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"PRIESTS OF GOD! GLORIFY GOD!"

*"Ye are a Royal Priesthood, that Ye should show forth the
Praises of Him Who has called You out of Darkness
into His Marvelous Light."*

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CONVENTION HANDBOOK

of the

37th Convention

of

The Texas District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

Austin, Texas

April 18 - 22, 1960

Lutheran Concordia College

THE ESSAYIST

The Rev. Martin Luther Koehneke, Pres.,

Concordia Teachers College

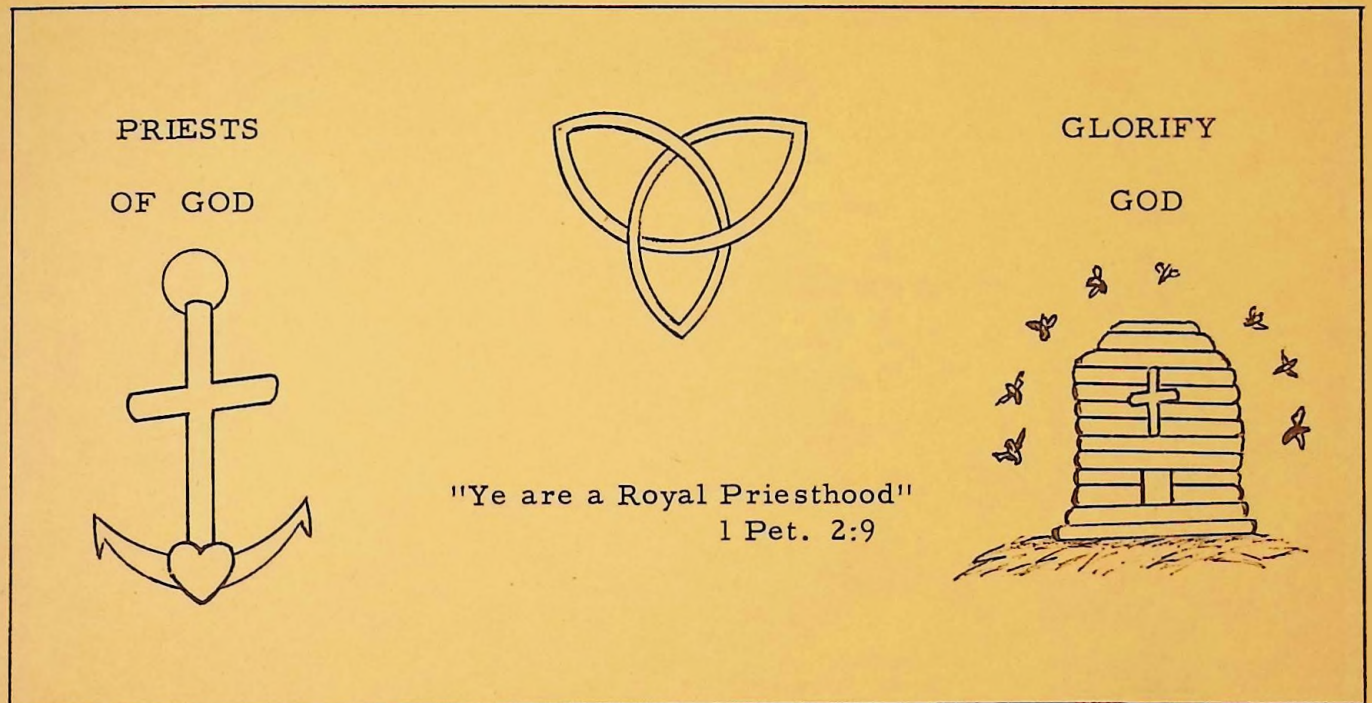
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Church and City _____

CONVENTION MOTTO

"Priests of God - - - Glorify God"



Explanation of the symbolism used with Convention Motto:

The "Triquetra" is one of the most beautiful and satisfying symbols for the Holy Trinity. The three equal arcs of the circle denote the equality of the Three Persons. The lines run continuously, expressing their eternal existence. They are interwoven to express their unity. Each pair of arcs combine to form a "vesica," symbol of glory. The center forms an equilateral triangle, itself a symbol of the Trinity. So, here we have a complete expression of equality, eternity, unity and glory in what is essentially a simple form.

The symbol under "Priests of God" represents the gracious gifts of the Holy Trinity (here symbolized by the circle): Faith (the cross), Hope (the anchor) and Love (the heart.)

The symbol under "Glorify God" represents the Church at work: the beehive. This is one of the most modern of all symbols for the Church and is one of the best that has yet been devised. It represents many bees working together, each in its own capacity, for the benefit of all. It suggests order and organization, governed by the love of God (symbolized by the cross.)

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CONVENTION PROGRAM

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 1960

- 7:30 P.M. Opening Service with Holy Communion, at St. Paul Church, Dr. J. W. Behnken, President, The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, preaching
- 9:00 P.M. Lay Delegates' Orientation Meeting with Praesidium, St. Paul Auditorium; and Laymen's Meeting under the direction of The Reverend Carl Heckmann, Dr. Oswald Hoffmann speaking

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 1960

- 7:00 A.M. L. L. L. Breakfast for Clergy
- 8:30 - 9:10 A.M. Devotional Presentation on Essay, The Reverend Martin L. Koehneke
- 9:10 - 9:20 A.M. Transition (Sectionals on Essay)
- 9:20 - 10:20 A.M. Sectional Discussion
- 10:20 - 10:30 A.M. Recess
- 10:30 - 10:35 A.M. Credentials and Registration, Committee #2
- 10:35 - 11:00 A.M. President's Address and Report
- 11:00 - 11:25 A.M. Reception of Congregations, Candidate Pastors and Teachers, Committee #1
- 11:25 - 11:35 A.M. Address to candidates and lay delegates signing for joining congregations - Dr. J. W. Behnken
- 11:35 - 11:40 A.M. Adoption of Program
- 11:40 - 11:50 A.M. Welcoming of Visitors
- 11:50 - 12:10 A.M. Synodical Representative, Dr. J. W. Behnken
Announcements
Prayer, The Reverend V. Schuelein
- 12:10 - 2:00 P.M. Noon Recess
- 2:00 - 2:10 P.M. Memorial #7-1-60
- 2:25 - 2:50 P.M. Memorials #5-1-60; and #5-3-60
- 2:50 - 3:15 P.M. Memorial #7-2-60
- 3:15 - 3:30 P.M. Memorials #17-1-60; and #17-2-60
- 3:30 - 3:45 P.M. Recess
- 3:45 - 4:00 P.M. Memorials #17-1-60; and #17-2-60 (Continued)
- 4:00 - 4:05 P.M. Committee on Nominations and Elections, #15
- 4:05 - 4:45 P.M. Missions Report - Committee #3
- 4:45 - 5:00 P.M. Report of Board of Support and Pensions, Committee #8
- 5:00 - 5:30 P.M. Synodical Representative, Dr. J. W. Behnken
- 5:30 - 6:00 P.M. Greetings, L.L.L., L.W.M.L., and W. L. Representatives
Announcements
Prayer, The Reverend Don Ude
Evening for committee meetings
Pastors of subsidized congregations, in Visual Aids Room,
7:00 P.M., The Reverend A. O. Rast

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 1960

- 8:30 - 9:10 A.M. Devotional Presentation on Essay, The Reverend Martin L. Koehneke
- 9:10 - 9:20 A.M. Transition (Sectionals on Essay)
- 9:20 - 10:20 A.M. Sectional Discussion
- 10:20 - 10:30 A.M. Recess
- Review of Minutes
- 10:30 - 10:40 A.M. Report of Board of Support and Pensions, Committee #8
- 10:40 - 10:55 A.M. Review of Minutes, Memorials #14-1-60; and #14-2-60
- 10:55 - 11:25 A.M. Report Synodical Representative, Dr. J. W. Behnken
- 11:25 - 11:50 A.M. Synod Stewardship Counselor, The Reverend R. C. Muhly
- 11:50 - 12:10 A.M. The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod Foundation,
Dr. Eugene Bertermann
Announcements
Prayer, The Reverend Walter Snyder
- 12:10 - 2:00 P.M. Noon Recess
- 2:00 - 2:10 P.M. Devotion, The Reverend Wilbur C. Cain
- 2:10 - 2:20 P.M. Concordia Publishing House Representative
- 2:20 - 2:30 P.M. Good Shepherd Home of The West
- 2:30 - 3:00 P.M. Report of Board of Parish Education, Committee #4
- 3:00 - 3:15 P.M. Memorial #5-2-60
- 3:15 - 3:25 P.M. Memorial #7-10-60
Prayer, The Reverend Howard Klenz
- 3:25 - 3:30 P.M. Transition
- 3:30 - 4:15 P.M. Sectional Meetings:
Pastors in Chapel - Chairman, Vice-President Carl Gaertner;
Speaker, Dr. J. W. Behnken
Teachers in Gymnasium - Chairman, Mr. Ewald Gutz; Speaker,
The Reverend Martin L. Koehneke
Laymen in St. Paul Gymnasium - Chairman, Vice President
G. W. Obenhaus; Speaker, The Reverend Carl Heckmann
- 4:15 - 5:00 P.M. Sectionals - Same Place - Same Chairmen
Pastors - The Reverend Carl Heckmann
Teachers - Dr. J. W. Behnken
Laymen - Messrs. Ernest Balke and F. W. Lietz
- 5:00 - 5:45 P.M. Sectionals - Same Place - Same Chairmen
Pastors - Messrs. Ernest Balke and F. W. Lietz
Teachers - The Reverend Carl Heckmann
Laymen - Dr. J. W. Behnken
Announcements
Dismissal, Prayer by Chairmen
Meeting of Pastors of congregations with schools, Board for
Parish Education, The Reverend Richard B. Faerber

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1960

- 8:30 - 9:10 A.M. Devotional Presentation on Essay, The Reverend Martin L. Koehneke
- 9:10 - 9:20 A.M. Transition (Sectionals on Essay)
- 9:20 - 10:20 A.M. Sectional Discussion
- 10:20 - 10:30 A.M. Recess
- Review of Minutes
- 10:30 - 11:10 A.M. Synodical Representative, Dr. J. W. Behnken
- 11:10 - 11:25 A.M. Memorials #7-6-60; and #7-7-60
- 11:25 - 11:45 A.M. Memorials #5-4-60; #5-5-60; #5-6-60; #5-7-60
- 11:45 - 12:10 A.M. Memorial #16-1-60
- Announcements
- Prayer, The Reverend Ronald A. Reinhardt
- 12:10 - 2:00 P.M. Noon Recess
- 2:00 - 2:10 P.M. Devotion, The Reverend Oscar Moll
- 2:10 - 2:30 P.M. Memorials #11-1-60; and #11-2-60
- 2:30 - 2:50 P.M. Report, Board for Parish Education, Committee #4
- 2:50 - 3:15 P.M. Memorial #16-2-60; Memorial #16-3-60
- 3:15 - 3:30 P.M. Memorial #5-8-60
- 3:30 - 3:45 P.M. Recess
- 3:45 - 4:00 P.M. Memorials #3-2-60; and #3-3-60
- 4:00 - 4:10 P.M. Memorial #8-1-60
- 4:10 - 4:25 P.M. Report on Department of Public Relations, Committee #9
- 4:25 - 4:35 P.M. Memorials #10-1-60; and #10-2-60
- 4:35 - 4:50 P.M. Memorials #7-3-60; #7-4-60; and #7-5-60
- 4:50 - 5:10 P.M. Memorials #6-1-60; #6-2-60; and #6-3-60
- 5:10 - 5:30 P.M. Report, Board for Parish Education, Committee #4
- 5:30 - 5:45 P.M. Memorials #3-4-60; #3-5-60; and #3-6-60
- Announcements
- Prayer, The Reverend Herbert Wottrich
- Evening Open

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 1960

- 8:30 - 9:00 A.M. Devotional Presentation on Essay
With Anniversary and Memorial Service
- 9:00 - 9:35 A.M. Discussion on Essay
- 9:35 - 9:45 A.M. Resolution by Panel Leaders
- 9:45 - 9:55 A.M. Memorial #11-3-60
- 9:55 - 10:10 A.M. Recess
- 10:10 - 10:30 A.M. Memorials #7-8-60; and #7-9-60
- 10:30 - 10:40 A.M. Report of Committee for World Relief, Committee #13
- 10:40 - 10:50 A.M. Report of Evangelism Committee, Committee #3
- 10:50 - 11:00 A.M. Report of Board of Student Recruitment, Committee #8

11:00 -11:15 A.M. Report on Texas Messenger
 11:15 -11:25 A.M. Report on Convention Relief, Committee #13
 11:25 -11:35 A.M. Report of Committee on Excuses, Committee #12
 11:35 -11:45 A.M. Report of Resolutions Committee, #10
 Review of Minutes
 11:45 -12:00 A.M. The Closing Devotion, The Reverend Don Black

Prayer:

Reading: Ps. 118, 24, Morning, Ps. 138, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000

Prayer: The Reverend Don Black, Austin, Texas

2. RESOLUTIONS ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

Chairman: The Reverend E. L. Hines, Austin, Texas

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Laymen: Delegate from Giddings-Immanuel; Delegate from Beaumont-St. John
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 Laymen: Delegate from Dallas-Our Savior; Delegate from Corpus Christi-
 St. John
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 Paige-Ebenezer
 Layman: Delegate from Brenham-Grace

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 St. Matthew; Delegate from Albany-Trinity, Sagerton-Zion.
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 Austin-Concordia College

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 Teacher: Mr. Philip H. Grotheer, Houston-St. Luke
 Layman: Delegate from Houston-Immanuel

18. SECTIONAL MEETINGS

A. Pastors: The Reverend Carl A. Gaertner, Dallas-Zion
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 C. Laymen: The Reverend G. W. Obenhaus, Houston-Christ

19. CONVENTION DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Mr. Donald O. Rotermund, Dallas-Zion

20. LUTHERAN WITNESS REPORTER

The Reverend Alton C. Donsbach, Denton-St. Paul

21. DER LUTHERANER REPORTER

The Reverend Arthur W. Arndt, Serbin-St. Paul

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Your Board of Directors begs leave to submit this report to the honorable Texas District of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, assembled in convention at Concordia College, Austin, Texas, April 18-22, 1960.

Membership:

Pastors:

The Reverend Roland Wiederaenders, District President and Board Chairman
The Reverend Albert F. Jesse, First Vice-President, President and Board Chairman
The Reverend Carl Gaertner, Second Vice-President, First Vice-President
The Reverend G. W. Obenhaus, Third Vice-President, Second Vice-President
The Reverend G. W. Heinemeier, Fourth Vice-President, Third Vice-President
The Reverend Martin Ramming, Fourth Vice-President
The Reverend Paul C. Eifert, Secretary of the District

Teachers:

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Mr. George Launer

Laymen:

Mr. William Knippa
Mr. Arnold Mathias
Mr. L. G. Petering (Mr. H. Schauer replaced Mr. Petering upon his removal from Texas)
Mr. Oswald Wolf
Mr. B. M. Woltman

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Mr. Fred Frieling

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Mr. James C. Cross, Counselor for Social Welfare

Honorary Members:

Dr. H. P. Studtmann

Meetings:

May 27, 1958	November 25, 1958	July 28, 1959
July 29, 1958	January 20, 1959	September 29, 1959
September 23, 1958	March 24, 1959	November 24, 1959
	May 26, 1959	January 26, 1960

Activity Report:

1. Reports to the Board. The Board of Directors regularly received activity reports from the following:

District President	Evangelism Committee
Mission Board	Rural Church Life Committee
Board for Parish Education	Social Welfare Board
Stewardship Board	Special Boards
Auditors (now 4)	
2. Appointments:
As vacancies occurred, the President would appoint men. These appointments were ratified by the Board.
3. Finances:
 - a. Granted a loan of \$500.00 to the Walther League for the printing of the Youth Seals.
 - b. Granted a loan of \$2,200.00 to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Canyon.
 - c. Presented Alvin Meissner with a check of \$100.00 at the time of his commissioning for Algeria.
 - d. Authorized the Praesidium to remember the sons of the Texas District in foreign fields with a small sum of money periodically.
 - e. Approved a car grant of \$250.00 to the Reverend Virgil Schuelein.
 - f. Authorized a loan of \$1,200.00 to the Albany-Sagerton Congregations
 - g. Authorized Christmas bonuses for our full-time workers.
 - h. Appropriated \$1,000.00 to the chapel for mentally retarded children.
 - i. Appropriated \$500.00 to cover the cost of the District for its part in the research being made by the National Council of Churches in the Houston area.
4. Property:
Supervised the sale of property at Three Rivers, Corsicana and Sharpstown. Also heard a report on the property at Lampasas.
5. District Conventions:
 - a. Evaluated the 1958 District Convention
 - b. Planned the 1959 Pastors-Teachers Conference
 - c. Planned the 1960 District Convention
6. Other Business:
 - a. Appointed a committee to study the possibility of starting a Lutheran Foundation in the District. (Memorial presented)
 - b. Adopted a salary schedule for workers subsidized by the District.
 - c. Adopted a salary schedule for the full-time secretaries and the treasurer.
 - d. Granted the student pastors permission to participate in the Auto Loan and Auto Replacement Fund of the District.
 - e. Heard Mr. F. E. Lietz, Executive Secretary of the Church Extension Department of Synod. Instructed the Mission Board and the Church Extension Committee to put Synod's program into operation.
 - f. Heard Dr. Richard Sommerfeld of the St. Louis County of Director of Religious Research.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Directors

W. O. Doering, Sr., Secretary

Pastors

Candidate Martin E. Taylor, Jr. (St. Paul's Church, St. Paul, Minnesota) and South-Ford Stockholm, by The Reverend E. W. Johnson.

Candidate Donald A. MacKinnon (St. Paul's Church, St. Paul, Minnesota) by The Reverend Albert F. Joste.

Candidate Virgil Johnson (St. Paul's Church, St. Paul, Minnesota) by The Reverend E. W. Johnson.

Candidate Daryl Johnson (St. Paul's Church, St. Paul, Minnesota) by The Reverend Albert F. Joste.

Candidate Donald E. Ode (St. Paul's Church, St. Paul, Minnesota) by The Reverend E. W. Johnson.

Candidate Donald E. Pilling (St. Paul's Church, St. Paul, Minnesota) by The Reverend E. W. Johnson.

Candidate Donald G. Stone (St. Paul's Church, St. Paul, Minnesota) by The Reverend E. W. Johnson.

Candidate Walter W. Smith (St. Paul's Church, St. Paul, Minnesota) by The Reverend E. W. Johnson.

Candidate Arthur E. Brown (St. Paul's Church, St. Paul, Minnesota) by The Reverend E. W. Johnson.

Candidate Eugene E. Bergman (St. Paul's Church, St. Paul, Minnesota) by The Reverend E. W. Johnson.

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P R E S I D E N T S R E P O R T

ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

Pastors

1958

Candidate Martin R. Taddey, Jr. (St. Louis) July 6, Trinity-Pecos and Faith-Fort Stockton, by The Reverend P. W. Heckmann.

Candidate Ronald A. Reinhardt (St. Louis) July 6, Faith-Huntsville by The Reverend Albert F. Jesse.

Candidate Virgil Schuelein (St. Louis) July 6, Mount Calvary-Brady and Grace-Menard, by The Reverend Glen C. Kollmeyer.

Candidate Daryl Johnson (St. Louis) July 6, St. John-Lincoln by The Reverend Albert F. Jesse.

Candidate Donald E. Ude (St. Louis) July 6, St. John and Trinity-Cypress, by The Reverend Elmer Ude.

Candidate Ernst R. Pflug (St. Louis) July 6. Ordained in Apostles-Franklin Park, Illinois to serve Trinity-Albany and Zion-Sagerton, by The Reverend William L. Bartling.

Candidate Donald G. Black (St. Louis) July 20, Trinity-Houston by The Reverend Oliver R. Harms.

Candidate Walter W. Snyder (Springfield) July 27, Grace-Denison; St. James-Sherman; and Honey Groce, by The Reverend Carl A. Gaertner.

Candidate Herbert E. Borchelt (St. Louis) July 27, Christ-Hillsboro by The Reverend Francis Machina.

Candidate Benjamin G. Rathgeber (St. Louis) July 27, Christ-Lincoln and Trinity-Dime Box, by The Reverend Albert F. Jesse.

Candidate Ernst R. Pflug (St. Louis) August 3. Installed in Trinity-Albany and Zion-Sagerton, by The Reverend F. W. Grothman.

Candidate Thomas A. Sorensen (Springfield) July 27, Grace-Brownwood by The Reverend Glen C. Kollmeyer.

Candidate Gordon A. Peterson (St. Louis) August 3, Grace-Channelview, by The Reverend G. W. Obenhaus.

Candidate William F. McCollum (St. Louis) July 27, Redeemer-Palacious, by The Reverend Wesley Ringhardt.

Candidate Alvin G. Meissner (St. Louis) August 10. Ordained to serve in Nigeria by The Reverend Paul F. Uhles.

Candidate Eugene E. Heckmann (St. Louis) August 17, Mission at Orange, by The Reverend Edwin A. Heckmann.

Candidate Albert H. Boysen (St. Louis) August 31, Grace-Paris; St. John-Clarksville; Our Savior-Sulphur Springs, by The Reverend Oliver R. Harms.

Candidate William T. Mitschke, Jr. (St. Louis) October 5, Hope-Sonora, by The Reverend Oliver R. Harms.

Candidate Norbert R. Dettmann (St. Louis) September 22, Installed as Instructor, Concordia College-Austin, by Dr. George J. Beto.

1959

Candidate Frederick W. Reutz (Colloquy) May 31, Ordained in First Lutheran-Little Rock, Arkansas by The Reverend Richard C. Jahn.

Candidate Wallace D. Marth (St. Louis) July 5. Ordained in St. John-Town of Scott, Wisconsin by The Reverend Walter Piehler. Installed July 19, Bethlehem-William Penn, by The Reverend Arnold G. Mueller.

Candidate Howard R. Klenz (St. Louis) July 26. Ordained Nazareth-Milwaukee, Wisconsin by The Reverend A. G. Hoffmann. Installed August 9, Peace-Fort Worth, by The Reverend Wesley J. Kuhn.

Candidate George Aurich (St. Louis) Ordained Trinity-Hammond, Indiana by The Reverend J. W. Acker. Installed October 4, Metropolitan Student Pastor-Houston, by The Reverend G. W. Obenhaus.

Candidate Kurt E. Marquart (St. Louis) July 19. Ordained and installed Trinity-Weatherford, by The Reverend Carl A. Gaertner.

Candidate Frederick W. Reutz (Colloquy) August 2. Installed Our Savior-Sulphur Springs, by The Reverend Robert W. Helberg.

Candidate Gerald L. Thiele (St. Louis) July 15. Ordained and installed Zion-Vernon, by The Reverend Carl A. Gaertner.

Candidate John A. Allmann (St. Louis) August 2. Ordained and installed Salem-Navasota, by The Reverend G. W. Obenhaus.

Candidate Gerard E. Isenberg (St. Louis) September 6. Ordained St. John-Beaumont, by The Reverend Victor D. Buvinghausen.

1960

Candidate Norbert R. Dettmann (St. Louis) March 6. Ordained St. Paul-Austin, by The Reverend Albert F. Jesse.

Teachers

1958

Candidate Carl W. Bielefeldt (Seward) August 17, Trinity-San Angelo, by The Reverend Glen C. Kollmeyer.

Candidate Burge Smith (River Forest) August 17, Holy Cross-Kerrville, by The Reverend Alfred B. Wagner.

Candidate George V. Knudten (Seward) August 24, St. Paul-Bishop, by The Reverend Harold Kaestner.

Candidate Rudy F. Zoch (Seward) July 13, Trinity-Brownsville, by The Reverend William K. Schuster.

Candidate Raymond H. Lange (River Forest) August 10, St. Paul-Harlingen, by The Reverend Harold A. Heckmann.

Candidate Donald R. Peiman (Seward) August 31, Trinity-Amarillo, by The Reverend Edwin T. Heyne, Jr.

Candidate Herbert H. Becker (River Forest) August 31, Redeemer-San Antonio, by The Reverend Eric E. Wagner.

Candidate R. T. Nickelsburg (Colloquy) Lutheran High School-Houston

1959

Candidate Theodore F. Zoch (Seward) July 19, St. Paul-Port Arthur, by The Reverend G. W. Obenhaus.

Candidate Brice E. Kuhlmann (River Forest) June 7, Grace-Brenham, by The Reverend Arnold G. Mueller.

Candidate Burge Smith (River Forest) August 15, Concordia-San Antonio, by The Reverend Guido A. Merkens.

Candidate Dallas Collever (River Forest) July 12, Zion-Fort Worth, by The Reverend Wesley J. Kuhn.

Candidate Richard H. Gaede (Seward) August 30, Zion-Pasadena, by The Reverend Walter F. Bielefeldt.

Candidate Carl Dunk, Jr. (Seward) August 9, St. Luke-Houston, by The Reverend Walter C. Harting.

Candidate Dalton J. Noack (Seward) August 2, St. Paul-Thorndale, by The Reverend Vernon M. Appel.

Candidate Marvin Hesterman (Seward) August 30, Trinity-Tyler, by The Reverend Carl A. Gaertner.

Candidate George Dellinger (River Forest) August 30, St. Paul-Wilson, by The Reverend George Heinemeier.

Candidate Norris G. Patschke (Seward) July 12, St. Matthew-Houston, by The Reverend William H. Stratman.

Candidate Kenneth L. Carlson (River Forest) September 6, Mt. Bethany-Houston, by The Reverend A. F. Droegemueller.

Candidate Neil P. Kinkel (River Forest) August 3, St. Paul-Austin, by The Reverend Albert F. Jesse

Candidate Dennis Quiram (River Forest) September 6, St. Paul-Harlingen, by The Reverend Harold A. Heckmann.

TRANSFERRED

Pastors

1958

The Reverend Charles W. Keturakat, Perry-Oklahoma to St. Paul-San Antonio, March 16, by The Reverend Elmer Neunaber.

The Reverend Andrew Simcak, Jr., Grace-Seguin to St. Matthew-San Antonio, May 4, by The Reverend Eric E. Wagner.

The Reverend H. C. Graf, Circle Pines, Minnesota to Grace-Seguin, June 29, by The Reverend Elmer G. Neunaber.

The Reverend Arthur Pape, Lone Wolf, Oklahoma to Mt. Calvary-Eola, July 6, by The Reverend Glen C. Kollmeyer.

The Reverend Gordon Winrod, Messiah-San Antonio to St. Stephen-Houston, August 10, by The Reverend Hobart Meyer.

The Reverend A. F. Michalk, Franceto Grace-Smithville, August 17, by The Reverend T. H. Graalman.

The Reverend Whitfield M. McMillan, Chaplaincy to Immanuel-Temple, September 7, by The Reverend G. A. Zoch.

The Reverend Samuel E. Kent, Baton Rouge, Louisiana to Holy Cross-Mt. Calvary, Houston, September 21, by The Reverend Carl E. Kasper.

The Reverend Harold Kaestner, St. Paul-Kingsville to Christ-Lubbock, October 12, by The Reverend Orville A. Buntrock.

The Reverend Edwin T. Brown, Trinidad-San Antonio to Messiah-San Antonio, October 19, by The Reverend Eric E. Wagner.

The Reverend Edward R. Rathgeber, Zion-Vernon to St. Matthew-Westfield, October 19, by The Reverend Alvin A. Walter.

The Reverend Victor Lehenbauer, Wenona, Illinois to Trinity-St. Paul, Beeville-Three Rivers, December 7, by The Reverend Vernon H. Harley.

The Reverend Charles H. Born, Lincoln, Nebraska to Student Work-Austin, September 14, by The Reverend Albert F. Jesse.

The Reverend Fred B. Growcock, Mission, Mexico to Instructor-Austin, September 22, by Dr. George J. Beto.

The Reverend Herbert L. Wiederaenders, Grace-Smithville to Trinity-Alice, June 22, by The Reverend Harold Kaestner.

1959

The Reverend Vernon L. Bahr, Grace-Pine Bluffs, Wyoming to Trinity-Waco, January 11, by The Reverend T. R. Griesse.

The Reverend Marxen W. Dommer, Aberdeen, South Dakota to Bethel-Dallas, January 18, by The Reverend Carl A. Gaertner.

The Reverend James H. Gruetzner, Ely, Nevada to Bethlehem-Palestine, January 25, by The Reverend H. E. Theiss.

The Reverend Alvin C. Liefer, Christ-Pattison to St. John-San Benito, February 1, by The Reverend Harold A. Heckmann.

The Reverend Edgar H. Kirschenmann, St. Paul-Omaha, Nebraska to St. Paul - Kingsville, February 22, by The Reverend H. L. Wiederaenders.

The Reverend Wayne A. Dittloff, St. Paul-Big Spring to Ascension-Houston, February 22, by The Reverend Henry A. Traugott.

The Reverend Ahlert J. C. Strand, Peace-Sweetwater to Grace-Del Rio, April 5, by The Reverend Eldor Mikan.

The Reverend William H. Roth, Hinton, Oklahoma to St. John-Wharton, April 5, by The Reverend O. C. Schreiner.

The Reverend Vernon M. Appel, Hope-Dallas to St. Paul-Thorndale, May 10, by The Reverend A. J. Appel.

The Reverend Edwin E. Pieplow, Detroit, Michigan to St. Paul-Fort Worth, May 10, by Dr. Roland Wiederaenders.

The Reverend Herbert Wettrich, Good Shepherd-Port Arthur to Trinity-Uvalde; St. Paul-LaPryor, May 24, by The Reverend Edwin T. Brown.

The Reverend J. Arthur Rebber, Grace-Lamesa to Peace-Sweetwater, June 14, by The Reverend Floyd Grothman.

The Reverend Oscar Moll, St. Paul-Waverly, Iowa to Trinidad-San Antonio, July 30, by The Reverend Eldor Mikan.

The Reverend Elmer Neunaber, Holy Cross-San Antonio to Redeemer-Lubbock, August 23, by The Reverend Harold Kaestner.

The Reverend Luther P. Roehrs, Trinity-Eden to Good Shepherd-Port Arthur, August 9, by The Reverend John B. Schmid.

The Reverend David R. Hermann, Memorial-Katy to Gethsemane-Houston, September 6, by The Reverend Hobart Meyer.

The Reverend Harold A. Heckmann, St. Paul-Harlingen to St. Stephen-Houston, October 14, by The Reverend G. W. Obenhaus.

The Reverend Erwin H. Sanders, Trinity-Riesel to St. Paul-Bishop, October 11, by The Reverend Leon L. Birnbaum.

The Reverend Arthur J. Niemann, Zion-Anderson to Christ-Pattison, September 27, by The Reverend David R. Hermann.

The Reverend Melvin G. Herring, North Wisconsin to Grace-Lamesa, October 11, by The Reverend Harold Kaestner.

