly taught in the norms of the Synod (Article II) and that they were not clarifying with the theses Biblical doctrines that were "Set forth somewhat indirectly or incidentally" in the Confessions (*Statement*, Article VI, 1) nor were they attempting to clarify the faith for the current life of the church (Milwaukee, Resolution 2-21); and

WHEREAS, New Orleans Resolution 3-01 had not been presented to the Synod merely to determine whether all understood the teaching and were in agreement with it, for the vote (566 to 455) clearly showed that a large minority (44% plus) did not regard the *Statement* as a correct exposition of the Word of God that was to be "binding upon all its members" (Resolution 2-12); be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Synod return to the clear intent of its Constitution and refrain from passing resolutions that are binding on the conscience of its members; and be it further

RESOLVED, That with C.F.W. Walther the 1974 Dallas Convention of the Texas District declares its position to be one in which the Synod stands at the sides of its members "as their counselor" in order that "we have a community of members of Christ who are bound together through an evangelical, gentle, loving hand." (*CTM* (November 1973), 375), and that we continue to operate in that spirit; and be it further

RESOLVED, That President Carl Heckmann be asked to submit this resolution as an overture to the 1975 convention of the Synod in Los Angeles.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Belton
L.A. Richter, President
Dorothy Baird, Secretary
Larry Heimsoth, Pastor

**MEMORIAL 5-15-74 TO DECLARE PRINTING OF CERTAIN NEW ORLEANS RESOLUTION
TO BE IN VIOLATION OF SEC. 1.27c OF THE LCMS HANDBOOK**

PREAMBLE: Among the purposes for which the synod was organized and the objects of its ongoing activity is that of "The protection of pastors, teachers and congregations in the performance of their duties and the maintenance of their rights." (Constitution, Art. III, 8). For the implementation of this objective various provisions have been made. For instance, Section 1.27c of the Handbook states: "Overtures which contain defamatory allegations for libel or slander, shall not be published or presented to any floor committee or to the convention."

It is evident that this section of the Handbook was violated in connection with the New Orleans convention of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. With regard to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and its president, Dr. John H. Tietjen, the convention Workbook contains such undocumented statements as:

"The administration of the seminary has shown prejudice in promoting professors, dealing with staff and professors, scheduling and assignment structure." (Overture 3.196).

"Dr. Tietjen, since his election as president of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, has failed to demonstrate the executive ability necessary to work in Christian harmony with his superiors." (3-161).

"The seminary president upholds a 'Gospelism' theology which is contrary to the Reformation theology clearly stated in our Confessions and held by Synod." (3-164).

"Because of this report to you we may be castigated by the seminary president because it has been done before." (3-01c).

Furthermore, Resolution 3-12 was published in *Today's Business*, given to all delegates and registered guests, made available to the press which promptly gave it nationwide publicity, and published in the official *Proceedings* of the convention. It contains such statements as the following about Dr. John H. Tietjen, completely unsupported by any evidence, that he:

"Was administratively irresponsible;
"Presumptuously and wrongfully assumed board of control duties and
"On occasion intimidated board of control members;
"Demeaned the integrity and position of certain faculty members."

In order to correct the situation caused by these violations the following resolution is offered:

WHEREAS, Section 1.27c of the Handbook of LCMS states that "Overtures which contain defamatory allegations or overtures which may subject the president of synod to civil actions for libel or slander, shall not be published or presented to any floor committee or to the convention."

WHEREAS, It is evident from the evidence given above that this provision was violated in the Workbook of the New Orleans convention and by a resolution proposed to it; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the 1974 Dallas Convention of the Texas District declare its conviction that the printing of the Supplemental Report 3-01c and of Overtures 3-161, 3-164 and 3-196 as well as the printing and dissemination of Resolution 3-12 were not in accord with section 1.27c of the Handbook of the Synod; and be it further

RESOLVED, That President Carl Heckmann be asked to report this resolution to President J.A.O. Preus and Secretary Herbert Mueller of LCMS, asking them to make a suitable explanation and apology to the synod and to Dr. John H. Tietjen; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this resolution be sent as an overture to the Los Angeles convention requesting it to reaffirm the synod's intention to observe section 1.27c, to make sure that there are no violations and to express regrets over the handling of the indicated overtures and the committee resolution.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Belton
L. A. Richter, President
Dorothy Baird, Secretary
Larry Heimsoth, Pastor

**MEMORIAL 5-16-74 TO MEMORIALIZE THE 1975 SYNODICAL CONVENTION RELATIVE
TO THE USE OF A *STATEMENT***

WHEREAS, One of the major purposes of the Synod, according to its Constitution (Article III, 8) is "The protection of pastors, teachers, and congregations in the performance of their duties and the maintenance of their rights;" and

WHEREAS, "A Statement of Scriptural and Confessional Principles," adopted at New Orleans, has an ambiguous status, having been described as being among those doctrinal statements that are binding *only "insofar as they are in accord with the Scriptures and the pattern of doctrine set forth in the Lutheran Symbols"* (italics added), (Resolution 2-12) and also as a statement that is "in all its parts" Scriptural and in accord with the Lutheran Confessions (Resolution 3-01); and

WHEREAS, The *Statement* in fact does not deal only with doctrinal matters but also with exegetical details which in the historic Lutheran tradition have not been binding on the members of the Synod; and

WHEREAS, The president of the Synod, Dr. J.A.O. Preus, himself had stated when he first issued the *Statement* for the use of the Board of Control of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, that he did not intend his formulation to be a new standard of orthodoxy (Letter to the members of the Synod, March 3, 1972); and

WHEREAS, The *Statement* is being used as a standard of orthodoxy and as a test for candidates for office by some district presidents, congregations and boards; and

WHEREAS, Such use has made the *Statement* a divisive instrument and a cause for further disrupting our fellowship as a community in Christ; and

WHEREAS, The Commission on Theology and Church Relations has adopted the policy that unless members of the Synod submit a formal dissent to the *Statement*, it will be concluded that they are in agreement with it, which in fact may not be accurate since many members are still uninformed or have not as yet come to a conclusion; be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the President of the Synod be asked to implement Article III, 8 of the Constitution, especially with respect to the use of the *Statement*; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we ask President Carl Heckmann to transmit the above resolution to Dr. Preus; to implement it within the confines of his district and to encourage other district presidents to do the same in their districts; and be it further

RESOLVED, That President Carl Heckmann be asked to submit this resolution as an overture to the 1975 convention of the Synod in Los Angeles.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Belton
L. A. Richter, President
Dorothy Baird, Secretary
Larry Heimsoth, Pastor

MEMORIAL 5-17-74**TO REAFFIRM OUR COMMON BELIEFS AND PRINCIPLES**

WHEREAS, The condition for acquiring and holding membership in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is acceptance of the confessional basis of Article II of the Constitution, that is, the Holy Scriptures and their exposition in the Ecumenical Creeds (Apostles, Nicene, Athanasian), the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, the Large and Small Catechisms of Luther and the Formula of Concord, and

WHEREAS, The Commission on Theology and Church Relations has stated that “there should be no effort to have ‘A Statement of Scriptural and Confessional Principles’ formally and individually subscribed by the members of Synod,” and

WHEREAS, The Synod in convention in New Orleans in 1973 adopted “A Statement” as a “formal statement of belief” (Resolution 3-01), and

WHEREAS, Some congregations and individuals in Synod have employed “A Statement” as an additional standard of orthodoxy, in direct contradiction to Articles II and VI of the Constitution, thus contributing to the climate of distrust and disunity in Synod, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the members of the Texas District reaffirm their unity in Jesus Christ and their common adherence to the Holy Scriptures “as the written Word of God and the only rule and norm of faith and practice” and to the historic Lutheran symbols as a true statement and exposition of that Word, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas District voice its objection to the suggestion and/or practice of calling or removing pastors and teachers on the basis of “A Statement” or any doctrinal standard other than those set forth in Articles II and VI of the Constitution.

Messiah Lutheran Church, Richardson
Wayne Helberg, Secretary

MEMORIAL 5-18-74**TO ACCEPT ALL PROPERLY CERTIFIED MINISTERIAL GRADUATES**

WHEREAS, There is a shortage of men qualified for the ministry of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and

WHEREAS, There are many well-trained and fully qualified men who will graduate this Spring from the “Seminary in Exile” in St. Louis, and

WHEREAS, These men are willing to bind themselves to the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions and to the Constitution and By-laws of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and

WHEREAS, These men seek the opportunity to serve their Lord as ordained ministers of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas District urge its congregations to accept such men as properly qualified for the ministry, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas District welcome such properly qualified men wherever they are acceptable to the congregations they would serve, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the District continue its support with scholarship funds and urge congregations to support financially all such students as may choose to study at the “Seminary in Exile” in the same manner in which they support students studying for full-time church work in the other schools, directly supported by Synod, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the District encourage its congregations and individual members to support financially the “Seminary in Exile” with offerings over and above their regular contributions to District and Synod as long as this faculty and student body remain faithful to the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Texas District respectfully urge the President of Synod and the Board of Directors of Synod to exert all possible pressure toward the reconciliation of conflict between the Seminary Board of Control and the faculty majority and the restoration of a strong evangelical seminary at 801 De Mun Avenue in St. Louis.

Circuit No. 33 Pastor's Conference
David Schroeder, Chairman

Reverend T. Petersen registered a negative vote, and requested that this be duly noted.

MEMORIAL 5-19-74 TO ENDORSE ALL TEXAS DISTRICT MINISTERIAL STUDENTS

WHEREAS, The Office of the Ministry continues to be one of the valued gifts our Lord has given to His Church, and

WHEREAS, We desire to use this gift wisely in the Mission of His Church, and

WHEREAS, The pastoral ministry in a complex age places heavy demands on the emotional stamina of those who serve in this Office, and

WHEREAS, It is unfair to students to allow them to expend time, talents and money preparing for a vocation for which they are not suited, and

WHEREAS, Excellent theological and psychological resources are available to help predict a prospective student's strengths and limitations for the pastoral ministry, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Convention ask the District President to endorse all Texas District students prior to their enrollment in the Senior College or in one of our Seminaries, and be it further

RESOLVED, That this endorsement be informed by the results of a vocational and psychological screening process consisting of standard testing and interviews designed to provide some indication of the student's capacity to take on the strenuous yoke of the pastoral ministry, and be it further

RESOLVED, That this endorsement be also informed by letters of recommendation for the President or Dean of the student's Preparatory School and the student's home Pastor, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the cost of the screening process be assumed by the Texas District.

Commission on Ministerial Health
Texas District
Chaplain John Saeger, Chairman
Chaplain Keith Fox
Dr. Oliver Graebner, Ed.D.
Mr. Harold Kieschnick
Dr. Sandra Steinbach, M.D.

MEMORIAL 5-20-74 TO EXPRESS OURSELVES RELATIVE TO THE SITUATION IN SYNOD

WHEREAS, The controversies in our church between the Board of Control of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and the Faculty Majority, between the Board of Missions and the Mission Staff, and over the dismissal of the Faculty Majority have caused divisions which are an offense to the Gospel of our Lord whom all parties profess to serve, are generating loveless acts, anger, and a loss of missionary zeal, and are in general, hideous examples of the power of the Devil; and

WHEREAS, The Holy Scriptures call us to be thankful in everything to God through our Lord Jesus Christ, Ephesians 5:20, and the controversies are doing the opposite, and

WHEREAS, The leadership in Synod has failed to discover ways and means for reconciliation between the parties and for resolution of the conflicts, be it therefore,

RESOLVED, That the Texas District express its feelings of frustration, growing division, and its heartfelt lamentation over these situations to the leaders of our Synod; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas District while in convention in a special worship service express to Almighty God our concern that through our controversy He would not take the precious Word of life and salvation from our church and cause a famine of the Word; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the District publicly through the mass media express our loyalty to Christ, His Word, the Lutheran Confessions, and our willingness to serve our only Lord Jesus Who redeemed us, loves us, and forgives us, not by word alone, but also by love in action toward each other who are in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and to all Lutherans, to all Christians, and to all those for whom Christ died.

Bethany Lutheran Church, Austin
Andrew D. Alexander, President
Gloria Meyer, Secretary
Walter W. Harms, Pastor

MEMORIAL 5-21-74 TO ACCEPT SEMINARY IN EXILE GRADUATES

WHEREAS, The controversy at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, has resulted in a serious loss of student enrollment and if continued will result in a tragic loss of men preparing for the ministry of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and

WHEREAS, Even in normal circumstances, the shortage of pastors in the near future is predicted to be extremely acute, and

WHEREAS, The students taught by the Seminary in Exile will have been taught substantially by the same professors who taught the candidates who were accepted by the church into its ministry in the past year, and

WHEREAS, In normal circumstances, the men graduating from the Seminary in Exile this year would have been acceptable candidates for the ministry of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas District strongly petition our Synod in convention to accept the men graduating from the Seminary in Exile in 1974 as acceptable candidates for the ministry of our Church; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas District petition the Synod in convention to change the bylaws of the Synod to meet the acceptance of these men as candidates for the Holy Ministry.

Bethany Lutheran Church
Andrew D. Alexander, President
Gloria Meyer, Secretary
Walter W. Harms, Pastor

MEMORIAL 5-22-74 TO ACCEPT SEMINARY IN EXILE GRADUATES

WHEREAS, All students at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, have become embroiled in a political and theological dispute not originated by them, and

WHEREAS, Both they and the church have invested many years and large sums of money in ministerial training, and

WHEREAS, The student majority has made a decision of conscience and theological conviction, in disregard of financial, professional and family security, many of them lacking only one academic quarter of training to qualify as candidates for internship or ordination, and

WHEREAS, These candidates will have concluded a theological education and received accredited theological credit sufficient for graduation, or in the case of interns, sufficient for two years of seminary education, through the "Seminary in Exile," and

WHEREAS, The student majority has professed adherence to the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, and the faculty of the "Seminary in Exile" has affirmed that these students possess aptness and fitness to teach and preach, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas District officially authorize its boards and agencies to call some of these men into positions of ministry, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the congregations of the Texas District be exhorted also to consider calling these candidates for pastor or intern, and that these individuals, whether from the "Seminary in Exile" or Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, be admitted to internship or ordination in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That individual members and congregations of the Texas District be encouraged to offer financial and/or moral support to dislocated students, whose hope rests on the Word of God.

Messiah Lutheran Church, Richardson
Wayne Helberg, Secretary

MEMORIAL 5-23-74 TO MAKE CONCORDIA LUTHERAN COLLEGE A FOUR YEAR SCHOOL

WHEREAS, The mission of sharing the message of Christ with the world remains the key task of the church and requires the continuing preparation of young men and women who will serve the Lord and His church with their lives and talents; and

WHEREAS, The Lord has given abundant blessing to our church and the Texas District through the Concordia Lutheran College at Austin, Texas and

WHEREAS, Concordia Lutheran College, Austin, Texas has had the privilege of serving over 3,000 students from Texas, Louisiana, Florida, and other states and countries; and

WHEREAS, The 1976-77 school year marks the beginning of Concordia's second half century of service to the Lord and His church; and

WHEREAS, The potential of Concordia's service to youth and the church at large is extensive because of its location, excellent facilities, highly competent faculty and staff, and its provision for church, professional as well as general Christian education; and

WHEREAS, Students, parents, pastors, teachers and friends of Concordia have consistently indicated their interest in Concordia's program, have supported the college and demonstrated their desire for continued progress and development of the campus; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas District recognize the blessings that have come to the Synod, and to our District and surrounding Districts through Concordia; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we give thanks to the Lord of the church for His goodness and pray that He continue to grant blessing to the students, faculty and staff, Board of Control and all who are part of Concordia community and be it further

RESOLVED, That as Concordia begins its 51st academic year, we reaffirm our interest and support of Concordia's expansion to a four (4) year program, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas District encourage the Synod, Board for Higher Education, Board of Directors and College of Presidents to take favorable action in expanding Concordia to a 4 year college during its 51st academic year; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the continuing interest of the Texas District in Concordia Lutheran College at Austin, Texas and our concern that the Synod utilize the many resources of this campus to best advantage by expanding the program to four years be presented to the Synod at its next convention.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Houston
R. L. Johnson, President
James Mueschke, Secretary

Identical Memorials were submitted by:

Christ Lutheran Church, Fort Worth
William D. Kroon, President
Becky B. Bruch, Secretary
Harold A. Hein, Pastor

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Monahans
Walter Roeber, President
Amalie Long, Secretary Pro-Tem
Thomas E. Hedtke, Pastor

Evangelist Lutheran Church, Kingsbury
Christ Hausmann
F. W. Ellis
Elmer M. Hohle, Pastor

Grace Lutheran Church, Killeen
Charles L. Wells, President
Jerry L. Cremer, Secretary
Cecil Heidtbrink, Elder

Grace Lutheran Church, Brenham
J. O. Baker, President
Glenn Wehring, Secretary
Henry Boehm, Jr., M.D., A.C.E., Vice Pres.

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Austin
Gerald S. Kurio, Chairman Board of Ed.
Duane O. Dybdahl, President
Franklin J. Arldt, Secretary

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Houston
Phil Ludwig
David E. Helms
Glenn O'Shoney, Pastor

Concordia College Faculty, Austin
Gretchen Sump, Faculty Secretary

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Irving
Jerry Hope, President
Donald F. Johnson, Secretary
John H. Kieschnick, Pastor

Messiah Lutheran Church, Richardson
Wayne Helberg, Secretary

Bethany Lutheran Church, Austin
Andrew D. Alexander, Chairman
Gloria Meyer, Secretary
Walter W. Harms, Pastor

Trinity Lutheran Church, Dallas
C. Glynn Davis, President
Frances Maxwell, Secretary
Harold Meissner, Pastor

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Plainview
William K. Schuster, Pastor
Robert Rott, Secretary

Gethsemene Lutheran Church, Houston
Eugene E. Heckmann, Pastor
Douglas P. Wehring, President

Zion Lutheran Church, Fort Worth
Clarence H. Drews, President
John J. Socha, Pastor
May M. Krommes, Secretary

Memorial Lutheran Church, Katy
Jack DeRoch, Secretary

Board of Parish Services
Texas District

Youth Ministry Committee
Texas District

MEMORIAL 5-24-74 TO ENCOURAGE CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT FOR CONCORDIA COLLEGE

WHEREAS, The Texas District, by convention resolution has already encouraged all its congregations to support Concordia Lutheran College in Austin with an annual offering; and

WHEREAS, The Synod has been unable to respond positively to the increased costs of all materials and services by increasing its subsidy to Concordia Lutheran College; and

WHEREAS, Concordia Lutheran College continues to be a part of the mission of the Lutheran Church, and especially of the Texas District; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the congregations of the Texas District thank the Lord of the Church for His continued blessings both to Concordia Lutheran College and to the District through the college; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the congregations of the Texas District be encouraged to continue their prayerful support of Concordia Lutheran College; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the congregations of the Texas District be urged to recognize Concordia Lutheran College as part of the mission of the Texas District by including the college in their regular budget; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the congregations of the Texas District be encouraged to use 1/2% to 1% of total annual budget as a guideline for helpful support to Concordia through their regular budgets.

The Board of Control
Concordia Lutheran College, Austin

An identical Memorial was submitted by:

Messiah Lutheran Church, Richardson
Wayne Helberg, Secretary

MEMORIAL 5-25-74 TO IMPLEMENT THE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONCORDIA LUTHERAN COLLEGE

WHEREAS, Concordia Lutheran College of Austin, Texas, was organized in 1926 and is now approaching its 50th year of service to the Church, and

WHEREAS, During these many years Concordia has, under the blessings of Almighty God, faithfully met its responsibilities in providing Christ-centered educational experiences for young people, many of whom have become pastors and teachers of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and

WHEREAS, Concordia in Austin, because of its location and because of its educational program, is able to provide meaningful and necessary services to the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in the year ahead, and

WHEREAS, Concordia through its Board of Control is in the process of planning and developing a four-year program for a much larger student body in order to allow for even greater service to the Synod and the District during the next fifty years, and

WHEREAS, One of the primary needs of the institution is a large educational and recreational activities center on the campus, and

WHEREAS, Such a facility will provide the Texas District with a centrally located meeting place for large groups and will allow Concordia the opportunity to host large gatherings of Lutheran auxiliary organizations, and

WHEREAS, The Texas District, in convention assembled in 1972, has already determined to express its gratitude to our merciful God for fifty years of blessings through Concordia and its confidence in the institution in anticipation of many more years of expanded service, and

WHEREAS, The Texas District, at the same convention, declared a celebration to be in order, including both anniversary observances and a major fund drive for the construction of a building on campus, and

WHEREAS, A special committee has been appointed and has been at work to plan and develop a program in order to achieve the goals of the adopted resolution of the District, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Texas District has received full reports of the work of this committee and has concurred in its planning and all of its proposals, and

WHEREAS, A goal of \$750,000.00 has been proposed for the Texas District, and Concordia Lutheran College has agreed to secure an additional \$250,000.00 from other sources, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Texas District has requested, and the 50th Anniversary Committee concurs, that everything possible should be done to insure the full support of the District for a program of such magnitude; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That all members of the Texas District be informed of the educational ministry of Concordia Lutheran College and be involved actively in its support, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas District encourage the selection of enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers for leadership in the promotion and celebration of the anniversary observance of Concordia, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas District respond joyfully and positively to the need of the College and District for an educational and recreational activities center on Concordia's campus by raising \$750,000.00 for that purpose in the next biennium, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas District make available sufficient budget to fund initial activities and publications for the program to raise funds, to be repaid with proceeds from the campaign, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas District enter into a contract with a business firm for professional assistance in promoting the anniversary observance and gathering the funds, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the 50th Anniversary Committee be authorized to proceed with such other arrangements as may be necessary to bring this venture to successful conclusion, reporting regularly to the Board of Directors, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That all the congregations of the Texas District be encouraged to give their prayers and full support to this God-pleasing celebration.

The Concordia College
50th Anniversary Committee
Henry Studtman
Jim Haynes
Fred Frieling
Milburn Schubert
Richard Wagner
Ray Martens
Richard Dinda, Advisory
Carl Heckmann, Exofficio
Louis Pabor, Chairman

MEMORIAL 5-26-74
(Late)

TO DISSOLVE THEOLOGICAL FACTIONS PEACEFULLY

PREAMBLE

Unity in the Church is every Christian's earnest desire. Moreover, it is the express Will of God to His people on earth, that they "endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Eph. 4:3). Divisions are sinful and ungodly, particularly when they result from a refusal to bow before God's clear Word. The Apostle Paul urges "by the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." (I Cor. 1:10).

At the convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod in New Orleans, July, 1973, Resolution 3-09 was lengthily prefaced with the charges and counter replies concerning the false doctrine being taught at the Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri; and the final adoption of this resolution expounded that such doctrinal stance "cannot be tolerated in the Church of God, much less be excused and defended."

Since this Resolution 3-09 was adopted at the New Orleans Convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, in July, 1973, there has arisen in the Synod a group calling themselves "Evangelical Lutherans in Mission," now often referred to as ELIM. Since their formation, they have openly attested and subscribed to those theologies which are attacked in Resolution 3-09 of the New Orleans Convention, and do openly defy that their doctrinal position can be tolerated in the Church of God, and can be excused and defended.

This ELIM group responds to goals: 1. The use of the Gospel as the only norm of our theology; 2. To pursue a witness of social Gospel; 3. To maintain an education and study of their theology; 4. To remove financial support from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod for mutual support and protection of brothers and sisters in like-mind in their ministry of mission and service.

And more specifically to objectives:

1. To provide a structure of like mind to stand and work together;
2. To provide a means for dissent to erring actions of the Synodical Convention;
3. To provide a way of staying within the Synod, while working to correct what they perceive to be mistakes.

The result of all this, since the New Orleans Convention, has been confusion and chaos. The Synod cannot espouse two theologies diametrically opposed to each other.

In order that there might be brought about a peaceful dissolution to the two theological factions within the Synod, we, the members of Peace Lutheran Church at Garland, Texas, do now offer the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Holy Scriptures know of only one theological stance, and thus the Lord of the Church demands that all be like-minded and in the same judgment (I Cor. 1:10), commanding also the dissolution of those who cause continued divisions and offenses to His saving doctrines, (Romans 16:17); and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in convention assembled at New Orleans, Louisiana, in July, 1973, recognized that a divergent theology contrary to the inspired Word, contrary to the Lutheran Confessions, and contrary to Article II of the Constitution of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, had now infiltrated the Synod and "cannot be tolerated in the Church of God, much less excused and defended," (FC Preface 9; see Resolution 3-09 of New Orleans Convention Proceedings) and

WHEREAS, We recognize that time is a deteriorating factor, and the theological positions of those who persistently aberrate themselves from the pure and inspired Word of the living God, such as the ELIM group who currently have voiced their refusal to submit to the authority of the Word of God as reaffirmed at the New Orleans Convention, and seemingly will not repent of their errors, but rather seek to undergird their organizational structure by encouraging money and manpower from the constituency of the Texas District, and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of Peace Lutheran Church, Garland, Texas, call upon the convention of the Texas District, assembled in Dallas, Texas, June 21-23, 1974, to exhort the members of the ELIM group, as well as all those who have caused divisions and offenses among us by their refusal to submit to the divine authority of the inspired Word of God, both in doctrine and in practice, to now return to the solid stance of the inspired Scriptures as the infallible truth of God, which The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has known throughout its history; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That all those who find it impossible to make the inspired Word of God their very stance, such as the ELIM group, be invited and encouraged to follow their leaders into membership with other Church bodies with whom they are like-minded, and thus be declared not in fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, thereby bringing about a peaceful dissolution to the theological factions which have been existant among us.

Respectfully submitted,

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Garland, Texas

Mr. William Patterson, President
Mr. William B. Davis, Secretary

MEMORIAL 6-1-74 TO CREATE A REAL ESTATE RESOURCE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, The Texas District does purchase, sell and otherwise transfer real property, and

WHEREAS, The called workers are usually not trained to make a proper evaluation of such property and unable to make the best determination as to the most expeditious time and condition for release or transfer of property, be it therefore

RESOLVED, That a five-person committee be selected, by the Board of Directors, as a resource to recommend the best time and condition for the purchase or sale of district property; recommend or not recommend right-of-ways through present held property; determine the value of continuing to hold unused property, and be it further

RESOLVED, That such committee be composed of, laymen who are, specialists in the field of real estate, real estate appraisals and investments and that the Executive Director of Missions and the Director of Church Extension be advisory members to this committee, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this committee report to the Board of Directors.

Memorial Lutheran Church, Houston
Leonard F. Schroeder, President
Keene G. Melde, Secretary
Eugene A. Oesch, Pastor

An identical Memorial was submitted by:

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Houston
R. L. Johnson, President
James Mueschke, Secretary

MEMORIAL 6-2-74**TO LIMIT REPRESENTATION AT THE DELEGATE CONVENTIONS
OF SYNOD**

WHEREAS, The Stewardship of spending should rank in importance with the appeal and program for giving, and

WHEREAS, It is important that the Synod at all levels seeks to economize and measure its needs carefully by making increasing appeals for additional funds with which to operate, be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Texas District would in the future restrict its support for travel and expenses to the Delegate Conventions of Synod to that of the First Vice-President, the Director of Missions, the Director of Parish Services, and, if deemed advisable by the Board of Directors, the Director of Church Extension and Business Manager.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Houston
R. L. Johnson, President
James Mueschke, Secretary

An identical Memorial was submitted by:

Memorial Lutheran Church, Houston
Leonard F. Schroeder, President
Keene G. Melde, Secretary
Eugene A. Oesch, Pastor

MEMORIAL 6-3-74**TO TERMINATE THE PRESIDENT'S FUND**

WHEREAS, By Convention Resolution in 1969 the Texas District established a fund to be entitled the President's Fund, and

WHEREAS, The Texas District uses a significant portion of its Board of Mission Administration funds in Black and Brown minority areas even though these funds may not be spent in strictly economic programs, and

WHEREAS, Only a minimal amount of funds have been contributed to the fund since its inception and no District board has felt the fund to be of time or effort in promoting the fund, and

WHEREAS, There appears to be less demand for the type program envisioned with the President's Fund, and

WHEREAS, It would be preferable to handle expenditures of this nature by means of the general budget rather than by means of a special fund established outside normal channels, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the President's Fund established in 1969 be terminated.