The Reverend Clair A. Wiederhoft, Our Savior-Arcadia, California to St. Paul-Big Spring, October 4, by The Reverend Paul W. Heckmann.

1960

The Reverend Arthur G. Beall, St. John-Whiting, Indiana to St. Paul-Dallas, February 7, by The Reverend Paul G. Strickert.

The Reverend A. Robert Sander, Trinity-Maysville, Kentucky to St. John-Lariat, January 11, by The Reverend Harold Kaestner.

The Reverend Henry J. Gerike, St. James-Northrop, Minnesota to St. John-Lincoln, February 21, by The Reverend A. F. Michalk.

The Reverend Paul A. Lassanske, West Paterson, New Jersey to Trinity-Tyler, January 10, by The Reverend Robert W. Helberg.

The Reverend William F. McCollum, Redeemer-Palacios to Faith-Aransas Pass, March 6, by The Reverend Vernon H. Harley.

Teachers

1958

Mr. W. O. Doering, Holy Cross-Kerrville to Our Savior-Houston, July 27, by The Reverend W. A. Gerdes.

Mr. Reynold W. Kunz, Evansville, Indiana to Our Redeemer, Houston, July 27, by The Reverend G. W. Fickenschier.

Mr. A. H. Bierbaum, First-Paola, Kansas to Mt. Calvary-Raymondville, August 17, by The Reverend W. H. Heintze.

Mr. Theodore R. Bethke, St. Paul-Thorndale to Trinity-Austin, August 17, by The Reverend Martin Rammung.

Mr. A. F. Lehmann, Trinity-Maco to Holy Cross-Kerrville, August 7, by The Reverend A. B. Wagner.

Mr. Edgar T. Wegmann, South Wisconsin District to Messiah-Houston, September 21, by The Reverend W. M. Schreiner.

Mr. Howard Frank Schuetze, St. John-Houston to St. Paul-McAllen, September 28, by The Reverend A. C. Diers.

Mr. D. P. Fischer, Southern California (c.r.m.) to Zion-Fort Worth (Contract - one year)

Mr. Donald W. Woodard, Trinity-Austin to Concordia College Instructor-Austin, September 22, by Dr. George J. Beto.

Mr. Erwin B. Schaefer, Western District to St. Matthew-Houston, September 7, by The Reverend Wm. W. Stratman.

1959

Mr. Walter H. Teinert, Grace-Austin to Faith-Grand Prairie, July 19, by The Reverend Paul G. Strickert.

Mr. Carl H. Everts, Iowa West District to Concordia College-Austin, July 8.

Mr. Roland G. Trinklein, Our Savior-Corpus Christi to St. John-Galveston, August 23, by The Reverend J. W. Jackson.

Mr. Theodore E. Lange, Golgatha-Chicago, Illinois to St. Paul-Harlingen, July 26, by The Reverend Harold A. Heckmann.

Mr. R. Leroy Hohle, St. John-Galveston to Trinity-Waco, August 2, by The Reverend Vernon Bahr.

Mr. Eugene D. Michalk, St. Paul-Kingsville to Bethany-Houston, September 6, by The Reverend August F. Droegemueller.

Mr. Theo von Fange, Cleveland High-Cleveland, Ohio to Lutheran High-Houston, September 13, by The Reverend G. W. Obenhaus.

Mr. Henry W. Stroebel, Immanuel-Giddings to Holy Cross-Warda, September 27, by The Reverend Herbert O. Hartfield.

Mr. Arnold Julif, Western District to Immanuel-Houston, July 15, by The Reverend E. E. Miertschin.

Mr. Ralph E. Droege, Wilson to Redeemer-Odessa, July 12, by The Reverend Paul W. Heckmann.

Mr. Norval A. Skov, Cross-New Braunfels to Immanuel-Giddings, August 30, by The Reverend Max Studtmann

SPECIAL TRANSFERS

Pastors

1958

The Reverend Paul W. Ludwig, Jr., Christ-Fort Worth to Chaplaincy, November 2.

1959

The Reverend O. H. Wetzel, St. Paul-Monahans to Navy Chaplaincy, May

The Reverend Walter E. Dorre, Commissioned Mission Counselor, South American Resident, March 8, by The Reverend C. T. Spitz

The Reverend C. S. Munding, Jr., St. Paul-Dallas to Chaplaincy, December

DISMISSALSTHROUGH CALLS TO OTHER DISTRICTSPastors

1958

The Reverend Harold J. Klawitter to Oklahoma District
 The Reverend Henry Torrell to Southeastern District
 The Reverend Fred R. Lammers to Kansas District
 The Reverend Immanuel R. Janssen to Central Illinois District
 The Reverend Daniel D. Dautenhahn to Western District
 The Reverend Herbert Kluck, Grace-Del Rio to Southern California District
 The Reverend E. T. Baumann, Trinity-Beeville and St. Paul-Three Rivers to Southern Nebraska District
 The Reverend Robert Kunz, Bethlehem-Palestine to Western District
 The Reverend Paul W. Ludwig, Sr., Salem-Navasota to Western District
 The Reverend Paul G. Elbrecht, Christ-Lubbock to Central Illinois District
 The Reverend Paul W. Schroeder, c.r.m. (attending school) to Central District
 The Reverend Roy E. Stoll, c.r.m. (taught at Valpo) to Southern District
 The Reverend Otto T. Zeeb, c.r.m. (returned from Mexico City) to Southern District
 The Reverend Harry G. Scholz, Bethelhem-William Penn to Northern Nebraska
 The Reverend Robert G. Cardaro, c.r.m. to Southern California District
 The Reverend Martin H. Moser, St. John-Lariat to Southern California District
 The Reverend Roger J. Neeb, St. John-San Benito to Eastern District
 The Reverend Ludovit Vajda, Ascension-Houston to English District
 The Reverend Carl F. Schmidt, Houston to Oklahoma District
 The Reverend W. K. Hannusch, c.r.m. to Oklahoma District
 The Reverend Eugene Rall, c.r.m. to Minnesota District

1959

The Reverend Richard Ludwig, Trinity-Uvalde to Central District
 The Reverend Orville A. Buntrock, Redeemer-Lubbock to English District
 The Reverend Daryl Johnson, St. John-Lincoln to Atlantic District
 The Reverend Harold Theiss, Trinity-Tyler to Northern Illinois District
 The Reverend Robert Jones, Peace-Garland to Southern District
 The Reverend O. L. Sauls, Grace-Austin to English District

Teachers

1958

Mr. James F. Rettig, Zion-Pasadena to Central District
 Mr. Edwin F. Knoernschild, Grace-The Grove to Kansas District
 Mr. R. E. Feldkamp to Central District
 Mr. H. C. Lohrmann to Michigan District
 Mr. Robert Meyer to Western District

1959

Mr. Ivan Hirsch, Trinity-Houston to Iowa-East District
 Mr. R. F. Hintz to Colorado District
 Mr. G. R. Nielsen to Northern Illinois District

SPECIALPastors

1959

Dr. George Beto, Concordia College-Austin to Central Illinois District
 Dr. Oliver R. Harms, Trinity-Houston to Western District

THROUGH RESIGNATIONPastor

1958

The Reverend Timothy Strelow, Bethel-Dallas

1959

The Reverend Gordon Winrod, St. Stephen-Houston
 The Reverend P. Janke

Teachers

1958

Mr. Luther J. Kramer, Houston Lutheran High School-Houston
 Mr. R. Meyer, Houston-Our Savior
 Mr. D. Firnhaber, c.r.m.
 Mr. E. Jordan, candidate
 Mr. H. W. Osthoff, candidate
 Mr. G. M. Twenhafel, emiterius
 Mr. E. Diers
 Mr. L. J. Kramer
 Mr. H. Schaar

1959

Mr. D. Fischer, Zion-Fort Worth (because of nervous disorder)
 Mr. M. H. Einspahr
 Mr. E. C. Huebschmann
 Mr. L. A. Huelle
 Mr. R. T. Moll
 Mr. N. M. Rose
 Mr. Theo Schroeder
 Mr. E. F. Wilkening, emiterius

THROUGH DEATHPastors

The Reverend Edmund P. Frank, Student Work-Austin, April 19, 1958
 The Reverend Elmer H. Riese, St. Paul-Bishop, May 18, 1958
 The Reverend William H. Bewie, Retired-Austin, July 28, 1958
 The Reverend E. H. Steyer, c.r.m., Dallas, September 22, 1958
 The Reverend Arthur Pape, Mt. Calvary-Eola, January 29, 1960
 The Reverend George Falsken, Salem-Schulenburg, March 8, 1960

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS

1. Circuit Counselors

The Reverend Gustav Zoch, The Reverend Eldor Mickan, The Reverend Edwin Brown, The Reverend Robert Jones, The Reverend Carl Mutschink, The Reverend Theo Schubkegel, The Reverend L. F. Westermann, The Reverend John Herzog.

2. Stewardship Board

Mr. L. Holotik.

3. Circuit Stewardship Representatives

Mr. Walter Wunderlich, Mr. Lawrence Schkade, Mr. Wesley E. Ballmann, Mr. Spencer Twinn, Mr. W. J. Lippe, Mr. Lambert Schroeder, Mr. Walter J. Tucker, Mr. Hugh E. Dennis.

4. Board for Parish Education

Mr. Carl Gromatzky, The Reverend Charles Keturakat

5. Rural Church Life Committee

Mr. Eddie Bishoff, Mr. Erich Klenk,

6. Social Welfare Board

The Reverend Louis Pabor, Mr. Earnest Gloyna, Mr. E. B. Fontenot

7. District Relief Board

Mr. Rayburn Hahn, The Reverend Winfield Wickham - Chairman

8. School Counselors

Mr. Norman C. Stuemke, Mr. Theodore Bethke, Mr. John J. Socha, Mr. E. B. Schaefer, Mr. Herman Teinert, Mr. A. H. Bierbaum, Mr. E. Wolf, Mr. W. O. Doering, Jr., Mr. Paul Brauer, Mr. Gordon Wendling, Mr. Carl Aufdemberge, Mr. Roland Trinklein, Mr. Willard Doering.

9. Department of Public Relations

The Reverend William A. Johnson, The Reverend J. Arthur Rebber, The Reverend Alfred Scholz, The Reverend Larry Rynearson, The Reverend Herbert Rast, The Reverend Dewyth D. Beltz, The Reverend Luther Roehrs, The Reverend Oliver Wetzell, The Reverend John Falk, The Reverend Marcus T. Lang, The Reverend Thomas E. Petersen, The Reverend Louis Wickham, The Reverend Andrew Simcak, The Reverend G. T. Naumann, The Reverend Max Studtmann, The Reverend A. F. Michalk, The Reverend L. F. Westermann, The Reverend Herbert Wottrich, The Reverend David R. Hermann, The Reverend Gordon Winrod, The Reverend M. H. Lehnhardt, The Reverend Vernon H. Harley, The Reverend Arthur Lyons, The Reverend Martin R. Taddey, The Reverend John B. Schmid, The Reverend Wilbur C. Cain, The Reverend Mark Herbener, The Reverend Fred Pankow, The Reverend Ronald A. Reinhardt, The Reverend Elmer G. Neunaber,

10. Board of Support and Pensions

The Reverend Erwin Metz - Chairman

11. Circuit Education Representatives

Mr. R. L. Jones, The Reverend Edwin T. Brown, Mr. Norman Roth,
Mr. Herbert Noack.

12. Church Extension Policy and Campaign Committee

The Reverend Robert P. Biel, The Reverend Edwin T. Heyne, Mr.
Howard Klein, Mr. E. A. Kramer, Mr. Ernest Balke - Chairman, The Reverend
A. O. Rast - Advisory, The Reverend Carl Heckmann - Advisory, Dr. Roland
Wiederaenders - Advisory.

13. Auditing Committee

Mr. Nick N. Columbetti, Mr. James C. Werchan

14. Circuit Mission Representatives

The Reverend Paul Geiger, The Reverend Virgil Schuelein, The
Reverend Arnold Mueller, The Reverend Paul J. Schumacher

15. District Review Committee

The Reverend Walter Streicher, The Reverend Arthur W. Arndt, The
Reverend Adolph Michalk, Mr. Erhard Wolf, Mr. John Socha.

16. Board of Directors

Mr. Herb Schauer

MEETINGS AND VISITATIONS

April 25, 1958 to June 26, 1959

Visitations

Trinity, Fedor (2)

Meetings

Teacher Placement Committee - St. Louis (2)
 Board of Assignment - St. Louis (2)
 Board of Control, Austin-Concordia College - Austin (7)
 Mission Board - Austin (12)
 Praesidium - Austin (7)
 Board of Directors - Austin (7)
 Recruitment Committee - Austin
 College of Presidents - St. Louis (2)
 Advisory Placement Committee - St. Louis
 College of Presidents - Austin
 Lutheran Witness Editorial Board - St. Louis
 Archives Committee - Austin

Conferences

Orientation Conference - LaGrange
 All-State Teachers Conference - Austin
 Visitors-Fiscal Conference
 Fiscal Conference - St. Louis
 Regional Conference - Kingsville
 Regional Conference - Brownsville
 Pastors-Teachers Conference - Austin
 Conference of Theologians - Oakland, California

Miscellaneous

LWML Rally - Presented Social Welfare Plans for Texas District - Bishop
 Concordia College Graduation - Austin
 Dedication Service of Education Building - Premont
 Dedication service of new sanctuary - San Marcos
 Represented Dr. Behnken at North Dakota District - Grand Forks, North
 Dakota
 Opening service for Spanish Conference - Corpus Christi
 75th Anniversary - Riesel
 Addressed University of Texas Students on "The Status of Lutheran Union"
 Baccalaureate Service - River Forest, Chicago
 Dedication service - St. Paul, Austin
 General Synod - San Francisco, California

Installation

The Reverend Edwin E. Pieplow - Fort Worth

MEETINGS AND VISITATIONS

(Note: The information listed below includes meetings and visitations made by The Reverend Albert F. Jesse, as First Vice-President and President of The Texas District)

Special Visitations

(Confidential) (3)

Meetings

Board of Parish Education (5)
 Evangelism Committee (6)
 Rural Church Life Committee (2)
 Board of Directors (5)
 Praesidium (7)
 College of Presidents - River Forest
 Advisory Placement Committee - St. Louis

Conferences

Pastoral Conferences - Fedor, Uvalde, Dallas, Big Spring, San Antonio, and Houston
 Circuit Conferences - La Grange, San Antonio, Bryan, Alamo and Austin

Miscellaneous

Pastors Counseled (8)

Ordinations and Installations

The Reverend Ronald A. Reinhardt, Faith-Huntsville
 The Reverend Daryl Johnson, St. John-Lincoln
 The Reverend Benjamin G. Rathgeber, Christ-Lincoln; Trinity-Dime Box
 Mr. Neil P. Kinkel, St. Paul-Austin
 The Reverend Charles H. Born, Student Work-Austin
 The Reverend Paul A. Lassanske, Trinity-Tyler
 The Reverend Norbert R. Dettmann, St. Paul-Austin

VICE-PRESIDENTS REPORTS

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

The Reverend Carl A. Gaertner

Visitations:

Peace, Garland
Zion, Fort Worth
St. Paul, Hamilton

Faith, Grand Prairie
Grace, Mart
Taylor, Christ

Special Visitations:

1. In Region IV with Pastor, Elders and a small number of members
2. In Region I, together with members of the Praesidium and Circuit Counselor with Voters' Assembly

Circuit Meetings with Pastors and Wives:

1. Circuits 7, 8, 9
2. Circuit 6

3. Circuit 10
4. Circuits 11, 12, 13

Meetings Attended:

Board of Directors
Social Welfare Board
Regional Conferences (7)

(Note: See President's Report of ordinations and installations)

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

The Reverend G. W. Obenhaus

Visitations:

St. Paul, Port Arthur
St. Paul, Houston
St. Mark, Houston
St. Stephen, Houston

Mt. Olive, Houston
Trinity, Sealy
Zion, Tomball

Meetings Attended:

Board of Directors (11)
Praesidium (14)
Stewardship (11)
Evangelism Committee (7)
Regional Conferences VI, V (2), VII, III, VIII
Recruitment Meeting - Immanuel, Houston
Teachers Conference - Austin

Ordinations and Installations:

The Reverend William Roth, St. John-Wharton
 Mr. E. F. Zoch, St. Paul-Port Arthur
 The Reverend G. C. Aurich, Student Pastor-Houston
 The Reverend H. Heckmann, St. Stephen-Houston
 Mr. T. R. Von Fange, Lutheran High School-Houston
 The Reverend Donald Peterson, Grace-Channelview
 The Reverend John Allman, Salem-Whitehall
 The Reverend G. Winrod, St. Stephen-Houston
 The Reverend Luther Roehrs, Good Shepherd-Port Arthur
 The Reverend Donald Ude, St. John-Cypress, Trinity-Neudorf
 The Reverend Donald Black, Trinity-Houston

Miscellaneous:

The Reverend G. E. Isenberg, St. John-Beaumont (Commissioning)
 The Reverend E. Miertschin, Immanuel-Houston (Anniversary)
 The Reverend C. E. Kasper, Mt. Olive-Houston (Anniversary)
 Dedication of New School Unit, Our Redeemer-Houston
 Dedication of Church, Zion-Tomball
 Walther League Convention, Georgetown
 Synodical Conference - Cleveland, Ohio
 CSR Conference
 Church Leaders-Fiscal Conferences (2)
 Called-To-Be-Saints Meetings - Circuits 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23
 Circuit Church Leaders Dinner Meetings - Circuits 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20,
 21, 22, 23
 Praesidium and Rural Pastors and Teachers

Consultations:

Frequently consulted confidentially

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

The Reverend G. W. Heinemeier

Visitations:

St. Paul, Plainview	Grace, Lamesa
Trinity, Albany	Trinity, San Angelo
Redeemer, Odessa	Christ, Lubbock
Redeemer, Lubbock	Trinity, Amarillo

Circuit Meetings:

"Dinner" Meetings (3)
 Circuit Leaders Conference (4)

Installations Attended:

Immanuel, Hereford
 St. John, Farwell
 Grace, Lamesa
 Mt. Calvary, Brady
 Mt. Calvary, Eola

Christ, Tulia
 Christ, Lubbock
 St. Paul, Big Spring
 Grace, Menard

FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENT

The Reverend Martin E. Ramming

Visitations:

Redeemer, San Antonio
 Trinity, Corpus Christi
 Immanuel, Mercedes
 St. James, Lexington

Holy Cross, New Braunfels
 San Juan, Austin
 Trinity, LaGrange
 Zion, LaGrange

Meetings Attended:

Board of Directors (3)
 Evangelism Committee (2)
 Board of Parish Education (2)
 Comptrollers Committee (2)
 Recruitment Committee
 Regional Conferences - Bryan, Riesel, Tomball
 Praesidium (5)

Installation:

The Reverend Oscar Moll, Trinidad, San Antonio

Voters and/or Congregational Meetings Attended In Official Capacity:

Christ, Austin
 Grace, Austin (4)
 Holy Cross, Kerrville (2)
 St. Paul, Plainview

Funerals:

The Reverend Arthur Pape, Eola, Texas
 The Reverend George Falsken, Schulenburg, Texas

Private Conferences Held: (11)

VISITATION REPORT

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Circuit 1, Counselor Edwin Heyne

Visitations:

Amarillo, Christ	Friona, Immanuel
Borger, Trinity	Hereford, Immanuel
Canyon, St. Paul	Pampa, Zion
Dumas, St. John	Perryton, Bethlehem
Follett, Zion	Tulia, Christ

Circuit 2, Counselor Harold Kaestner

Visitations:

Farwell, St. John	Lubbock, Redeemer
Lamesa, Grace (3)	Plainview, St. Paul (2)
Littlefield, Immanuel	Wilson, St. Paul

Circuit 3, Counselor Paul W. Heckmann

Visitations:

Andrews, Faith	Midland, Grace
Big Spring, St. Paul	Monahans, St. Paul
Kermit, Zion	Pecos, Trinity

Circuit Meetings:

Circuit Cabinet Meetings (2)
Circuit Leaders Banquets (Conferences) (3)

Other Visitations or Meetings:

Andrews, Faith
Big Spring, St. Paul (regarding vacancy)
Monahans-Kermit, St. Paul-Zion (regarding vacancy)

Circuit 4, Counselor Floyd W. Grothman

Visitations:

Abilene, Our Savior	Cisco, Grace
Abilene, Zion	Sagerton, Zion
Albany, Trinity	Sweetwater, Peace
Cisco, Christ	

Circuit Meetings:

Circuit Leaders' Conference (2)
Circuit Leaders' Dinner

Other Visitations or Meetings:

Sweetwater, Peace

Installations:

The Reverend Ernst Pflug, Trinity, Albany
The Reverend Ernst Pflug, Zion, Sagerton
The Reverend J. Rebber, Peace, Sweetwater

Circuit 5, Counselor Glen C. Kollmeyer

Visitations:

Ballinger, Bethel	Eola, Mt. Calvary
Brady, Mt. Calvary	Menard, Grace
Brownwood, Grace	Sonora, Hope
Eden, Trinity	

Circuit Meetings:

Circuit Leaders' Conference (3)

Other Visitations or Meetings:

Brady, Mt. Calvary (2)	Eden, Trinity
Brownwood, Grace	Eola, Mt. Calvary (2)

Ordination-Installations:

The Reverend Virgil Schuelein, Mt. Calvary, Brady and Grace, Menard
The Reverend Thomas A. Sorensen, Grace, Brownwood
The Reverend Arthur Pape, Mt. Calvary, Eola

Circuit 6, Counselor H. R. Frerking

Visitations:

Bowie, St. Peter	Olney, St. Luke
Burkburnett, Grace	Seymour, Trinity
Clara, Trinity	Vernon, St. Paul
Harrold, Immanuel	Vernon, Zion

Circuit Meetings:

"Called to be Saints" (Pastors and wives) - Wichita Falls
Circuit Pastoral Conferences (4) - Wichita Falls

Cabinet Meetings (4) - Wichita Falls
 Church Leaders' Conferences (4) - Wichita Falls
 Report on San Francisco Convention by Dr. J. A. Birnbaum - Wichita Falls

Other Visitations of Meetings:

Counselor-Fiscal Conferences - Austin (2)
 Mission Survey with Mission Secretary - Wichita Falls
 Student Recruitment - St. Paul, Vernon
 Call of Pastor - Burkburnett

Installation:

Zion, Vernon

Circuit 7, Counselor Wesley J. Kuhn

Visitations:

Arlington, Grace (2)	Fort Worth, Redeemer (2)
Bridgeport, Trinity (2)	Fort Worth, St. Paul (2)
Denton, St. Paul (2)	Richland-Hurst, Fort Worth, Peace
Fort Worth, Christ (2)	Weatherford, Trinity
Fort Worth, Hope	

Circuit Meetings:

Circuit meeting with lay leaders and pastors (4)
 Circuit meeting for pastors only

Other Visitations or Meetings:

Fort Worth, Christ (4)
 Fort Worth, Hope (2)
 Redeemer, Fort Worth
 Richland-Hurst, Fort Worth, Peace

Circuit 8, Counselor Paul G. Strickert

Visitations:

Dallas, Grace	Dallas, St. Paul
Dallas, Our Savior	Dallas, Trinity
Dallas, Mt. Olive	Irving, Good Shepherd

Circuit Meetings:

Grand Prairie, Faith	Dallas, Grace (2)
Dallas, St. Paul	

Other Visitations or Meetings:

Cabinet Meetings (5)

Meetings of Individual Cabinet Members (4)

Circuit 9, Vacant (This was served by Counselor Robert E. Jones)

Visitations:

Denison-Sherman, Grace

Dallas, Bethel

Dallas, Holy Cross

Dallas, Zion

Honey Grove, St. James

Richardson, Messiah

Circuit Meetings:

Circuit Dinner Meeting - "Get the Word Out"

Other Visitations or Meetings:

Dallas, Hope

Circuit 10, Counselor Robert W. Helberg

Circuit Meetings:

Circuit Leaders' Conference - Tyler

Church Leaders' Dinner - Tyler

Circuit Meeting - Tyler

Pastors of Circuit

Circuit Cabinet

Other Meetings or Visitations:

Tyler, Trinity (regarding vacancy)

Installations:

The Reverend Frederick W. Reutz, Our Savior, Sulphur Springs

The Reverend Paul A. Lassanske, Trinity, Tyler

Circuit 11, Counselor T. R. Griesse

Visitations:

Clifton, Immanuel

Hillsboro, Christ

Malone, Salem

Marlin, Grace

Riesel, Trinity

Waco, St. Mark

Waco, St. Paul

Waco, Trinity

Circuit Meetings:

Circuit Leaders' Conference (5)
 Circuit Cabinet Meeting (2)
 Circuit Financial Clinic - Waco

Other Visitations or Meetings:

Board of Elders and Pastor (2)
 Visits with CSR to each pastor or circuit
 Vacant congregation and vacancy pastor of Circuit

Circuit 12, Counselor Adolph Hoyer

Visitations:

Note: All pastors in Circuit have been visited at least three times individually, during the past two year period.

Circuit Meetings:

Circuit Offers Meeting (Cabinet) Aleman
 Cabinet Meeting - Aleman

Other Visitations or Meetings:

Pastors Conference (Visitors) - Mart
 Stewardship-Visitors Conference - Austin
 Pastors Conference - Cameron, Walburg
 Waco Leaders Conference - Waco
 LLL Executive Committee Meeting
 Leaders Conference - Copperas Cove
 LLL Rally - Waco
 Conference - Austin
 LLL Waco Conference - Waco
 Youth Meeting
 Fiscal Conference - Austin
 Faith, Lampasas (concerning Stewardship)

(Note: The Reverend Adolph Hoyer took ill in September, 1959, and due to the nature of his illness, The Reverend Paul F. Uhles was asked to assume the duties of Circuit Counselor. The following is Pastor Uhles report of activities.)

Visitations:

Aleman, St. Paul	Hamilton, St. John
Copperas Cove, Trinity	The Grove, St. Paul

Circuit Leaders' Meeting - Copperas Cove

Circuit 13, Counselor G. A. Zoch

Visitations:

Cameron, Trinity
 Elgin, Grace
 Rosebud, First
 Taylor, Trinity

Temple, Immanuel
 Thorndale, St. Paul
 Walburg, Zion

Circuit Meetings:

Circuit Cabinet Meeting (4)
 Circuit Leaders' Meeting (4)
 Circuit Evangelism Group Meeting

Other Visitations or Meetings:

Private consultations with all Circuit Pastors

Circuit 14, Counselor Paul Stengel, Jr.