Board of Directors
Texas District

MEMORIAL 6-4-74**TO PARTICIPATE IN SUPPORT OF LIFRS**

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Institute for Religious Studies provides an opportunity for continuing religious education for clergy and laity alike, and

WHEREAS, The Texas District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has, in the past, bought services from LIFRS, through its Executive Director, in the form of Community Awareness Seminars, Retreats, Institutes, and similar gatherings, and

WHEREAS, Active participation in and support for LIFRS would broaden the base, strengthen the thrust, and enlarge the potential of this agency for the implementation of a program of continuing Christian education among Lutherans throughout the State of Texas; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, in Convention assembled, in Dallas, Texas, June 21-23, 1974, determine to participate entirely in the program of LIFRS and to support such program in 1975 and following years in the amount of \$2,000.00 per annum.

Board of Directors
Texas District

MEMORIAL 6-5-74 TO SUPPORT THE HISPANIC-AMERICAN INSTITUTE

WHEREAS, The Hispanic-American Institute provides a forum where the Church can learn of the needs, problems, aspirations, and citing potential of our Mexican-American neighbors, friends, and brothers in Christ, and

WHEREAS, The Hispanic-American Institute provides an opportunity to the Churches to express their concern for and interest in the total well-being of our Mexican-American population, and

WHEREAS, The Hispanic-American Institute is embarking upon a new program which will provide stimulation toward improved community relations in many of our metropolitan centers in Texas, and

WHEREAS, The Hispanic-American Institute needs the continued support of those denominations that have been supporting this agency in its thrust in the past, as well as all other denominations that could become interested in this work in the future, and

WHEREAS, It is deemed advisable to approach the Texas District in Convention assembled to determine the pleasure of our District as a whole with respect to continued support of the Hispanic-American Institute; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Texas District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, in convention assembled, June 21-24, 1974, determine to support the Hispanic-American Institute in 1975 and years following in the amount of \$3,000.00 per annum, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Texas District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod authorize the Board of Directors to appoint two representatives to serve on the Board of Directors of the Hispanic-American Institute.

Board of Directors
Texas District

MEMORIAL 6-6-74 TO SEPARATE THE BOARD OF MISSION ADMINISTRATION FROM THE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

WHEREAS, In the study that the Board of Directors made in the Fiscal Affairs Department of the District, it has become apparent that the greatest portion of the work of the Fiscal Department of the District lay in the area of the Church Extension Fund, and

WHEREAS, It is the opinion of the Board of Directors that the Board of Mission Administration should function primarily as a Board in the planning, establishment, and operation of every type of mission program needed in our area, and

WHEREAS, The studies involved of the present operation of our far-flung mission areas in regular ministries, ethnic ministries, and also the special ministries make the full-time talents of the Board of Mission Administration and its Executive Director necessary in this area alone, and

WHEREAS, The existing arrangement of the Board of Mission Administration operating the Church Extension Fund call for the Board of Mission Administration to act in a dual capacity in its decisions relative to the opening of new missions and also the purchase of new property and loans involved, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Mission Administration is also encumbered with making decisions and recommendations regarding all loans that effect self-supporting congregations as well as other areas of District owned properties, and

WHEREAS, It is the opinion of the Board of Directors that the Church Extension Fund should operate as a separate entity with specific expertise in this field under the direct supervision of the Board of Directors of the District who stand legally responsible even at this moment for its policies and operation, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the District Convention assembled establish the Board of Mission Administration with its attendant responsibilities as presently outlined in the District Handbook excluding from them all final decisions in the area of Church Extension Fund, but be it understood that the Board of Mission Administration retain all present involvement in mission planning and implementation, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this take effect at this convention.

Board of Directors
Texas District

MEMORIAL 6-7-74 TO ESTABLISH A BOARD FOR CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors deems it necessary that the Board of Mission Administration and Board for Church Extension Fund operate as separate Boards, and

WHEREAS, Our studies indicate that the Board for Church Extension Fund present regulations are in need of special study to update its operation and improve its current ability to serve both mission congregations and self-supporting congregations, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the District establish a Board for Church Extension Fund with the following interim regulations to become effective as soon as the Board of the Directors of the District can implement the resolution (until that time the Church Extension Fund Board will be administered as present through the Board of Mission Administration and the Board of Directors of the District.)

- A. The present Church Extension Fund regulations, as recorded in the District Handbook, shall regulate all basic operations except where there is a conflict in items listed in this recommendation. In such case the regulation here listed shall prevail.
- B. This Board shall study carefully the existing Church Extension Fund rules with the purpose of broadening the scope of the Fund and also seeking to keep the Fund fiscally sound and its loans fiscally secure.
- C. The new Board shall make loans from this fund with the following priority and limitations:
 - a. New mission projects of the Texas District including purchase of advance sites as recommended with supporting detail by the Board of Mission Administration.
 - b. To self-supporting congregations who are in a special mission area and whose work can only be expanded with a Church Extension Fund loan.
 - c. To all self-supporting congregations as funds are available and as their loan needs and fiscal abilities determine their request to be a viable loan.
 - d. No "emergency" loans shall be made for repairs (past policy has permitted various loans for repair purposes to be made and added to existing loans. See later resolution to deal with this problem.)
- D. The Board for Church Extension Fund shall continue to operate as a self-supporting department of the District. This Board with the advice of the Fiscal Affairs Committee shall see to it that all actual costs of administering this fund, through and in connection with the District Fiscal Office and all direct expenses, be charged to this fund.
- E. The Board shall continue to use every means to promote and seek to increase this fund by gifts, bequests, and loans.
- F. The Board shall meet as often as necessary, in its inception, to carry out the work of this Board and to make the necessary studies to re-define and develop the changes necessary in the regulations of this Board. The Board of Directors shall review these changes and permit them to become operational and seek ratification of the District at the next Convention.

G. The personnel of this Board shall consist of:

One Pastor, who serves as the pastor of a voting, self-supporting congregation of the District.

One Teacher, who serves in a voting self-supporting congregation.

Three laymen, who are active members of a voting self-supporting congregation, and who have expertise separately in the following general areas:

1. Real Estate
2. Finances, Investments, Banking and/or General Business Administration
3. Construction or design.

The Executive Officer of this Board shall be the Chief Fiscal Officer of the District. The District President or his representative, as well as the Executive Director, Board of Mission Administration, shall serve as Advisory members.

This Board shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for a four-year term; initially staggered so that approximately one-half of the Board is appointed every two years. The terms shall be limited to three (3) consecutive four-year terms.

No person appointed to this Board as a voting member shall serve in any other elected or appointive capacity in the District or Synod and no Board member shall be involved in any business contracts with this Board i.e. serving as real estate agent, contractors, etc.

Board of Directors
Texas District

MEMORIAL 6-8-74

TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER OF THE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, The report of the Board of Directors of the Texas District regarding the Fiscal Department of the District outlines the studies and the details which the Board of Directors has entered into to evaluate and reorganize the Fiscal Office of the District; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Convention of the Texas District meeting in Dallas in June, 1974, ratify the actions of the Board of Directors and establish the position of Chief Fiscal Officer of the District with its attendant responsibilities of supervising all fiscal affairs of the District and serving in the official capacity of District Treasurer and Church Extension Fund Director, and also be it

RESOLVED, That the District ratify this position to be on the level of the Executive Directors as to salary and authority, and also be it

RESOLVED, That the District ratify the action of the Board of Directors in establishing the office of Assistant Treasurer and Office Manager, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the District be aware that these offices will continue to be filled and be responsible to the Board of Directors according to the established hiring requirements of the Handbook of the District.

Board of Directors
Texas District

MEMORIAL 7-1-74

TO REAFFIRM LOYALTY TO THE MISSION AFFIRMATIONS

WHEREAS, Our Synod in convention in 1965 adopted the Mission Affirmations and has reaffirmed them in subsequent conventions, and

WHEREAS, The Synodical Board of Missions and the Synodical Mission Staff, until August 1973, have worked with diligence and zeal to implement the Mission Affirmations, and

WHEREAS, The conflict between the present Synodical Board of Missions and the Synodical Mission Staff has in great part resulted from conflict over the Mission Affirmations and their implementation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas District reaffirm its loyalty to the Mission Affirmations and implementation as resolved by Synod and to petition the Synod in convention to reaffirm the Synod's loyalty to the Mission Affirmations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas District petition the leaders of Synod to take to task and censure any Board of persons who hinder the implementation of the Mission Affirmations, and finally it is

RESOLVED, That the Texas District encourage the Synodical Board of Missions and the Mission Staff, the missionaries of our District and Synod to continue to implement the Mission Affirmations.

Bethany Lutheran Church, Austin
Andrew D. Alexander, President
Gloria Meyer, Secretary
Walter W. Harms, Pastor

**MEMORIAL 7-2-74 TO ESTABLISH A POLICY FOR CONTRACTS TO WORKERS IN
SUBSIDIZED PARISHES**

WHEREAS, The Holy Scriptures nowhere mention or describe the terms "ordination" and "installation" but refer only to the setting aside of a person for the function of the ministry "by the laying on of hands," and

WHEREAS, Individuals and congregations have sometimes misused the term "permanent call" either for their own protection or personal advantage, and

WHEREAS, Such misuse has at times hindered individuals, congregations, and District Board of Mission Administration in their task of doing the Lord's work effectively and efficiently, and

WHEREAS, Our Texas District has already established a precedence in giving called and ordained workers a four-year contract to be continued by mutual agreement (District President, various Executives, and others), therefore be it

RESOLVED, In the future that all calls to subsidized congregations in the Texas District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod be for a four-year period, at which time the particular call may be continued by mutual agreement of the individual worker, the congregation, and the District Board of Mission Administration, subject to review every four years so long as the congregation is subsidized, and be it further

RESOLVED, That should a call to a subsidized congregation be terminated, the Board of Mission Administration shall subsidize the worker in a new area of work for six months or until, before the end of six months, the worker accepts another call, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this policy be applied, effective this date, from 1974 to 1978, to all called District workers in subsidized congregations.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, McAllen

**MEMORIAL 7-3-74 TO REQUEST THE OKLAHOMA DISTRICT TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY
FOR DEAF MINISTRY IN THE OKLAHOMA DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, The Missionary to the Deaf in North Texas also serves the Oklahoma District, and

WHEREAS, He is absent from the North Texas field about one-fourth of the time, (Friday through Monday on the first and third weekends of each month), and

WHEREAS, This arrangement prevents development and maintenance of continuity, not only in the Oklahoma District but also in the North Texas field, of the total ministry, including but not limited to:

- Worship service
- Bible Classes
- Confirmation Classes
- Mission activities in communities and institutions
- Church related social activities
- Individual and family counseling taking in all phases of daily living, and

WHEREAS, Both fields show promise of potential growth, but there being insufficient time available to further develop both fields (which now consist basically of Dallas and Oklahoma City) simultaneously, be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Texas District in convention make an urgent request to the Oklahoma District to assume the entire responsibility for the Ministry to the Deaf in the Oklahoma District, and be it further

REQUESTED, That this ministry be initiated at the earliest possible date, and not later than January 1, 1975.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Dallas
Ervin G. Holle, President
Frank S. Krizan, Secretary

MEMORIAL 7-4-74 TO GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO THE IN-SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The In-Service Training Program for Hispanic-American Ministries is proving to be an outstanding program in the LC-MS for equipping workers for full-time church work among Hispanics, having already successfully trained two Vicars who are now ready to enter into the ordained ministry, and one Deaconess who is already serving in Hispanic Ministry, and is nearing the completion of the training of three other Vicars and one Deaconess, and

WHEREAS, The support of this valuable mission outreach of the Church has come from diverse resources (LWML INTERNATIONAL and local groups, the AAL, Woltman Foundation, local congregations, the District, Thankoffering funds, individual contributions, and other sources), and

WHEREAS, The Board of Mission Administration has indicated their interest and support for the In-Service Training Program, be it

RESOLVED, That we give thanks to God for the blessings received for the support of this vital training ministry through these many agencies, and be it further

RESOLVED, That this convention commend the Board of Mission Administration for their support of the In-Service Training Program, and be it further

RESOLVED, That this convention direct the Board of Mission Administration to continue to support the In-Service Training Program as a high priority ministry.

The Hispanic Conference of Texas
E. J. Keller, Secretary

MEMORIAL 7-5-74 TO SUPPORT THE IN-SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR HISPANIC-AMERICAN MINISTRIES

WHEREAS, The In-Service Training Program for Hispanic-American Ministries is proving to be an outstanding program in the LC-MS for equipping workers for full-time church work among Hispanics, having already successfully trained two Vicars who are now ready to enter into the ordained ministry, and one deaconess who is already serving in Hispanic Ministry, and is nearing the completion of the training of three other Vicars and one Deaconess, and

WHEREAS, The support of this valuable mission outreach of the Church has come from diverse resources (LWML INTERNATIONAL and local groups, the AAL, Woltman Foundation, local congregations, the District Thankoffering funds, individual contributions, and other sources) and,

WHEREAS, The Texas District has budgeted \$5,000.00 for the expanded program of five Vicars and two Deaconesses for the 1974-75 program with a budget of \$68,000.00. (It should be noted that "\$15,000.00 for this effort for starters" was directed by the 1972 Convention but resources available prohibited full funding), therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we give thanks to God for so blessing us by providing for the support of this vital training ministry through many people and agencies, and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Convention direct the Board of Directors of the Texas District to fund this program in the amount of \$15,000.00 each year for the next biennium.

The Hispanic Conference of Texas
E. J. Keller, Secretary

MEMORIAL 7-6-74

TO REOPEN THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

WHEREAS, The Texas District is very wisely examining its procedures in all areas of ministry, and included in this examination is a study of its ministry among minorities, and

WHEREAS, There exists a tremendous need to exert more energy and money into our ministry among minority peoples, at the same time the District is faced with a situation where it has no more funds available for these ministries, and

WHEREAS, The work assigned to the Executive Director of Missions is already too large for one man, without placing additional expectations on him, and

WHEREAS, The need exists to have a coordinator of minority ministries who could not only oversee, coordinate, and stimulate work among our minority congregations and the areas they serve, but who could also solicit extensive funding from resources outside the District-Synod for programs for these congregations which would creatively involve them in ministry to their communities, and

WHEREAS, There is an urgent need to sustain a coordination of such excellent programs already operating, such as the In-Service Training Program in Mexican-American Ministries, and work for the implementation of the Hispanic Extension of Concordia Seminary (El Seminario Hispanico Concordia del Suroeste) at Concordia, Austin; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas District of the LC-MS reopen the position of Assistant Executive Director of Missions of the Texas District with the following job description:

1. The prime task would be to serve as District Executive Director of Minority Ministries; as such he would be charged with
 - a. General supervision of all minority mission congregations and stations
 - b. Stimulate and help these congregations develop dynamic programs of ministry to their respective communities for which funding resources outside District and Synod could be tapped;
 - c. Assist in writing proposals for the funding of such programs, and in general recruit funds for minority ministries.
2. Serve as Co-ordinator of the In-Service Training Program in Mexican-American Ministries;
3. Push for the implementation of an Hispanic Extension of Concordia Seminary.