Visitations:

Dime Box, Trinity
 Fedor, Trinity
 Giddings, Immanuel
 Lexington, St. James

Lincoln, St. John
 Lobeau, Christ
 Manheim, Ebenezer
 Paint Creek, St. Andrew
 Rockdale, Grace

Circuit Meetings:

Circuit Cabinet Meeting (4)
 Circuit Meetings (3)
 Circuit Leaders' Dinner (2)

Other Visitations or Meetings:

Lincoln, St. John (6)
 Pastors and wives jointly with Circuit 15 - La Grange
 Dime Box, Trinity
 Lincoln, St. John
 Lobeau, Christ (2)
 Visitors Fiscal Conference (2)

Ordinations and Installations:

The Reverend Daryl Johnson, St. John, Lincoln
 The Reverend Benjamin Rathgeber, Christ, Lobeau-Trinity, Dime Box
 The Reverend Henry Gerike, St. John, Lincoln

Circuit 15, Counselor T. H. Graalman

Visitations:

Green's Creek, Bethany (with Serbin)	Serbin, St. Paul
Hallettsville, Immanuel	Smithville, Grace
Schulenburg, Salem	Warda, Holy Cross
Schulenburg, Zion	Winchester, St. Michael

Circuit Meetings:

Circuit Leaders' Conference (3)
 Cabinet Meeting (4)
 Circuit Dinner Meeting

Other Visitations or Meetings:

"Called to Be Saints" - La Grange
 Repeated contacts with Pastors of the Circuit pertaining to work of
 Synod and District

Circuit 16, Counselor L. F. Westermann

Visitations:

Anderson, Zion	Lyons, Immanuel
Brenham, Grace	Navasota, Trinity
Bryan, Bethel	North Zulch, Bethlehem
Huntsville, Faith	William Penn, Bethlehem
Kurten, Zion	White Hall, Salem

Circuit Meetings:

Cabinet Meeting
 Church Leaders' Dinner
 Stewardship Meeting (4)
 Meeting with Pastors of Circuit (Held Monthly)

Other Visitations or Meetings:

William Penn, Bethlehem and White Hall, Salem (regarding vacancy)
 Anderson, Zion (regarding vacancy)

Ordination-Installation:

The Reverend John Allmann, Salem, White Hall
 The Reverend Wallace Marth, Bethlehem, William Penn

Circuit 17, Counselor Alvin A. Walter

Visitations:

Cypress, St. John (2)
 Cypress, Trinity (2)
 Hufsmith, Zion
 Katy, Memorial (2)

Pattison, Christ (2)
 Spring, Trinity (2)
 Tomball, Salem (2)
 Westfield, St. Matthew

Circuit Meetings:

Pastors of Circuit (10)
 Circuit Stewardship Representatives (4)
 Circuit Council (3)
 Circuit Leaders' Conferences (3)

Other Visitations or Meetings:

Katy, Memorial (regarding vacancy)
 Pattison, Christ (regarding vacancy)
 Spring, Trinity (2)
 Cypress, Trinity (4)
 Cypress, St. John (2)
 Hempstead, Immanuel (2)

Installations:

The Reverend Donald E. Ude
 The Reverend E. R. Rathgeber
 The Reverend A. J. Niemann

Circuit 18, Counselor G. G. Press

Visitations:

Voters' Meetings (3)
 Special Meetings (3)

Circuit Meetings:

Circuit Leaders' Dinner (2)
 Cabinet Meeting (2)

Other Meetings or Visitations:

Visitor s-Fiscal Conference
 Individual consultations with Cabinet Members

Circuit 19, Counselor J. W. Jackson

Visitations:

Baytown, Redeemer
 Channelview, Grace
 Galena Park, Peace
 Galveston, St. John

Hitchcock, Our Savior
 Pasadena, Good Shepherd
 Pasadena, Zion
 Texas City, Peace

Circuit Meetings:

Circuit Meeting with Pastors (8)
Circuit Leaders' Dinner - Baytown

Other Meetings:

District Fiscal Conference

Circuit 20, Counselor Hobart Meyer

Visitations:

Houston, Bethany (2)	Houston, St. John (2)
Houston, Christ (2)	Houston, St. Luke (2)
Houston, Our Redeemer (2)	Houston, St. Stephen (2)

Circuit Meetings:

Circuit Church Leaders' Conference (2)
Cabinet Meeting (2)
Circuit Stewardship Representative (2)
Pastors of Circuit (2)

Other Visitations or Meetings:

Special visitations and meetings with one pastor and congregation
Served as vacancy pastor of St. Stephen, Houston, May, 1959-October, 1959

Installation:

The Reverend Harold A. Heckmann, St. Stephen, Houston

Circuit 21, Counselor Edwin Keiper

Visitations:

Houston, Bethlehem (2)	Houston, Our Savior (2)
Houston, Concordia (2)	Houston, St. Andrew (2)
Houston, Gethsemane (2)	Houston, St. Mark (2)
Houston, Immanuel (2)	Houston, San Pedro (2)

Circuit Meetings:

Circuit Cabinet (4)

Other Meetings or Visitations:

Meeting with Pastors and wives
Meeting with congregational leaders

Circuit 22, Counselor Carl E. Kasper

Visitations:

Houston, Ascension (2)	Houston, Mt. Calvary (2)*
Houston, Holy Cross (2)*	Houston, Pilgrim (2)
Houston, Memorial (2)	Houston, St. Matthew (2)
Houston, Messiah (2)	Houston, Trinity (2)
*Combined Meeting	

Circuit Meetings - 2

Other Visitations or Meetings:

Houston, Ascension - preparatory to calling Pastor
Houston, Trinity - preparatory to calling Pastor

Circuit 23, Counselor O. C. Schreiner

Visitations:

Edna, St. Paul	Rosenberg, Trinity
Freeport, Grace	Victoria, Grace
Lake Jackson, St. Mark	Wallis, St. Paul
Palacios, Redeemer	Wharton, St. John

Circuit Meetings:

Circuit Meeting with all congregations represented
Stewardship Representative of Circuit
Cabinet Members (2)
Circuit Meeting with all congregational officers

Other Visitations or Meetings:

Visitor's-Fiscal Conference of District 2
Pastor and congregation of Region VI

Circuit 24, Counselor Theol Schubkegel

Visitations:

Austin, Christ (2)	Austin, San Juan
Austin, Redeemer (2)	Austin, Trinity (2)
Austin, St. Paul (2)	Austin, University

Circuit Meetings:

Church Leaders' Dinner

Circuit 25, Counselor E. E. Wagner

Visitations:

Kerrville, Holy Cross
 San Antonio, Concordia
 San Antonio, Peace

San Antonio, Mt. Calvary
 San Antonio, St. Matthew

Other Visitations or Meetings:

San Antonio, Holy Cross (regarding vacancy)

Circuit 26, Counselor Carl H. Mutschink

Visitations:

Kingsbury, Evangelist
 New Braunfels, Cross
 San Antonio, Holy Cross
 San Antonio, Immanuel

San Antonio, St. Paul
 San Marcos, Grace
 Seguin, Grace

Circuit Meetings:

Circuit Leaders' Conference (2)
 Circuit Cabinet Meeting (2)

Other Visitations or Meetings:

Circuit Leaders'-Fiscal Conference - Austin
 Regional Counselor and CSR Meeting
 Meetings with Circuit CSR

Circuit 27, Counselor Edwin T. Brown

Circuit Meetings: (1)

Other Visitations or Meetings:

San Antonio, Messiah (regarding canvass of Carrizo Springs, Texas)
 Kept Pastors of Circuit informed on happenings in District and Synod

Circuit 28, Counselor Vernon H. Harley

Visitations:

Alice, Trinity
 Aransas Pass, Faith
 Beeville, Trinity
 Bishop, St. Paul
 Corpus Christi, Mt. Olive
 Corpus Christi, Our Savior
 Corpus Christi, St. John

Corpus Christi, Trinity
 Kingsville, St. Paul
 Premont, Grace
 Refugio, Trinity
 Three Rivers, St. Paul
 West Sinton, Trinity

Circuit Meetings:

Cabinet Meeting (4)
 Circuit Leaders' Conference (3)
 Circuit Leaders' Dinner

Other Visitations or Meetings:

Sector Plan Stewardship Meeting (3)
 Meeting with Pastors and wives
 Meeting with Pastors, Teachers and wives

Installations - 4

Circuit 29, Counselor John L. Herzog

Visitations:

Alamo, Zion
 Brownsville, Spanish Mission
 Brownsville, Trinity
 Harlingen, Our Redeemer
 Harlingen, St. Paul

McAllen, Good Shepherd
 McAllen, St. Paul
 Raymondville, Mt. Calvary
 San Benito, St. John

Circuit Meetings:

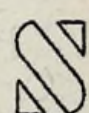
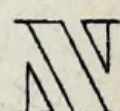
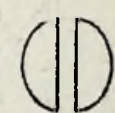
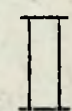
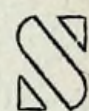
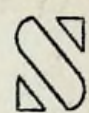
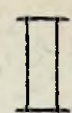
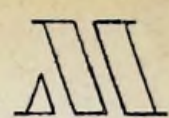
Circuit Cabinet Meeting (4)
 Circuit Leaders' Meeting (2)
 Circuit Leaders' Dinner

Other Visitations or Meetings:

Circuit Stewardship Representative (2)
 Austin Conference
 Stewardship Meeting - Mercedes
 San Benito, St. John (regarding vacancy)

Installations:

The Reverend Saavedra
 The Reverend Alvin C. Liefer



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS

To the Honorable Texas District of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, assembled in convention at Austin, Texas, April 18-22, 1960.

The financial facts presented in this report cover the period from January 1, 1958, to December 31, 1959. The figures for baptisms and confirmations have been taken from the quarterly reports submitted by the pastors. The statistical report gives figures as of December 31, 1958, and December 31, 1959.

Abilene, Our Savior - Rev. Marcus T. Lang. The congregation sold its property in 1959 and has bought new property for relocation purposes, with some help from the Church Extension Fund. At present the congregation is planning for a church building. A parsonage was acquired in 1958 with assistance from the Church Extension Fund for the downpayment. During the past few years the congregation has more than doubled its communicant membership. Vacation Bible Schools were held both years with enrollments of 70 and 89 respectively. Easter Sunrise services were held. The pastor conducts services at Abilene State School during the week, and also has radio addresses.

Statistics

1958 Souls-150; Communicants--82; Voters-27; Sunday School--95.

1959 Souls-204; Communicants-114; Voters-28; Sunday School-130.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-11; Adult-2. Confirmations: Jr.-3; Adult-5.

1959 Baptisms: Jr.-26; Adult-3. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-8.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$3,644.84. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,150.52;
Total All Other-\$7,707.48.

1959 Subsidy: \$3,595.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,160.63;
Total All Other-\$9,865.37.

Andrews, Faith - Rev. C. E. Kleber. The congregation dedicated its chapel on October 5, 1958. This was made possible by a loan from the Church Extension Fund. A Vacation Bible School was held in 1959 with an enrollment of 51. Pastor Kleber has conducted radio broadcasts.

Statistics

1958 Souls--65; Communicants-42; Voters-15; Sunday School-53.

1959 Souls-100; Communicants-49; Voters-19; Sunday School-66.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.--5; Adult-1. Confirmations: Jr.-3; Adult-5.

1959 Baptisms: Jr.-12; Adult-5. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-9.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$2,385.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$677.50;
Total All Other-\$7,465.50.

1959 Subsidy: \$2,360.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$920.11;
Total All Other-\$7,450.89.

Beaumont, Redeemer - Rev. G. E. Isenberg. This is a new mission which was started in the fall of 1959. Pastor Isenberg of St. Louis was assigned to this field and began his work here in August of 1959. A house was rented in which to hold services, and the congregation assumed this rental amount. St. John Congregation of Beaumont made a generous gift of \$400.00 to this mission to help it get started. These funds were used for necessary equipment. The first service was held on October 25, 1959. The congregation has become organized and has adopted the name of Redeemer Lutheran Church. The congregation is now looking for a property site.

Statistics

1959 Souls-95; Communicants-60; Voters-24; Sunday School-75.

Financial

1959 Subsidy: \$4,287.62. Contributions: Total-\$1,629.00.

Beeville, Trinity - Three Rivers, St. Paul - Rev. Victor Lehenbauer. Rev. E. T. Baumann accepted a call to the Colorado District and ended his ministry to this parish the early part of June 1958. Rev. Vernon Harley of Our Savior Congregation in Corpus Christi served the congregation as vacancy pastor until December 7, when Pastor Victor Lehenbauer of Winona, Illinois, was installed as pastor of the parish. The congregation at Beeville suffered losses in membership due to removals. A Vacation Bible School was held in 1959 with an enrollment of 42.

Beeville

Statistics

1958 Souls-115; Communicants-65; Voters-13; Sunday School-22.

1959 Souls-109; Communicants-58; Voters-15; Sunday School-49.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-0; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-0.

1959 Baptisms: Jr.-3; Adult-1. Confirmations: Jr.-1; Adult-3.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$1,214.35. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,117.66; Total All Other-\$4,555.34.

1959 Subsidy: \$2,215.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,212.25; Total All Other-\$6,360.75.

Three Rivers

Statistics

1958 Souls-63; Communicants-50; Voters-14; Sunday School-15.

1959 Souls-59; Communicants-46; Voters-13; Sunday School-22.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-1; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-0.

1959 Baptisms: Jr.-1; Adult-1. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-0.

Financial

1958 Contributions: World Missions-\$799.60; Total All Other-\$1,836.40.

1959 Contributions: World Missions-\$929.19; Total All Other-\$2,056.81.

Brownwood, Grace - Rev. Thomas A. Sorensen. Candidate Sorensen of Springfield was ordained and installed on July 20, 1958. This congregation is receiving temporary help from the mission treasury until they are able to take over again themselves. A Vacation Bible School was held in 1959 with an enrollment of 38. New life and interest is manifest within the congregation.

Statistics

1958 Souls--97; Communicants-71; Voters-18; Sunday School-49.
 1959 Souls-117; Communicants-84; Voters-25; Sunday School-66.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-4; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-8; Adult-1.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-3; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-2.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$1,405.64. Contributions: World Missions-\$712.04;
 Total All Other-\$4,961.96.
 1959 Subsidy: \$1,365.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,065.63;
 Total All Other-\$6,571.37.

Corsicana, Faith - Rev. Herbert E. Borchelt. Pastor Borchelt of Hillsboro has been serving this field since August of 1958 when he became the pastor of Christ Lutheran Church of Hillsboro. The congregation has experienced losses through removals. However, a number of accessions by transfers have given encouragement to this mission. Since the present small building is deteriorating and there is need of a suitable chapel, a building is being planned together with the Mission Board.

Statistics

1958 Souls-35; Communicants-25; Voters-0; Sunday School-26.
 1959 Souls-44; Communicants-26; Voters-0; Sunday School-27.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-2; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-0.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-7; Adult-1. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-2.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$1,875.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$325.64;
 Total All Other-\$1,966.36.
 1959 Subsidy: \$1,600.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$373.00;
 Total All Other-\$2,261.00.

Dallas, St. Paul - Rev. Arthur G. Beall. This congregation dedicated its chapel in August of 1958 with the help of a loan from the Church Extension Fund of the District. The congregation also received help from the Church Extension Fund for the downpayment on a parsonage. Pastor Carl Munding, who served this congregation since its beginning, accepted a call into the Air Force Chaplaincy and reported for duty the first part of December of 1959. Pastor P. G. Strickert of Grand Prairie served as vacancy pastor for the congregation. A Vacation Bible School was held in 1959 with 107 enrolled. This congregation has suffered statistically because of removals, but is engaged in a real effort to reach out in its community. Rev. Arthur Beall, the present pastor, came from Whiting, Indiana, and was installed on February 7 of this year.

Statistics

1958 Souls-155; Communicants-78; Voters-20; Sunday School--95.
 1959 Souls-183; Communicants-92; Voters-29; Sunday School-110.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.--3; Adult-2. Confirmations: Jr.-2; Adult--6.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-16; Adult-3. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-15.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$3,485.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,607.23;
 Total All Other-\$12,516.77.
 1959 Subsidy: \$3,085.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$2,518.00;
 Total All Other-\$11,572.00.

Del Rio, Grace - Rev. Ahlert Strand. Rev. Herbert Kluck, former pastor of this church, accepted a call to California and ended his ministry at this congregation in June of 1958. The congregation was then served by Rev. Richard Ludwig of Uvalde until he accepted a call to Decatur, Indiana, in January of 1959. Rev. William Mitschke of Sonora thereupon served the congregation until Pastor Ahlert Strand of Sweetwater accepted the call of the congregation. He was installed on April 5 of 1959. During the vacancy laymen of the congregation instructed the Bible Class. A Vacation Bible School was held in 1959 with an enrollment of 67 and an average attendance of 63.

Statistics

1958 Souls--98; Communicants-59; Voters-19; Sunday School-77.
 1959 Souls-140; Communicants-75; Voters-18; Sunday School-86.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.--4; Adult-1. Confirmations: Jr.-4; Adult--2.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-11; Adult-3. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-10.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$907.50. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,195.37;
 Total All Other-\$4,386.00.
 1959 Subsidy: \$1,755.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,205.00;
 Total All Other-\$5,340.00.

Fort Worth, Christ - Vacant. This congregation has been vacant since November of 1958, when Pastor Paul Ludwig accepted a call into the Chaplaincy. Chaplain Thomas W. Klewin ably served the congregation during the vacancy until January of this year, when he was assigned to foreign duty. The congregation secured a parsonage in March of 1958. Many new contacts were made during the year of 1959. This is a field offering vast opportunities for service. New housing developments are springing up all around the church. Rev. A. Bartz, pastor emeritus, is serving the congregation as the vacancy pastor until such time as the congregation receives another pastor.

Statistics

1958 Souls-87; Communicants-60; Voters-16; Sunday School-51.
 1959 Incomplete

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-4; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-3; Adult-0.
 1959 Incomplete

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$2,363.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,424.00;
Total All Other-\$6,669.57.

1959 Subsidy: None. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,253.96;
Total All Other-\$6,174.04.

Fort Worth, Hope - Rev. Wilbur C. Cain. Hope Congregation organized on February 14, 1958. During this year the Cumberland Presbyterian Church was bought by the congregation for an amount of \$22,500.00. The congregation supplied \$1500.00 of this, and the balance was supplied in the form of a loan from the Church Extension Fund of the District. The church was dedicated on Easter Sunday. In 1959 a Vacation Bible School was held with special attention given to retarded children. A Vacation Bible School was also held in 1958 with an enrollment of 41. This congregation has possibilities of becoming self-sustaining soon.

Statistics

1958 Souls-119; Communicants-76; Voters-22; Sunday School-75.

1959 Souls-162; Communicants-98; Voters-22; Sunday School-95.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-2; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-0.

1959 Baptisms: Jr.-3; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-2; Adult-6.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$4,240.40. Contributions: World Missions-\$335.91;
Total All Other-\$6,198.58.

1959 Subsidy: \$3,645.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,000.00;
Total All Other-\$8,126.00.

Fort Worth, Redeemer - Rev. Herbert A. Rast. This congregation had hoped to become self-sustaining by this time, but due to working conditions and the removal of many families this could not be done as yet. The congregation has self-sustentation in sight and will bend every effort to reach this point at the earliest possible time. Rev. Rast began preaching services in Weatherford in 1958 and established the mission there. He served the congregation until they received their own pastor in August of 1959. An active program of evangelism is in operation at Redeemer Church, which has helped to stabilize the congregation though plagued with removals. Vacation Bible Schools were held both years with enrollments at 103 and 85.

Statistics

1958 Souls-203; Communicants-104; Voters-26; Sunday School-117.

1959 Souls-177; Communicants--90; Voters-25; Sunday School-117.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-19; Adult-1. Confirmations: Jr.-3; Adult-7.

1959 Baptisms: Jr.-14; Adult-1. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-3.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$1,910.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,274.15;
Total All Other-\$11,434.85.

1959 Subsidy: \$1,435.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,637.93;
Total All Other-\$14,487.07.

Hillsboro, Christ - Rev. Herbert E. Borchelt. Pastor Robert Cardaro resigned due to ill health at the end of January 1958. Pastor F. Machina of Malone served as vacancy pastor until Candidate Herbert Borchelt of St. Louis was ordained and installed on July 27, 1958. A youth people's society was organized during the year. "The Lord's Acre" program was conducted in the congregation in 1959 with success. The congregation participated in the "Share Christ" effort and also in the Sunday School Evangelism program. Pastor Borchelt also serves Corsicana and spends one day a week in working this field besides conducting the services on Sundays.

Statistics

1958	Souls-150; Communicants-102; Voters-29; Sunday School-76.
1959	Souls-165; Communicants-117; Voters-31; Sunday School-77.
1958	Baptisms: Jr.-1; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-7; Adult-0.
1959	Baptisms: Jr.-3; Adult-1. Confirmations: Jr.-2; Adult-1.

Financial

1958	<u>Subsidy:</u> \$1,152.73. <u>Contributions:</u> World Missions-\$492.12; Total All Other-\$5,425.88.
1959	<u>Subsidy:</u> \$1,715.00. <u>Contributions:</u> World Missions-\$786.43; Total All Other-\$6,706.57.

Hitchcock, Our Savior - Vicar Thomas Johnston. Services were begun here in 1958. Mr. William Stache of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, served the congregation for the 1958-59 term, and Mr. Thomas Johnston is serving the congregation at present. Mr. Johnston is from our Concordia Seminary in Springfield. Pastor Virgil Meyer is the supervising pastor. The congregation is organized. During 1959 the congregation acquired property with help from the Church Extension Fund. A Vacation Bible School was held both years with enrollment at 68 and 83 respectively. The congregation is now planning its first church building.

Statistics

1958	Souls-72; Communicants-40; Voters-16; Sunday School-60.
1959	Souls-91; Communicants-50; Voters-18; Sunday School-69.
1958	Baptisms: Jr.-0; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-0.
1959	Baptisms: Jr.-4; Adult-3. Confirmations: Jr.-3; Adult-6.

Financial

1958	<u>Subsidy:</u> \$1,000.00. <u>Contributions:</u> World Missions-\$634.04; Total All Other-\$3,553.96.
1959	<u>Subsidy:</u> \$647.48. <u>Contributions:</u> World Missions-\$679.01; Total All Other-\$5,503.99.

Houston, Concordia - Rev. Gordon Gross. This congregation organized on January 5, 1958. The congregation secured property during 1958 and on January 4, 1959, ground was broken for their first unit. The building was dedicated on June 7 of 1959. This mission has progressed steadily and is seriously considering self-sustentation in the very near future. A Vacation Bible School was held in 1959 with an enrollment of 123. The congregation purchased a parsonage in 1959 without recourse to the Church Extension Fund.

Statistics

1958 Souls-148; Communicants--74; Voters-29; Sunday School--81.
 1959 Souls-217; Communicants-112; Voters-35; Sunday School-132.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-14; Adult-2. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-10.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-10; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-1; Adult--3.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$4,046.10. Contributions: World Missions-\$2,044.20;
 Total All Other-\$6,550.80.
 1959 Subsidy: \$2,875.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$2,239.60;
 Total All Other-\$16,209.40.

Huntsville, Faith - Conroe, St. Mark - Rev. Ronald Reinhardt. Work at Huntsville started with services conducted on the college campus by Rev. Westermann of Navasota. Candidate Reinhardt of St. Louis was ordained and installed on July 6, 1958. A parsonage was purchased in July with assistance from the Church Extension Fund. A home with property, right next to Sam Houston State Teachers College, was purchased with a loan from the Church Extension Fund. The home was remodeled with most of the labor donated by the people themselves. The remodeled building was dedicated in November 1959 and is used both for student work as well as congregational functions. The congregation became organized in May of 1959.

St. Mark Congregation of Conroe has secured property and has a home on the property which is serving the congregation for worship and Sunday school purposes. This was made possible through a loan from the Church Extension Fund. The congregation became organized in November of 1959. Pastor Reinhardt has conducted radio broadcasts over the Conroe station.

Once a month Pastor Reinhardt also conducts a service at the State Prison and, when necessary, makes some calls there.

HuntsvilleStatistics

1958 Souls-23; Communicants-17; Voters-7; Sunday School-15.
 1959 Souls-46; Communicants-22; Voters-7; Sunday School-14.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-2; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-1; Adult-0.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-2; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-1.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$4,290.77. Contributions: World Missions-\$44.24;
 Total All Other-\$1,000.76.
 1959 Subsidy: \$7,337.51. Contributions: World Missions-\$183.29;
 Total All Other-\$1,265.71.

ConroeStatistics

1959 Souls-51; Communicants-24; Voters-12; Sunday School-49.

1959 Baptisms: Jr.-4; Adult-1. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-5.

Financial

1959 Contributions: Total-\$1,521.00.

Hurst, Peace - Rev. Howard Klenz. This new mission was begun in 1959. Candidate Howard Klenz of St. Louis was assigned to this field. He was commissioned on August 8, 1959. Rev. Wilbur C. Cain of Hope Church, Fort Worth, served this mission as pastoral adviser before Pastor Klenz arrived and also conducted the preaching services. A site of 13 acres was purchased with the aid of the Church Extension Fund, and the congregation is now planning its church building. The congregation organized in the fall of 1959. A Vacation Bible School was held with an enrollment of 60.

Statistics

1959 Souls-91; Communicants-47; Voters-21; Sunday School-62.

1959 Baptisms: Jr.-6; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-2.

Financial

1959 Subsidy: \$2,816.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$845.53;
Total All Other-\$1,165.47.

Kilgore, Pilgrim - Vacant. Pastor Dewyth Beltz of Lufkin is serving the congregation as vacancy pastor since the congregation became vacant in August of 1959. Pastor Janke resigned from the ministry in August. In 1958 a new parsonage was acquired by the congregation with a loan from the Church Extension Fund for the downpayment. The old parsonage is used for Sunday school and for meeting purposes. Easter Sunrise services were held in 1958 and 1959 with good attendances. Vacation Bible School was conducted in 1958 with an enrollment of 42. The congregation feels the need of reaching out into the area around Kilgore, and into Marshall especially with its large population.

Statistics

1958 Souls-80; Communicants-50; Voters-18; Sunday School-40.

1959 Souls-86; Communicants-52; Voters-18; Sunday School-50.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-3; Adult-1. Confirmations: Jr.-9; Adult-0.

1959 Baptisms: Jr.-2; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-2.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$2,676.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$780.00;
Total All Other-\$6,837.00.

1959 Subsidy: \$2,032.50. Contributions: World Missions-\$136.15;
Total All Other-\$6,256.85.

Killeen, Grace - Copperas Cove, Trinity - Rev. John Falk. During 1958 the congregation at Killeen made a trade of its property due to the fact that there were restrictions against use for church and school on this property which they were not able to remove. A building was erected on the present property with a loan from the Church Extension Fund and was dedicated in September of 1958. In 1959 the congregation purchased a parsonage with assistance from the Church Extension Fund for the downpayment. A Vacation Bible School was held both years with enrollments of 23 and 68 respectively.

Trinity Congregation shares in taking care of the pastor's salary and all other expenses by paying one-half.

Both congregations take an active part in entertaining and serving our youth in the Armed Forces. The pastor also does much work with the service personnel at Fort Hood. Statistics for soul membership for both congregations includes military visitors with membership elsewhere.

Killeen

Statistics

1958 Souls-223; Communicants-60; Voters-22; Sunday School-61.
1959 Souls-158; Communicants-90; Voters-25; Sunday School-85.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-11; Adult-1. Confirmations: Jr.-3; Adult-8.
1959 Baptisms: Jr.-12; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-6; Adult-3.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$1,590.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$343.92;
Total All Other-\$4,006.08.
1959 Subsidy: \$1,275.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$280.75;
Total All Other-\$4,368.25.

Copperas Cove

Statistics

1958 Souls-220; Communicants-60; Voters-20; Sunday School--64.
1959 Souls-168; Communicants-70; Voters-21; Sunday School-122.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-14; Adult-6. Confirmations: Jr.-2; Adult-7.
1959 Baptisms: Jr.-11; Adult-3. Confirmations: Jr.-4; Adult-6.

Financial

1958 Contributions: World Missions-\$1,280.95; Total All Other-\$5,600.00.
1959 Contributions: World Missions-\$1,863.30; Total All Other-\$9,552.20.

Lake Jackson, St. Mark - Rev. John Schulz. St. Mark Congregation dedicated its attractive chapel on July 20, 1958. The Church Extension Fund assisted with a loan for the building. Vacation Bible Schools were conducted both years with enrollments of 43 and 60 respectively. The congregation needs to concern itself more with an on-going evangelism effort for a more effective outreach.

Statistics

1958 Souls-89; Communicants-49; Voters-15; Sunday School-43.
1959 Souls-94; Communicants-49; Voters-15; Sunday School-59.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-5; Adult-1. Confirmations: Jr.-2; Adult-3.
1959 Baptisms: Jr.-2; Adult-1. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-1.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$2,460.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,115.24;
Total All Other-\$8,400.00.
1959 Subsidy: \$2,520.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,080.00;
Total All Other-\$7,997.00.

Laredo, Faith - Rev. Ray Bowles. The congregation was privileged to dedicate its beautiful new chapel on June 7, 1959. This was made possible with a loan from the Church Extension Fund. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League of Texas made a contribution to this congregation of \$3,000.00 which was applied to the cost of the chapel. The pastor has appeared on TV programs and also has had radio devotions.

Statistics

1958 Souls-75; Communicants-49; Voters-9; Sunday School-45.
 1959 Souls-89; Communicants-54; Voters-8; Sunday School-63.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-2; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-6; Adult-2.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-6; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-4; Adult-0.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$4,920.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$265.50;
 Total All Other-\$2,320.38.
 1959 Subsidy: \$5,330.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$270.60;
 Total All Other-Incomplete.

Lufkin, First Lutheran - Nacogdoches, Redeemer - Rev. Dewyth Beltz. First Lutheran Congregation had conducted a Saturday school for a number of years, but in the fall of 1958 the congregation decided to hold weekday school instead. This has proved very successful. The enrollment in these after school classes is now 43. Five children from Nacogdoches attend the school. On May 4, Pastor Beltz conducted the first preaching service at Jasper, and services are conducted there once a month. During 1959 the congregation paid off its Church Extension loan. The congregation is now planning for a needed church. The present building will then be used for Sunday school purposes. Vacation Bible Schools were held both years with enrollments of 72 and 60 respectively. The pastor has also conducted radio broadcasts.

Pastor Beltz also serves Redeemer Congregation at Nacogdoches. Services are held in the Methodist Student Center Chapel on Sunday morning at eight o'clock.

Lufkin

Statistics

1958 Souls-140; Communicants-72; Voters-24; Sunday School--70.
 1959 Souls-170; Communicants-85; Voters-24; Sunday School-103.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-11; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-3; Adult-4.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.--9; Adult-1. Confirmations: Jr.-1; Adult-3.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$1,220.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,241.00;
 Total All Other-\$8,523.90.
 1959 Subsidy: \$1,195.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,258.62;
 Total All Other-\$11,211.38.

NacogdochesStatistics

1958 Souls-23; Communicants-11; Voters-4; Sunday School-14.
 1959 Souls-27; Communicants-14; Voters-5; Sunday School-14.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-2; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-1; Adult-0.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-0; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-2; Adult-3.

Financial

1958 Contributions: World Missions-\$190.50; Total All Other-\$1,000.00.
 1959 Contributions: World Missions-\$238.85; Total All Other-\$1,161.15.

Monahans, St. Paul - Kermit, Zion - Vacant. This parish has been vacant since June of 1959 when Pastor Oliver Wetzel accepted a call into the Navy Chaplaincy. Pastor Paul Heckmann serves the parish as vacancy pastor, and Pastor Kleber helps with preaching services. Zion Congregation of Kermit organized as a congregation on January 12, 1958. Monahans experienced a loss in membership due to the formation of the new congregation. The congregation at Kermit is without property and chapel. During 1959 the congregation at Monahans built an addition to their building to supply sorely needed Sunday school facilities. This was done with the help of the Church Extension Fund. Vacation Bible Schools were held at Monahans with enrollments of 49 and 61.

MonahansStatistics

1958 Souls-55; Communicants-29; Voters--9; Sunday School-32.
 1959 Souls-69; Communicants-34; Voters-11; Sunday School-34.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-2; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-2.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-5; Adult-4. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-5.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$3,220.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$421.47;
 Total All Other-\$4,719.53.
 1959 Subsidy: \$1,355.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$605.45;
 Total All Other-\$3,843.55.

KermitStatistics

1958 Souls--82; Communicants-43; Voters-18; Sunday School-43.
 1959 Souls-112; Communicants-57; Voters-16; Sunday School-70.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-1; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-1; Adult-0.
 1959 Records incomplete.

Financial

1958 Contributions: World Missions-\$340.00; Total All Other-\$3,800.00.
 1959 Contributions: World Missions-\$950.25; Total All Other-\$3,799.75.

Nederland, Holy Cross - Rev. John Schmid. During 1958 the congregation acquired a property site for their church with help from the Church Extension Fund. The congregation purchased a parsonage without recourse to the Church Extension Fund. A chapel was dedicated on December 6, 1959, made possible by a Church Extension loan. Vacation Bible Schools were conducted the past two years with enrollments of 62 and 52.

Statistics

1958 Souls-110; Communicants-70; Voters-18; Sunday School-73.
 1959 Souls-121; Communicants-81; Voters-23; Sunday School-79.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-1; Adult-4. Confirmations: Jr.-4; Adult-5.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-2; Adult-5. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-8.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$3,330.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$950.52;
 Total All Other-\$10,115.48.
 1959 Subsidy: \$3,435.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,411.00;
 Total All Other-\$12,896.00.

Orange, Grace - This mission was begun in August of 1958 when Candidate Eugene Heckmann of St. Louis was assigned to this field. The congregation organized on the second Sunday in January of 1959 with 25 communicants and 15 voters. Of the 25 communicants, two were accepted by profession of faith and four were confirmed. The congregation had some difficulty locating suitable property, but was finally able to make a purchase in December of 1959 with the help of a loan from the Church Extension Fund.

Statistics

1958 Souls-46; Communicants-25; Voters--0; Sunday School-38.
 1959 Souls-55; Communicants-26; Voters-12; Sunday School-39.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-1; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-0.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-7; Adult-2. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-4.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$3,711.44. Contributions: World Missions-\$367.37;
 Total All Other-\$957.63.
 1959 Subsidy: \$5,065.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,216.14;
 Total All Other-\$4,386.86.

Palacios, Our Redeemer - Rev. Wm. F. McCollum. Vicar Erich Reinhold, formerly of our Springfield Seminary, served this field for a period of two years. Candidate William McCollum of St. Louis began his work the first part of August 1958. The facilities here are very poor. This was an integrated work, but the attendance on the part of the Spanish people dwindled constantly. A Vacation Bible School was held in 1959 with 24 enrolled.