The Hispanic Conference of Texas
E. J. Keller, Secretary

MEMORIAL 7-7-74**TO REQUEST SYNODICAL OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT SYNODICAL
RESOLUTION 6-22, HISPANIC SEMINARY EXTENSION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, In the New Orleans Convention resolution 6-22 was passed almost unanimously, calling for the Board of Higher Education to implement speedily and promptly the Hispanic Seminary Extension Project, and

WHEREAS, In the ensuing months the Board for Higher Education, the Board of Directors of Synod and the Seminaries have studied and considered but not implemented such a project, and

WHEREAS, The Texas District, the two seminaries and the Board for Higher Education have each expressed their desire to see such a project accomplished and have lauded the foresight and concern for excellence of the developers of the project, and

WHEREAS, These organizations have each said that the lack of funds is the only limiting factor, and

WHEREAS, The Synod in convention expressed to the Boards of Synod the desire to see hispanic ministry facilitated through education; be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Texas District request of the responsible synodical officials, that they implement the directives of Synodical Resolution 6-22 promptly.

The Hispanic Conference of Texas
E. J. Keller, Secretary

MEMORIAL 7-8-74**TO CHANGE THE REGIONAL MISSION COMMITTEE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Regional Mission Committees were created by the District in Convention assembled in Houston in 1970 to bring the responsibility of mission planning closer to the local scene, and

WHEREAS, During the last four years many of these committees have failed to function effectively--primarily due to great distances involved in some Regions and lack of sufficient work in others, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas District in Convention assembled grant the BMA of the Texas District the prerogative to create Regional Mission Committees as needed to effectively carry on its work (primarily in large metropolitan areas), and be it finally

RESOLVED, That these Regional Mission Committees be composed of two Pastors, two teachers, and three laymen, elected at the Winter Pastor-Teacher Conference.

The Board of Mission Administration
Texas District

MEMORIAL 8-1-74**TO CONVENE A BIENNIAL TEXAS DISTRICT LAY CONFERENCE**

WHEREAS, In the past the Church has derived great value from having her professional workers participate in District-wide biennial conferences that inform them of the work of the District/Synod, equip them for a more effective ministry, provide opportunities for Christian fellowship, and inspire them with a greater sense of commitment and dedication to our Lord's ministry, and

WHEREAS, There are not at present in the Texas District similar opportunities for the laity to participate in such District-wide experiences except for the Texas District Convention, and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod has always accepted the Scriptural teaching of the priesthood of all believers and, therefore, has been concerned about the growth and welfare of both its professional workers and laity, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas District in Convention assembled create an official biennial lay conference to be attended by at least one lay representative from each congregation in the Texas District, and be it further

RESOLVED, That this biennial lay conference inform the laity of the work of the District/Synod, equip them for a more effective ministry, provide opportunities for Christian fellowship, and inspire them with a greater sense of commitment and dedication to our Lord's ministry, and be it further

RESOLVED, That this conference be funded in a manner similar to the biennial Pastor/Teacher Conference.

The Board of Parish Services
Texas District

MEMORIAL 8-2-74 TO SPONSOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELING SEMINARS

WHEREAS, Professional church workers share the same experiences of marriage and family life as the lay people they serve, and

WHEREAS, Professional church workers encounter problems which are peculiar to their profession (involving roles, identity, priorities, expectations of congregations, and the like) and which directly affect their marriage and family life, and

WHEREAS, Only a small percentage of pastors and their wives have had the benefit of participating in Synod's marriage and family counseling seminar program, and

WHEREAS, The Texas District has professional resources and qualified professional resource people available, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Parish Services, in consultation with the commission on ministerial health, expand its services in the area of marriage and family counseling for professional church workers, through state and/or regional seminars and workshops, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Parish Services consider making these seminars either a part of the regular state or regional study conferences, or in addition to them, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Parish Services plan, administer, implement, evaluate, and follow through on these seminars, using the professional resources which are available, and be it further

RESOLVED, That these seminars be financed in one, or a combination, of the following ways:

- 1) Registration fees by participants;
- 2) Scholarships by congregations or other organizations or individuals;
- 3) Subsidies by foundations, companies, or institutions;
- 4) Subsidy through the Board of Parish Services portion of the Texas District budget.

and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this resolution be implemented beginning as soon after January 1, 1975 as is feasible.

Circuit 19 Pastoral Conference
Jon Siemsglusz, Circuit Counselor

MEMORIAL 8-3-74 TO ENCOURAGE THE CALLING OF DCEs (Late)

WHEREAS, The basic task of the church is to edify the body of Christ; and

WHEREAS, This work of Christian Education is a ministry of Christ's members to Christ's members in Christ's name; and

WHEREAS, Congregations of the Texas District operate many varied forms of Christian Education to reach, edify and equip the members for mission and ministry; and

WHEREAS, This places high priority on Christian Education within Synod, District and congregations and demands the best possible quality of educational leadership and instruction in every level; and

WHEREAS, The Lord has blessed our church with individuals equipped and experienced to serve congregations as Directors of Christian Education (DCE); and

WHEREAS, There are presently DCEs serving the congregations of our District with information and support through the District office of Parish Services and from the Theological Educators in Associated Ministry (TEAM) of the Lutheran Education Association (LEA); therefore be it

RESOLVED, That every congregation be encouraged to study the possibility of engaging, either alone or together with sister congregations, a synodically trained person presently serving as a minister of the Gospel (teacher, principal, DCE and Pastor); and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas District Board of Parish Services seek out the most promising parishes or combinations of parishes where Directors of Christian Education can be called to develop an effective ministry of Christian Education, and that the District be encouraged to assist financially where necessary; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Texas District Board of Parish Services provide information to all of the congregations in the District regarding the procedures and possibilities of securing a DCE.

Respectfully submitted,

Harlan Teske
Lou Jander
Roland Wiederaenders
Dave Helms
Dave Goeke

MEMORIAL 9-1-74

TO MEMORIALIZE THE SYNOD RELATIVE TO THE LUTHERAN WITNESS-REPORTER

WHEREAS, Our Texas District has demonstrated its concern that the official paper of our Synod, The Lutheran Witness-Reporter, be placed in the home of every Missouri Lutheran in Texas by underwriting a blanket subscription plan;

WHEREAS, The Texas District Supplement as of Convention last has unified its format to include news items from all quarters of the Texas District (except the Texas District "Parson to Parson" which contains much information, news and notices of interest to laymen and the new "mini-messenger");

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Witness-Reporter some years ago adopted a changing and experimental format;

WHEREAS, merely placing The Lutheran Witness-Reporter, plus the Texas District Messenger into every home via blanket subscription does not guarantee a readership; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we memorialize Synod, or direct our concern to those in power, to continue to look for a more effective, economical and sane method of publishing information, notices and inspirational material; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following option be considered:

1. That The Lutheran Witness be expanded to include inspirational material similar to that provided in the early years of This Day magazine and that the present Der Lutheraner material be printed in the same magazine rather than separate and that this be a monthly official magazine of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod;
2. That the present The Lutheran Witness-Reporter be discontinued.

3. That each District of Synod produce a newspaper in whatever format may be appropriate for the concerned District giving information of particular concern to the area.
4. That the material be distributed in the most economical and practical method available. (For example, a single "bulk" mailing to the congregation address for distribution at the local level.)

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION:

The individual Lutheran home would receive two items per month to keep him informed on news of his church and to provide inspirational material to enlighten both faith and life:

1. *A Magazine* (probably similar in format to *The Methodist*)* which would replace: *The Lutheran Witness*, *The Lutheran Witness-Reporter* and *Der Lutheraner*.
2. *A District Newspaper* (probably similar in format to *The Texas-Louisiana Lutheran*) which would replace the District Supplement and perhaps other District publications.

*It should be noted that *The Methodist* is no longer published.

St. James Lutheran Church, Lexington
Elton C. Wren, President
A. P. Kleinschmidt, Secretary

Trinity Lutheran Church, Fedor
Gilbert Schimank, President
E. F. Wendland, Secretary

MEMORIAL 9-2-74

TO REQUEST A CHANGE IN EDITORIAL POLICY IN THE LUTHERAN WITNESS

WHEREAS, Many members of the Missouri Synod were dismayed by the traumatic events in Synod in the last weeks of January, 1974, (the suspension of Dr. John Tietjen and the disruption of the classes at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and the possible resignation of the entire Mission Staff of the Missouri Synod); and

WHEREAS, The national news media gave only brief news releases, and

WHEREAS, Many feel they lack adequate information of the various points of view, and

WHEREAS, The *Lutheran Witness* is the means by which the majority of Missouri Synod laity receive their reports of events in Synod, and

WHEREAS, Those supporting one point of view tend to read only the publication that agrees with their point of view—either *Affirm* or *Missouri in Perspective*; and

WHEREAS, It has been stated many times by the Synodical Administration, the Seminary faculty, and various District Presidents and different ad hoc Committees "we need to talk to each other;" and

WHEREAS, Such an exchange of suggestions, ideas, positions has generally proven very helpful and led to better understanding and possible conciliation, and

WHEREAS, We have two groups that are recognized as responsible spokesmen for their point of view—the editorial boards of *Affirm* and *Missouri in Perspective*; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the laity of the church be informed that considerable additional information and comment concerning Synod's problems can be found in the pages of *Affirm* (4040 West Fond du Lac Ave.; Milwaukee, Wis. 53216) and *Missouri in Perspective* (Box 9187; St. Louis, Mo. 63117) and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas District, in convention assembled ask the editors and the editorial board of *The Lutheran Witness* to make available one page in every edition of *The Lutheran Witness* to the editorial board of *Affirm* and one page to the editorial board of *Missouri in Perspective*, and be it further

RESOLVED, That no changes in the copy submitted by each group are to be made by the editorial board of *The Lutheran Witness*, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the editors of *The Lutheran Witness* encourage and publish representative responses to these articles.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Belton
L. A. Richter, President
Dorothy Baird, Secretary
Larry Heimsoth, Pastor

MEMORIAL 9-3-74 TO CHANGE THE DISTRIBUTION PLAN FOR THE LUTHERAN WITNESS

WHEREAS, "The Lutheran Witness" and the Texas District Supplement are desired by many Lutherans but may not be available to them with the Supplement, since many congregations may not subscribe to the Blanket Plan, and

WHEREAS, The single subscription price is twice as much as the Blanket Plan and omits the Texas District Supplement; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the "Lutheran Witness" be made available in its entirety to all at the same price regardless of whether or not the local congregation adopts the Blanket Plan.

St. Mark Lutheran Church, Lake Jackson
W. E. Noack, Chairman
Ronald Gast, Secretary

MEMORIAL 9-4-74 TO DISCONTINUE THE BLANKET SUBSCRIPTION PLAN

WHEREAS, We feel that the blanket subscription plan in the Texas District to The Lutheran Witness and The Reporter involves an unnecessary expenditure of money and, therefore, is not good stewardship, and

WHEREAS, We feel that many, many families are not reading these materials anyway even though noble efforts to encourage them to read are made, and

WHEREAS, As we understand, a good number of congregations in the Texas District are not even participating in the plan, be it therefore

RESOLVED, That The Texas District discontinue the blanket subscription plan to The Lutheran Witness and The Reporter at the close of this year, 1974, and be it also

RESOLVED, That Pastors and congregations do all within their power to gain subscriptions to these official organs of our church from the members of their congregations.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Houston
R. L. Johnson, President
James Mueschke, Secretary

MEMORIAL 9-5-74 TO CHANGE DISTRIBUTION PLAN FOR THE LUTHERAN WITNESS

RESOLVED, That we petition the Texas District to request of Concordia Publishing House that the Lutheran Witness be made available to the individuals who subscribe from Congregations not on the District Blanket plan, and that these individuals be allowed to subscribe through the District and receive the district insert.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Navasota
H. C. Eickenhorst, President
David Husfeld, Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

1 April 22, 1974

2 Committee No. 5

3 RESOLUTIONS

4 Resolution No. 5-1-74

5 Re: Memorial No. 5-2-74

6 Subject: TO DESIGNATE SMOKING AREAS

7 WHEREAS, Smoking is offensive to some, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That designated areas be made available for smokers at the District Convention, and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That smokers be asked to refrain from smoking or confine themselves to the designated
11 area(s).

12 Walter A. Dube, Chairman

13 Louis E. Biar, Secretary

1 April 30, 1974

2 Committee No. 5

3 RESOLUTIONS

4 Resolution No. 5-2-74

5 Re: Memorial No. 5-1-74

6 Subject: TO REPORT NUMBER OF VOTES CAST

7 WHEREAS, It is currently the practice in our District to report only who was elected, and not the amount
8 of votes, and

9 WHEREAS, A reporting of actual votes cast is in full accord and keeping with democratic practices in other
10 areas of life, and

11 WHEREAS, Synod now reports actual number of votes received by each candidate, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Texas District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, beginning with this
13 convention, report actual number of votes received by each candidate, when reporting the results of each ballot.

14 Walter A. Dube, Chairman

15 Louis E. Biar, Secretary

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April 22, 1974
Committee No. 5
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 5-3-74

Re: None

Subject: TO LIMIT DEBATE

WHEREAS, The convention business must be completed within a limited amount of time, and

WHEREAS, Delegates have had an opportunity to review all resolutions prior to the convention, therefore
be it

RESOLVED, That each delegate speaking to a motion will be limited to two minutes, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That after every ten speakers there will be an automatic calling of the question.

Walter A. Dube, Chairman

Louis E. Biar, Secretary

April 22, 1974

Committee No. 5

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 5-4-74

Re: Memorial No. 5-3-74

Subject: TO CHANGE THE NUMBER AND ROLE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

WHEREAS, Memorial 5-3-74 reduces the effectiveness of the District President, and

WHEREAS, Vice-presidents can better represent the District President than can directors, and

WHEREAS, Memorial 5-3-74 offers no improvement over the current arrangement, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Texas District Convention decline Memorial 5-3-74.