Statistics

1958 Souls-46; Communicants-27; Voters-14; Sunday School-33.
 1959 Souls-51; Communicants-28; Voters-15; Sunday School-35.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-1; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-1.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-7; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-7.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$4,782.22. Contributions: World Missions-\$300.00;
Total All Other-\$2,663.40.
1959 Subsidy: \$3,805.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$300.00;
Total All Other-\$3,599.00.

Palestine, Bethlehem - Rev. James Gruetzner. This congregation became vacant in June of 1958 when Pastor Robert Kunz accepted a call into another District. Rev. Gruetzner of Ely, Nevada, was installed on January 15, 1959. The pastor also conducts services at the Cartmell Home for the Aged. He served Trinity Congregation of Tyler as vacancy pastor. A Vacation Bible School was held in 1959 with an enrollment of 55. Bethlehem Congregation has decided to increase its participation in World Missions considerably during 1960.

Statistics

1958 Souls--92; Communicants-58; Voters-18; Sunday School-66.
1959 Souls-102; Communicants-62; Voters-20; Sunday School-60.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-5; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-4; Adult-1.
1959 Baptisms: Jr.-5; Adult-2. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-4.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$664.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$450.25;
Total All Other-\$4,361.30.
1959 Subsidy: \$1,695.23. Contributions: World Missions-\$514.13;
Total All Other-\$6,139.87.

Paris, Grace - Clarksville, St. John - Rev. Albert Boysen. This parish was vacant from January until the end of August of 1958, when Candidate Boysen of St. Louis was ordained on August 31. The congregation at Paris features "The Living Nativity" each year on the church lawn, and this draws the attention of the community. The congregation also placed first with a float entered in a parade in Paris in the church and school category. While the congregation has experienced some losses, they also can report gains through confirmations and transfers. The pastor formerly also served Sulphur Springs, but is now able to give more attention to the work at Paris and Clarksville since he has two stations instead of three. The work at Clarksville consists mainly of conducting services on Sundays and making necessary calls during the week.

ParisStatistics

1958 Souls-51; Communicants-24; Voters-11; Sunday School-20.
1959 Souls-70; Communicants-37; Voters-18; Sunday School-29.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-4; Adult-1. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-0.
1959 Baptisms: Jr.-2; Adult-1. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-5.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$2,985.96. Contributions: World Missions-\$507.34;
Total All Other-\$2,647.66.
1959 Subsidy: \$3,675.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$584.79;
Total All Other-\$4,060.21.

ClarksvilleStatistics

1958 Souls-47; Communicants-29; Voters-11; Sunday School-16.
 1959 Souls-49; Communicants-29; Voters-12; Sunday School-19.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-0; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-0.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-0; Adult-1. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-0.

Financial

1958 Contributions: World Missions-\$733.95; Total All Other-\$2,600.86.
 1959 Contributions: World Missions-\$554.51; Total All Other-\$2,644.49.

Pearsall, St. Peter - Rev. G. T. Naumann. Pastor Naumann has a weekly column in the Pearsall newspaper, and has been given permission to add a question box to his column. The congregation was privileged to dedicate a beautiful church building on March 15 of 1959, made possible by a loan from the Church Extension Fund. Pastor Naumann conducts weekly services at a rest home for older people. The home was recently moved to Pearsall from Pleasanton. On November 15, 1959, Pastor Naumann started preaching services at Devine, 22 miles north of Pearsall. Attendances have been averaging 35 per Sunday. Bible Class and Sunday school are also conducted here.

Statistics

1958 Souls-100; Communicants-49; Voters-18; Sunday School-84.
 1959 Souls-104; Communicants-52; Voters-19; Sunday School-82.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-3; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-0.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-6; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-3; Adult-4.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$3,450.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,008.00;
 Total All Other-\$3,731.00.
 1959 Subsidy: \$3,725.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$790.67;
 Total All Other-\$4,314.33.

Pecos, Trinity - Fort Stockton, Faith - Rev. Martin Taddey. This congregation became vacant in February of 1958. Rev. Paul Heckmann of Odessa served as vacancy pastor, and Rev. C. E. Kleber assisted with preaching services. Candidate Martin Taddey of St. Louis was ordained on July 6, 1958. Work is progressing at both places. The membership at Pecos is very active. There have been losses experienced here due to removals, but also additions. Fort Stockton shows evidence of growth as a city. Vacation Bible Schools held at Pecos had enrollments of 101 and 102; Fort Stockton had enrollments of 29 and 48. This parish is almost self-sustaining.

PecosStatistics

1958 Souls--94; Communicants-55; Voters-20; Sunday School-72.
 1959 Souls-102; Communicants-59; Voters-26; Sunday School-93.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-13; Adult-3. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-5.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.--9; Adult-2. Confirmations: Jr.-2; Adult-6.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$1,476.64. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,148.54;
Total All Other-\$7,764.08.
1959 Subsidy: \$780.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,133.55;
Total All Other-\$7,490.34.

Fort StocktonStatistics

1958 Souls-44; Communicants-24; Voters-12; Sunday School-31.
1959 Souls-55; Communicants-31; Voters-14; Sunday School-47.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-5; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-0.
1959 Baptisms: Jr.-2; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-1; Adult-4.

Financial

1958 Contributions: World Missions-\$681.50; Total All Other-\$4,702.84.
1959 Contributions: World Missions-\$586.00; Total All Other-\$4,949.00.

Richardson, Messiah - Rev. Mark Herbener. The congregation is showing steady growth and is assuming more and more of its responsibilities. During 1958 a parsonage was acquired with assistance from the Church Extension Fund for a downpayment. The congregation has a well-planned parish program which it is effectively carrying out. Vacation Bible Schools were held the past two years with enrollments of 48 and 55. A Walther League has been organized in the congregation.

Statistics

1958 Souls-108; Communicants-62; Voters-22; Sunday School-61.
1959 Souls-166; Communicants-96; Voters-24; Sunday School-108.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.--8; Adult-4. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-5.
1959 Baptisms: Jr.-20; Adult-1. Confirmations: Jr.-5; Adult-8.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$3,600.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$600.00;
Total All Other-\$5,225.00.
1959 Subsidy: \$4,145.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,000.00;
Total All Other-\$8,636.00.

Rosebud, First Lutheran - Cameron, Trinity - Rev. Loren Krout. The growth at Rosebud has been more or less at a standstill due to removals. However, the congregation is endeavoring to carry out a constant evangelism effort. The congregation at Cameron purchased property with a home on it which was remodeled and is being used for church and Sunday school purposes. The chapel is quite attractive. Assistance in the form of a loan from the Church Extension Fund made this possible. Pastor Krout has had numerous calls, but felt that he was still needed at this parish. The congregation at Rosebud is considering the matter of securing a new and adequate parsonage. Vacation Bible Schools were held the past two years at both stations: Rosebud with enrollments of 30 and 32; Cameron with enrollments of 20 and 33.

RosebudStatistics

1958 Souls--96; Communicants-63; Voters-20; Sunday School-48.
 1959 Souls-115; Communicants-69; Voters-19; Sunday School-52.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-3; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-0.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-2; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-7; Adult-3.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$1,680.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$462.18;
 Total All Other-\$4,642.82.
 1959 Subsidy: \$1,860.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$724.33;
 Total All Other-\$6,151.67.

CameronStatistics

1958 Souls-37; Communicants-25; Voters-12; Sunday School-11.
 1959 Souls-39; Communicants-26; Voters-13; Sunday School-26.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-0; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-2.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-2; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-5.

Financial

1958 Contributions: World Missions-\$201.00; Total All Other-\$2,265.00.
 1959 Contributions: World Missions-\$175.00; Total All Other-\$2,568.00.

San Antonio, Immanuel - Rev. Paul Rosnau. This congregation dedicated its chapel in June of 1958. The building was made possible by a loan from the Church Extension Fund. Attendances at services and Sunday school have increased, especially the Sunday school, where a need is being experienced for more facilities. The congregation also acquired a parsonage with a loan from the Church Extension Fund for the downpayment. A Women's Bible Class is conducted weekly at Immanuel Church. Vacation Bible Schools were held both years, with enrollments of 76 and 45. The congregation constructed a parking lot and athletic field with donated money and labor. An aged member of the congregation was given assistance to enter a nursing home. The congregation has been actively engaged in an evangelism program. Self-sustentation is being considered.

Statistics

1958 Souls-142; Communicants--92; Voters-26; Sunday School--66.
 1959 Souls-168; Communicants-106; Voters-34; Sunday School-108.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-13; Adult-4. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-11.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-14; Adult-4. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult--4.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$3,060.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,200.00;
 Total All Other-\$8,184.00.
 1959 Subsidy: \$2,505.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,169.15;
 Total All Other-\$8,230.85.

San Antonio, Peace - Rev. P. Otten. Dedication of a neat chapel took place on July 20, 1958. The building was made possible by a loan from the Church Extension Fund. After a slow beginning, the congregation is now becoming better established and is experiencing a steady growth. Vacation Bible Schools conducted during the past two years had an enrollment of 89 and 81 respectively.

Statistics

1958 Souls-109; Communicants-53; Voters-11; Sunday School-57.
 1959 Souls-170; Communicants-84; Voters-18; Sunday School-89.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-24; Adult-2. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-13.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-33; Adult-7. Confirmations: Jr.-1; Adult--9.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$3,240.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$453.97;
 Total All Other-\$4,468.63.
 1959 Subsidy: \$3,425.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$875.58;
 Total All Other-\$5,688.42.

San Marcos, Grace - Rev. Paul Geiger. Pastor Paul Geiger successfully completed his colloquy in St. Louis during the summer of 1958. A new church, built largely with the labor of members, was dedicated on June 15, 1958. This congregation conducts a Christian day school with an enrollment of 63. Nine children of the congregation and prospects enrolled in the Sunday school attend the Christian day school. Vacation Bible Schools were held with enrollments of 69 and 50 respectively.

Statistics

1958 Souls--99; Communicants-62; Voters-19; Sunday School-60.
 1959 Souls-101; Communicants-69; Voters-18; Sunday School-60.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-2; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-2.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-1; Adult-1. Confirmations: Jr.-5; Adult-3.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$6,105.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,404.37;
 Total All Other-\$6,573.00.
 1959 Subsidy: \$5,400.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,600.00;
 Total All Other-\$6,528.00.

Sonora, Hope - Rev. William Mitschke. This mission was started from Eden in March of 1957 when Pastor Luther Roehrs conducted services here. Candidate William Mitschke of St. Louis was ordained and installed on October 5, 1958. He is the first pastor of this congregation. The congregation has just secured property for a church site, made possible by a loan from the Church Extension Fund. There has been some growth. The pastor also makes calls in Ozona and Eldorado and surrounding areas. Services are now held in the City Library of Sonora.

Statistics

1958 Souls-49; Communicants-18; Voters-7; Sunday School-15.
 1959 Souls-61; Communicants-29; Voters-9; Sunday School-30.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-0; Adult-1. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-2.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-6; Adult-6. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-5.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$2,244.56. Contributions: World Missions-\$75.00;
 Total All Other-\$841.00.
 1959 Subsidy: \$4,525.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$570.00;
 Total All Other-\$2,295.00.

Sulphur Springs, Our Savior - Greenville Mission - Rev. F. W. Reutz.

Sulphur Springs was served from Paris, but due to the fact that the pastor had three stations to serve and also the distances involved, and also due to the fact that in January of 1959 preaching services were started at Greenville, Sulphur Springs and Greenville were combined and a candidate called for the field. The call was assigned to Rev. F. W. Reutz, who had successfully completed his colloquy and entered the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. Rev. Reutz was installed on August 2, 1959, as pastor of this parish. One of the members of Our Savior Congregation donated a church site on which the congregation has erected a building with the help of the Church Extension Fund. The chapel was dedicated March 9, 1958.

Sulphur Springs

Statistics

1958 Souls-73; Communicants-46; Voters-18; Sunday School-19.
 1959 Souls-75; Communicants-45; Voters-17; Sunday School-35.

 1958 Baptisms: Jr.-0; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-0.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-4; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-0.

Financial

1958 Contributions: World Missions-\$417.16; Total All Other-\$5,500.15.
 1959 Subsidy: \$2,390.02. Contributions: World Missions-\$209.25;
 Total All Other-Incomplete.

Greenville

Statistics

1959 Souls-25

Sweetwater, Peace - Rev. J. A. Rebber. Pastor Ahlert Strand served this congregation from July 1957 to April 1959. When he accepted a call to Grace Congregation at Del Rio, Rev. Marcus T. Lang of Abilene served Peace Congregation as vacancy pastor. Rev. Rebber began his work in Sweetwater on June 1 of 1959. Vacation Bible Schools were held with enrollments of 20 and 25 respectively. Services are being conducted also at Snyder. Pastor and congregation are actively engaged in a continuous effort to reach the unchurched both in Sweetwater and at Snyder.

Statistics

1958 Souls-51; Communicants-31; Voters-15; Sunday School-13.
 1959 Souls-46; Communicants-29; Voters-12; Sunday School-21.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-1; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-3.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-2; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-1; Adult-0.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$3,386.32. Contributions: World Missions-\$664.20;
 Total All Other-\$6,198.80.
 1959 Subsidy: \$3,470.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$728.72;
 Total All Other-\$4,312.28.

Victoria, Grace - Rev. Wesley Ringhardt. This congregation experienced heavy losses in membership when the Air Base at Victoria was closed. However, through faithful and concerted mission effort on the part of pastor and congregation, a fine recovery is being made. The congregation is in need of additional room, especially for the Sunday school, and is at present seeking ways and means to supply this need. A home was purchased for a parsonage in 1958 without recourse to the Church Extension Fund. The congregation annually conducts Easter Sunrise services. Vacation Bible Schools had enrollments of 117 and 54.

Statistics

1958 Souls-205; Communicants-103; Voters-23; Sunday School-100.
 1959 Souls-180; Communicants-95; Voters-21; Sunday School-100.

 1958 Baptisms: Jr.-14; Adult-2. Confirmations: Jr.-3; Adult-1.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-6; Adult-1. Confirmations: Jr.-6; Adult-2.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$2,768.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,435.19;
 Total All Other-\$8,693.81.
 1959 Subsidy: \$3,405.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,631.89;
 Total All Other-\$7,108.11.

Weatherford, Trinity - Rev. Kurt Marquart. On July 20, 1958, Rev. Herbert Rast of Fort Worth began preaching services at Weatherford with an attendance of 49 in the service and 40 in Sunday school. The congregation organized as Trinity Lutheran Church of Weatherford on December 14, 1958. In April of 1959 a candidate was called for the Weatherford-Mineral Wells area. Candidate Kurt Marquart of St. Louis was assigned to this field and was commissioned on July 19, 1959. In September 1959 the congregation purchased a property site with the help of the Church Extension Fund and is now in the process of planning the first building.

Statistics

1958 Souls-62; Communicants-39; Voters-11; Sunday School-51.
 1959 Souls-80; Communicants-49; Voters-20; Sunday School-82.

 1958 Baptisms: Jr.-9; Adult-2. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-5.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-7; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-3.

Financial

1958 Contributions: World Missions-\$201.38; Total All Other-\$1,861.62.
 1959 Subsidy: \$2,164.50. Contributions: World Missions-\$715.62;
 Total All Other-Incomplete.

LATIN-AMERICAN MISSIONS

Austin, San Juan - Rev. T. W. Schubkegel. Due to dwindling enrollment, the Christian day school of this congregation was closed at the end of the 1957-58 school year. The congregation now conducts a Saturday school. More adequate facilities have long been needed here, and with the help of the Church Extension Fund the present building is being remodeled and enlarged. The people are also contributing over and above their regular obligations to this project. At the present time the remodeling work and addition to the building is nearing completion. With the addition the congregation will have suitable chapel space and at the same time more room for Sunday school and meeting purposes. Vacation Bible Schools were held during the past two years with enrollments of 102 and 62.

Statistics

1958 Souls-177; Communicants-85; Voters-0; Sunday School-126.
1959 Souls-181; Communicants-97; Voters-0; Sunday School-123.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-8; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.--3; Adult-10.
1959 Baptisms: Jr.-4; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-12; Adult--2.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$7,535.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$826.22;
Total All Other-\$3,470.00.
1959 Subsidy: \$5,215.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$738.20;
Total All Other-\$4,605.95.

Brownsville, Spanish - Rev. Harry H. Smith. For about twenty-five years our church has sought to make an impact upon this community by preaching the Gospel in the Spanish language. The pastor has sought to reach people by visiting in their homes, talking with them in the streets, stores, places of business, and by distributing tracts. Progress in establishing a Lutheran congregation with active lay participation has been slow. During the summer months many of the people leave Brownsville for work in other parts of the country. Since there is now a sister congregation across the border at Matamoros, the congregations engage in some joint activities. Joint services were held at Brownsville during holy week of 1958. The "Martin Luther" film in Spanish was shown at Brownsville several times with excellent attendances.

Statistics

1958 Souls-147; Communicants-50; Voters-15; Sunday School-34.
1959 Souls-172; Communicants-53; Voters-16; Sunday School-36.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-15; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-1; Adult--3.
1959 Baptisms: Jr.--4; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-6; Adult-14.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$5,433.87. Contributions: World Missions-\$184.68;
Total All Other-\$973.32.
1959 Subsidy: \$5,463.62. Contributions: World Missions-\$738.20;
Total All Other-Incomplete.

Corpus Christi, Our Savior - Rev. Vernon Harley. During the past two years the congregation conducted two successful Vacation Bible Schools with enrollments of 158 and 201. In 1959 Mr. Trinklein, who had served the congregation for many years as principal of the school, accepted a call to St. John's School of Galveston to serve as principal of the school there. Since that time Pastor Harley has served as principal of Our Savior School. Miss Aurelia Brown of River Forest has taught in the lower grades since 1958. Vicar Emilio Calvillo of our St. Louis Seminary is serving in the school for the 1959-60 school year. This congregation is faced with a relocation problem due to the expressway which will go through their property. Pastor Harley is a Circuit Counselor, and has also served as vacancy pastor for the Beeville-Three Rivers parish during 1958. Midweek Bible Class is held at the church, and also weekly youth meetings with Bible study. Pastor Harley did some work at West Sinton among the Spanish people in 1958. This work was discontinued when the people began to move about as the cotton picking season progressed.

Statistics

1958	Souls-129; Communicants-61; Voters-15; Sunday School-102.
1959	Souls-144; Communicants-78; Voters-15; Sunday School-151.
1958	Baptisms: Jr.-12; Adult-2. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-3.
1959	Baptisms: Jr.-5; Adult-2. Confirmations: Jr.-6; Adult-13.

Financial

1958	<u>Subsidy:</u> \$9,560.33. <u>Contributions:</u> World Missions-\$1,050.08; Total All Other-\$4,725.92.
1959	<u>Subsidy:</u> \$11,044.19. <u>Contributions:</u> World Missions-\$787.50; Total All Other-\$5,232.50.

Harlingen, Our Redeemer - Mercedes Mission - Rev. M. W. Friedrich. The work at the Mercedes Mission remains at a standstill. Many families are gone during part of the year. Transportation presents another problem. At Harlingen the attendance at services has increased, although the statistical figures of the congregation have remained about the same over the last three years. A Vacation Bible School was held in 1958 with 60 enrolled. This was conducted one week only due to the shortage of teachers. None was held in 1959. A Saturday school is conducted at Harlingen with an enrollment of 18.

Harlingen

Statistics

1958	Souls-69; Communicants-34; Voters-0; Sunday School-70.
1959	Souls-71; Communicants-33; Voters-0; Sunday School-66.
1958	Baptisms: Jr.-4; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-5.
1959	Baptisms: Jr.-3; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-0.

Financial

1958	<u>Subsidy:</u> \$5,332.36. <u>Contributions:</u> World Missions-\$451.53; Total All Other-\$1,907.00.
1959	<u>Subsidy:</u> \$5,200.00. <u>Contributions:</u> World Missions-\$120.00; Total All Other-\$1,870.00.

MercedesStatistics

1958 Souls-21; Communicants-9; Voters-0; Sunday School-18.
 1959 Souls-21; Communicants-9; Voters-0; Sunday School-24.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-0; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-0.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-0; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-0.

Financial

1958 Contributions: World Missions-\$22.72; Total All Other-\$190.72.
 1959 Contributions: World Missions-\$24.03; Total All Other-\$276.97.

Houston, San Pedro - Rev. Fred Pankow. This congregation celebrated its twentieth anniversary on February 9 of 1958 with special services. The congregation conducts a day school with two teachers, Mr. Frank Morales, principal, and Mrs. Isabel Jimenez as the second teacher. The largest group of people to come into this church on one Sunday was a group of 31 received into membership on May 17, 1959, by confirmation, transfer, and reclamation. The young people are giving of their time to help at church and school in various ways. The Vacation Bible School in 1959 had an enrollment of 135. Pastor Pankow also assists in editing the "Noticiero Luterano" and in publicity work by our churches in Houston and Harris County.

Statistics

1958 Souls-248; Communicants-142; Voters-18; Sunday School-125.
 1959 Souls-286; Communicants-172; Voters-20; Sunday School-140.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.--9; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.--4; Adult--0.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-20; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-12; Adult-21.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$8,925.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$201.32;
 Total All Other-\$7,198.68.
 1959 Subsidy: \$11,402.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$663.83;
 Total All Other-\$8,436.17.

McAllen, Good Shepherd - Rev. O. E. Naumann. Good Shepherd Congregation conducts a Christian day school with two teachers: Mr. Martin Eifert who also serves as principal, and Mr. Claude Perez. The school has an enrollment of 80 with 51 children from the congregation. The congregation was sorely in need of additional room. An addition was built with help from the Church Extension Fund in 1959 and dedicated on August 9. An enrollment of 158 is listed for the 1959 Vacation Bible School. Increased attendances and offerings are reported by this congregation.

Statistics

1958 Souls-189; Communicants--98; Voters-27; Sunday School-140.
 1959 Souls-224; Communicants-106; Voters-30; Sunday School-145.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-9; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-7; Adult-7.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-8; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-7; Adult-9.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$10,313.80. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,270.00;
Total All Other-\$6,034.00.
1959 Subsidy: \$12,850.84. Contributions: World Missions-\$1,570.86;
Total All Other-\$8,895.14.

NEGRO MISSIONS

Dallas, Mt. Olive - Rev. P. J. Klenk. Pastor Klenk has served this congregation since its beginning. He has announced his retirement, and is serving the congregation until the call to this congregation is accepted by another pastor. Pastor Klenk also conducts services at two rest homes each week. In collaboration with the membership at Mt. Olive, the Forest Avenue property of Trinity Church is now being purchased at a price of \$65,000.00, and a pastor is being called. The purchase is being made with the help of a loan from Synod's Church Extension Fund and also the Texas District Church Extension Fund. It is hoped that this move will greatly aid in the congregation's effort to reach with the Gospel many more people out of the large population in Dallas.

Statistics

1958 Souls-61; Communicants-37; Voters-13; Sunday School-15.
1959 Souls-62; Communicants-40; Voters-17; Sunday School-18.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-9; Adult-2. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-5.
1959 Baptisms: Jr.-4; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-2; Adult-4.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$4,219.24. Contributions: World Missions-\$381.71;
Total All Other-\$1,304.29.
1959 Subsidy: \$3,726.24. Contributions: World Missions-\$362.44;
Total All Other-\$1,694.56.

Houston, Holy Cross - Mt. Calvary - Rev. Samuel Kent. This parish became vacant when Pastor Henry Sorrell accepted a call to Baltimore, Maryland, in January 1958. Rev. Carl Kasper served as vacancy pastor, and Pastor Gross of Concordia Church assisted with preaching services at Holy Cross and Pastor A. Walter of Tomball with preaching services at Mt. Calvary. Pastor Kent was installed as pastor here on September 21, 1958. During 1959 Vacation Bible Schools were conducted at both congregations: Holy Cross with an enrollment of 15 and Mt. Calvary with an enrollment of 45. Plans are under way to make it possible that the pastor live in the Mt. Calvary area instead of Holy Cross. Also improvements in facilities at both congregations are contemplated.

Holy CrossStatistics

1958 Souls-65; Communicants-45; Voters-13; Sunday School-33.
1959 Souls-71; Communicants-40; Voters-14; Sunday School-25.

1958 Baptisms: Figures not available due to vacancy.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-10; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-0; Adult-0.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$2,756.24. Contributions: World Missions-\$119.00;
 Total All Other-\$939.00.
 1959 Subsidy: \$3,055.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$100.80;
 Total All Other-\$1,155.20.

Mt. Calvary

Statistics

1958 Souls-49; Communicants-25; Voters-7; Sunday School-31.
 1959 Souls-56; Communicants-28; Voters-8; Sunday School-34.

1958 Baptisms: Figures not available due to vacancy.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-2; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-1; Adult-0.

Financial

1958 Contributions: World Missions-\$45.00; Total All Other-\$751.21.
 1959 Contributions: World Missions-\$225.00; Total All Other-\$825.00.

Port Arthur, St. Mark - Rev. James L. Eddleman. During 1959 the church acquired a new property location. The old St. Paul Church property, which had been sold to the Salvation Army, was purchased for use by this congregation. This was made possible through a loan from the Church Extension Fund. The additional space which the buildings on the new site afford is of much help to the congregation. A Vacation Bible School was held both years with enrollments of 52 and 80.

Statistics

1958 Souls-151; Communicants-45; Voters-8; Sunday School-60.
 1959 Souls-138; Communicants-37; Voters-8; Sunday School-55.

1958 Baptisms: Jr.-23; Adult-0. Confirmations: Jr.-2; Adult-3.
 1959 Baptisms: Jr.-8; Adult-3. Confirmations: Jr.-1; Adult-4.

Financial

1958 Subsidy: \$3,520.00. Contributions: World Missions-\$108.00;
 Total All Other-\$1,462.66.
 1959 Subsidy: \$4,057.50. Contributions: World Missions-\$65.00;
 Total All Other-\$1,586.00.

HOUSTON INSTITUTIONAL MISSION

Rev. H. F. Meyer

In his ministry to the sick, the sorrowing, the distressed, and the wayward, Pastor Meyer makes calls at 16 hospitals in the city of Houston, the city jail, and the county jail. During the last two years he made 7,245 bedside visits. 154 people with whom he consulted were referred to local pastors.

People from many sections of the United States and foreign countries come to the hospitals in Houston for medical treatment. Among them are many Lutherans who are visited by our pastor. At times much of his ministry is directed to relatives of the patients.

Pastor Meyer states: "At times there is enthusiastic witnessing to others of their Christian faith. There, for instance, was the Indonesian mother, wife of a doctor, who had her son admitted for heart surgery. She considered it an affront when it was suggested to her by those filling out the admittance papers that she and her family might belong to some pagan faith. Her testimony and confession of her Lutheran Christian faith was so articulate and sincere, that her witnessing was the talk of the hospital. The son did not understand English. The mother served as interpreter and translated his prayers so that I might know what he was praying. When their son was out of danger, I directed the parents to St. Matthew Lutheran Church, which they attended regularly for weeks until they returned to their native land. Opportunities for referrals of this nature are routine."

Financial

1958	<u>Subsidy:</u>	\$5,098.38
1959	<u>Subsidy:</u>	\$5,823.24

THE TEXAS DISTRICT'S MINISTRY TO THE CAMPUS

Rev. Charles H. Born, Coordinator

No report of the Coordinator's activities in the interim between Conventions could ignore the dedicated efforts of Rev. Edmund P. Frank. While it never was the privilege of your current Coordinator to meet him, the marks of his zealous and consecrated work in this office are unmistakable. As the first full-time campus worker employed by the Texas District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Pastor Frank laid a solid foundation for the future of our work among Lutheran students on the campuses of this great state.

For many years our Synodical Commission on College and University work has been declaring that the campuses of our country are the greatest mission field left for the church in America. Yet, for the most part, the Commission's pleas have been received almost like the message of a prophet without honor in his own country. However, in the September 14, 1959 issue of Christianity Today, J. Lester Harnish writing on the theme: "Is the Campus a Lost World?", states,

America's neediest mission field is the student world. Figures released by the Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C., show 3 million students enrolled in the colleges and universities of the United States. Is the gospel of Christ permeating the academic community? What percentage of these students are in church on Sunday? How many are committed Christians?

In the last year there has been an increase of 6.3 per cent in enrollment in educational institutions above the high school level. During the next 10 years an increase of 100 per cent is expected. Entrance requirements and the quality of work expected have stiffened so that today's student population is of superior level. National leadership in practically every realm of life is being produced by these educational institutions. How perilous is the future of our nation and how bleak the outlook of the free world if Christ is not found on the campuses of America!

If there is one place in America where our Church will want to intensify its efforts and its outreach today, it ought to be on the campuses of our country and our District. Here the future leaders of our country and our church are being trained. Here they are being shaped in the final mold for life, and many of the pressures which are being brought to bear upon this final mold are inconsistent with a Christian view of life. As we meet here in the afterglow of Easter 1960, we are reminded that these young people must be reassured again and again that the crucified Christ took the means of His crucifixion, the Cross, and using it as a battering-ram drove out the end of the sepulcher to bring life and immortality to light. Our students must be convinced that He lives and reigns; that He holds the whole world in His hands; that He has purchased them to be His own; that He has an important place and purpose for them in His Church; and that they are divinely created, redeemed, and sanctified to fulfill this purpose while working time still remains for humanity.

PROGRESS

District Action

It is becoming increasingly evident that our Texas District has a keen awareness of its mission to the Lutheran students and the uncommitted on the campuses of this state. Just seven short years ago, the Texas District took its initial step toward carrying out this mission by calling its first full-time campus worker. Since then the list of what has been accomplished under the guidance of our gracious God is rather impressive. At this time, we shall list only the major actions of the Mission Board and the Board of Directors since the last Convention in 1958.

1. Completed the purchase and renovation of a house on the campus of Sam Houston State in Huntsville which serves as Student Center and parish home for Faith Lutheran Church.
2. Called a missionary (Pastor Ronald Reinhardt) to Huntsville to establish a mission congregation and to serve our students at the College there.
3. Purchased a fine site (150' x 150') in College Station for a future Chapel and Student Center at Texas A & M. This property is located three short blocks from the North Gate of the College in the same area as the student centers of four other denominations.
4. Called a full-time worker (Pastor George Aurich) for the metropolitan campus ministry in Houston in partial fulfillment of the District's 1958 resolution.
5. Suggested the inclusion of a \$50,000 Capital Investment figure in the District Budget to the Fiscal Conference.
6. Commissioned architects and approved the preliminary plans for the future Chapel and Student Center at the University of Texas.
7. Authorized the expenditure of \$9,000 toward our denomination's share for the erection of a Religious Center at the University of Houston. (An additional \$9,000 is being sought from the congregations and individuals in the Houston area.)
8. Resolved to call a full-time campus worker for Texas A & M to completely fulfill the District's 1958 resolution.

We thank God for this progress and acknowledge our appreciation to the Mission Board and its Executive Secretary.