Walter A. Dube, Chairman

Louis E. Biar, Secretary

April 22, 1974

Committee No. 5

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 5-5-74

Re: Memorial No. 5-4-74
No. 5-5-74

Subject: TO LIMIT TERMS OF OFFICE

WHEREAS, Memorials 5-4-74 and 5-5-74, that provide for a limit for the elected district offices to two successive four-year terms, further limit freedom of choice, and

WHEREAS, Elected district offices are already limited to three successive terms, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Texas District Convention decline Memorials 5-4-74 and 5-5-74.

Walter A. Dube, Chairman

Louis E. Biar, Secretary

April 30, 1974

Committee No. 5

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 5-6-74

Re: Memorial Nos. 5-6-74, 5-7-74, 5-8-74, 5-9-74, 5-10-74, 5-11-74, 5-12-74,
5-13-74, 5-14-74, 5-15-74, 5-16-74, 5-17-74, 5-20-74, and 5-26-74

Subject: TO WORK FOR RESTORING A GOD-PLEASING PEACE AND UNITY IN THE SYNOD

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is presently in the midst of divisive controversy, and

WHEREAS, The concern of many members of the District's congregations is expressed in the number of overtures to this convention from various and diverse perspectives, and

WHEREAS, The settlement of the controverted theological issues and the solutions to synodical administrative problems involve complicated procedures which challenge the synodical President and his administration, boards, commissions, and committees of the synod, as well as the faculties of the seminaries and colleges in the synod, and

WHEREAS, Efforts for settlement and solution are still being pursued on the synodical level, and

WHEREAS, All members of the Synod have established acceptable channels to express their concern and dissent to proper administrative officials and have the privilege to present overtures to the next synodical convention, and

WHEREAS, Some within the Texas District have expressed dissent to the resolutions of the New Orleans Convention dealing with the doctrinal controversy in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and

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21 WHEREAS, The Synod has recognized that its members retain the right of brotherly dissent (Handbook
22 1.09e) and specifies that such dissent to resolutions of a doctrinal nature should be expressed first within "the
23 fellowship of peers, then brought to the attention of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations before
24 finding expression as an overture to the convention calling for revision or rescision.", and

25 WHEREAS, The *Handbook* also wisely provides that, "While the conscience of the dissenter shall be
26 respected, the consciences of others, as well as the collective will of the Synod, shall also be respected;" and

27 WHEREAS, The Synod's Constitution and By-laws were prepared especially for . . . and are especially
28 needed in . . . a time of tension, turmoil and crisis as we are experiencing at the present, be it therefore

29 RESOLVED, That the Texas District and its elected officials "respect . . . the collective will of the Synod"
30 by honoring and upholding the doctrinal resolutions of the New Orleans Convention, especially Resolutions 2-1 2,
31 3-01, 3-09, 3-12A to which the referenced memorials refer, and be it further

32 RESOLVED, That those who wish to express their dissent to these resolutions be asked to abide by the
33 provisions of the Handbook (1.09e); and be it further

34 RESOLVED, That the Texas District respectfully request all who seek solutions to the above mentioned
35 problems and issues on the synodical level address themselves in all earnestness and with dispatch to a reconciling
36 ministry in Christian love that under the gracious leading of the Holy Spirit unity and peace may be reestablished
37 in the entire Synod in complete faithfulness to God's Word as written in the Holy Scriptures and in full
38 agreement with the Gospel centered theology which is our Lutheran heritage, and be it further

39 RESOLVED, That the Texas District appeal to all its congregations, pastors, and teachers to work together
40 in Christian love for unity and peace, ministering to one another in the fellowship of worship, Bible study, and
41 prayer, avoiding all activity that tends to be divisive, and be it further

42 RESOLVED, That the Texas District exhort all its congregations, pastors, and teachers to continue in the
43 faithful use of the means of grace thereby strengthening the spiritual foundation of all members and equipping
44 them for the Church's mission to all people in our communities and to the whole world, and be it finally

45 RESOLVED, That the Texas District respectfully request all in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to
46 join us in repentance and prayer to God that He would graciously forgive us our sins which have contributed to
47 the unrest and controversy in the Synod, remove the divisive spirit and restore unity and peace in the Synod that
48 the Synod in evangelical commitment may again be an effective agency in Christ's church to bring healing,
49 deliverance, joy, hope, and peace, to suffering humanity in the glorious salvation established by the sacrificial
50 death and the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

51 To God, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, be glory now and forever. Amen.

52 Walter A. Dube, Chairman

53 Louis E. Biar, Secretary

1 April 30, 1974

2 Committee No. 5

3 RESOLUTIONS

4 Resolution No. 5-7-74

5 Re: Memorial Nos. 5-18-74, 5-21-74, and 5-22-74

6 Subject: TO ACCEPT ALL PROPERLY CERTIFIED MINISTERIAL GRADUATES

7 WHEREAS, There is a shortage of men qualified for the ministry of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod,
8 and

9 WHEREAS, There are many well-trained and fully qualified men who will graduate this spring from the
10 "Seminary in Exile" in St. Louis, and

11 WHEREAS, These men are willing to bind themselves to the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions and to
12 the Constitution and By-laws of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and

13 WHEREAS, These men seek the opportunity to serve their Lord as ordained ministers of The Lutheran
14 Church—Missouri Synod, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Texas District urge its congregations to accept such men as are properly qualified for
16 the ministry as certified by the Board of Assignments of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

17 Walter A. Dube, Chairman

18 Louis E. Biar, Secretary

1 April 30, 1974

2 Committee No. 5

3 RESOLUTIONS

4 Resolution No. 5-8-74

5 Re: Memorial No. 5-23-74

6 Subject: TO MAKE CONCORDIA LUTHERAN COLLEGE A FOUR-YEAR SCHOOL

7 WHEREAS, The mission of sharing the message of Christ with the world remains the key task of the church
8 and requires the continuing preparation of young men and women who will serve the Lord and His church with
9 their lives and talents, and

10 WHEREAS, The Lord has given abundant blessing to our church and the Texas District through Concordia
11 Lutheran College at Austin, Texas, and

12 WHEREAS, Concordia Lutheran College, Austin, Texas, has had the privilege of serving over 3,000 students
13 from Texas, Louisiana, Florida, and other states and countries; and

14 WHEREAS, The 1976-77 school year marks the beginning of Concordia's second half century of service to
15 the Lord and His church, and

16 WHEREAS, The potential of Concordia's service to youth and the church at large is extensive because of its
17 location, excellent facilities, highly competent faculty and staff, and its provision for church, professional as well
18 as general Christian education; and

19 WHEREAS, Students, parents, pastors, teachers and friends of Concordia have consistently indicated their
20 interest in Concordia's program, have supported the college and demonstrated their desire for continued progress
21 and development of the campus; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Texas District recognize the blessings that have come to the Synod, and to our
23 surrounding Districts through Concordia; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That we give thanks to the Lord of the church for His goodness and pray that He continue to
25 grant blessing to the students, faculty and staff, Board of Control and all who are part of Concordia community,
26 and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That as Concordia begins its 51st academic year, we reaffirm our interest and support of
28 Concordia's expansion to a 4-year program, and be it further

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29 RESOLVED, That the Texas District encourage the Synod, Board for Higher Education, Board of Directors
30 and Council of Presidents to take favorable action in expanding Concordia to a 4-year college during its 51st
31 academic year; and be it finally

32 RESOLVED, That the continuing interest of the Texas District in Concordia Lutheran College at Austin,
33 Texas, and our concern that the Synod utilize the many resources of this campus to best advantage by expanding
34 the program to four years be presented to the Synod at its next convention.

35 Walter A. Dube, Chairman

36 Louis E. Biar, Secretary

1 April 30, 1974

2 Committee No. 5

3 RESOLUTIONS

4 Resolution No. 5-9-74

5 Re: Memorial 5-24-74

6 Subject: TO ENCOURAGE CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT FOR CONCORDIA COLLEGE

7 WHEREAS, The Texas District, by convention resolution has already encouraged all its congregations to
8 support Concordia Lutheran College in Austin with an annual offering, and

9 WHEREAS, The Synod has been unable to respond positively to the increased costs of all materials and
10 services by increasing its subsidy to Concordia Lutheran College, and

11 WHEREAS, Concordia Lutheran College continues to be a part of the mission of the Lutheran Church, and
12 especially of the Texas District, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the congregations of the Texas District thank the Lord of the Church for His continued
14 blessings both to Concordia Lutheran College and to the District through the college, and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the congregations of the Texas District be encouraged to continue their prayerful
16 support of Concordia Lutheran College, and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the congregations of the Texas District be urged to recognize Concordia Lutheran
18 College as part of the mission of the Texas District by including the college in their regular budget, and be it
19 finally

20 RESOLVED, That the congregations of the Texas District be encouraged to use 1/2% to 1% of total annual
21 budget as a guideline for helpful support to Concordia through their regular budgets.

22 Walter A. Dube, Chairman

23 Louis E. Biar, Secretary

April 30, 1974

Committee No. 5

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 5-10-74

Re: Memorial 5-25-74

Subject: TO IMPLEMENT THE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF
CONCORDIA LUTHERAN COLLEGE

WHEREAS, Concordia Lutheran College of Austin, Texas, was organized in 1926 and is now approaching its 50th year of service to the church, and

WHEREAS, During these many years Concordia has, under the blessings of Almighty God, faithfully met its responsibilities in providing Christ-centered educational experiences for young people, many of whom have become pastors and teachers of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and

WHEREAS, Concordia in Austin, because of its location and because of its educational program, is able to provide meaningful and necessary services to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in the years ahead, and

WHEREAS, Concordia through its Board of Control is in the process of planning and developing a four-year program for a much larger student body in order to allow for even greater service to the Synod and the District during the next fifty years, and

WHEREAS, One of the primary needs of the institution is a large educational and recreational activities center on the campus, and

WHEREAS, Such a facility will provide the Texas District with a centrally located meeting place for large groups and will allow Concordia the opportunity to host large gatherings of Lutheran auxiliary organizations, and

WHEREAS, The Texas District, in convention assembled in 1972, has already determined to express its gratitude to our merciful God for fifty years of blessings through Concordia and its confidence in the institution in anticipation of many more years of expanded service, and

WHEREAS, The Texas District, at the same convention, declared a celebration to be in order, including both anniversary observances and a major fund drive for the construction of a building on campus, and

WHEREAS, A special committee has been appointed and has been at work to plan and develop a program in order to achieve the goals of the adopted resolution of the District, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Texas District has received full reports of the work of this committee and has concurred in its planning and all of its proposals, and

WHEREAS, A goal of \$750,000.00 has been proposed for the Texas District, and Concordia Lutheran College has agreed to secure an additional \$250,000.00 from other sources, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Texas District has requested, and the 50th Anniversary Committee concurs, that everything possible should be done to insure the full support of the District for a program of such magnitude, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That all members of the Texas District be informed of the educational ministry of Concordia Lutheran College and be involved actively in its support, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas District encourage the selection of enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers for leadership in the promotion and celebration of the anniversary observance of Concordia, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas District respond joyfully and positively to the need of the College and District for an educational and recreational activities center on Concordia's campus by raising \$750,000.00 for that purpose in the next biennium, and be it further

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43 RESOLVED, That the Texas District make available sufficient budget to fund initial activities and
44 publications for the program to raise funds, to be repaid with proceeds from the campaign, and be it further

45 RESOLVED, That the Texas District enter into a contract with a business firm for professional assistance in
46 promoting the anniversary observance and gathering the funds, and be it further

47 RESOLVED, That the 50th Anniversary Committee be authorized to proceed with such other
48 arrangements as may be necessary to bring this venture to successful conclusion, reporting regularly to the Board
49 of Directors, and be it finally

50 RESOLVED, That all the congregations of the Texas District be encouraged to give their prayers and full
51 support to this God-pleasing celebration.

52 Walter A. Dube, Chairman

53 Louis E. Biar, Secretary

1 April 30, 1974

2 Committee No. 5

3 RESOLUTIONS

4 Resolution No. 5-11-74

5 Re: None

6 Subject: TO ACCEPT REPORTS FROM OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

7 WHEREAS, Reports from the office of the Texas District President have been reviewed by Committee No.
8 5 and have been found to be in order, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Convention accept these reports.

10 Walter A. Dube, Chairman

11 Louis E. Biar, Secretary

1 April 30, 1974

2 Committee No. 5

3 RESOLUTIONS

4 Resolution No. 5-12-74

5 Re: None

6 Subject: TO ACCEPT REPORTS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

7 WHEREAS, Reports of the Lutheran Campus Ministry of Texas, the Lutheran Social Service of Texas, the
8 Archivist, the Church in Town and Country Committee, the Editor of THE TEXAS MESSENGER, the Fiscal
9 Affairs Committee, the Commission on Ministerial Health, the Board of Public Relations, the Committee for
10 Review of Conference Essays, the Board of Support and Pensions, the Texas Outdoors Ministry, Concordia

11 Lutheran College, the Armed Forces Commission LC-MS, and the Committee on Constitutions have been
12 reviewed by Committee No. 5 and have been found to be in order, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Convention accept these reports and commend these committees for their work.

14 Walter A. Dube, Chairman

15 Louis E. Biar, Secretary

1 April 30, 1974

2 Committee No. 5

3 RESOLUTIONS

4 Resolution No. 5-13-74

5 Re: Memorial 5-19-74

6 Subject: TO ENDORSE ALL TEXAS DISTRICT MINISTERIAL STUDENTS

7 WHEREAS, Memorial 5-19-74 calls for action that involves institutions and policies outside the jurisdiction
8 of the Texas District, e.g., Synod's Board for Higher Education as well as Synod's colleges and other educational
9 institutions, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That Memorial 5-19-74 be referred to Synod's Board for Higher Education for evaluation and
11 action.

12 Walter A. Dube, Chairman

13 Louis E. Biar, Secretary

1 April 28, 1974

2 Committee No. 6

3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4 Resolution No. 6-1-74

5 Re: Report of Board of Directors

6 Subject: TO ACCEPT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND FISCAL REPORTS

7 WHEREAS, the report of the Board of Directors and the Fiscal Reports have been read and reviewed by the
8 committee and found to be in order, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, that we gratefully accept these reports of the Board of Directors and commend them for their
10 fine labor of love.