Manpower

The arrival of Pastor George Aurich in Houston to fill the position of Metropolitan Campus Pastor has been a real blessing for our work there. Pastor Aurich brought with him a vibrant Christian personality and tremendous zeal and enthusiasm for the campus cause. He is doing excellent work with the Metropolitan Houston Chapter of Gamma Delta and the discussion groups on the campuses in Houston. In addition, he has been having considerable success at two hospitals through discussion groups for nurses trainees.

We now look forward expectantly to the arrival of our third full-time man in this specialized ministry. The calling of a worker for Texas A & M will take place this spring. This man will also have the privilege of conducting credit courses in religion through the Lutheran Bible Chair.

Gamma Delta

Progress is also evident in the Gamma Delta organization in Texas. The reactivation of the Delta Delta Chapter in Dallas and the decision of our students at Texas A & I in Kingsville enabled us to close the 1959 year with an even dozen Chapters in the Texas Region. The Texas Region is one of the few regions to no longer have any Chapters remaining in the inactive classification. Increasing enrollments and the creation of more four year colleges by the State Legislature assure us of additional Chapters in this State.

Once again the Presidency of International Gamma Delta is held by a Texan. Mr. James Pfluger of Austin was elected to this position at the last Board of Governors meeting.

Contact Work

Forty-seven pastors are engaged in the work of contacting our students at more than eighty Colleges and Universities. (Note listing appended to this report.) As Coordinator I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the many services they have willingly rendered in behalf of students. Some of them travel long distances to contact students or to hold meetings with student groups. Their labor in the Lord will be productive of many blessings for the church.

CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

The vision demonstrated by the District two years ago in resolving to call full-time campus workers for Houston and Texas A & M was commendable. But now, in 1960, our most pressing requirement is to give the workers you possess and are calling adequate tools to carry on their work in the most profitable way. Chief among these tools are Chapels and Student Centers at Texas A & M and the University of Texas.

Texas A & M

The worker to be called to Texas A & M will initially have to work in rented quarters either on (Y.M.C.A.) or off campus. While arrangements can no doubt be made to inaugurate a full-time ministry there in this way, we should be giving some thought to crowning our fine site with a permanent facility as speedily as possible.

University of Texas

The preliminary plans for the future Chapel and Student Center in Austin prepared by the associated firms of Creer and Roessner, Design Consultants, and Lundgren and Maurer, Architects, have been approved by both the Mission Board and the Board of Directors. You will no doubt receive a preview of these plans during the Convention. All that stands between their transference into reality is the necessary funds. We look hopefully to the Lone Star Chapel Fund, the

Capital Investment figure in the District Budget, the offerings of the students at the University, and a private promotional venture to supply these.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Lone Star Chapel Fund

At the present moment, the \$11,000 in this Fund is the sum total of money available for the erection of the Chapel at the University of Texas. While the figure in itself may not seem large, it represents to us a great deal of interest in our work on the part of many people. This provides a great deal of encouragement to us. We are deeply indebted to the District Board of Education and the many teachers and pastors who have promoted this fine venture.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

The 1958-1960 \$12,000 project of the Texas District L.W.M.L. was dedicated to campus work. \$6,000 of this was designated toward the cost of the Student Center at Texas Tech in Lubbock. The other \$6,000 was primarily responsible for making the purchase of property at Texas A & M possible. We find it difficult to adequately convey our great appreciation to the women of the Church for their concern for this area of Kingdom work.

Lutheran Laymen's League

The Lone Star L.L.L. has continued its former practice of providing a sum of \$250 each year as a travel allowance to enable students to attend the Regional Gamma Delta Convention. Without this generous assistance, it would never have been possible to gather as many students for this activity as has been done. Many thanks, Lone Star Leaguers.

Alumni

The appreciation of former students for the services provided them by the Church while they were on the campus is being made evident today through the gifts and services they are rendering in support of our campus ministries. Even greater evidence of this appreciation is being demonstrated by them in their consecrated activity in our congregations throughout the state.

As we enter the "Sizzling Sixties", a decade in which our campus opportunities and responsibilities will increase tremendously, we plead for your prayers, your understanding, and your moral support. Your confidence will be a source of inspiration to your campus representatives.

Austin Student Service

1958 Subsidy: \$14,714.46 (Includes \$7,000 Church Extension payment)
1959 Subsidy: \$16,400.15 (Includes \$7,625 Church Extension payment)

Houston Student Service

1958 Subsidy: \$1,562.50
1959 Subsidy: \$5,772.12

Lubbock Student Center - Church Extension Payments: 1958-\$1,000.00.
Church Extension Payments: 1959-\$1,175.00.

CONTACT PASTORS AT THE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES IN TEXAS

<u>College or University</u>	<u>Pastor</u>
Abilene Christian College Hardin-Simmons University McMurray College	Rev. Marcus Lang 4250 Don Juan Abilene, Texas
North Texas Agricultural College	Rev. M. J. Cordes 1607 Juanita - P.O. Box 88 Arlington, Texas
Henderson County Junior College Kilgore Junior College Le Tourneau Tech - Longview	Vacancy - Rev. D. Beltz 1005 Atkinson Drive Lufkin, Texas
University of Texas Huston-Tillotson College Nixon-Clay Commercial College St. Edward's University	Rev. Charles H. Born 100 E. 26th St. Austin, Texas
Lee Junior College	Rev. E. F. Lange 611 N. Whiting Baytown, Texas
Lamar Tech	Rev. W. E. Meyer 2325 Avenue A Beaumont, Texas
Mary Hardin-Baylor College Temple Junior College	Rev. Whitfield McMillan 2103 West Avenue H Temple, Texas
Blinn College	Rev. A. G. Mueller 117 W. Chauncy Brenham, Texas
Texas Southmost College	Rev. Wm. K. Schuster 404 E. Washington Brownsville, Texas
Howard Payne College	Rev. Thomas Sorensen 1307 Avenue G Brownwood, Texas
Allen Academy Texas A & M	Rev. Wm. C. Petersen 800 S. College Bryan, Texas
West Texas State College	Rev. A. Szegedin, Jr. 405 S. Donley Tulia, Texas

Cisco Junior College	Rev. John Elser 1603 Avenue F Cisco, Texas
East Texas State College Paris Junior College	Rev. Albert Boysen 739 19th St., S.E. Paris, Texas
Texas Tech	Rev. Elmer Neunaber 2220 - 23rd St. Lubbock, Texas
Stephen F. Austin State College	Rev. Dewyth Beltz 1005 Atkinson Drive Lufkin, Texas
Odessa Junior College	Rev. Paul Heckmann 824 E. 18th St. Odessa, Texas
Wayland College	Rev. Edwin Wolf 1511 W. 9th St. Plainview, Texas
San Angelo College	Rev. Glen Kollmeyer 722 West Avenue I San Angelo, Texas
Texas Military Institute Peacock Military Academy Trinity University St. Mary's University Incarnate Word College	Rev. Willard E. Schlecht 308 Central Park West San Antonio 9, Texas
Southwest Texas State Teachers College	Rev. Paul Geiger 1250 Belvin San Marcos, Texas
Texas Lutheran College	Rev. Herbert Graf 216 Moore Seguin, Texas
Austin College Sherman, Texas	Rev. Walter Snyder 921 W. Main Denison, Texas
Tarleton State College	Rev. Paul Uhles 516 E. Main - Box 328 Hamilton, Texas
Tyler Junior College Tyler Commercial College	Rev. Paul Lassanske 1019 S. Robertson Ave. Tyler, Texas

Baylor University	Rev. Vernon L. Bahr 2615 Morrow Waco, Texas
Wharton County Junior College	Rev. Wm. H. Roth 613 Pecan St. Wharton, Texas
Midwestern University	Rev. Horace Frerking 1413 11th St. Wichita Falls, Texas
University of Corpus Christi Del Mar College Navigators School	Rev. Leon L. Birnbaum 1618 Palm Drive Corpus Christi, Texas
Navarro County Junior College	Rev. Herbert Borchelt 910 E. Walnut Hillsboro, Texas
Southern Methodist University Southwestern Medical School Baylor University College of Dentistry	Rev. Carl Gaertner 6121 Lovers Lane Dallas 14, Texas
North Texas State College Texas Woman's University Gainesville Junior College	Rev. Alton C. Donsbach 617 N. Elm Denton, Texas
Pan-American College Edinburg, Texas	Rev. Arthur Lyons Box 805 Alamo, Texas
Texas Christian University Texas Wesleyan College	Rev. Edwin E. Pieplow 1800 West Freeway Fort Worth 3, Texas
University of Texas Medical Branch	Rev. J. W. Jackson 3920 Avenue K Galveston, Texas
Southwestern University	Rev. Herman Schelter Route 2, Box 76 Georgetown, Texas
Rice Institute University of Houston South Texas College	Rev. George Aurich 3226 Milburn Houston 21, Texas
Sam Houston State Teachers College Huntsville, Texas	Rev. Ronald Reinhardt 1629 Avenue J Huntsville, Texas
Lon Morris College	Rev. James Gruetzner 807 E. Park Palestine, Texas

Schreiner Institute

Rev. A. B. Wagner
309 Spence
Kerrville, Texas

Texas A & I

Rev. Edgar M. Kirschenmann
517 E. Doddridge
Kingsville, Texas

Sul Ross College

Rev. Martin R. Taddey
1212 South Park Blvd.
P.O. Box 1126
Pecos, Texas

Victoria College

Rev. Wesley H. Ringhardt
1305 Love
Victoria, Texas

Texarkana College

Rev. R. W. Helberg
408 Jerome
Texarkana, Texas

Howard County Junior College

Rev. C. A. Wiederhoft
206 W. Ninth St.
Big Spring, Texas

Southwest Texas Junior College

Rev. Herbert Wottrich
744 N. Getty St.
Uvalde, Texas

Port Arthur Junior College

Rev. Victor D. Buvinghausen
248 Emory Lane
Port Arthur, Texas

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Besides subsidizing the work as reported, the Board of Missions has also granted subsidy for part-time work in the city of Brownfield. This is a growing city with a population of about 11,000. Until the latter part of 1959 Pastor R. Young of Littlefield served Grace Congregation of this city. Since then Pastor Melvin Herring of Lamesa is in charge. Services are conducted in the Episcopal Church. The pastor spends one day of each week at work in Brownfield in addition to conducting services on Sunday.

Subsidy: 1958 - \$150.00; 1959 - \$600.00.

2. In connection with many phases of the Board's work, there are areas in which there can be differences of opinion as to how the work should be done. Such activities as surveying new mission fields, steps in opening new fields are two examples where there may be differences of opinion in regard to procedures. The Board welcomes all constructive expressions of such differences of opinion. Serious consideration is given to them. Finally, the Board must, however, make its decisions on the basis of all the facts, studies, experience, and particular circumstances involved. As fallible human beings, the membership of the Board can be in error. As sincere Christians and conscientious stewards of the District's mission work and monies, the membership of the Board earnestly seeks to do what is to the best interests of the congregations with whom the Board works, and of the District and the Lord's church as a whole. The Board is grateful for all the cooperation received from pastors, teachers, and members of all our churches, and asks to be remembered in the prayers of God's people to the end that in everything we may be in accord with His holy will.
3. Since the last convention the following congregations declared themselves self-sustaining: Memorial, Houston; Peace, Garland; Holy Cross, Dallas; Grace, Seguin; Trinity, Uvalde - St. Paul, La Pryor; St. Stephen, Houston; Grace, Channelview; Christ, Lubbock; Good Shepherd, Pasadena; St. Matthew, San Antonio.
4. Beginning with January 1960, the Board of Missions has set up a subsidy arrangement with congregations whereby encouragement is given to full participation in World Missions offerings on the basis of at least the per communicant share in the District, to be remitted monthly, and also full repayment monthly on any Church Extension indebtedness. Previously it has been noted that some congregations have declared themselves self-sustaining at the expense of their full participation in World Missions and their repayments to the Church Extension Fund. It is felt that the new arrangement is better stewardship both as far as the District and the congregations are concerned. The District Fiscal Conference of 1959 encouraged this arrangement, and it is now before the convention for approval.
5. The last convention charged the District Board of Directors to study a new salary scale based on years of service and to put the new scale into effect February 1, 1959. Such a scale with changes in the proposal of the 1958 convention has now been in effect since February 1, 1959, and it is before this convention for ratification. A recent change in mileage allowance by the Board of Directors from 7¢ to 8½¢ per mile is also before the convention for approval.

6. In an attempt to avoid locating new mission projects in too close proximity, our Board of Missions has declared itself willing to share its mission plans with NLC affiliated Boards. It has been stated, however, that we are not entering upon any comity agreement with such procedure.
7. In our larger population centers, Central Activities Councils have rendered valuable assistance in surveying new mission fields and in getting new missions started. Pastors, teachers, and laymen have also given much assistance in this. In many instances congregations in the area where a new mission was opened have made financial donations to the cause. At Houston, the Activities Council is supplying the Institutional Missionary with a car allowance and has also given financial assistance to the work among college and university students. At Austin, the Activities Council is supplying Rev. F. H. Stelzer, retired, with a car allowance as he makes daily visits at the various institutions in Austin. To all who are providing such assistance, a sincere word of commendation and gratitude.
8. A special word of thanks is due the Texas Lutheran Women's Missionary League for their donation of \$3,000 to the chapel at Laredo, and for their donations and continued support of the work among college and university students in our District. Recent contributions were \$6,000 to Texas Tech Student Center and \$6,000 to Texas A & M.
9. A word of commendation and thanks is also in place to the Lutheran Laymen's League of our District for their interest and effort in gathering a thank-offering as a gift to the Church Extension Fund.
10. Finally, we lift up our hearts in gratitude to our gracious God and Savior Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, for His manifold blessings bestowed upon our District mission work through the faithful labors and scholarly approach to the work of the late Rev. W. H. Bewie. For some thirty years he served the District as Secretary of Missions, and his firm stand for the truth of the Holy Scriptures did much to lay a firm foundation for our church and its work in the Texas District. On July 29, 1958, the Lord called His servant home to Himself. By the grace of God he is among the "cloud of witnesses" mentioned in Hebrews 12:1. "Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith," Hebrews 12:1b-2a.

THE BOARD OF MISSIONS

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REPORT OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD

The following is a report of the Church Extension Board, a Division of the Board of Missions. It covers the period from January 16, 1958, to January 15, 1960.

LOANS GRANTED OUT OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION TREASURY

<u>City</u>	<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Abilene	Our Savior	Parsonage	\$ 5,550.58
Abilene	Our Savior	Land	3,000.00
Amarillo	Christ	Educational Unit	13,000.00
Andrews	Faith	Chapel	34,782.34
Austin	N.E. Mission	Land	15,000.00
Austin	San Juan	Add'n to Chapel	12,747.70
Cameron	Trinity	Land	10,000.00
Cameron	Trinity	House Remodeled	1,000.00
College Station	Student Center	Land	10,250.00
Conroe	St. Mark	Land	21,700.00
Corpus Christi	Mt. Olive	Add'n to Chapel	13,613.25
Dallas	St. Paul	Parsonage	2,000.00
Dallas	St. Paul	Chapel	53,350.00
Fort Worth	Hope	Church Bldg. & Lots	18,750.00
Hitchcock	Our Savior	Land	4,500.00
Houston	Concordia	Land	10,565.02
Houston	Concordia	Chapel	55,835.02
Huntsville	Faith	Parsonage	11,000.00
Huntsville	Student Center	Property	18,079.00
Huntsville	Student Center	Remodeling of House	1,405.03
Hurst	Peace	Land	20,000.00
Kilgore	Pilgrim	Parsonage	4,500.00
Killeen	Grace	Chapel	24,989.00
Killeen	Grace	Parsonage	2,000.00
Lake Jackson	St. Mark	Chapel	35,475.00
Laredo	Faith	Chapel	30,246.12
Lubbock	N.E. Mission	Land	17,522.78
Lubbock	Student Center	Property	8,720.00
McAllen	Good Shepherd	Add'n to Chapel	9,020.00
Monahans	St. Paul	Add'n to Chapel	8,568.11
Nederland	Holy Cross	Land	9,750.00
Nederland	Holy Cross	Chapel	62,183.70
Orange	Grace	Land	20,000.00
Pasadena	Good Shepherd	Chapel	38,413.50
Pearsall	St. Peter	Chapel	28,125.00
Pearsall	St. Peter	Parsonage	9,500.00
Port Arthur	St. Mark	Property	19,000.00
Refugio	Trinity	Land	3,500.00
Richardson	Messiah	Parsonage	3,500.00
San Antonio	Immanuel	Chapel	33,875.00
San Antonio	Immanuel	Parsonage	2,000.00
San Antonio	Peace	Land & Parsonage	16,760.00
San Antonio	Peace	Chapel	32,662.72
San Antonio	St. Matthew	Remodeled Classrooms	1,000.00
Sulphur Springs	Our Savior	Chapel	5,732.52
Waco	St. Paul	Chapel	58,768.83
Westherford	Trinity	Land	7,000.00
Wichita Falls	Our Redeemer	Property	53,000.00
TOTAL			<u>\$ 881,940.22</u>

LIST OF NOTES RECEIVABLE AND NOTES PAYABLE

A list of Notes Receivable is set forth in the Treasurer's report, hence, this information is not repeated here. The Board does not publish a list of Notes Payable for general distribution for the reason that many lenders wish to remain anonymous.

CASH ON HAND, JANUARY 15, 1960

Church Extension Fund-----	(\$ 55,001.60)
Debt-Retirement Fund-----	<u>122,517.17</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 57,515.57</u>

GROWTH OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND FROM January 15, 1950, to January 15, 1960

<u>Date</u>	<u>Endowment Fund Balance</u>	<u>Increase over previous year</u>
January 15, 1950	\$ 388,827.92	\$ 35,991.35
" " 1951	424,192.37	35,364.45
" " 1952	470,701.84	46,509.47
" " 1953	514,634.71	43,932.87
" " 1954	547,082.89	32,448.18
" " 1955	583,623.93	36,541.04
" " 1956	720,252.31	136,628.38
" " 1957	779,155.64	58,903.33
" " 1958	848,885.78	69,730.14
" " 1959	939,778.53	90,892.75
" " 1960	1,018,899.21	79,120.68

It will be noted that in the last ten years the Endowment Fund more than doubled. Our annual average increase in the past five years was \$87,000.00, and in the past four years the annual increase was \$74,600.00. The decrease average in four years over five years is due to the fact that five years ago there was a special effort which brought the annual increase to \$136,628.38.

Some suggestions how to continue to build up the Endowment Fund:

1. CHURCH EXTENSION SUNDAY COLLECTION: A memorial is being presented at this convention to reinstate a Church Extension Sunday Collection. We hope that this memorial will be approved. On this day we have an opportunity to build up the Fund in addition to once more acquaint our people with our mission opportunities in Texas.
2. DONATIONS: Outright gifts to this Fund, flowing from the hearts of grateful Christians, are always encouraged. A dollar placed in this Fund never quits working in God's Kingdom here on earth.
3. MEMORIAL WREATHS: A gift to this Fund in memory of a loved one is a wonderful way to carry the saving Gospel to others so that they, too, may be saved, and some day also be "asleep in Jesus."

4. BEQUESTS: Three ways of leaving at least a part of your estate, whether large or small, are suggested:

- a. The bequest of a sum of money.
- b. The bequest of real estate, or a part interest therein.
- c. Including the Endowment Fund as beneficiary in your life insurance program.

Bequests are worthy of a greater consideration on the part of our Christians. Why should we give as we earn and not give of the surplus left at the time of death when we have no further personal use of our worldly goods? Through this means alone we can, in time, build up a large Endowment Fund and come nearer meeting the heavy demands which are made on this Treasury continuously. Include God in your will. He has willed His Son to you as your personal Savior.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NOTES RECEIVABLE
AND NOTES PAYABLE AND THE ENDOWMENT FUND

<u>Account</u>	<u>as of 1/15/59</u>	<u>as of 1/15/60</u>	<u>Dollar Increase</u>	<u>Per Cent Increase</u>
Notes Receivable	\$2,009,283.19	\$2,244,939.99	\$235,656.80	11.7%
Notes Payable	1,189,495.86	1,294,461.35	104,965.49	8.8%
Endowment Fund	939,778.53	1,018,899.21	79,120.68	8.4%

SCHEDULE OF MONEY BORROWED AND LOANED

<u>From</u>	<u>Amount Borrowed</u>	<u>Amount Loaned</u>
1-15-55 to 1-15-56	\$ 50,482.85	\$250,458.67
1-15-56 to 1-15-57	118,950.00	354,064.43
1-15-57 to 1-15-58	195,121.30	416,244.26
1-15-58 to 1-15-59	220,408.44	442,262.60
1-15-59 to 1-15-60	150,572.14	439,677.62

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT SHOWING HOW LOANS ARE REPAYED

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Notes Receivable</u>	<u>Paid by Con- gregations and Others</u>	<u>Paid by Mission Board</u>	<u>Total Paid</u>	<u>% Paid Back</u>
1-15-53 to 1-15-54	\$1,242,980.05	\$ 99,476.90	\$20,000.00	\$119,476.90	9.6%
1-15-54 to 1-15-55	1,310,850.37	131,666.97	20,000.00	151,666.97	11.5%
1-15-55 to 1-15-56	1,312,556.02	231,009.88	19,134.61	250,144.49	19 %
1-15-56 to 1-15-57	1,505,527.01	145,807.87	18,521.39	164,329.26	10.9%
1-15-57 to 1-15-58	1,757,450.15	164,517.57	19,604.89	184,122.46	10.4%
1-15-58 to 1-15-59	2,009,283.19	186,440.23	19,135.97	205,576.20	10.2%
1-15-59 to 1-15-60	2,244,939.99	190,037.11	19,492.98	209,530.09	9.3%

Even though loans are being made for a longer period than ten years, and others are made on a staggered repayment basis, the District is still turning its

capital over once every ten years. This is good. It is because some congregations pay ahead of schedule, while others refinance elsewhere and pay the District in full. Congregations are always encouraged to pay as much as possible, keeping their other responsibilities in mind, and to pay their loans in full. In this way the Fund will revolve faster and make it possible for the District to extend its work in areas where we are not now represented.

DEBT RETIREMENT FUND

In order to be able to retire our Notes Payable in an orderly manner as they mature, or are "called" in case of short term maturities, the Board maintains a Debt Retirement Fund. The following is a statement of the Debt Retirement Fund as of January 15, 1960:

<u>Term</u>	<u>Paid In</u>	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>Balance, end of Fis- cal Year</u>
Balance, January 15, 1955			\$ 33,269.88
1-15-55 to 1-15-56	\$ 53,637.77	\$ 45,996.54	40,911.11
1-15-56 to 1-15-57	49,952.33	39,502.93	51,360.51
1-15-57 to 1-15-58	71,056.88	55,436.91	66,980.48
1-15-58 to 1-15-59	73,472.07	50,690.50	89,762.05
1-15-59 to 1-15-60	78,361.77	45,606.65	122,517.17

This Fund is working out better than was anticipated as of its inception date, effective January 15, 1949. At that time it was anticipated that the minimum annual amount placed into Debt Retirement would be \$35,000.00. Our average annual is now about \$75,000.00, with the year 1959 having reached \$78,361.77. In order to continue the flow of funds into this Fund, the following receipts are to be set aside:

1. The estimated annual percent from the District Budget-----\$25,000.00
 2. The flat allowance from Notes Receivable repayments----- 25,000.00
 3. The estimated annual collections and donations not earmarked--- 25,000.00
- \$75,000.00

FUNDS FOR EXPANSION

The District has many opportunities for expansion each year. Expansion does not depend entirely on Funds in the Church Extension Treasury. It must be considered also in the light of funds available in the Mission Treasury, the available man power (ministers and teachers), and the number of new missions the Mission Director can serve properly during the organization period, in addition to taking care of those already organized. The availability of Church Extension Funds plays a major role in Expansion and the search of such funds is a constant one and the lack of sufficient money often makes it necessary to slow down progress in opening new missions and permitting those already in operation to expand at the most psychological time. The following is an estimate of what we can expect in funds for expansion in 1960:

1. Estimated reasonable balance available from Notes Receivable repayments (after setting aside \$25,000 in the Debt Retirement Fund)-----	\$190,000.00 ✓
2. Estimated funds to be borrowed from individuals-----	150,000.00 ✓
3. Estimated funds to be realized from additional----- pay-offs through refinancing elsewhere if the Underwriting Memorial is passed by the Convention	110,000.00* ✓
Total	<u>\$450,000.00</u> ✓

* There is no way of telling just how much money will come in from the Underwriting program in event it is passed by the Convention. There will be less than one year from the time of the convention to the end of the fiscal year, which is January 15, 1961. It is felt, however, that enough loans due the District can be refinanced during the remaining part of the fiscal year that an additional sum of \$110,000.00 should be recovered from Notes Receivable.

The following is a summary analysis of where our money came from and how it was spent during the fiscal year of 1959:

	<u>Church Extension Fund</u>	<u>Debt Retirement Fund</u>
Cash on hand January 15, 1959	\$ 29,324.15	\$ 89,762.05
Borrowed during 1959	150,572.14	
Collected on Notes Receivable	184,530.09	25,000.00
Budget Allotment		26,568.76
All Other Sources	<u>25,758.91</u>	<u>26,793.01</u>
	\$390,185.29	\$168,123.82
Loans to Congregations (Including Expense Reserve Fees and Other Charges)	445,186.89	
Notes Paid Off		<u>45,606.65</u>
	deficit	
Balance, Cash on Hand, 1-15-60	<u>(\$ 55,001.60)</u>	<u>\$122,517.17</u>

INTEREST COST OF BORROWED MONEY
January 15, 1960

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Interest Cost</u>
\$ 87,585.56	0 %	\$ 00
6,000.00	$\frac{1}{2}$ %	30.00
132,225.00	1 %	1,322.25
44,030.02	2 %	880.60
7,000.00	$2\frac{1}{2}$ %	175.00
472,763.25	3 %	14,182.90
115,800.18	$3\frac{1}{2}$ %	4,053.01
366,257.34	4 %	14,650.29
\$1,231,661.35		
62,800.00 Memorials ✓	3 %	1,884.00
\$1,294,461.35	2.872% Average rate	\$37,179.05

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NOTES PAYABLE MATURITIES AS OF JANUARY 15, 1960

(This statement shows how the District must meet its obligations on borrowed money if called upon to do so.) ✓

<u>Date of</u> <u>Maturities</u>	<u>Obligations</u> <u>as of 1-15-60</u>	<u>Comparison</u> <u>with 1-15-57</u>
Short Term		
1960	\$ 329,381.11	\$ 156,612.24
1961	94,025.00	82,163.50
1962 <i>50,000</i>	108,167.64	110,355.00
1963 <i>20,000</i>	100,096.06	58,200.00
1964	88,105.94	23,393.44
1965	70,195.40	22,821.50
1966	11,364.16	9,185.96
1967	14,671.03	25,187.18
1968	192,269.13	7,800.00
1969	124,676.54	6,750.00
1970	75,209.34	7,750.00
and later	23,500.00	38,000.00
	<u>\$1,231,661.35</u>	
	<u>62,800.00</u>	
	<u>\$1,294,461.35</u>	

The following is an analysis of how the Debt Retirement Fund will work into the liquidation of Notes Payable

Our experience with this Fund in the last five years reveals that withdrawals average \$47,500.00 per year, with withdrawals in 1959 having been \$45,606.65. With our Notes Payable increasing, we can anticipate that withdrawals will also increase. Even though Short Term notes do not have a definite maturity date, we know from experience that a large percent of this money stays with the District for a good number of years. We also know from experience that most notes with definite maturity dates are renewed by the holders whenever possible as it is quite evident that our people want their money to work in the Lord's Kingdom if they can possibly get along without it. It must also be kept in mind that our short term maturities now stand at \$329,381.11. Hence, in studying this analysis, please keep in mind that short term maturities are not taken into consideration, as they have no definite maturity date. It is felt, however, that the reserve balance on hand, plus new money borrowed, and if absolutely necessary, a slowed down building program, will stand guard over this exposure.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Accumulated</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>Placed into</u> <u>Debt Retirement Fund</u>	<u>Accumulated</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>Surplus or</u> <u>deficit at</u> <u>end of year</u>
Cash on hand			\$122,517.17		
1960	\$ 94,025.00	\$ 94,025.00	75,000.00	\$197,517.17	\$103,492.17 +
1961	108,167.64	202,192.64	75,000.00	272,517.17	70,324.53 +
1962	100,096.06	302,288.70	75,000.00	347,517.17	45,228.47 +
1963	88,105.94	390,394.64	75,000.00	422,517.17	52,122.53 +
1964	70,195.40	460,590.04	75,000.00	497,517.17	36,927.13 +
1965	11,364.16	471,954.20	75,000.00	572,517.17	100,562.97 +
1966	14,671.03	486,625.23	75,000.00	647,517.17	160,891.94 +
1967	192,269.13	678,894.36	75,000.00	722,517.17	43,622.81 +
1968	124,676.54	803,570.90	75,000.00	797,517.17	6,053.73 -
1969	75,209.34	878,780.24	75,000.00	872,517.17	6,263.07 -
1970 and later	23,500.00	902,280.24	75,000.00	947,517.17	45,236.93 +

We are of the opinion that the above analysis shows a healthy condition in the Debt Retirement Fund. We show a surplus each year, assuming that the debt remains at the present level, except in the years 1968 and 1969, where we are only about \$6,000.00 short. As stated before, bear in mind that short term maturities are not calculated in this analysis, nor are future increased borrowings, but renewals and new loans should take care of these contingencies.

SOME NEW HIGHS

In the year 1959 two new records were set. The Endowment Fund passed the one million dollar mark, standing at \$1,018,899.21 as of January 15, 1960. The average interest rate the District now pays has risen to \$2.872%. Since the District at present receives 1% on loans to the congregations, which averages out a little more than that due to the fact that some pay more than 1%, it costs the District a little less than 2% interest for money it invests in progress.

A WORD OF THANKS

The Mission Board and the Church Extension Board are very grateful for the understanding spirit and the fine Christian attitude shown by our congregations, pastors, teachers, and laity, in supporting this work. Without their help and prayers, added to our own, this work could not be done with success. We know that it is all done for the love of our Savior, for Whom we shall continue to labor together with you in the future as we have in the past.

THE CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD

Rev. Victor Buvinghausen
Mr. E. H. Hellbusch
Mr. E. A. Kramer
Rev. A. O. Rast, Sec. of Missions

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION

The Board of Parish Education herewith presents its objectives and activities to the Texas District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, assembled in the thirty-seventh Convention, April 18-22, 1960.

The District Board is organized into six departments, each headed by a member of the Board who is chairman of his department. Each Board member endeavors to select a sub-committee from his locality who assists him in his particular area of concern for Christian education. Summaries of the Department Chairman follow.

Adult Department

Under the present organization of the Board, the Chairman of the Board is entrusted with items pertaining to Adult Education. The concern of former Chairman, Martin Ramming and the present Chairman, Richard Faerber, has embraced:

1. Family Life Education. The Family Life Enrichment Program (FLEP) begun by Synod in 1955 achieved its purposes in acquainting our constituency with the content, methods, and materials of family life education; and in training pastors, teachers, and laymen to promote wholesome, family-gearred education and activity. Family Life Institutes were held in practically all the circuits of our District and Family Life presentations were featured at most pastors-teachers conferences. The District Board continues to promote Family Life education. We do this by encouraging the use of Christian Family Week, Every Member Visitations for Christian Education, providing audio-visual aids in the District Film Depository, and offering assistance of our Board to any congregation, conference, L.L.L., L.W.M.L., or W.L. groups in the District who wish to schedule Family Life presentations.

2. Every Member Visitation in Christian Education. These visitations are emphasized in the spring of every year and are timed to coincide with Christian Family Week. Materials are supplied by Synod, and are usually supplemented by helpful guides and other materials from the District. These visitations are invaluable because they are promoted and presented in the home, by laymen, and involve the whole family in every home.

3. Area Bible Institutes. These institutes are evening schools for adult laymen, to train non-professional church workers for intelligent leadership and churchmanship. Presently, only two such Bible Institutes operate in our District -- at Houston and at Austin. The Board of Education stands ready to offer information and encouragement to other areas in establishing and conducting the Institutes.

4. Other agencies and emphases that foster Christian development. The District Board encourages growth in grace through the teaching and learning opportunities offered in personal Bible study; family worship; voters assemblies; men's, women's, and young married couples' organizations. (Adult Bible Classes and Sunday School Teacher Training are responsibilities of the Sunday School department). Congregations are urged to avail themselves of the resources provided by Synod's Board of Parish Education in a number of booklets and information bulletins. Most important is the new "Handbook for Local Boards of

Christian Education". Others equally useful in adult education are "Adult Education in the Local Congregation", "A Family Life Program for the Parish," and "Building Family Altars in Your Parish."

Sunday School Department

Your Board continues to give serious study to the growth of our Sunday Schools. Realizing that the Sunday School is the only weekly agency of Christian Education in at least 170 congregations of our District, it is imperative that all congregations make full use of the Sunday School. Every congregation should be concerned that the Sunday School is reaching all of its members; and that the Sunday School is being used successfully as a basic mission agency of the congregation. Latest statistical reports continue to show that in our District 29,000 soul members are not enrolled in any department of our Sunday School. About 21,000 of these are adults.

Generally speaking, the following ratio holds: for every 3 souls gained in the District, 2 are gained in the Sunday School. For every 2 adults gained, 1 is gained in Bible Classes or Sunday School staffs. Hence, while the growth of the Sunday School continues numerically each year; the growth of non-Sunday School members in the District also grows - but in a greater number. Your Board is hopeful that when the 1959 statistics are tabulated we can report a change from this trend.

Likewise weak points are involved enrolling children in the Nursery Roll and teenage levels. Too few congregations are using the Nursery Roll and many who have it are not using it to best advantage. In the post confirmation area, more emphasis needs to be given to additional young people's Bible Classes.

In 1958 the number of non-Lutherans enrolled in our Sunday School program was very low, with an average of less than 10 per congregation; with over 100 congregations reporting no "outside" members.

Suggested Remedies for These Problems:

1. Perpetual emphasis must be given to the "internal" growth of the Sunday School through the Nursery Roll and Bible Classes. Every congregation must become "Bible Class Conscious". To that end all congregations are urged to establish

- A Formal Bible Class Membership List
- Bible Class prospect list
- Bible Class Leader (not the instructor)
- Bible Class Secretary

2. A program of Sunday School Evangelism was initiated this year. We urge that this program be only a beginning of even greater efforts in reaching the non-churched for Christ. We have strong Sunday Schools in doctrine and teaching abilities; certainly a continual program of Sunday School Evangelism should be kept in effect in our District.

3. Leadership Training and Internal Study. The standards of our Sunday Schools and Bible Classes must always be upgraded. To this end your Board urges the continued use of the Sunday School Standard and also the initiating

of the use of the Bible Class Standard by all Bible classes in our District. The purpose of these instruments is to point up the strong and weak points of our Sunday Schools. Using these instruments will give direction to our leaders in proper corrective emphasis.

Secondly, continued attention should be given to training the new Sunday School teacher in the basic methods of Sunday School Teaching; in addition continued training should be given at least twice annually for all members of the Sunday School staff. Needless to say, anything less than BI-WEEKLY MEETINGS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF, for lesson study and business, should not be considered at all feasible for building and maintaining the best possible Sunday Schools. Let us remember, that all Sunday School and Bible Class growth, must be not merely numerical, but also a growth that is spiritual. To that end the best possible teaching circumstances and talents must be the goal of every congregation.

New Concepts in Sunday School Program:

1. Continued improvements on Sunday School materials are made available to us through Concordia Publishing House. These materials include not only the basic lesson materials, but also aids for the teacher; visual programs for the class, etc. Every Sunday School Superintendent should be mindful of these available materials and suggest their use to the staff.

2. We likewise suggest that every congregation consider the establishment of classes for the Mentally Retarded Children. In many areas the demand for this service is great. We can as a church fulfill a real service in this area. Special training for teachers for these classes, while not a necessity, in the beginning will prove helpful. All pastors have received sample materials for this group from C.P.H. We feel this area is worthy of serious consideration.

Every Sunday School and Bible Class will have its own specific problem. But let our goal always be to grow and improve numerically, as well as professionally and spiritually in this important phase of the Savior's work.

Part Time Agencies Department

The congregations of our District showed much growth and activity in the Part Time Agencies, Vacation Bible School, Saturday School, Scouting and Boy and Girl Camping in the past biennium.

The numerical growth and strength of the Vacation Bible School program continues to show the value of these teaching opportunities, particularly as more and more congregations find it adaptable to their own circumstances of room and time. The early availability of VBS materials now permits earlier planning, better recruitment and training. Use this time!

Saturday Schools (many meeting at other times) in increasing number and variety provide an opportunity to educate beyond the time limit of the Sunday School and even be a valuable adjunct to the Parochial School. While Synodical materials are not yet available in quantity, outlines and program helps are available from the District Office. The number of schools is steadily growing. Is your congregation one of them?

Following the excellent experience of local sponsorship of Boy and Girl Camping program in the Panhandle and Valley Areas, the District Board of Parish Education relinquished its sponsorship of the Boy and Girl Camping at Camp Lone Star. The administration of the Boy and Girl Camping at Lone Star now sponsored for the second season by the District Walther League. Through encouragement of more local sponsorship, Camp El Har, serving the Dallas-Ft. Worth area has completed two fine summer sessions. More areas throughout Texas are adaptable to Boy and Girl Camping and individuals or congregations in these areas are invited to seek assistance and guidance from the District Board of Parish Education. The Board continues to publicize all camps.

As individual congregations review their Scouting opportunities, they are reminded of the resolution of the last District Convention to spiritualize their Scout programs to make the most of this fine teaching and mission opportunity.

A new and attractive variation of the Released Time Education program has appeared in the Austin High Schools. Here capacity classes earn $\frac{1}{2}$ credit hour and many non-Lutherans are enrolled. What about this for your Public school?

Audio-Visual Department

Audio-visual materials are being used more from day to day and many firms are making such materials available to the public. This department of the District Board attempts to preview audio-visual materials as filmstrips, slides and other aids as they become available and pass the information concerning them on to you.

The sub-committee composed of Mrs. H. O. Zoch, Mrs. Henry Lohrmann, Mrs. Stanley Massie, and H. C. Niermeier, have previewed many films, records, and manuals during the past year. The Lone Star Observer has been supplying you with information concerning these materials. After these materials are catalogued, file cards are sent to you to be included in your film file of materials that are in the District Office.

If your congregation does not have a file catalog, write to the District Office, 3301 Kim Lane, and you will be supplied with one. Regardless of personnel changes in the local congregation, this file catalog is to remain in the church or school office as congregation property.

During the past year a good number of filmstrips, records, and manuals in these categories have been added to the depository:

1. Family films, dealing with the problems of young children, such as family devotions, recreation, and Christian attitudes in the home.
2. Family films, dealing with the problems of young people, as dating, conduct on dates, engagement, etc.
3. Films dealing with Old Testament antiquity and the prophets, such as "The Saga of the Bible", Babylon, and other Bible lands.
4. Boys and Girls of the Bible Series, such as David, Samuel, the Little Maid of Israel, etc.

5. Films of Old Testament stories.
6. Films of church history.
7. A series of films of the land where Jesus lived and worked.

More filmstrips are now on the market on Old Testament stories. Your Board will purchase these and make them available as they are prepared. Nearly all the new filmstrips that have been added have an accompanying manual and record.

We are grateful that you are making increased use of these materials. The materials are available, make continued use of them and help us to share them throughout the District by returning them promptly.

Christian Day School Department

Today a total of 84 congregations are operating Christian Day Schools (74) and/or Kindergartens only (10) in our District. The average size of Lutheran school in Texas is 3.5 classrooms. These schools are staffed by a total of 307 teachers, 127 men and 180 women. Only 62% of this group are Synodically trained. Some 35% to 40% of our teachers have earned a Baccalaureate degree. Approximately 25% of our teachers are improving their status by enrolling in local and Synodical schools for further training, most of whom receive financial assistance for this from their congregation. The number of teachers meeting state certification requirements is slowly growing. The quality of our teachers and schools is of great concern to your Board and we trust to each congregation.

The visitation emphasis established for this year is "The Teaching of Religion" and "The Teaching of Arts and Crafts." A group of 40 School Visitors has been assigned the task of visiting our schools with the view of being helpful to our congregations in maintaining schools of good quality and with an effective program. Counselor Keuer was asked by your Board to visit newly organized schools and such schools which had unusual problems.

Your Board is planning a series of workshops over the course of the next five years. These will be conducted at our Austin Concordia. The program for this year calls for two workshops, conducted from August 8 to 12.

Kindergarten Workshop

Church Musicians Workshop

- a. Musicians with synodical training
- b. Musicians who have not been synodically trained

Other suggestions for teacher workshops are welcomed by the Board.

Christian Secondary Education

The Board is vitally interested in Lutheran High Schools. Our District's only community sponsored secondary school is Lutheran High School in Houston. It has an enrollment slightly over 300 and a faculty of 15. The Lutherans of Houston have already purchased sizeable acreage for a second high school and preliminary planning with an architect is under way. Surely the entire District should rejoice over the progress made by our parishes in the Houston area for Christian Education of our youth.

The Board maintains liaison activity with Houston Lutheran High School. The Education Counselor visits the high school each year for at least two days. He meets with the Superintendent and Principal, faculty members, and Administrative Board members. The Superintendent or/and Principal is invited to a District Board meeting periodically to give a first-hand report on progress of Christian Secondary Education in Houston. In this way the Board is kept well informed and the Lutheran high school is assured of the District's interest and support of its program.

God speed the day when other areas in our District having larger concentrations of congregations are able to establish Senior high schools. The Board will always stand ready and willing to encourage and assist any and all such efforts leading to the development of more Lutheran secondary schools.

Youth Department

The Board maintains continuous contact with the youth of our District and its official Walther League program. This concern and participation is executed as follows:

1. It cooperates with the Lone Star District Walther League on the District level. The Youth Chairman and/or the Counselor are represented at every Walther League Executive Board and Administrative Board meeting.
2. It sends representation to Synod's annual Youth Conference. Here the Board is informed regarding developments in the League's program and suggestions are received as to how the Church can best support the youth and meet their needs.
3. It works toward creating a better knowledge and understanding of the Walther League program in the local congregation. It gives publicity to official youth activities, helps provide leadership training for lay youth counselors, and presents the needs of youth and the skills in working with youth to the pastors and teachers through written communication, personal consultation, and presentations at conferences.

All of our congregations need to be aware of the truly fine youth leadership training program available to leaguers, lay counselors, pastors, and teachers. Much of Synod and the Board's efforts with youth are centered in the leadership training aspects. Congregations are urged to use all the possible leadership training activities they can. Herein lies the "key" to successful working with youth. Present training programs are:

1. Lutheran Service Volunteer (LSV) Schools, designed for junior high youngsters who are at least 14 years old. The LSV stresses group worship, fellowship, and learning. . . For LSV 'graduates' who have reached age 16 there is the Advanced LSV. Each year there are at least three LSV's in Texas and every two or three years an ALSV. The staff and program are supplied by Synod's Youth Board and the International Walther League.
2. Youth Caravans are teams of three highly qualified leaguers who visit parishes during the summer months (four days each), showing by demonstration, instruction, and involvement how to conduct a successful youth program. Trained and sponsored both by Synod and the Walther League, these Caravaners visit only upon request by the congregation.

3. National Youth Worker's Conferences are conducted annually at strategic locations throughout Synod. Sponsored jointly by Synod and the Walther League these offer specialized youth work training for local counselors. Each year the Texas District through the Board of Parish Education sends 2-4 persons, usually pastors and teachers, to receive this training. These individuals are then later used by the Board to make youth presentations at conferences and to conduct regional youth counselor meetings.

4. Each year in the Fall the Board conducts one day Lay Youth Counselor Conferences throughout the District. In some areas these are held every year, in other areas they are conducted every two years. At these conferences persons who have been trained at the National Youth Conferences share their training and skills with local society counselors. These have proven most helpful by giving more adequate adult leadership to our youth.

Every congregation loves its youth. To love is to serve, therefore, the local congregation needs to be much concerned with its type and degree of service to its youth. Here are some "musts":

1. The Local Board of Parish Education (or Youth Committee) must recognize and act on its responsibility for youth work. The newly published Manual for the Congregational Youth Committee is a splendid aid in this respect.

2. Choose interested and capable lay youth counselors for each youth group.

3. Give your youth counselors and league leaders leadership training as mentioned above.

4. Include youth work in your congregational budget; be generous with your amounts for leadership training.

5. Put leaguers to work in the church - NOW - giving them responsible tasks in Christian service, eg. visitations, representation on parish boards and committees, Sunday school and VBS work, etc.

If you need help with your youth program, why not request the Board's advice and assistance?

The Education Counselor

The District Counselor for Parish Education serves as executive officer of the Board. He prepares the meeting agenda and executes, together with Board members, decisions of the Board. His work is varied, encompassing all agencies of Christian Education and involving all departments of the Board. Much of his time is spent in visiting parish schools and in assisting congregations with their teacher supply needs. He also works closely with the District Executive Board of the Walther League and participates in various youth activities. He visits Sunday schools and often speaks at Circuit S.S. Association meetings. Frequently he is called upon to speak at local or area meetings of the various auxiliary organizations in behalf of Christian Education. He meets with local

boards of education and counsels with pastors, teachers, and laymen relative to their professional problems and plans.

The Counselor edits the monthly bulletin of the Board, The Lone Star Observer, sent to all pastors, male teachers, and local Board of Education members. He writes occasional articles in the Supplement and other periodicals. In general, the duties of the Counselor are both promotional and supervisory, but always advisory. He is always available on call to assist any congregation, without cost, no matter the size or location, in matters pertaining to their educational activities.

The Annual Christian Education Emphasis

Each year the Board of Parish Education selects a major area of emphasis for promotion in Christian Education throughout the District. In addition there are also secondary thrusts. These are not in any way to interfere with the local congregation's continuing program of activities and agencies in education. Rather the special emphasis is to pin-point crucial concerns and needs in the educational program in all-out effort to bring about immediate and significant improvement. Materials for the annual educational emphasis are furnished by the District Board for use in the local parishes. Recent emphases have been:

1959 - "The Bible in Your Life"

1960 - "Evangelism in the Sunday School"

An important feature of the annual emphasis in Christian Education is the Every Member Visit in May. Here the Board encourages use of the Synodically prepared materials. It sometimes also provides adaptations of these materials for varying local circumstances. . . Congregations which faithfully follow-through on the annual emphasis and participate in the education EMV are utilizing a wonderful opportunity to extend and broaden their educational activities to serve their members more adequately with the Word of God. Such pleasing additions to on-going educational agencies in the congregation are necessary to enliven and energize what otherwise easily becomes hum-drum educational activity in the regular program of the congregation.

Lone Star Chapel Fund

The missionary and stewardship project of the children of our District was participated in by the children of only 91 parishes. To date they have raised a total of \$11,000 which was designated to be applied toward the building of a student chapel at the University of Texas. The Mission Board has designated a chapel at Texas A & M, College Station as the special project of the Lone Star Chapel Fund in the next triennium. It is hoped that the children of more parishes will be given the opportunity to participate in this mission effort!

Conclusion

Your District Board of Parish Education likes its work and stays busy! It is a Board thoroughly convinced of the importance of its work, and it is anxious that Christian Education is always expanding, always improving, and always strongly supported throughout the District. The Board sincerely appreciates the fact that the Texas District is education minded! It is dedicated that our

congregations and individual Christians remain that way - only moreso. The Board is happy to state that its Honorary Chairman, Dr. Henry Studtmann, still faithfully attends Board meetings and conducts its opening meditations. It is grateful to God for the advice and service of this wonderful man of God. Vice President Martin Ramming of Austin attends meetings as the Praesidium representative and his advice has been most helpful. Once each triennium a plenary meeting is held with Synod's Executive Secretary of Parish Education, Dr. Arthur L. Miller of St. Louis. His evaluation of the work in Texas is a genuine boon to the Board's activity. The Board tries to cooperate with Synod's Board of Education and faithfully sends representatives to all regional and synodical education conferences and workshops.

By the Grace of God, Christian Education continues to move ahead in the Texas District. Our people are convinced that all under the spiritual care of our congregations are to "grow in knowledge and Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ". Blessed be the Name of the Lord - and may He fill the hearts of our people increasingly with a love for His Word and the willingness to sacrifice in time, energy, and money for Christian Education!

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION

Dr. Henry Studtmann, Honorary Chairman
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REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP BOARD

To the Honorable Texas District, Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, assembled in Convention, at Austin, Texas, 18-22 April 1960:

In Nomine Jesu! Amen!

"They were willing to give to the limit of their means, yes and beyond their means, without the slightest urging from me or anyone else. In fact they simply begged us to accept their gifts and so let them share the honor of supporting their brothers in Christ. Nor was their gift, as I must confess I had expected, a mere cash payment. Instead they made a complete dedication of themselves first to the Lord"

-- II Cor 8, 3-5

"Have you forgotten that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you, and that you are not the owner of your own body? You have been bought, and at what a price! Therefore, bring glory to God both in your body and in your spirit, for they both belong to Him"

-- I Cor 6, 19-20

MAY WE HELP YOU -

If we had an "average" Congregation in our District, the statistics would read something like this . . .

- ... less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of the people in God's House on Sunday morning
- ... about one-third of the communicant membership going to Holy Communion relatively often
- ... less than 40% of the communicant membership attending Bible Class
- ... approximately 40% of the children enrolled in a Christian Day School
- ... family devotions the exception rather than the rule

As a result, you would also find . . .

- ... a growing list of spiritual delinquents
- ... the priesthood of believers little appreciated
- ... Voters' Meetings attended only by "those who attend everything"

- ... missionary outreach lagging far behind opportunity
- ... about one-half of our members engaged in church work
- ... offerings so far below blessings received . . . \$2.25 per week per communicant member . . . 34¢ of which goes for our World Mission program

MAY WE HELP YOU ?

To help you in the enrichment of your Congregational program . . .

- ... increased church attendance
- ... increased Bible Class attendance
- ... more of your membership active in the service of the King
 - active in the soul-winning program of the Church
 - visiting the lukewarm and indifferent
 - teaching Sunday School
 - singing in the choir
- ... increased offerings for the support of your local program and for the support of your World Mission program
- ... increased attendance at the meetings of your Voters' Assembly

These are some of the reasons for which the District Stewardship Board was brought into existence, and with which it occupies itself constantly

GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU

"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them

STRETCH FORTH THE CURTAINS of thine habitations;
SPARE NOT,
LENGTHEN THY CORDS, and
STRENGTHEN THY STAKES;

for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left"

-- Isaiah 54, 2-3

God's plan and purpose involves your Congregation, every member in the Congregation, as well as every man, woman, and child alive today . . . or that ever will live

With regard to the latter, we know that God would have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (I Tim 2,4)

It's to your Congregation that He has said, "YE SHALL RECEIVE POWER, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and YE SHALL BE WITNESSES unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth!"

-- Acts I, 8

It's outlined for us there . . . outlined by the Lord of the Church Himself . . . a world to be won for Him . . . that world to be won as He uses the dedicated lives and resources of His people. The power is there. The manpower is there. The moneypower is there. It's God's plan that that power be harnessed, and placed in His service

The District Stewardship Board is anxious to be helpful to the Congregations of the District in the enlistment of these resources.

The work that is cut out for us, who are the sons and daughters of the King, is spelled out thusly . . . in Jerusalem, in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. That's a big job! And, it begins at home . . . right where we live! But, it doesn't end there

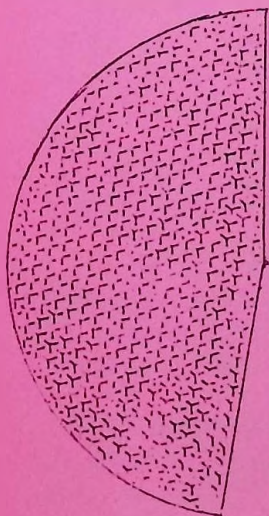
WORLD MISSIONS

"Unto the uttermost part of the earth", He said. The WORLD MISSION program is OUR program. To everyone to whom the Lord of the Church says, "I am with you", He also says, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations".

Our WORLD MISSION program covers everything done through District and Synod. The District program for 1960, which includes \$575,000 for our work through Synod, calls for a total of \$1,100,000. In CHART # 1 (below) you see how each World Mission dollar is to be divided according to our present schedule . . . 48¢ for District, 52¢ for Synod.

A comparatively large portion of our WORLD MISSION dollar remains in our District for Kingdom Work in Texas. We have a large District program, as you must have noted reading the report of the District Board of Missions. So, we are doing mission work both in the Texas District, and "unto the uttermost part of the earth". CHART # 2 portrays how each WORLD MISSION dollar is divided . . . for the total program of the Church (exclusive of the Congregation, of course), both through District and Synod. For example, the section, MISSIONS, includes monies spent in our District mission program as well as monies spent in our Synodical mission program.

FOR DISTRICT - 48%



FOR SYNOD - 52%

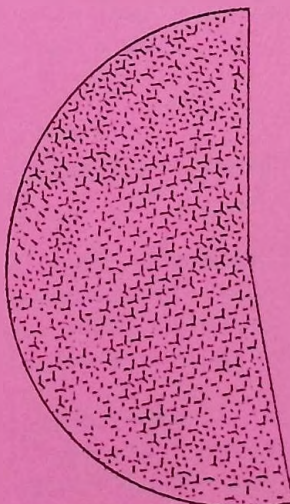


CHART # 1

HOW THE
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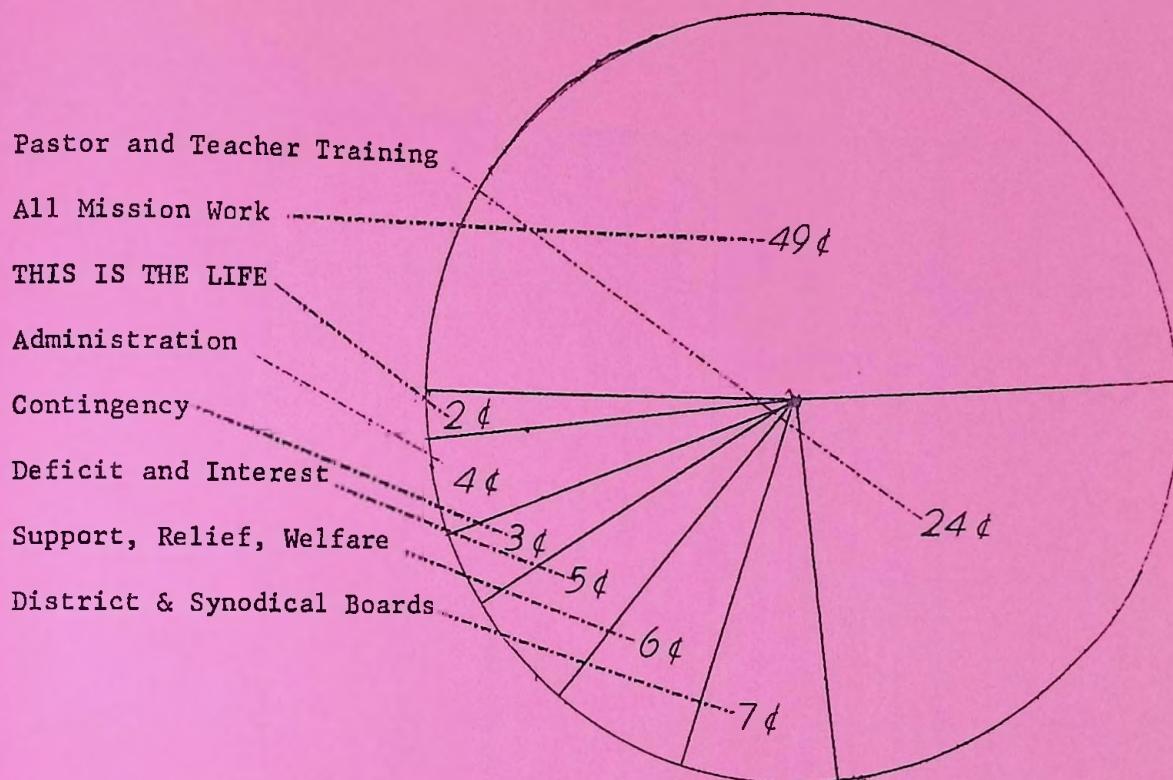


CHART # 2 - HOW YOUR WORLD MISSION DOLLAR IS SPENT

THE STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

On the following pages, you will find a series of charts and diagrams which will tell, more eloquently than words, the story of the Stewardship of Treasure in our District

CHART # 3 covers a period of the last twenty-five years, and shows a 1138% increase.

As the chart indicates, the sharp increase begins in 1956, when OUR VENTURE OF FAITH was launched. No amount of rationalizing can minimize the increased interest and support our membership has given the WORLD MISSION program. The Stewardship Board is aware of this, and thankful for it

A more realistic picture, since our Church is a growing Church, is indicated in CHART # 4, on page 6. This chart portrays contributions on a per communicant basis, both for WORLD MISSIONS and for ALL PURPOSES.

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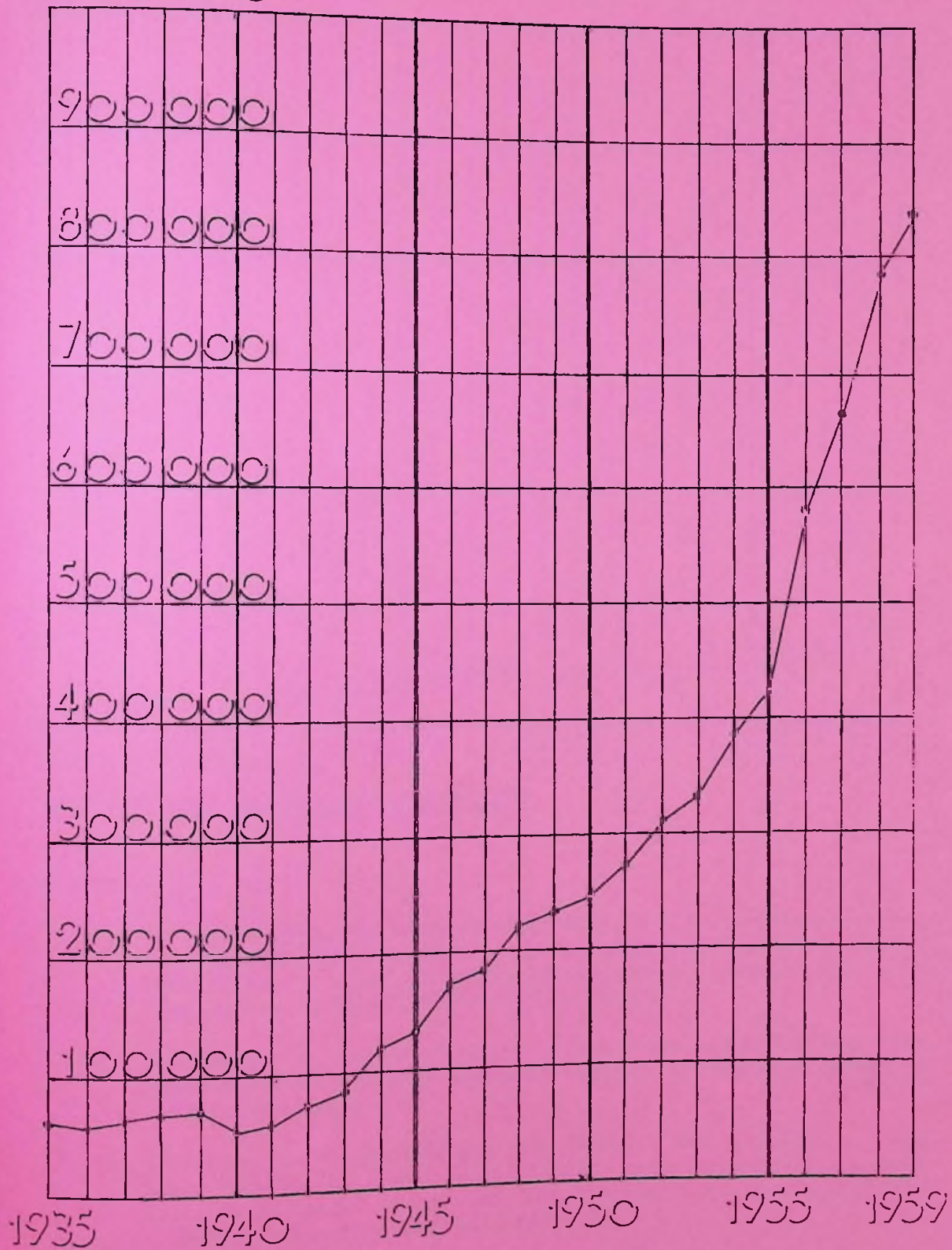


CHART # 3 - WORLD MISSIONS CONTRIBUTIONS

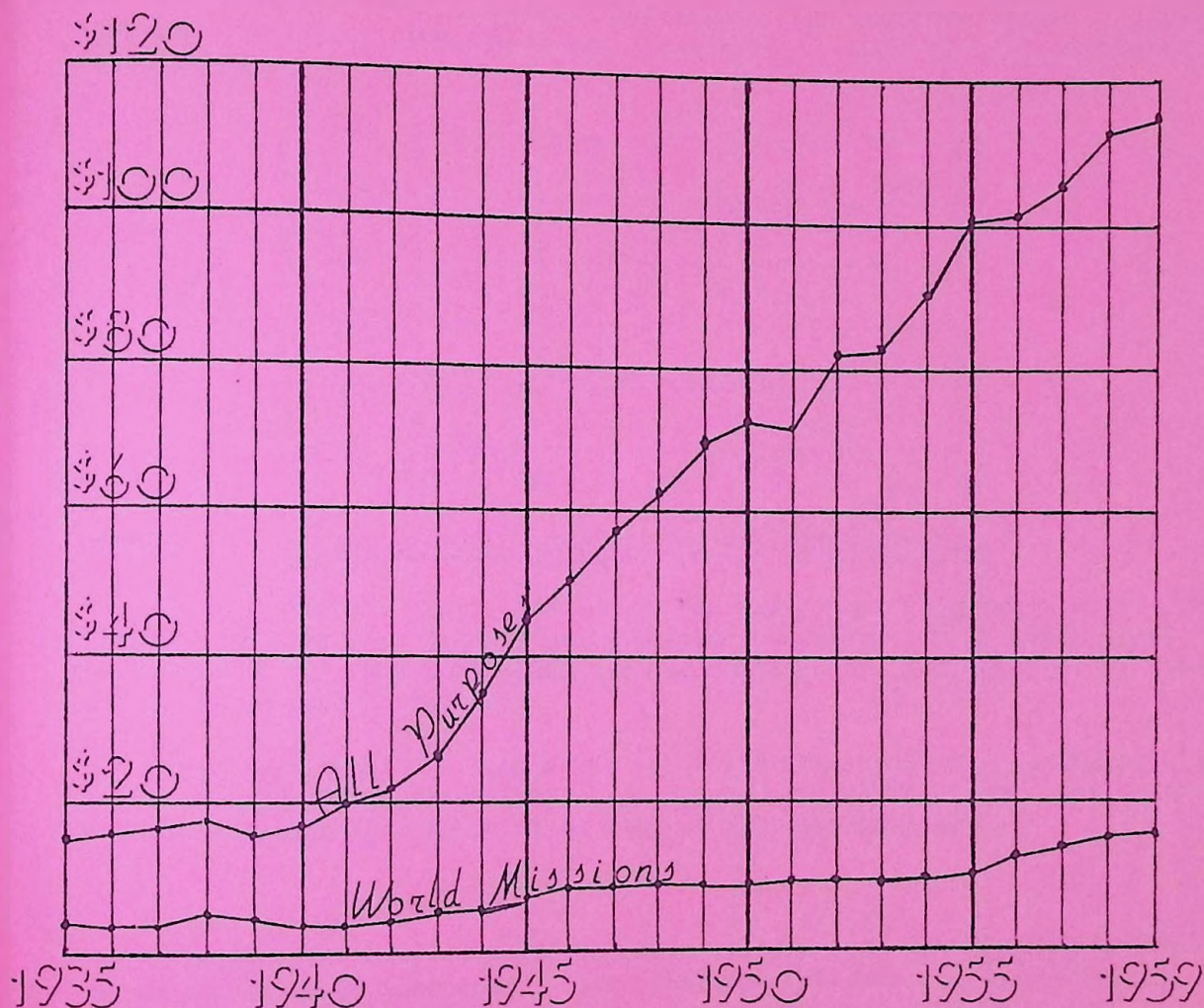


CHART # 4 - PER COMMUNICANT CONTRIBUTIONS

We note . . .