11 Rev. Marvin Tschatschula, Chairman

12 Curtis Riske, Secretary

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1 April 28, 1974

2 Committee No. 6

3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4 Resolution No. 6-2-74

5 Re: Board Report

6 Subject: TO APPROVE CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT HANDBOOK

7 WHEREAS, during the past two years the District Board of Directors has effected resolutions which
8 necessitate changes in the District Handbook, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, that we approve the following changes in the District Handbook.

- 10 1. (BD Min, Sept 1972, page 4) . . . an addition on Convention nominations and election procedures . . . that
11 the Nominations Committee be briefed in their first meeting by the Secretary of the District, that the
12 candidates not be introduced at a Convention, and that nominations from the floor be governed by Synod's
13 Handbook, 2.145.
- 14 2. (BD Min, Sept 1972, page 5) . . . included under functions and duties of the Board of Directors, to include
15 the general management and supervision of all District affairs, carrying out of all resolutions and policies,
16 and being held accountable to the Convention of the District, the District President charged to carry out
17 the decisions of the Board of Directors.
- 18 3. (BD Min, Sept 1972, page 11) . . . an addition . . . policy for coordinating assistance for major
19 catastrophies.
- 20 4. (BD Min, Nov 1972, page 2) . . . an addition . . . that all properties owned and controlled by the District be
21 under the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors and that the sale of all District owned properties be subject
22 to the approval of the Board of Directors.
- 23 5. (BD Min, Nov 1972, page 10) . . . an addition . . . the complete set of guidelines for Regional Missions
24 Committees, elections, terms of office, replacement, functions, etc.
- 25 6. (BD Min, Jan 1973, page 3) . . . an addition . . . approach to sale of District owned property . . . that the
26 Board of Directors be given a current list of properties that are available for disposal together with the real
27 estate or professional evaluation of the prices that should be asked.
- 28 7. (BD Min, March 1973, page 8) . . . the revised constitution of Lutheran Campus Ministries of Texas.
- 29 8. (BD Min, March 1973, page 10) . . . change in Church Extension Policy relative to the cost of land charged
30 to congregations.
- 31 9. (BD Min, Jan 1974, page 2) . . . change in policy on loans to individuals signed by the District.
- 32 10. (BD Min, Jan 1974, page 2) . . . change in policy on ministry of those working for the state, retirement
33 policy, etc.

34 Rev. Marvin Tschatschula, Chairman

35 Curtis Riske, Secretary

1 April 28, 1974

2 Committee No. 6

3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4 Resolution No. 6-3-74

5 Re: Memorial No. 6-3-74

6 Subject: TO TERMINATE THE PRESIDENT'S FUND

7 This resolution is identical to the Memorial. The body of the resolution will be found in Memorial 6-3-74.

8 Rev. Marvin Tschatschula, Chairman

9 Curtis Riske, Secretary

1 April 28, 1974

2 Committee No. 6

3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4 Resolution No. 6-4-74

5 Re: Memorial No. 6-4-74

6 Subject: TO PARTICIPATE IN SUPPORT OF LIFRS

7 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Institute for Religious Studies provides an opportunity for continuing religious
8 education for clergy and laity alike, and

9 WHEREAS, The Texas District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has, in the past, bought services
10 from LIFRS, through its Executive Director, in the form of Community Awareness Seminars, Retreats, Institutes,
11 and similar gatherings, and

12 WHEREAS, Active participation in and support for LIFRS would broaden the base, strengthen the thrust,
13 and enlarge the potential of this agency for the implementation of a program of continuing Christian education
14 among Lutherans throughout the State of Texas; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That we participate in the program of LIFRS and support such program in the amount of
16 \$2,000.00 per annum, beginning in 1975.

17 Rev. Marvin Tschatschula, Chairman

18 Curtis Riske, Secretary

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Committee No. 6

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4 Resolution No. 6-5-74

5 Re: Memorial No. 6-5-74

6 Subject: TO SUPPORT THE HISPANIC-AMERICAN INSTITUTE

7 WHEREAS, The Hispanic-American Institute provides a forum where the Church can learn of the needs,
8 problems, aspirations, and exciting potential of our Mexican-American neighbors, friends, and brothers in Christ,
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The Hispanic-American Institute provides an opportunity to the Churches to express their
11 concern for and interest in the total well-being of our Mexican-American population, and

12 WHEREAS, The Hispanic-American Institute is embarking upon a new program which will provide
13 stimulation toward improved community relations in many of our metropolitan centers in Texas, and

14 WHEREAS, The Hispanic-American Institute needs the continued support of those denominations that
15 have been supporting this agency in its thrust in the past, as well as all other denominations that could become
16 interested in this work in the future, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That we support the Hispanic-American Institute in the amount of \$3,000.00 per annum,
18 beginning in 1975, and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Texas District of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod authorize the Board of
20 Directors to appoint two representatives to serve on the Board of Directors of the Hispanic-American Institute.

21 Rev. Marvin Tschatschula, Chairman

22 Curtis Riske, Secretary

1 April 28, 1974

2 Committee No. 6

3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4 Resolution No. 6-6-74

5 Re: Memorial 6-2-74

6 Subject: TO LIMIT REPRESENTATION AT THE DELEGATE CONVENTION OF SYNOD.

7 WHEREAS, The District Board of Directors is well aware of the stewardship of money, and

8 WHEREAS, The Board of Directors presently determines who represents the District at a Synodical
9 Convention, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That we respectfully decline Memorial 6-2-74.

11 Rev. Marvin Tschatschula, Chairman

12 Curtis Riske, Secretary

1 April 28, 1974

2 Committee No. 6

3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4 Resolution No. 6-7-74

5 Re: MEMORIAL No. 6-8-74

6 Subject: TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER OF THE DISTRICT.

7 This resolution is identical to the Memorial. The body of the resolution will be found in Memorial 6-8-74.

8 Rev. Marvin Tschatschula, Chairman

9 Curtis Riske, Secretary

1 April 28, 1974

2 Committee No. 6

3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4 Resolution No. 6-8-74

5 Re: Memorial No. 6-6-74

6 Subject: TO SEPARATE THE BOARD OF MISSION ADMINISTRATION FROM THE
7 CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

8 This resolution is identical to the Memorial. The body of the resolution will be found in Memorial 6-6-74.

9 Rev. Marvin Tschatschula, Chairman

10 Curtis Riske, Secretary

1 April 28, 1974

2 Committee No. 6

3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4 Resolution No. 6-9-74

5 Re: Memorial No. 6-7-74

6 Subject: TO ESTABLISH A BOARD FOR CHURCH EXTENSION

7 WHEREAS, The Board of Directors deems it necessary that the Board of Mission Administration and Board
8 for Church Extension operate as separate Boards, and

9 WHEREAS, Our studies indicate that the Board for Church Extension present regulations are in need of
10 special study to update its operation and improve its current ability to serve both mission congregations and
11 self-supporting congregations, therefore be it

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12 RESOLVED, That the District establish a Board for Church Extension with the following interim
13 regulations to become effective as soon as the Board of Directors of the District can implement the resolution
14 (until that time the Church Extension Fund Board will be administered as present through the Board of Mission
15 Administration and the Board of Directors of the District.)

16 A. The present Church Extension Fund regulations, as recorded in the District Handbook, shall regulate
17 all basic operations except where there is a conflict in items listed in this recommendation. In such
18 case the regulation here listed shall prevail.

19 B. This Board shall study carefully the existing Church Extension Fund rules with the purpose of
20 broadening the scope of the Fund and also seeking to keep the Fund fiscally sound and its loans
21 fiscally secure.

22 C. The new Board shall make loans from this fund with the following priority and limitations:

23 a. New mission projects of the Texas District including purchase of advance sites as recommended
24 with supporting detail by the Board of Mission Administration.

25 b. To self-supporting congregations who are in a special mission area and whose work can only be
26 expanded with a Church Extension Fund loan.

27 c. To all self-supporting congregations as funds are available and as their loan needs and fiscal
28 abilities determine their request to be a viable loan.

29 d. No "emergency" loans shall be made for repairs (past policy has permitted various loans for
30 repair purposes to be made and added to existing loans).

31 e. All applications for loans from the Church Extension Fund will be made through the Board of
32 Mission Administration.

33 D. The Board for Church Extension shall continue to operate as a self-supporting department of the
34 District. This Board with the advice of the Fiscal Affairs Committee shall see to it that all actual costs
35 of administering this fund, through and in connection with the District Fiscal Office and all direct
36 expenses, be charged to this fund.

37 E. The Board shall continue to use every means to promote and seek to increase this fund by gifts,
38 bequests, and loans.

39 F. The Board shall meet as often as necessary, in its inception, to carry out the work of this Board and
40 to make the necessary studies to redefine and develop the changes necessary in the regulations of this
41 Board. The Board of Directors shall review these changes and permit them to become operational and
42 seek ratification of the District at the next Convention.

43 G. The personnel of this Board shall consist of:

44 One Pastor, who serves as the pastor of a voting, self-supporting congregation of the District.

45 One Teacher, who serves in a voting self-supporting congregation.

46 Three laymen, who are active members of a voting self-supporting congregation, and who have
47 expertise separately in the following general areas:

48 1. Real Estate

49 2. Finances, Investments, Banking and/or General Business Administration

50 3. Construction or design.

51 The Executive Officer of this Board shall be the Chief Fiscal Officer of the District. The District President
52 or his representative, as well as the Executive Director, Board of Mission Administration, shall serve as Advisory
53 members.

54 This Board shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for four-year terms. Three members of the initial
 55 Board shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for four-year terms and two shall be appointed for two-year
 56 terms. The terms shall be limited to three consecutive four-year terms.

57 No person appointed to this Board as a voting member shall serve in any other elected or appointive
 58 capacity in the District or Synod and no Board member shall be involved in any business contracts with this
 59 Board i.e. serving as real estate agent, contractors, etc.

60 Rev. Marvin Tschatschula, Chairman

61 Curtis Riske, Secretary

1 April 28, 1974

2 Committee No. 6

3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4 Resolution No. 6-10-74

5 Re: Memorial No. 6-1-74

6 Subject: TO CREATE A REAL ESTATE RESOURCE COMMITTEE.

7 WHEREAS, this Memorial has been dealt with in Resolution 6-9-74, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, that Memorial 6-1-74 be declined.

9 Rev. Marvin Tschatschula, Chairman

10 Curtis Riske, Secretary

1 April 20, 1974

2 Committee No. 7

3 MISSIONS

4 Resolution No. 7-1-74

5 Re: Memorial No. 7-1-74

6 Subject: TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF MISSION AFFIRMATIONS

7 WHEREAS, Our Synod in Convention assembled in 1965 adopted the Mission Affirmations and has
 8 reaffirmed them in subsequent Conventions, and

9 WHEREAS, Our Texas District BMA has demonstrated in its report, leadership and courage in carrying out
 10 the vision of the Mission Affirmations, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That we accept the report of the BMA, and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Texas District encourage all its boards, committees, and congregations to continue
 13 their efforts in implementing the mission of Christ as outlined in the Mission Affirmations, and be it finally

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14 RESOLVED, That we encourage our Synod to actively implement the Mission Affirmations.

15 Rev. Gerald Thiele, Chairman

16 Mr. Dallas Collever, Secretary

1 April 20, 1974

2 Committee No. 7

3 MISSIONS

4 Resolution No. 7-2-74

5 Re: Memorial No. 7-2-74

6 Subject: TO STUDY THE IMPLICATIONS OF MEMORIAL 7-2-74

7 WHEREAS, Memorial 7-2-74 addresses itself to a real problem, and

8 WHEREAS, Resolution of the problem has constitutional, theological and practical implications, and

9 WHEREAS, Thorough study of these implications should precede the Convention action, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the President of the Texas District appoint an ad hoc committee to study the
11 implications of Memorial 7-2-74, and report to the next District Convention.

12 Rev. Gerald Thiele, Chairman

13 Mr. Dallas Collever, Secretary

1 April 20, 1974

2 Committee No. 7

3 MISSIONS

4 Resolution No. 7-3-74

5 Re: Memorial 7-3-74

6 Subject: TO REQUEST OKLAHOMA DISTRICT TO SUPPORT ITS OWN DEAF MINISTRY

7 WHEREAS, The Missionary to the Deaf in North Texas also serves the Oklahoma District, and

8 WHEREAS, He is absent from the North Texas Field about one-fourth of the time, and

9 WHEREAS, Both fields show promise of potential growth, but there being insufficient time available to
10 further develop both fields simultaneously, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Texas District in Convention assembled request the Oklahoma District to assume the
12 entire responsibility for the ministry to the deaf in the Oklahoma District at the earliest practical date.

13 Rev. Gerald Thiele, Chairman

14 Mr. Dallas Collever, Secretary

April 20, 1974

Committee No. 7

MISSIONS

Resolution No. 7-4-74

Re: Memorial No. 7-4-74 and 7-5-74

Subject: TO SUPPORT THE IN-SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR HISPANIC-AMERICAN MINISTRIES

WHEREAS, The In-Service Training Program for Hispanic American ministries is proving to be an outstanding program in the LCMS for equipping workers for full-time Church work among Hispanics, having already successfully trained two vicars who are now ready to enter into the ordained ministry and one deaconess who is already serving in Hispanic ministry and is nearing the completion of training three vicars and one deaconess, and

WHEREAS, The support of this valuable outreach of the Church has come from diverse resources (LWML International and local, the AAL, Woltman Foundation, local congregations, the District, Thankoffering funds, individual contributions, and other sources) and

WHEREAS, The further development and expansion of the program requires funding beyond the capability of the Texas District, and

WHEREAS, The training of Church workers is primarily the responsibility of Synod, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we give thanks to God for the blessings of the In-Service Training Program, and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commend the BMA and funding agencies for their support of the program, and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage the BMA to continue to support the In-Service Training Program as a high priority ministry and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Texas District memorialize the Synod to recognize the validity of the In-Service Training Program and to accept joint financial responsibility with the District for this program.

Rev. Gerald Thiele, Chairman

Mr. Dallas Collever, Secretary

April 20, 1974

Committee No. 7

MISSIONS

Resolution No. 7-5-74

Re: Memorial 7-7-74

Subject: TO REQUEST SYNODICAL OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT SYNODICAL RESOLUTION 6-22
HISPANIC SEMINARY EXTENSION PROJECT

WHEREAS, In the New Orleans Convention Resolution 6-22 was passed almost unanimously calling for the Board for Higher Education to implement speedily and promptly the Hispanic Seminary Extension Project, and

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10 WHEREAS, In the ensuing months the BHE, the Board of Directors of Synod, and the Seminaries have
11 studied and considered, but not implemented such a project, and

12 WHEREAS, The Texas District, the two Seminaries, and the Board for Higher Education have each
13 expressed the desire to see such a project accomplished, and have lauded the foresight and concern for excellence
14 of the developers of the project, and

15 WHEREAS, These organizations have each said that the lack of funds is the only limiting factor, therefore
16 be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Texas District request the responsible Synodical officials to implement the directives
18 of the Synodical Resolution 6-22 promptly.

19 Rev. Gerald Thiele, Chairman

20 Mr. Dallas Collever, Secretary

1 April 20, 1974

2 Committee No. 7

3 MISSIONS

4 Resolution No. 7-6-74

5 Re: Memorial No. 7-8-74

6 Subject: TO GRANT THE BMA THE PREROGATIVE TO ESTABLISH LOCAL
7 MISSION COMMITTEES

8 WHEREAS, The Regional Mission Committees were created by the District in Convention assembled in
9 Houston in 1970, to bring the responsibility of mission planning closer to the local scene, and

10 WHEREAS, The last four years these Committees have functioned with varying degrees of effectiveness,
11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That we thank those who have served on Regional Mission Committees, and be it finally

13 RESOLVED, That the Texas District in Convention assembled grant the BMA the prerogative to appoint
14 local Mission Committees as needed to effectively carry on its work.

15 Rev. Gerald Thiele, Chairman

16 Mr. Dallas Collever, Secretary

1 April 20, 1974

2 Committee No. 7

3 MISSIONS

4 Resolution No. 7-7-74

5 Re: Memorial No. 7-6-74

6 Subject: TO DECLINE MEMORIAL 7-6-74 TO REOPEN THE POSITION OF
 7 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MISSION ADMINISTRATION

8 WHEREAS, The Board of Directors proposes to create the position of Chief Fiscal Officer of the Texas
 9 District whose main responsibility will be in the area of Church Extension, thus relieving the Executive Director
 10 of the BMA of some of his responsibilities, and

11 WHEREAS, The Executive Director of the BMA is new to the position and therefore unable to evaluate the
 12 need of an assistant, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That we respectfully decline Memorial 7-6-74.

14 Rev. Gerald Thiele, Chairman

15 Mr. Dallas Collever, Secretary

1 April 27, 1974

2 Committee No. 8

3 PARISH SERVICES

4 Resolution No. 8-1-74

5 Re: Memorial 8-1-74

6 Subject: TO CONVENE A BIENNIAL TEXAS DISTRICT LAY CONFERENCE

7 WHEREAS, In the past, the Church has derived a great value from having her professional workers
 8 participate in District-wide biennial conferences that inform them of the work of the District/Synod, equip them
 9 for a more effective ministry, provide opportunities for Christian fellowship, and inspire them with a greater sense
 10 of commitment and dedication to our Lord's ministry, and

11 WHEREAS, There are not at present in the Texas District similar opportunities for the laity to participate
 12 in such District-wide experiences except for the Texas District Convention, and

13 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod has always accepted the Scriptural teaching of the
 14 priesthood of all believers and, therefore, has been concerned about the growth and welfare of both its
 15 professional workers and laity, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Texas District in Convention assembled create an official biennial lay conference to
 17 be attended by at least one lay representative from each congregation in the Texas District, and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That this biennial lay conference inform the laity of the work of the District/Synod, equip
 19 them for a more effective ministry, provide opportunities for Christian fellowship, and inspire them with a greater
 20 sense of commitment and dedication to our Lord's ministry, and be it finally

21 RESOLVED, That this conference be funded in a manner similar to the biennial Pastor-Teacher
 22 Conference.

23 Rev. R. G. Friedrichs, Chairman

24 Mr. Paul Rebsch, Secretary

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April 27, 1974

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Committee No. 8

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PARISH SERVICES

4 Resolution 8-2-74

5 Re: Memorial 8-2-74

6 Subject: TO CONTINUE THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELING SEMINARS

7 WHEREAS, The New Orleans Convention approved funds for continuing the marriage and family
8 counseling seminar program for an additional four years, and

9 WHEREAS, Initial seminars and follow-up seminars are scheduled for the Texas District in 1975 and 1976,
10 and

11 WHEREAS, We recognize that Pastors have a need to strengthen their own marriages so that in turn they
12 can more ably minister to the families in their parish, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Board for Parish Services continue to stress the value of these seminars and that the
14 Pastors in the Texas District be strongly encouraged to take advantage of the seminars that will be available, and
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the congregations recognize the great need for this training for their Pastor and provide
17 funds for him to attend, and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Board of Parish Services expand these seminars to include all professional church
19 workers, involved in marriage and family counseling, and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That we give thanks to God for the benefits resulting from the seminars of the past, and be it
21 finally

22 RESOLVED, That we fervently pray for God's Spirit to empower and strengthen our Pastors and People to
23 work for the improvement in marriage and family life.

24 Rev. R. G. Friedrichs, Chairman

25 Mr. Paul Rebsch, Secretary

1 April 27, 1974

2 Committee No. 8

3 PARISH SERVICES

4 Resolution No. 8-3-74

5 Re: Page 23, No. 6 Yellow Pages

6 Subject: TO INVESTIGATE AND PROMOTE SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING FOR THE
7 CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOLS OF THE TEXAS DISTRICT OF THE LC-MS

8 WHEREAS, The Christian Day Schools of the Texas District of the LC-MS have decreased in number by 7
9 during the past 2 years (a 12.3% decrease), and

10 WHEREAS, The number of pupils enrolled in the Christian Day Schools of the Texas District have
11 decreased by 846 during the past two years (a 9.3% decrease), and

WHEREAS, An increasing number of congregations of the Texas District are having financial difficulties in supporting their present Christian Day Schools or beginning new ones, and

WHEREAS, Numerous highly qualified and trained teacher candidates of the LC-MS have been unable to find positions, and

WHEREAS, Current sources of state and federal aid such as the milk support, Federal lunch program, Title II, and the Texas Regional Educational Service Centers have proven to be valuable sources of funds and materials, and

WHEREAS, At least one source (The Educational Service Centers) in some areas of the State may restrict their services to only those schools accredited with the State thus reducing their service to the LC-MS and increasing the educational cost for congregations operating Christian Day Schools, and

WHEREAS, One of the functions of the Board of Parish Services of the Texas District is to serve as a representative of the Lutheran Schools of Texas with State and Federal Governments and other organizations outside the Church, and represent the interests of the Texas District in the field of Public Education, and by so doing assist the congregations of the Texas District in maintaining and improving Christian Day Schools, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas District of the LC-MS actively investigate and pursue alternate supplementary methods of funding and supporting our Christian Day Schools, and to this end, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Parish Services contact the relevant State and Federal Agencies regarding the initiation and implementation of programs of financial and material aid to private schools, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Board of Parish Services of the Texas District publicize the availability of such aid programs and encourage its congregations and schools to participate.

Rev. R. G. Friedrichs, Chairman

Mr. Paul Rebsch, Secretary

April 27, 1974

Committee No. 8

PARISH SERVICES

Resolution No. 8-4-74

Re: Memorial No. 8-3-74

Subject: TO ENCOURAGE THE CALLING OF DCEs

WHEREAS, The congregations of the Texas District operate many varied forms of Christian Education to reach, edify, and equip the members for mission and ministry, and

WHEREAS, This places high priority on Christian Education within Synod, District, and congregations and demands the best possible quality of educational leadership and instruction in every level, and

WHEREAS, The Lord has blessed our church with individuals equipped and experienced to serve congregations as Directors of Christian Education (DCE), therefore be it

RESOLVED, That every congregation be encouraged to study the possibility of calling, either individually or together with a sister congregation, a synodically trained person to serve as a DCE, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas District Board of Parish Services identify those parishes which could benefit from such a service, and if possible assist financially, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Texas District Board of Parish Services provide information to all of the congregations in the District regarding the procedures and possibilities of securing a DCE.

Rev. R. G. Friedrichs, Chairman

Mr. Paul Rebsch, Secretary

April 27, 1974

Committee No. 8

PARISH SERVICES

Resolution No. 8-5-74

Re: Page 30, No. 27 Yellow

Subject: TO ESTABLISH A CO-OP FOR RELIGIOUS FILMS IN THE TEXAS DISTRICT

WHEREAS, The Texas District Audio-Visual library is of great benefit to the congregations of the Texas District, providing religious films at a nominal cost to the congregations, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Parish Services is continually attempting to update materials for the benefit of the congregations, and

WHEREAS, There is an obvious lack of religious films in the Audio-Visual library, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That a Texas District film co-op be established for the purpose of providing funds to purchase and maintain relevant religious films, so that participating congregations have access to the films without having to pay film rental, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Parish Services set an annual co-op membership fee, prorated, according to congregational communicant membership, and be it further

RESOLVED, That congregations not participating in the film co-op be allowed to rent the films for a specific fee, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the program be developed in such a way as to cause a minimal increase in district staff time spent in supervision of the Audio-Visual library.

Rev. R. G. Friedrichs, Chairman

Mr. Paul Rebsch, Secretary

April 27, 1974

Committee No. 8

PARISH SERVICES

Resolution No. 8-6-74

Re: Youth Ministry Committee, page 31, Yellow

6 Subject: TO ENCOURAGE AREA AND/OR REGIONAL YOUTH COUNSELORS TRAINING
 7 WORKSHOPS

8 WHEREAS, The Youth Ministry Committee of the Texas District has expanded and trained a number of
 9 Youth Facilitators, and

10 WHEREAS, There are a number of means available to share the spectrum of the Youth Ministry in the
 11 Texas District, and

12 WHEREAS, Communications are always a problem among people. One of the greatest tools for establishing
 13 communications is effective listening, adults listening to youth, and youth listening to adults, so that proper
 14 understanding can be achieved and proper procedures and goals can be worked out, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the congregations of the Texas District be encouraged to intensify their efforts in Youth
 16 Ministry, since the youth are an integral part of the church today as well as the leaders of the church and Synod
 17 in the future, and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That congregations and/or regions be encouraged to make use of the District Youth
 19 Facilitators in workshops by providing Christ-centered materials and programs, and be it finally

20 RESOLVED, That each congregation involve as many of their members as possible, adults involved with
 21 youth and youth with adults in ministry to God and to one another providing meaningful Christ-centered
 22 experiences.

23 Rev. R. G. Friedrichs, Chairman

24 Mr. Paul Rebsch, Secretary

1 April 27, 1974

2 Committee No. 8

3 PARISH SERVICES

4 Resolution No. 8-7-74

5 Re: Board of Parish Services Report

6 Subject: TO ACCEPT THE BOARD OF PARISH SERVICES REPORT

7 WHEREAS, The Floor Committee No. 8 on Parish Services has studied the report of the Parish Services and
 8 has found it to be informative, extensive, and complete, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Texas District in convention assembled June 21-23, 1974, accept the report of the
 10 Board of Parish Services with deep appreciation for their diligent efforts, and be it finally

11 RESOLVED, That we commend and thank the various sub-committees, that is, The Evangelism Committee,
 12 The Stewardship of Life Committee, The Stewardship of Giving Committee, The Recruitment Committee, the
 13 School Committee, the Adult Education and Family Life Committee, the Child Education Committee, The
 14 Worship and Music Committee, the Youth Committee, and the Social Ministry Committee.

15 Rev. R. G. Friedrichs, Chairman

16 Mr. Paul Rebsch, Secretary

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April 20, 1974

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Committee No. 9

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

4 Resolution No. 9-1-74

5 Re: Memorial No. 9-2-74

6 Subject: TO ENCOURAGE THE LUTHERAN WITNESS TO CONTINUE AND INTENSIFY
7 ITS PRESENTATION

8 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Witness is the means by which Missouri Synod Lutherans receive their reports of
9 events in the Synod, be it

10 RESOLVED, That we encourage the Lutheran Witness to continue and intensify its presentation of all
11 pertinent viewpoints regarding the crisis in our Synod.

12 Vernon M. Appel, Chairman

13 Carl Dunk, Jr., Secretary

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April 20, 1974

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Committee No. 9

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

4 Resolution No. 9-2-74

5 Re: Memorial No. 9-1-74, 9-3-74, 9-5-74

6 Subject: TO ENLARGE THE TEXAS MESSENGER

7 WHEREAS, We recognize the effectiveness of the publication in keeping District Lutherans in
8 communication with each other, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors and editor of the Texas supplement consider the feasibility of
10 enlarging the Texas Messenger.

11 Vernon M. Appel, Chairman

12 Carl Dunk, Jr., Secretary

1 April 20, 1974

2 Committee No. 9

3 PUBLIC RELATIONS

4 Resolution No. 9-3-74

5 Re: Memorial No. 9-1-74, 9-3-74, 9-4-74, 9-5-74

6 Subject: TO ENCOURAGE BLANKET PLAN SUBSCRIPTION

7 WHEREAS, We realize the importance of getting Christian literature into the home, and

8 WHEREAS, The subscription rate has greatly increased, and

9 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Witness is the means by which the majority of the Missouri Synod laity receive
10 their reports of events in the Synod, be it therefore

11 RESOLVED, that the District decline Memorials 9-1-74, 9-3-74, 9-4-74, and 9-5-74 and encourage the
12 blanket subscription plan.

13 Vernon M. Appel, Chairman

14 Carl Dunk, Jr., Secretary

BALLOTS

Nominations for Texas District Convention, 1974

CIRCUIT COUNSELORS

These are the selections made by the circuits. Names in parenthesis are those who had the second highest votes, in some cases there were several who had the same number of votes.