1. The upper line, representing contributions per communicant member for ALL PURPOSES, has sharply curved upward during recent years. Much of this is undoubtedly due to the many Congregations that have entered an EVERY MEMBER VISIT program.
2. The lower line, representing per communicant contributions for WORLD MISSIONS, has also increased through the years, although in less dramatic degree.
3. Note especially the widening gap through the years . . . the space between the lines. A relatively larger percent of the contributed dollar is going for Home Purposes and correspondingly a smaller proportion for WORLD MISSIONS

In 1935, 27% of the contributed dollar went for WORLD MISSIONS
 In 1945, 12% of the contributed dollar went for WORLD MISSIONS
 In 1955, 11% of the contributed dollar went for WORLD MISSIONS
 In 1959, 15% of the contributed dollar went for WORLD MISSIONS

CHART # 5 (below) shows the actual percentages of the contributed dollar that went for WORLD MISSIONS. The figure has remained rather constant through the years, although it has increased a total of 33% for the ten-year period

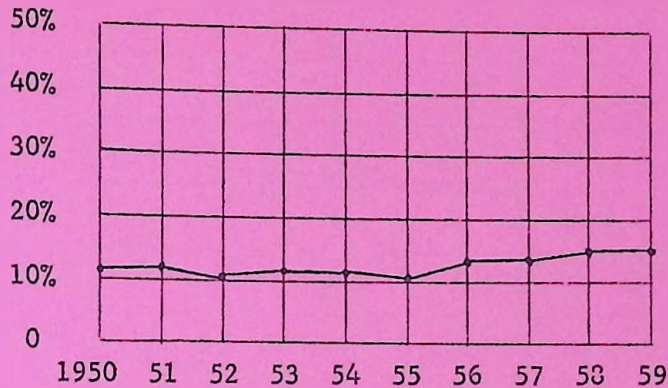


CHART # 5 - PERCENT OF TOTAL CONTRIBUTION FOR WORLD MISSIONS

We hope the day will soon come when many more Congregations of the District will find it within their purpose to dedicate one-third (1/3) of their income for WORLD MISSIONS, as recommended by the Houston, St Paul, and San Francisco Conventions

That goal should be considered in every Congregation. Giving on that level would permit our Church to open many new fields at home and abroad, and would permit the expansion of many of our present fields.

Through the years, our offerings (as indicated on CHARTS 3-5) have shown rather sharp increases. This sharpness becomes dulled, however, in view of certain other facts, which are portrayed on CHARTS 6-8.

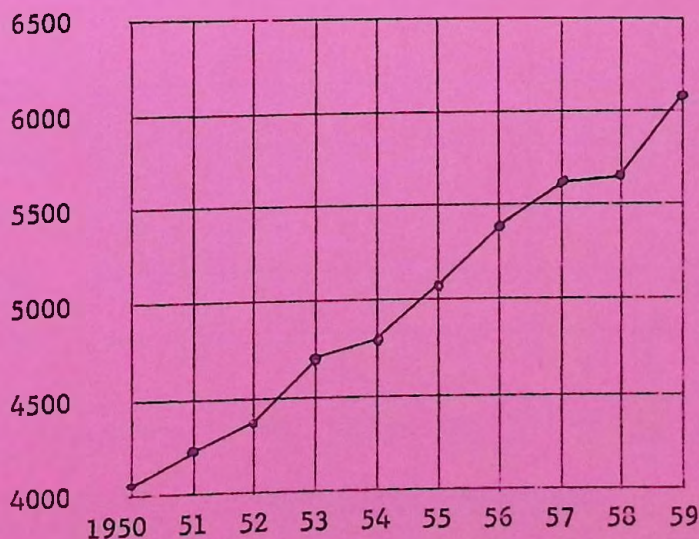


CHART # 6 - FAMILY INCOME CHART

Average family income has risen from \$4070 in 1950 to a little over \$6000 in 1959. Think of the potential that God has placed into our hands!

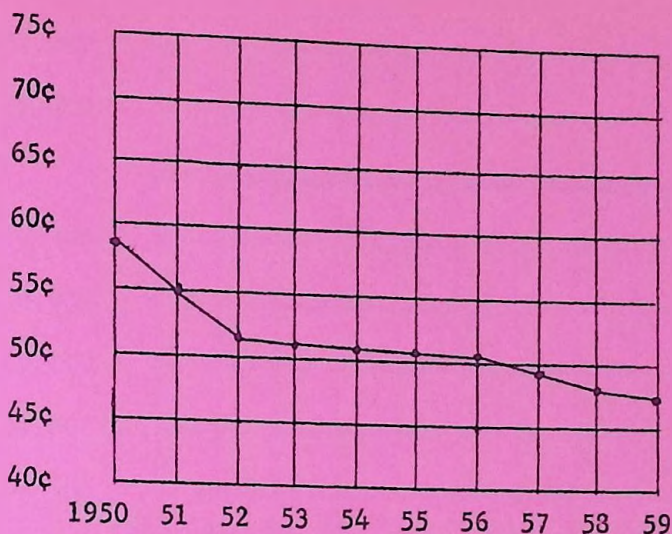


CHART # 7 - THE VALUE OF THE DOLLAR

The value of the dollar has dropped considerably since its 1939 100-penny rating. If this were the only factor that played a part in determining church budgets, we would all recognize the need of increasing budgets year after year - just to be able to continue to do the same amount of work.

We need to ask ourselves whether the increases shown on CHARTS 3-5 are what they could have been . . . in view of increased income and a devaluated dollar.

In addition to these facts, there is also the matter of our increased membership. CHART # 8 portrays the communicant membership story for the past decade of God's grace.

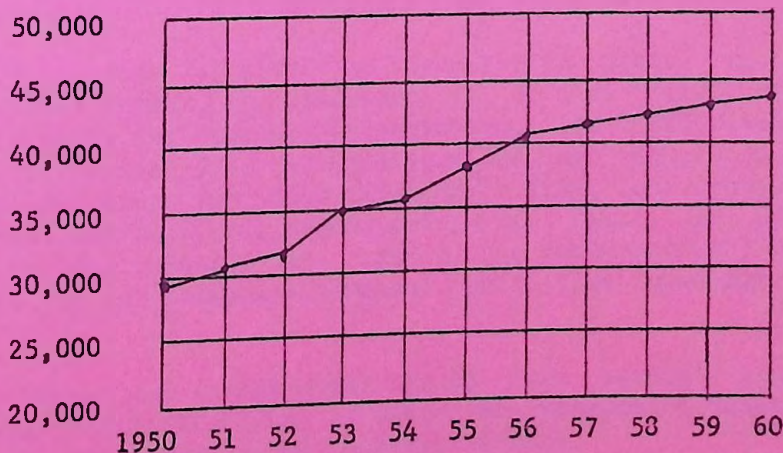


CHART # 8 - COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP

In spite of our increased membership . . . the many blessings of God we enjoy in fuller measure . . . the devaluated dollar . . . the fact that incomes continue to rise . . .

In spite of these facts, we've been failing to meet our WORLD MISSION Goals. CHART # 9 (next page) gives you the story of that . . .

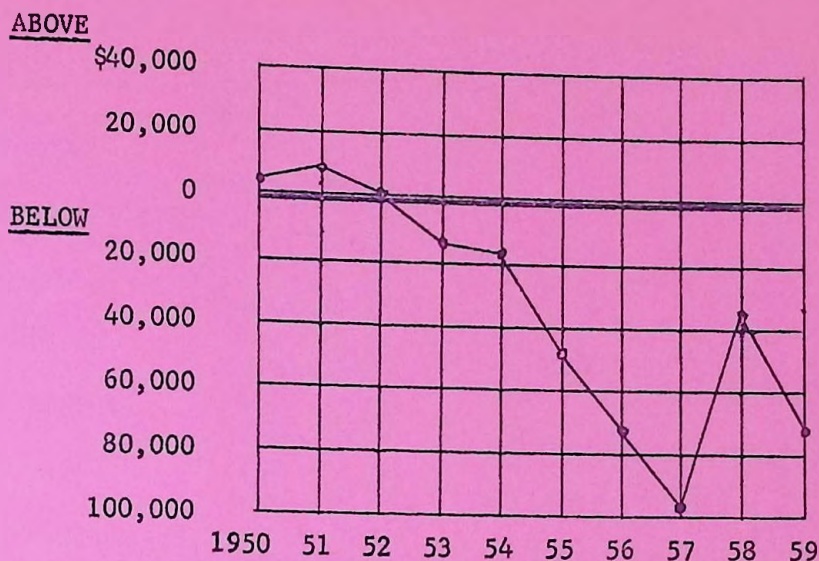


CHART # 9 - HOW THE BUDGET HAS FARED

We failed to reach our full goal for 1959, even though the delegates to the District Fiscal Conference felt that we would go beyond the goal. As we study the performance table for 1959, we note that entire Circuits fell short, and in every Circuit, there were those Congregations that fell short. And, in every Congregation, there is always too large a group that feels little or no responsibility, even though the Lord speaks directly to them, saying, "You go, and preach to every creature".

These facts are portrayed on the charts and tabulations following.

CHART # 10 (next page) shows where the Circuits stand in relation to each other as regards their per communicant performance for WORLD MISSIONS. The line drawn across the middle of the page indicates which Circuits were above the required \$21 per communicant, and which were below

CHART # 11 (page 11) lists the Circuits in order. On the same line with the Circuit number, the Congregations of that Circuit are classified according to their per communicant performance for WORLD MISSIONS. For example . . . in Circuit # 1, two Congregations gave between \$5.01 and \$10.00 per communicant member for WORLD MISSIONS in 1959; four Congregations gave between \$15.01 and 21.00 per communicant, etc. Also, in Circuit 1, six Congregations (the number to the right of the center column) gave less than the required \$21 per communicant member, while five gave more than that amount.

To see where your Congregation stands, turn several pages farther to THE ROLL CALL OF CONGREGATIONS, or check the Treasurer's Report in the current issue of the Insert to The Lutheran Witness

For all such studies, tabulations, listings, etc. . . . there is an inherent danger. Comparisons may be wrongfully and uncharitably drawn. Generalizations are too easily made. "Congregational ego" or "Circuit ego" can be inflated, when a more honest evaluation of that from which we are giving would move us to a deflation of the "ego".

Rightfully used . . . "if Circuit such-and-such can do it, so can we"! Or, "if Gethsemane . . . or Hope . . . or Redeemer can do it, so can we"!

Circuit

World Missions Contribution - P/C

6 - Vernon	\$28.27
2 - Lubbock	27.76
28 - Corpus Christi	24.62
23 - Wharton	23.38
17 - Harris Co.	22.28
18 - Pt. Arthur	21.82
1 - Amarillo	21.64
7 - Ft. Worth	21.29
29 - The Valley	20.97
24 - Austin	20.85
8 - Dallas	20.46
3 - Odessa	19.14
5 - San Angelo	18.77
22 - Houston	18.49
4 - Abilene	18.30
12 - Hamilton	18.00
13 - Temple	17.45
25 - San Antonio	17.16
9 - Dallas	15.43
21 - Houston	15.04
14 - Lee County	13.79
11 - Waco	13.28
26 - San Antonio	13.17
20 - Houston	12.94
15 - Fayette Co.	12.93
19 - Galveston	12.65
10 - East Texas	12.22
16 - Navasota	10.34
27 - San Antonio	9.86

CHART # 10

THE CIRCUITS
IN REVIEW

CIRCUIT

1		1	1	4	2	1	1			
2			1	1	2	1	2	1		
3			1	1	5	1	2	1		
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5			4	1			1	2		
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7		1	3	3	1	3				
8		1	1	2	2					
9			3	4	1					
10	3	1	1	3	2					
11		4	1	2						
12	1		3	1		1	1			
13		1	3	3			1			
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15		3	4	2		1				
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25		1	1	3	1					
26	1		3	2	1					
27	2	2		4						
28		1	3	5	1	1		2		
29	3	1	1	3		1				
TOTAL	23	29	56	69	31	14	16	6	3	0
<u>Below</u> \$5.00 p/c										
5.01 to 10.00 p/c										
10.01 to 15.00 p/c										
15.01 to 20.99 p/c										
21.00 to 25.00 p/c										
25.01 to 30.00 p/c										
30.01 to 40.00 p/c										
40.01 to 50.00 p/c										
50.01 to 60.00 p/c										
<u>Over</u> 60.00 p/c										

On the following pages, you will find two different listings. CHART # 12 - THE ROLL OF HONOR - lists those Congregations, by Circuits, who contributed more than \$21 per communicant for WORLD MISSIONS in 1959

CHART # 13 - THE ROLL CALL OF CONGREGATIONS - includes all of the Congregations of the District, ranked from the highest to the lowest, based on their per communicant contributions for WORLD MISSIONS in 1959.

CHART # 12 - THE ROLL OF HONOR

CIRCUIT # 1

Amarillo, Trinity
Borger, Trinity
Friona, Emmanuel
Hereford, Immanuel
Perryton, Bethlehem

CIRCUIT # 2

Lamesa, Grace
Lariat, St. John
Littlefield, Emmanuel
Lubbock, Redeemer
Plainview, St. Paul
Wilson, St. Paul

CIRCUIT # 3

Andrews, Faith
Ft. Stockton, Faith
Kermit, Zion
Midland, Grace
Odessa, Redeemer
Pecos, Trinity

CIRCUIT # 4

Abilene, Zion
Cisco, Christ
Sweetwater, Peace

CIRCUIT # 5

Eden, Trinity
Menard, Grace
Sonora, Hope

CIRCUIT # 6

Harrold, Immanuel
Iowa Park, Trinity
Olney, St. Luke
Seymour, Trinity
Vernon, St. Paul
Vernon, Zion
Wichita Falls, St. Paul

CIRCUIT # 7

Ft. Worth, Christ
Ft. Worth, St. Paul

CIRCUIT # 8

Dallas, Grace
Dallas, St. Paul
Dallas, Trinity

CIRCUIT # 9

Dallas, Hope

CIRCUIT # 10

Nacogdoches, Redeemer
Paris, Grace

CIRCUIT # 11

Clifton, Immanuel
Waco, St. Mark

CIRCUIT # 12

Aleman, St. Paul
Copperas Cove, Trinity

CIRCUIT # 13

Elgin, Grace

CIRCUIT # 14

none

CIRCUIT # 15

La Grange, Trinity

CIRCUIT # 16

North Zulch, Bethlehem

CIRCUIT # 17

Cypress, St. John
Tomball, Zion
Rosehill, Salem

CIRCUIT # 18

Orange, Grace
Pt. Arthur, Good Shepherd
Pt. Arthur, St. Paul
Pt. Arthur, Trinity

CIRCUIT # 19

none

CIRCUIT # 20
Houston, Christ

CIRCUIT # 21
Houston, Concordia

CIRCUIT # 22
Houston, St. Matthew

CIRCUIT # 23
Edna, St. Paul
Lake Jackson, St. Mark
Wharton, St. John

CIRCUIT # 24
Austin, Redeemer
Austin, St. Paul
Austin, Trinity

CIRCUIT # 25
San Antonio, Redeemer

CIRCUIT # 26
San Marcos, Grace

CIRCUIT # 27
none

CIRCUIT # 28
Alice, Trinity
Bishop, St. Paul
Corpus Christi, Trinity
West Sinton, Trinity

CIRCUIT # 29
Alamo, Zion
Mercedes, Immanuel
Raymondville, Mt. Calvary

CHART # 13 - THE ROLL CALL OF CONGREGATIONS

These are they which brought to the Lord of the Church a total of \$838,323.51 for WORLD MISSIONS in 1959 - - - \$16,121.61 per week!

The figure given with each Congregation indicates the average contribution per communicant member in that Congregation for WORLD MISSIONS.

The paragraphs between the sections are not intended to belittle . . . only to show how little it really requires to do so much for the Lord's program in WORLD MISSIONS.

We missed our goal by \$73,176.49 . . . necessitating the borrowing of over \$21,000, so that we could pay our full share toward Synod's program.

The borrowing would not have been necessary. It wasn't necessary that we fall short of the goal. All we needed to make our full program for 1959 was another 3 ¢ PER WEEK PER MEMBER!

THE TOP TWENTY-FIVE

1 WEST SINTON, Trinity	55.24	14 OLNEY, St. Luke	36.36
2 BISHOP, St. Paul	52.42	15 ROSE HILL, Salem	36.10
3 SEYMOUR, Trinity	52.17	16 WICHITA FALLS, St. Paul	35.20
4 RAYMONDVILLE, Mt. Calv	48.65	17 ELGIN, Grace	34.20
5 ORANGE, Grace	48.65	18 HEREFORD, Immanuel	33.98
6 EDEN, Trinity	44.06	19 NORTH ZULCH, Bethlehem	33.73
7 FRIONA, Immanuel	42.45	20 MERCEDES, Immanuel	32.68
8 LARIAT, St. John	41.10	21 DALLAS, St. Paul	32.28
9 MENARD, Grace	40.76	22 SONORA, Hope	31.66
10 EDNA, St. Paul	39.47	23 COPPERAS COVE, Trinity	31.03
11 LA GRANGE, Trinity	38.20	24 HOUSTON, Concordia	30.26
12 PLAINVIEW, St. Paul	37.97	25 TOMBALL, Zion	30.23
13 WILSON, St. Paul	37.10		

In the next 14 Congregations . . . all of them still quite high . . . the average contribution for WORLD MISSIONS comes to about the price of two packs of cigarettes per week.

26	Wharton, St. John	29.93	33	Perryton, Bethlehem	27.88
27	Iowa Park, Trinity	29.81	34	Alice, Trinity	26.93
28	Ft. Worth, St. Paul	29.61	35	Vernon, St. Paul	26.85
29	Houston, St. Matthew	28.47	36	Aleman, St. Paul	26.32
30	Lamesa, Grace	28.45	37	Austin, St. Paul	25.85
31	Vernon, Zion	28.11	38	Austin, Redeemer	25.79
32	Alamo, Zion	28.00	39	Ft. Stockton, Faith	25.47

The next group includes the 31 Congregations that come between 21.00 per communicant and 25.00 per communicant . . .

40	Pt. Arthur, St. Paul	24.67	56	Lake Jackson, St. Mark	22.04
41	Odessa, Redeemer	24.39	57	Andrews, Faith	21.90
42	Paris, Grace	24.36	58	Waco, St. Mark	21.77
43	San Marcos, Grace	24.24	59	Nacogdoches, Redeemer	21.71
44	Cisco, Christ	24.02	60	Cypress, St. John	21.68
45	Sweetwater, Peace	23.50	61	Dallas, Hope	21.64
46	Corpus Christi, Trinity	23.47	62	Dallas, Trinity	21.57
47	Houston, Christ	23.20	63	Clifton, Immanuel	21.48
48	Borger, Trinity	23.10	64	Pecos, Trinity	21.38
49	Amarillo, Trinity	23.02	65	Pt. Arthur, Good Shepherd	21.37
50	Austin, Trinity	22.73	66	Ft. Worth, Christ	21.25
51	Dallas, Grace	22.59	67	Lubbock, Redeemer	21.23
52	Pt. Arthur, Trinity	22.52	68	Abilene, Zion	21.19
53	Littlefield, Immanuel	22.41	69	Midland, Grace	21.02
54	San Antonio, Redeemer	22.27	70	Harrold, Immanuel	21.00
55	Kermit, Zion	22.09			

Now comes the largest group. All of these came quite close to the required average for 1959. For 1960, all of these Congregations could . . . with the impetus perhaps of a second Mission Festival . . . reach the required \$24 per communicant member..

71	Sealy, Trinity	20.99	86	Beaumont, St. John	19.41
72	Kerrville, Holy Cross	20.89	87	Texarkana, First	19.18
73	Monahans, St. Paul	20.87	88	Hallettsville, Immanuel	19.15
74	San Antonio, Mt. Cal	20.81	89	Clarksville, St. John	19.12
75	Houston, Immanuel	20.80	90	Houston, Ascension	19.07
76	Del Rio, Grace	20.42	91	Follett, Zion	19.02
77	Nederland, Holy Cross	20.16	92	Beeville, Trinity	18.65
78	Spring, Trinity	20.16	93	Three Rivers, St. Paul	18.58
79	Houston, Mt. Olive	20.08	84	Waco, St. Paul	18.53
80	Baytown, Redeemer	19.99	95	Katy, Memorial	18.47
81	Thorndale, St. Paul	19.77	96	Weatherford, Trinity	18.34
82	Honey Grove, St. James	19.76	97	Schulenburg, Zion	18.30
83	Premont, Grace	19.70	98	Walburg, Zion	18.29
84	Copperas Cove, Imm	19.68	99	La Pryor, St. Paul	18.22
85	Grand Prairie, Faith	19.66	100	Kingsville, St. Paul	18.13

101	Houston, Memorial	16.05	121	Rockdale, Grace	16.06
102	Houston, Bethany	17.99	122	San Antonio, St. Paul	16.59
103	Houston, Trinity	17.81	123	Dallas, Holy Cross	16.57
104	McAllen, St. Paul	17.66	124	Houston, St. Mark	16.57
105	Harlingen, St. Paul	17.54	125	San Antonio, Peace	16.52
106	Waco, Trinity	17.52	126	McAllen, Good Shepherd	16.36
107	Lufkin, First	17.48	127	Bryan, Bethel	16.17
108	Giddings, Immanuel	17.40	128	Pearsall, St. Peter	16.14
109	Refugio, Trinity	17.40	129	Ft. Worth, Redeemer	16.05
110	Dumas, St. John	17.38	130	New Braunfels, Cross	15.97
111	Cisco, Grace	17.36	131	Amarillo, Christ	15.95
112	Dallas, Our Saviour	17.31	132	Wallis, St. Paul	15.84
113	Eola, Mt. Calvary	17.28	133	Lubbock, Christ	15.59
114	Pampa, Zion	17.19	134	Victoria, Grace	15.54
115	Texas City, Peace	17.14	135	Houston, St. John	15.41
116	Dallas, Bethel	17.09	136	Arlington, Grace	15.40
117	Houston, Messiah	17.09	137	Richardson, Messiah	15.38
118	Rosenberg, Trinity	17.01	138	Pasadena, Good Shep	15.11
119	Hitchcock, Our Sav.	16.93	139	Uvalde, Trinity	15.09
120	Taylor, Christ	16.86			

The Congregations listed in this next grouping contributed, per communicant member, less than the price of a gallon of regular gas per week for WORLD MISSIONS. It could even be that some of that gas was used to be away from the Lord's House on the Lord's Day.

All of these Congregations should set their 1960 sights for two very good Mission Festivals . . . and then plan a WORLD MISSIONS goal for 1961 in the neighborhood of \$20 per communicant. "They said it couldn't be done" . . . but 79 Congregations did it this year.

140	Brownwood, Grace	15.00	160	Ft. Worth, Hope	13.15
141	Cypress, Trinity	15.00	161	Corpus Christi, Our Sav	12.91
142	Temple, Immanuel	14.97	162	San Benito, St. John	12.80
143	Corsicana, Faith	14.92	163	Houston, St. Andrew	12.72
144	Houston, St. Paul	14.75	164	San Antonio, Immanuel	12.71
145	Taylor, Trinity	14.71	165	Burkburnett, Grace	12.70
146	Dallas, Zion	14.54	166	Fedor, Trinity	12.64
147	San Antonio, Concordia	14.41	167	Ft. Worth, Zion	12.54
148	Sagerton, Zion	14.40	168	Kingsbury, Evangelists	12.39
149	Hamilton, St. John	14.33	169	Winchester, St. Michael	12.21
150	Garland, Peace	14.31	170	Galena Park, Peace	12.15
151	Bowie, St. Peter	14.20	171	Smithville, Grace	12.11
152	Abilene, Our Saviour	14.15	172	Houston, St. Luke	11.99
153	Irving, Good Shepherd	14.14	173	Tulia, Christ	11.98
154	Freeport, Grace	13.96	174	San Angelo, Trinity	11.97
155	Westfield, St. Matthew	13.96	175	Navasota, Trinity	11.91
156	Albany, Trinity	13.77	176	Pattison, Christ	11.80
157	Brownfield, Grace	13.33	177	Dime Box, Trinity	11.44
158	The Grove, St. Paul	13.30	178	Corpus Christi, Mt. Ol	11.37
159	Corpus Christi, St. Jn	13.23	179	Huntsville, Faith	11.37

180	Mart, Grace				
181	Serbin, St. Paul	11.30	188	Galveston, St. John	10.51
182	Rosebud, First	11.21	189	Denison, Grace	10.47
183	Warda, Holy Cross	11.14	190	Big Spring, St. Paul	10.42
184	Seguin, Grace	11.01	191	Denton, St. Paul	10.30
		10.72	192	Ballinger, Bethel	10.29
185	Pottsville, Immanuel	10.64	193	White Hall, Salem	10.08
186	Lexington, St. James	10.57	194	Loebau, Christ	10.07
187	Houston, Bethlehem	10.55	195	Brady, Mt. Calvary	10.03

The following 29 Congregations should think upward considerably for 1961. As a point of comparison . . . 3¢ a day would come to an annual contribution for WORLD MISSIONS of \$10.95

196	Palacios, Our Redeemer	10.00	211	Riesel, Trinity	8.28
197	Canyon, St. Paul	9.97	212	Brownsville, Trinity	8.16
198	Dallas, Mt. Olive	9.79	213	Aransas Pass, Faith	8.08
199	Manheim, Ebenezer	9.72	214	Houston, Gethsemane	7.98
200	Lincoln, St. John	9.42	215	San Antonio, St. Matthew	7.90
201	Houston, Our Saviour	9.30	216	Bridgeport, Trinity	7.74
202	Palestine, Bethlehem	9.01	217	Wm Penn, Bethlehem	7.44
203	Houston, Mt. Calvary	9.00	218	Brenham, Grace	7.38
204	Anderson, Zion	8.88	219	Hillsboro, Christ	7.34
205	La Grange, Zion	8.85	220	Cameron, Trinity	7.00
206	Channelview, Grace	8.84	221	Malone, Salem	6.82
207	Pasadena, Zion	8.82	222	Greens Creek, Bethany	6.64
208	San Antonio, Mt. Olive	8.77	223	Laredo, Faith	5.51
209	Austin, San Juan	8.68	224	Marlin, Grace	5.26
210	Schulenburg, Salem	8.33			

Finally - the Congregations that averaged less than 1½¢ per member per day for WORLD MISSIONS

225	Houston, St. Stephen	4.98	237	Austin, Grace	3.40
226	Tyler, Trinity	4.81	238	San Antonio, Trinidad	3.39
227	Paint Creek, St. Andrew	4.77	239	Austin, Christ	2.83
228	Killeen Grace	4.60	240	Kilgore, Pilgrim	2.72
229	Sulphur Springs, Our Sav	4.54	241	Mercedes, Spanish	2.67
230	Houston, San Pedro	4.49	242	Graham, Good Shepherd	2.66
231	Kurten, Zion	4.25	243	Houston, Holy Cross	2.24
232	San Antonio, Messiah	4.22	244	Lyons, Immanuel	1.79
233	Brownsville, Spanish	4.12	245	Pt. Arthur, St. Mark	1.44
234	Houston, Our Redeemer	4.09	246	San Antonio, Holy Cross	1.05
235	Houston, Pilgrim	4.02	247	Realitos, St. Paul	-0-
236	Harlingen, Our Redeemer	3.53			

This tabulation was included . . . not to give occasion for odious comparisons . . . but that the zeal of some may provoke many

LOOKING TO 1960

Where will we end 1960? The District Leaders' & Fiscal Conference set a WORLD MISSION goal of \$1,100,000. According to the estimates received from the Congregations of the District, we will not reach that goal. For that reason, the Stewardship Board, with the consent of the Board of Directors, presents MEMORIAL # 5-3-60 to the Convention. It's not easy to remove \$175,000 from a program that has been adopted. But there are several possibilities. What would you think of removing the following items from the 1960 program . . . every one of which will hurt that program . . .