- Circuit 1 - Rev. R. G. Friedrichs (Rev. R. Petersen)
- Circuit 2 - Rev. W. K. Schuster (Rev. D. Kirchener, Rev. D. W. Melber)
- Circuit 3 - Rev. G. Ascher (Rev. J. W. Ristvedt)
- Circuit 4 - Rev. A. D. Kelm (Rev. D. Ebert)
- Circuit 5 - Rev. H. Driessner (Rev. R. Mazak)
- Circuit 6 - Rev. C. T. Boriack (Rev. W. C. Petersen, Rev. M. E. Knippa)
- Circuit 7 - Rev. G. Thiele (Rev. D. Peymann)
- Circuit 8 - Rev. J. Socha (Rev. J. Miller)
- Circuit 9 - Rev. H. Hein (Rev. C. Rewaldt)
- Circuit 11 - Rev. K. DuBois (Rev. R. Reich)
- Circuit 12 - Rev. V. Appel (Rev. K. Schauer)
- Circuit 13 - Rev. T. Griesse (Rev. L. Konz)
- Circuit 14 - Rev. J. Kieschnick (Rev. E. Bauerkemper, Rev. T. Dallmann)
- Circuit 15 - Rev. H. Meissner (Rev. C. Gaertner)
- Circuit 16 - Rev. F. Mattil (Rev. T. Sorensen, Rev. J. Haner)
- Circuit 17 - Rev. D. Brack (Rev. T. Krause)
- Circuit 18 - Rev. H. Wageman (Rev. J. Lowery)
- Circuit 19 - Rev. P. Hartfield (Rev. J. Siemsglusz)
- Circuit 21 - Rev. J. Blumhorst (Rev. O. W. Luecke)
- Circuit 22 - Rev. B. Blakelock (Rev. N. Roschke)
- Circuit 23 - Rev. G. Nichols (Rev. H. Eifert, Rev. W. H. Bredemeyer)
- Circuit 24 - Rev. G. Fickenscher (Rev. M. Boehlke)
- Circuit 25 - Rev. W. T. Eifert (Rev. E. Heckmann, Rev. M. Cordes)
- Circuit 26 - Rev. A. W. Radtke (Rev. R. Weston, Rev. R. Reckling, Rev. E. A. Oesch, Rev. C. Rathgeber)
- Circuit 27 - Rev. W. Dittloff (Rev. D. Black)
- Circuit 28 - Rev. W. Dube (Rev. B. Rathgeber)
- Circuit 29 - Rev. C. Mutschink (Rev. M. Husfeld)
- Circuit 30 - Rev. A. Walter (Rev. A. Graf, Rev. A. Brand)
- Circuit 32 - Rev. R. Koenig (Rev. R. Hartfield)
- Circuit 33 - Rev. R. Bohrer (Rev. E. Schwanke, Rev. W. Harms)
- Circuit 34 - Rev. E. Wagner (Rev. R. Kuhlmann)
- Circuit 35 - Rev. M. Tschatschula (Rev. N. Oesch)
- Circuit 36 - Rev. E. Mickan (Rev. O. Naumann)
- Circuit 38 - Rev. F. Boden (Rev. E. Brown)
- Circuit 39 - Rev. J. Karlen (Rev. R. Stoll, Rev. W. Meyer)

Nominating Committee Report—May 1, 1974

NOMINATIONS FOR SECRETARY

Vote for one (1)

Rev. Elton F. Bauerkemper, 48, Our Savior Dallas, Incumbent since 1963. Many other offices

Rev. Marvin Tschatschula, 44, Cross, New Braunfels, Circuit Counselor, military chaplain, taught at St. John's College, Winfield, Kans., organized 3 congregations.

NOMINATIONS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Vote for one (1)

Rev. John A. Allmann, 39, Hope, Dallas, former chm. of Church in Town and Country Com., VP of Azle Ministerial Alliance, Pastoral Counselor of Dallas Auxiliary of Good Samaritan Home of Texas.

Rev. Thomas A. Sorensen, 45, Holy Cross, Dallas, Incumbent. Various leadership positions.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TEACHERS: Vote for one (1) for 4 year term

Mr. Norman R. Finke, 36, St. Matthew, Houston. Served in various District teacher conference positions. Secretary-treasurer of Region VI Pastor-Teacher Conf.

Mr. Wilbert E. Krause, 51, Zion, Dallas. Incumbent. Ex. Board of Lutheran Education Association. Committee for Synodical Convention Nominations

Vote for one (1) for 2 year term

Mr. Carl Dunk, Sr., 66, St. Paul, Austin, Incumbent. Served on Board of Missions, parish services, support & pensions, Rural Church Life Board, School board, Camp board

Mr. Edgar R. Richter, 34, Our Savior, Houston. Principal, Youth Director. Treasurer & program committee member of Houston Lutheran Principal's Conf. Pres. of Texas District Principals Conf.

LAYMEN: Vote for one (1) in each area and one (1) from "at large"

Area A:

Mr. Eric E. Behrend, 57, Trinity, San Angelo. County Auditor, rancher. Served most congregational offices. Served on Board of Parish Services. Leader in civic organizations. Public Accounting practitioner.

Mr. Don Graf, 35, Redeemer, Lubbock. Incumbent. Attorney. Served as elder, president, treasurer, evangelism chm. Leader in Legal Aid Society, Boy's Club, Inc., Lions Club.

Area B:

Mr. Harry Jordan, 55, Our Redeemer, Dallas. Sales Engineer - LTV Aerospace Corp. 30 years of congregational offices, 15 years of service to LLL.

Mr. Carl Sheffield, 35, St. Paul, Dallas. Incumbent. Sales Representative, Delco Division, General Motors. President of congregation, 2 years, Elder.

Area C:

Mr. Arthur Samuel, 53, Concordia, San Antonio. President of Tripro Mfg. Inc. Incumbent. Participant in Living Lutheran Leadership, Loving Lutheran Leadership. LLL.

Mr. Edward Teniente, Jr., 33, Trinidad, San Antonio. Congregational leader. Controller at Southwest Texas Methodist Hospital.

Area D:

Mr. Herbert Haschke, 64, Trinity, Houston. Accountant. Congregation president, elder, trustee. Chm. of Bldg. committee. Board of Managers of National Lutheran Welfare and Retirement Plan.

Mr. Harry Plackemeier, 49, St. Mark, Houston. Incumbent. Electrical Engineer. District Stewardship, Mission Board, Parish Services. Cong. president. Director of Spring Branch Academy, Houston.

At Large:

Mr. Arthur Boerger, 53, St. Andrew, Houston. Mechanical Engineer. Many church offices. S. S. Supt. Active in LLL Zone and District leadership.

Mr. Ernest Hoffman, 46, St. Paul, Austin, CPA. University Administrator, Assistant Comptroller. Chm. of Texas Dist. Fiscal Affairs Com.

Mr. Arthur Noack, 40, St. John, Dumas. Incumbent. Farmer and Rancher. Church leader, serving in many offices. Bd. of Directors of More City Farm Bureau.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF MISSION ADMINISTRATION

PASTORS: Vote for three (3)

Rev. Victor Buvinghausen, 60, St. Paul, McAllen. Incumbent. Instrumental in starting 4 new congregations, Circuit Counselor. 19 years on Mission Board

Rev. Walter Harms, 40, Bethany, Austin. Missionary to Japan, 11 yrs. Developed income producing apartment house construction now supporting the church in Japan. On Recruitment Committee of Dist., Co-director of Recruitment Retreats.

Rev. Donald Lunick, 38, Redeemer, Lubbock. 10 years in a mission congregation. Dist. P.R. Committee. V.P. in Optimist Club.

Rev. Martin E. Ramming, 58, Trinity, Port Arthur. Incumbent. Chairman of Student Aid, Circuit Counselor, Former District Vice President.

Rev. Harold W. Schroeter, 46, Peace, Garland, Circuit Counselor. Very much interested in missions

Rev. Edwin R. Schwanke, 43, St. Paul, Austin. Incumbent. Served in a new mission. Served in urban ministry 5 years. Served in rural to suburban church, and now in changing community.

LAYMEN: Vote for two (2)

Mr. Richard Bartley, 29, Memorial, Houston. Attorney. Engineer. Experience in real estate and related fields.

Mr. Teddy Klein, 50 Salem, Tomball. Incumbent. Shopping Center Owner. Funeral director. Elected to all church offices and many community offices.

Mr. Don Moya, 42, Immanuel, San Antonio. Incumbent. Trustee of our church at Wheelus Air Base, Lybia. Held most offices in congregations in Missouri and Texas.

Mr. Werner Waiser, 53, Beautiful Savior, Houston. Cabinet installer. District Parish Services. Many church offices. Area Mission Board. In charge of his congregations's Kennedy Evangelism Program.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF PARISH SERVICES

PASTORS: Vote for two (2)

Rev. Robert Kamrath, 47, Bethany Houston. Clinical Pastoral Education. One quarter of Marriage and Family Counseling. Family Enrichment Program. Youth. Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ.

Rev. John Kieschnick, 32, Our Redeemer, Irving. Incumbent. Serving as chm. of Stewardship of Giving Committee. district 125th Anniv. Thankoffering director. Gospel Revitalization Team member. Former school principal.

Rev. Norbert Oesch, 34, Immanuel, San Antonio. Incumbent. Chairman of District Social Ministry Committee. Leader in community activities as well as church activities.

Rev. Carl H. Rehwalder, 30 Ascension, Cleburne. Served in dual parish, single parish, and preaching station. Counselor for Ministerial Youth retreat. VP for Fort Worth-Dallas Pastoral study conf. Active in civic agencies.

TEACHERS: Vote for two (2)

Mr. Edward Gallmeier, 39, Trinity, Houston. Youth Director. Treasurer, Texas Dist. Teachers Conf, Houston Area Pastor-Teacher Conf., Houston Lutheran Teachers Conf.

Mr. John Geoke, 34, St. Paul, Fort Worth. Incumbent. Serving as Evangelism Chairman of District. Membership chairman of Lutheran Education Association. Secretary of District Pastor-Teacher Conf.

Mr. Howard Schuetze, 40, St. Paul, San Antonio. Former member of this board. Chairman of Child Education Committee. Serving in "inner city.. type of setting, mostly brown and close to a black ghetto area. Day Care program.

Mr. Paul Steffens, 59, Salem, Tomball. Over 10 years experience as Exec. Secretary of Parish Education and Welfare in another district. Administrative experience. Adult Christian Education training and experience.

LAYMEN: Vote for two (2)

Mrs. Benne Arnold, 31, Mount Calvary, San Antonio. Sunday School teacher, Kindergarten teacher. Studying child development.

Mr. Clayton Kramer, St. Paul, Wichita Falls. Incumbent. Lawyer. Served as treasurer, VP, Parish Education for 7 years. Director of local bar association. Active in local and state historical associations, oral history project for Texas district.

Mr. Melvin Olle, 53, St. Paul, Austin. Investment Officer State of Texas. BBA degree from U. of T. Held most congregational offices.

Mr. James D. Pfluger, 37, Bethany, Austin. Incumbent. Architect. Active in Youth Work. Many church offices, including area cooperative activities of Luth. congregations. Chairman of Recruitment committee.

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE ON ADJUDICATION

PASTORS: Vote for two (2)

Rev. Charles Born, 48, University Lutheran Church, Austin. Incumbent. 16 years in district is helpful in understanding its operation. Coordinator of Campus Ministry.

Rev. Martin Friedrich, 48, St. Peter, Houston. 25 years of ministerial activity. Teaching Latin, Spanish, and New Testament at Lutheran High, Houston. Circuit PR man.

Rev. Alfred Scholz, 47, Zion, Pasadena. Served in the district for many years.

Rev. Richard F. Wagner, 44, Trinity, Houston. PR work in several Districts. Social Welfare committee. Circuit Counselor. Chm. of Pastor-Teacher Conf (Region VI).

TEACHERS: Vote for one (1)

Mr. Arthur Petersen, 57, Immanuel, Giddings. Principal for 36 years. Active in civic organizations. Incumbent.

Mr. Herman B. Teinert, 40, Zion, Tomball. Adult Bible Class teacher. Dean of Houston Lutheran Bible Institute. Past program Chm. of Texas Dist. Teachers' Conf. Principal.

LAYMEN: Vote for two (2)

Mr. Dennis C. Hannusch, 51, St. Paul, Austin. Administrative Supervisor. Believes "members should go through proper channels to get things done."

Mr. Kenneth Kramer, 46, Our Redeemer, Wichita Falls. Incumbent. Attorney at Law. Cong. chairman. On planning committee. Leader in Legal and Estate Planning activities.

Mr. Leonard Martens, 47, Salem, Tomball. Farming and Ranching. Served in congregation as president, elder, S. S. Supt. for several terms.

Mr. Forrest Trautmann, 42, Hope, Austin. Incumbent. Attorney. He is presently serving as General Council for the Texas District.

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONS**PASTORS: Vote for two (2)**

Rev. William Bredemeyer, 40, Grace, Channelview. Serving as Circuit Counselor.

Rev. Marvin Koch, 51, Immanuel, Copperas Cove. Incumbent. Past Circuit Counselor. Varied congregational experience.

Rev. Louis Konz, 53, Grace, Marlin. Experience in working on and revising constitutions. Missionary to Nigeria. LWML District Counselor.

Rev. Al J. Loeschman, 34, Mt. Calvary, San Antonio. Past Circuit Counselor.

TEACHERS: Vote for one (1)

Mr. Jonathan M. Fischer, 37, Holy Cross, Dallas. Director of Christian Education. Incumbent. Region Mission Committee. Various offices in Principals and Pastor-Teacher Conf.

Mr. James Menke, 40, Redeemer, San Antonio. Principal. Organist. Choir Director. Adult Bible Class Instructor

LAYMEN: Vote for one (1)

Mr. Jerry Saegert, 27, St. Paul, Austin. Attorney. Chm. of congregations's Constitution and By-Lays Committee. On faculty of U. of T. School of Business. Bible Class teacher. Board of Directors of Conf. of Christians and Jews

Mr. Fred Symmank, Prince of Peace, Carrollton. Incumbent. Aircraft Maintenance Engineer. Involved in many committees and activities of the church.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF PENSIONS AND SUPPORT

Vote for one (1) area

Area 1:

Rev. Frederick A. Mattil, Our Redeemer, Dallas
 Teacher William O. Doering, 69, Our Savior, Houston
 Mr. John E. Albers, 54, Faith, Amarillo, (Farmer, Incumbent)

Area 2:

Rev. Roland Finke, 63, Salem, Malone
Teacher Gerhardt Hartman, 25, Grace, Brenham
Mr. B. H. Pick, 59, Trinity, Waco (Accountant)

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

Area 1:

Rev. George H. Lange, 39, Zion, Tomball (Incumbent)
Teacher Martin Mueller, 47, Bethany, Houston
Mrs. Barbara Schwartz, 39, Bethel, Bryan. (Mgr. Hardy Gardens "Danaylion")

Area 2:

Reve. Herbert N. Eifert, 39, Good Shepherd, Pasadena
Teacher Dalton Noack, Mt. Olive, San Antonio
Mr. Myles B. Knape, 43, St. John, Galveston (Director of Information)