Church Extension	\$25,000
Capital Investment (to begin operations at Texas U)	50,000
Home Missions (1 Mission less)	5,000
Payments on Girls' Dormitory and Office Bldg	13,000
Withhold from Synod	75,000
Contingency	<u>7,000</u>
	\$175,000

Wouldn't cutbacks like that hurt?

The only alternative, seemingly, to such a procedure is increased offerings the remainder of 1960. We leave it in the hands of the Convention.

MAY WE HELP YOU?

These are the objectives of your District Board . . .

1. A program of enlistment, training, and activation of the laity of the Church
2. A program in missionary education, leading more of our constituency to appreciate the opportunities for soul-winning in the Texas District and to the ends of the earth
3. A program that encourages growth in the grace of giving . . . both giving as such, as God has prospered us . . . and giving to WORLD MISSIONS, the financial support of the District and Synodical Kingdom-building effort.

To accomplish these objectives on the Congregational level . . . and it's there that they must be met, if they are to be productive for the King . . . we recommend that

1. every Congregation have an effective, over-all stewardship program, and appoint, or elect, a qualified stewardship committee
2. every Congregation annually conduct an effective every member visit in behalf of the stewardship program of the Congregation
3. every Congregation have a year-round program of missionary education and information
4. every Congregation consider the advisability of observing two Mission Festivals annually
5. every Congregation make a definite and "adequate" commitment for District and Synod, with instructions to the Treasurer of the Congregation that that commitment be met.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

We want to help your Congregation in its stewardship effort . . . whether that be the EMV, the program in Missionary Education, Stewardship Education, or what! We have the following to offer you by way of assistance that is available to you . . .

1. THE

STEWARDSHIP COUNSELOR

The Stewardship Counselor is anxious to meet with any Congregation or any committee within any Congregation. He is available also for preaching and teaching Bible Class. Here is a summary of his activities for 1959, as reported to the Stewardship Board of the District:

- 48 presentations to Conferences, rallies, etc.
- 39 presentations to Congregations (preaching, Bible Classes, committees, Stewardship Dinners, etc.)
- 224 consultations with individual Pastors
- 65 consultations with Circuit Counselors
- 54 consultations with Circuit Stewardship Representatives
- 23 consultations with members of the Stewardship Board

2. THESTEWARDSHIP BOARD

The Stewardship Board is made up of two Pastors, one teacher, and eight laymen. Serving in advisory capacity are the District Treasurer, one Vice-President of the District, and the Stewardship Counselor. The Board meets

bi-monthly, partly as an economy measure, partly to give the laymembers an additional opportunity to do some field work

The present arrangement . . . 8 laymen serving regionally, working with the CSRs in the regions assigned to them . . . was set up by the 1957 Convention. It's due to the fact that this arrangement has worked so well, and has been so productive, that the Stewardship Board is asking that its lay-power be increased to 11 laymen.

Members of the Board are:

Pastors:	A. F. Droegemueller, Houston, Chairman R. P. Biel, Dallas
Teacher:	Dean Dammann, San Antonio
Laymen:	Ralph Nafzger, Plainview Eric Behrend, San Angelo, Secretary Lonnie Holotik, Tyler Marvin Mikan, Copperas Cove Walter Patschke, Lexington Francis Koop, Edna G. B. Wiederanders, San Antonio E. L. Streb, Raymondville
Advisory:	G. W. Obenhaus, Houston, 2nd Vice-President Fred J. Frieling, Austin, Treasurer Carl A. Heckmann, Austin, Counselor

All of the members of the Stewardship Board are available to Congregations that ask their service . . . especially the laymembers who have been chosen regionally. There's one not far from you!

3. THE CIRCUITSTEWARDSHIPREPRESENTATIVES

These are the 29 laymen who work with the Congregations in the Circuits. He is in charge of the Stewardship Sectional of the Circuit Leaders' Conferences. He serves as a liaison between the Stewardship Board and the Congregations in the Circuit. He reports regularly to the Board on his findings in

the Circuit. Through the years, the contribution made to the Stewardship Program, as well as the WORLD MISSIONS program, has been one the full import of which will not become apparent until the Dawn of Glory.

Here are our 29 CIRCUIT STEWARDSHIP REPRESENTATIVES . . .

Circuit # 1	Leonard Steger	
Circuit # 2	M. S. Riley	Amarillo
Circuit # 3	Bill Biar	Lubbock
Circuit # 4	Edward Reich	Odessa
Circuit # 5	W.J. Lippe	Sweetwater
Circuit # 6	G. A. Wiederaenders	Brownwood
Circuit # 7	W. E. Ballmann	Vernon
Circuit # 8	George Sorensen	Fort Worth
Circuit # 9	John Hasse	Dallas
Circuit # 10	A. D. Schnipper	Dallas
Circuit # 11	Hilbert Reinke	Texarkana
Circuit # 12	Martin Schrank	Waco
Circuit # 13	Lambert Schroeder	Hamilton
Circuit # 14	Walter Kasper	Taylor
Circuit # 15	Walter Oeltjen	Giddings
Circuit # 16	Otto Kunze	La Grange
Circuit # 17	Teddy Klein	College Station
Circuit # 18	Vacant	Tomball
Circuit # 19	Walter Tucker	Galveston
Circuit # 20	Martin Klammer	Houston
Circuit # 21	Lu Eickemeyer	Houston
Circuit # 22	Jack Barstow	Houston
Circuit # 23	Spencer Twinn	Victoria
Circuit # 24	Gus Kieschnick	Austin
Circuit # 25	Ed Weidman	San Antonio
Circuit # 26	Ken Johnson	New Braunfels
Circuit # 27	Hugh Dennis	San Antonio
Circuit # 28	Edwin Graf	Bishop
Circuit # 29	Walter Wunderlich	Raymondville

Having served during the past triennium, but no longer serving with us now, are also . . .

Carl Baden, then of Ft. Worth, now of Midland, as a member of the Stewardship Board

Willard Kraeger, San Angelo, CSR, Circuit # 5
W. F. Behrhorst, Ft. Worth, CSR, Circuit # 7
W. C. Teinert, Temple, CSR, Circuit # 13
Robert Farley, Bryan, CSR, Circuit # 16
Edwin Domaschk, Ft. Arthur, CSR, Circuit # 18
Lawrence Schkade, Beaumont, CSR, Circuit # 18
Robert Clark, Beaumont, CSR, Circuit # 18
Chris Hansen, Jr., Baytown, CSR, Circuit # 19
Elden Korenek, Wallis, CSR, Circuit # 23
M. A. Wallace, San Antonio, CSR, Circuit # 27
Lloyd Krumrey, Corpus Christi, CSR, Circuit # 28

In recognition for effort expended during the past three years, we would also pay a special tribute to the CIRCUIT COUNSELORS, who have rendered invaluable assistance in each of the 29 Circuits . . . and to the almost 200 PASTORS, who so faithfully serve the people of God that God has entrusted to their spiritual care.

ONCE AGAIN - TO 1960

Anything less than our best is not good enough!

God has so richly blessed us . . . but for a purpose!

"Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required", said Jesus (Luke 12, 48)

There is so little time left for us! "Ye know not what shall be on the morrow" (Jas 4, 14)

There is so much to do! Even though, by God's grace, the sun never sets on the chapels of the Missouri Synod, yet there are millions in whose hearts the Sun of Righteousness has never shined.

There are a hundred thousand churches in America, and far from its shores a thousand tribes without a missionary. There are more preachers in Los Angeles than there are missionaries in all of Japan. There are millions of dusty Bibles in attics and trunks, yet there are 1,700 languages or dialects without one word of Scripture

The 1960 program is taking form. How big is it? Only as big as you are. When the old experienced Devil Screwtape counseled the novice Wormwood in the arts of wrecking a life and a soul, he said, "Never let a man see the church with all its banners flying, for that is a sight that makes all hell tremble".

God says, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might"

-- Eccl 9.10

We pray, "Establish Thou the works of our hands upon us"

-- Psalm 90, 17

THE STEWARDSHIP BOARD OF THE TEXAS DISTRICT

A. F. Droegemueller, Chairman
Carl A. Heckmann, Counselor

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SOCIAL WELFARE

The Board of Social Welfare herewith presents its activity report to the Honorable Texas District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, assembled in convention at Lutheran Concordia College, Austin, Texas, April 18-22, 1960.

The interval between the last and the present District Conventions can be divided rather naturally into two distinct periods insofar as the work of our Board is concerned. From May, 1958 through June, 1959, many important steps were taken to lay the groundwork for a suitable and functioning District Department of Social Welfare. With the assistance of the Wheat Ridge Foundation, the Board defined the position which its future full-time worker would assume, considered candidates for the office, and proceeded to employ the servant who presently fills this position. The Board of Social Welfare and the Wheat Ridge Foundation also considered and put into effect the articles of agreement which presently exist between our District and the Foundation. In brief, the Wheat Ridge Foundation has agreed to assist our Social Welfare Board and its full-time worker with advice and counsel, and also to provide a substantial portion of the total cost of our new District Department for a period of three years, beginning July 1, 1959. All of these were important milestones insofar as District attention to social welfare is concerned.

The second period, that of July 1, 1959, to the present convention the Department of Social Welfare has been concerned primarily with study, planning, recommendations regarding the "least of these" among our brethren. The balance of this report will consist primarily of a condensed version of our findings and recommendations, as they pertain to the needs of our aged, troubled families and children, and unwed mothers. At the conclusion of the report will be found a concise statement of the staff requirements which would be needed in order to fulfill these recommendations. Located elsewhere in this District Handbook will be found a number of memorials which pertain to the future work of our Department. In the interests of brevity, all reference to other activities which have been carried out by our Department have been excluded, such as the recruitment of young people for the profession of Lutheran social work, interpretation of Lutheran social work, and other matters.

BASIC ASSUMPTIONS

1. The family is the basic unit of society, as ordained by God. Therefore, our services must be devoted to the preservation and strengthening of the family, whether they are of a preventive or rehabilitative nature.
2. As in all other areas of Christian faith-life, the local congregation is the basic welfare unit. As a result, it should be encouraged and aided to fulfill such responsibilities to the fullest possible extent.
3. The capacities and abilities of our members to meet their social emotional, and physical needs through their own God-given personality and resources varies considerably from person to person. No single

approach is the answer for all of our brethren, except for the fundamental approach of compassionate love translated into service to our neighbor and brother in need motivated solely by the love of Christ.

4. Our approach to the needs of our troubled members must be flexible rather than static. We must develop our program in such a way so as to be able to meet changing needs and circumstances with appropriate solutions.
5. Our respect for God's creation, the family and its members, dictates that our program must be so constructed as to meet only those needs which our brethren are incapable of meeting themselves. Maximum personal responsibility and integrity must be preserved.
6. In the interests of good stewardship, keeping in mind that the fundamental function of the Church is the winning of new souls for Christ, we should not offer kinds and types of social services which are available to our members from other public and private sources, provided that our members can utilize such services in good conscience.

OUR AGED BRETHREN

OUR FINDINGS CONCERNING OUR AGED MEMBERS:

1. Our District has 3359 communicant members aged 65 years and older.
2. Most of them are living adequately and happily in their own homes (2904, 86%).
3. Most of the remainder are living with relatives, well cared for (367, 11%).
4. Only a few are living elsewhere (nursing homes, aged homes, etc.) (87, 3%).
5. On the average, our urban churches have very few older members.
6. Our rural churches have proportionately more aged members, up to 25% of the total.
7. In terms of average age, ours is a youthful membership as compared with Synod as a whole.
8. In order of their importance, the problem areas which most frequently affect our aged members are social-emotional, financial and health.
9. These problems are being met in part, but only in part, by existing resources and services--the parish ministry, our congregations, and various local, state and federal programs.

OUR CONCLUSIONS REGARDING OUR AGED MEMBERS:

1. Our Lord has indeed richly blessed the members of our District--the vast majority of our older brethren are in living arrangements which are suitable and adequate to their needs.
2. At the present time, few of our aged members require care away from their own homes or with relatives.
3. We are therefore confronted not so much with the need for physical and medical care as we are with the need for counseling, relatively speaking.
4. It is our responsibility and privilege to give attention to these needs out of love for Christ, as He gives us opportunity.

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE AGED MEMBERS:

1. The primary opportunity and responsibility for serving our aged brethren lies with us as individual Christians and with the basic unit of the Church, the Christian congregation. Through the Department of Social Welfare, our District should give guidance and counsel in order that our full-time servants, lay people, and congregations will become more skillful and dedicated in recognizing and meeting the needs of their aged and aging members.
2. The District should attempt to assume such direct responsibilities for the aged as lie beyond the capacity or ability of the individual congregations to perform.
3. For reasons of the paucity of numbers, geographical, social, and emotional considerations, we strongly believe that the establishment of a District program of institutional services for the aged is not needed for the present and the immediate future. At the same time, our Department should give continuous attention to the possible future need for such facilities.
4. As an interim arrangement, the District should partially subsidize the care of our older brethren who need nursing home services to enter such facilities, in cases in which the affected congregations together with the older members and their families are unable to finance such care themselves. (This would tend to compensate for the uneven distribution of aged people in our congregations. In our parishes, the proportion of older members range from 0% to as high as 25%.)

OUR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

OUR FINDINGS REGARDING OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:

1. Our District has a total of 176 children who are in the full-time

- care of persons or agencies other than their own parents.
2. About half of these children are being cared for by relatives (90, 51%).
 3. Most of the remainder are in institutional care primarily by reason of physical handicap or mental retardation (68, 39%).
 4. The balance of the children are being cared for in foster homes (18, 10%).
 5. There are no significant differences between our congregations as to the proportion of such children who are away from their own homes, from the standpoint of race, economic status, or population density of the communities in which our congregations are located.
 6. In order of their importance, the reasons why these children are in the care of persons other than their own parents are marital difficulties, mental retardation, parental mental illness, physical handicap, and child behavior problems. Marital difficulty is the predominant reason in the situations of 58% of the children.

OUR CONCLUSIONS REGARDING OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES:

1. Again, our Lord has richly blessed the families of our District -- less than 1% of our children (actually 0.6%) are receiving care away from their own parents. While only limited figures are available for comparative purposes, our proportion seems somewhat lower than average.
2. Almost all of our children in institutions are physically or mentally handicapped. This is suitable to their needs. Ten of the children in this category are in Synodical Conference institutions, the remainder are in specialized non-sectarian and public institutions in Texas and Louisiana.
3. The existing social services in the children's field are largely in the field of rehabilitation rather than that of prevention.
4. The primary needs in this field are of a preventative nature--educational and counseling -- rather than of a corrective nature, relatively speaking.

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES:

1. The focus of us as individual Christians, as congregations and as a District should not be upon these children per se, but rather upon the family unit.
2. Troubled families are the primary responsibility of us as individual Christians and our Christian congregations. As is true with

reference to the aged, the Department of Social Welfare should give guidance and counsel in the recognition and treatment of our disturbed families.

3. The District should attempt to assume such direct responsibilities for troubled families and children as lies beyond the capacity or ability of the individual congregations to perform. Marital counseling of a sustained and intensive nature would be one such responsibility, the need for which is already apparent.
4. For reasons of paucity of numbers, the types and range of physical problems and retardation, and other considerations, we do not believe that a District program of institutional services to the physically and mentally handicapped is feasible, necessary, or justified. At the same time, our Department should re-examine this situation periodically.
5. No present need exists for an institutional facility for children who require foster care. Today, institutional care is advocated only for those children who cannot adjust to any type of family life. While some few children may need such care for a time, the eventual goal for all children is family life; preferably in their own families, but where this is not possible, a substitute family experience is the preferred solution. It is not likely that we will ever need such a facility.
6. It is anticipated that we do need a relatively small District foster family program, not only for those children who are separated from their parents for temporary periods of time, but also for such children (primarily infants) who would be made available to us for adoptive placement through an unwed mother's program.

OUR UNWED MOTHERS

OUR FINDINGS REGARDING OUR UNWED MOTHERS:

1. To the best of our knowledge, from 100 to 125 girls of our religious affiliation become unwed mothers each year in our District.
2. Almost all of such girls are in their teen-age years.

OUR CONCLUSIONS REGARDING THESE GIRLS:

1. Almost all of these girls go through the experience of bearing and giving birth to their babies without benefit of spiritual counsel.
2. In most instances, the girl successfully conceals her condition from her parish pastor, often with the assistance of her parents.
3. Most of the resources which these mothers turn to for help are concerned primarily with the child which the mother may make available

for adoption rather than with the needs and problems of the mothers themselves.

4. Most of these girls, if the experience of our sister Lutheran agencies holds true for us, are communicant members in good standing at the time that they conceive their children.
5. Probably only about a third of these girls receive any form of counsel or rehabilitation, emotional or spiritual.

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THESE GIRLS:

1. The primary role of the congregations in problems of this nature lies in a preventative approach. The Department of Social Welfare should give guidance and counsel in this regard.
2. Since the congregation is neither equipped nor licensed to give unwed mother's services such as physical and medical care, social and emotional therapy, spiritual counsel through a chaplain (for temporary periods until the pastor-parishioner relationship may be restored), or adoptive services (if this is the mother's plan for her baby), the District should and must assume this function.
3. No present need exists for a District maternity home for unwed mothers; a number of other solutions appear to be more appropriate to the problem. On the average, as many unwed mothers are best served by either remaining in their own homes, living independently, or through foster family care in combination with out-patient spiritual, medical, and counseling services until the time of their confinement as are those who receive care through maternity homes. For those needing institutional care satisfactory arrangements can be made with certain non-sectarian facilities which can offer competent medical and physical care while our Department would provide spiritual and counseling services.

OUR GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The specific recommendations of the Board of Social Welfare which appeared under the previous headings can be summarized under the three following service classifications:

PARISH SERVICES: Services designed to assist our congregations and parish pastors to understand, diagnose, and meet the needs of their troubled members, to the extent that they are able.

DIRECT SERVICES: Services to meet those needs which lie beyond the ability of our congregations and parish pastors to fulfill, such as referral to appropriate community resources, intensive counseling to families and adults, unwed mother's services, adoptive services, temporary boarding home care of children, and financial assistance to our aged who need nursing home care.

RESEARCH AND PLANNING: The continuous study of ways and means by which the social welfare needs of our members may be met more effectively.

MANPOWER AND OFFICE REQUIREMENTS

In order for for our District to render these several social services through the Department of Social Welfare, the following is required:

STAFF: A staff of three full-time social workers (including our present social worker), or the equivalent in terms of part-time personnel. The social workers would be established in regional offices, to reduce the amount of staff time devoted to travel, and to facilitate the use of the services.

OFFICES: At the present time, three regional offices suggest themselves. Sub-offices would be established as circumstances require. (For example, within the Austin region, many service requests will likely come from metropolitan San Antonio. If so, our Austin social worker might then spend one day per week in San Antonio). Office locations would be as follows:

Houston: serving Southeast Texas, Coastal Texas, and the Valley.
Sub-office in Corpus Christi.

Austin: serving Central Texas, West Texas, and metropolitan San Antonio. Sub-offices in San Angelo and San Antonio.

Dallas-Ft. Worth: serving North Texas, Northeast Texas, Panhandle, and South Plains. Sub-office in Plainview.

ADMINISTRATION: In addition to offering social services within his region, the Austin social worker would administer the total program and supervise the social workers in the other regional offices.

MANPOWER AND OFFICE RECOMMENDATIONS

It is the conviction of our Board that two additional social workers are needed now, but that the financial realities make the immediate realization of this goal impossible.

We therefore recommend that our Board be empowered to employ one additional social worker to assume charge of the Houston regional office. His employment would begin on or following October 1, 1960. The costs would be assumed by the Social Welfare Fund during 1960, and by the District Budget in 1961.

Our present social worker would serve the other two regions of the state, administer the total program, and supervise the new social worker.

CONSIDER THE COST

In order that the Convention delegates may consider the financial implications of the program which the Board of Social Welfare is recommending, projections have been prepared for a period of six years. While an accurate estimate of future expenditures is impossible to make, we nevertheless believe that the figures are, in general, realistic.

Year	Wheat Ridge Share	Texas District Share	Socail Welfare Fund Share	Total Cost
1960	\$7628.00	\$ 4841.00	\$ 5000.00	\$17469.00 ^b
1961	8000.00	10000.00	11000.00 ^c	29000.00
1962	4000.00 ^a	20000.00	6000.00 ^c	30000.00
1963	-----	35000.00	10000.00 ^e	45000.00 ^d
1964	-----	35000.00	10000.00	45000.00
1965	-----	35000.00	10000.00	45000.00

Footnotes:

- a Wheat Ridge support of our program terminates on 6-30-62.
- b Presupposes addition of 2nd social worker in Houston Regional Office in October, 1960.
- c Based upon assumption that the Social Welfare Fund would be totally exhausted by the end of the fiscal year 1962.
- d Presupposes addition of 3rd social worker in Dallas Regional Office in January, 1963.
- e Based upon the assumption that contributions to the Social Welfare Fund will gradually increase to and level off at \$10,000 annually.

IN CONCLUSION

The Board of Social Welfare is indeed very grateful to the congregations and members of the Texas District for their fine cooperation and prayerful support of our work thus far. We sincerely believe that our findings give eloquent testimony to the fact that social welfare is nothing new to our people - they have always evidenced a concern for one another out of love for our Savior. If the report which we have submitted to the Convention is adopted, and if the memorials we have proposed are approved, what will result is an expansion rather than an initiation of social welfare services. We would be the

first, not only to admit, but also to commend this view. Just as Christ gave the Great Commission to the priesthood of all believers, so he enjoins us all to have compassion for our neighbor and serve him in his need. As members of the body of Christ, we are to express our love for our neighbor personally, directly, intimately, as God gives us opportunity and ability. Let us carefully avoid the temptation of the Old Adam, which would have us transfer our concern for our neighbor to another agency or to a board, when it lies within our ability to help and to serve. While we are of one mind and heart that certain District social welfare services are needed, let us never view or use them as substitutes for the responsible and consecrated acts of love to one another in and for the sake of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF SOCIAL WELFARE

Rev. W. W. Stratman, Chairman
 Rev. Alton C. Donsbach, Secretary
 Rev. Louis Pabor
 Rev. Carl Gaertner, Praesidium Representative
 Mr. Otto Manske
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VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

God has bountifully blessed Valparaiso University. Since 1925, when Valparaiso University became a Lutheran University, enrollment has grown from 300 to almost 2,500; and property valuation has increased from \$250,000 to an amount in excess of \$14,000,000. Academically our university has made remarkable strides and is recognized today in the educational world as an outstanding school. In addition, and most important, Valparaiso University has remained loyal to its purpose to offer the youth of our Church a Christ-centered higher education in the best Lutheran tradition. Its objective still is to pour back into the stream of Church-life a dedicated and educated laity, active in the building of His Kingdom.

Our state and our district have profited by the results of Valpo's work. There are 130 Valpo alumni in Texas. Seventeen students from Texas are now enrolled at Valpo. Distance is no longer a major consideration. The Valpo student body is comprised of students from 47 of our states (including Hawaii) and seven foreign countries.

Our university receives neither state nor federal subsidy. Our university is not included in the budget of Synod. Our students at the university - as at every other college or university - do not pay the total cost of their education. Valparaiso University is forced therefore to turn annually to the people of our Synod seeking their financial support to meet the operating costs of the school.

The total operating budget of Valparaiso University is \$3,500,000. Of this amount, 57% is received from student tuition; 21% from auxiliary enterprises, and 22% (\$770,000) must come from congregations and individuals. Since 1952 student enrollment has increased 57%; congregational support 19%. During Valpo's last fiscal year which closed June 30, 1959, congregations of the Texas District supported Valpo's program with gifts in the total amount of \$4,884.43 (or per communicant average of 10.4¢). The Synod-wide average per communicant is 16 cents.

Some have said: "The Church needs Valpo and Valpo needs the Church." This is obviously true. Valpo is our Lutheran University. It needs our fervent prayers and our liberal gifts.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Board of Public Relations consists of three men elected by the District Convention; a pastor, a teacher and a layman. The Editor of the District Messenger serves as an advisory member of this Board. One of the Vice-Presidents of the District is also designated as advisory to this Board.

This Board, together with 23 area representatives, makes up the Texas District Department of Public Relations, and cooperates with Synod's Department under the direction of Dr. Oswald C. Hoffmann whose offices are in New York City, St. Louis and Washington, D.C.

In April 1959, the Reverend Herbert A. Rast of Fort Worth was appointed by the District Praesidium as chairman of this Board, to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Reverend Willard Schlect of San Antonio. Mr. Bill Wagner, Managing Editor of the San Antonio Evening News, and member of Concordia, San Antonio, together with Mr. Oscar H. Keischnick, teacher at Redeemer San Antonio, continued as the other Board members.

Since the last District convention, a number of Area Public Relations men have had to be replaced due to acceptance of calls etc. Such appointments were made by the President of the Texas District upon the suggestion of the Chairman of this Board.

In June 1959, the Chairman of this Board represented the Texas District Department of Public Relations at Synod's convention in San Francisco, and Served on Synod's News Staff at the convention. With the cooperation of all the Area PR Representatives in Texas your Board sought to give the widest possible coverage and publicity to the Convention. A follow-up survey of Convention coverage indicated the following:

1. Press coverage -- good
2. Radio and Television -- poor. It should, however, be stated, that 18 TV stations in Texas requested a 1½ minute film clip interview with our District President which was made in San Francisco. Since an incomplete report was received on the film clips, it is known definitely that 6 stations in Texas actually used them.

During 1959 the Committee studied the needs of public relations for the District. After consultation with Synod's Board, it was felt that our best and most effective state-wide media for public relations are to be found in our larger cities. Hence, in the future, appointment of men will be concentrated in the metropolitan areas and the rural congregations will be helped in the field of Public Relations with a monthly news letter, or some such means, which would be geared specifically for their needs. The Committee also during the past year has sought to define and outline more clearly the duties and responsibilities of its Area men.

In order to further the effectiveness of Public Relations in our District, the Committee has arranged a Public Relations School for all area representatives and Board Members who will be serving in the next 3 years. This DPR School will be held in Austin May 16-17, 1960 and will be under the leadership of Reverend Norman Temme, Associate Director of Public Relations for The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

Your Committee is also presently working to open up a news outlet which will give superior coverage to our church news of state-wide interest. This outlet is the State Editor of AP Wire Service in Dallas, Texas. Synod's DPR is cooperating with us in this venture. News accepted for dispatch by this office would be automatically forwarded to every newspaper in Texas subscribing to AP wire service.

During 1959-60, the Committee also sought to bring up to date the biographical files of teachers and pastors serving in the District. Three such files are maintained; one for the District President, one for the Editor of the District Supplement, and one for the Department of Public Relations.

A recent survey of Texas in the field of radio and TV indicated that the following programs are being used:

1. 19 stations are carrying "This is the Life."
2. 37 stations are broadcasting "The Lutheran Hour." (This is the largest number of stations in any state.)
3. 12 stations are broadcasting "The Family Worship Hour."
4. 35 stations are using "Portals of Prayer" (Daily devotional prepared by KFUD.) In addition, this devotional is broadcast over the intercom systems at Brooke Army Hospital, San Antonio, and Carswell AFB Hospital, Fort Worth.
5. 6 stations are using "Day by Day with Jesus." This devotional is also broadcast over Carswell AFB Hospital intercom at Fort Worth.

The department in all its endeavors has sought to carry out its central purpose as outlined by Synod's DPR, "TO IDENTIFY OUR CHURCH WITH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST."

During this District Convention, this department will again be responsible for all news stories, radio and TV coverage, photography to be disseminated throughout Texas. It will also publish the "Convention Daily."

AREA REPRESENTATIVES:

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Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

Reverend Herbert A. Rast, Chairman
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THE TEXAS MESSENGER

The present editor accepted appointment in April 1958 after the Reverend Fred Lammert accepted a call into the Kansas District.

In both years, 1958 and 1959, THE TEXAS MESSENGER was able to stay within its budget even though the amount of news was increased. In 1958 the issues carried 70 pages and 124 pictures. In 1959 there were 74 pages and 158 pictures. The use of pictures was increased to help break up mass of print and to bring news in a more attractive way.

The L.L.L. continued to use space, as needed, financed out of its own treasury.

Regular contributors are the President, Mission Director, Stewardship Counselor, Counselor for Parish Education, and the Social Welfare Consultant of the District.

We thank all who regularly or periodically send bulletins, news items and pictures to the editor. Between 40 and 50 pieces of mail for the THE TEXAS MESSENGER are received at the editor's desk every week. Without this steady flow of news the Messenger could not exist. Send to the Reverend Wm. C. Petersen, Box 1004, Bryan, Texas.

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Additional subscriptions will be received during the year at the District Office, if accompanied by \$1.60 per subscription for the January 1 to June 1 period. After June 2 subscription price is \$.80.

The above regulations were put into effect on January 1, 1959 in order to make THE TEXAS MESSENGER self-supporting. Cost of subscriptions to THE LUTHERAN WITNESS and DER LUTHERANER, cost of printing THE TEXAS MESSENGER insert, and the editor's expenses are all covered by the \$1.60 subscription price.

May God continue to bless our TEXAS MESSENGER, its purposes and its influence.

Reverend Wm. C. Petersen, Editor

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPPORT AND PENSIONS

The fiscal year, February 1, 1958 - January 31, 1959, began with 40 Pension and Support cases. They can be listed as follows:

- 8 Retirement Pensions
- 3 Disability Pensions (Additional support - 1)
- 21 Widow's Pensions (Additional support 3)
- 8 Support Beneficiaries (1 worker and 7 widows)

The total disbursements for the period were \$32,740.34. By January 31, 1959, the cases totaled 37; 1 worker receiving disability returned to the active ministry, while death came to 1 worker and 1 widow.

As of May 1958, there was 85% participation among the 322 workers and 94% membership percentage for the 209 congregations. Synod's averages at this time were 88% and 95% respectively.

The year, February 1, 1959 - January 31, 1960, began with 37 Pension and Support cases; 6 cases (4 retirement, 1 disability, and 1 support beneficiary), were added during the year for a total of 43. These cases come under this listing:

- 11 Retirement Pensions
- 3 Disability Pensions (Additional support - 1)
- 21 Widow's Pensions (Additional support - 3)
- 8 Support Beneficiaries (1 worker and 7 widows)

With the exact report of amounts expended not received as yet, the total disbursements for this period were \$35,246.24 approximately. The anticipated disbursements for the year February 1, 1960 - January 31, 1961, are \$36,607.44. This amount for the current year will be for 42 cases, since there was one death among the widows; another widow decided to relinquish her support for this year.

Since September of 1959, when the latest report was received, 87.3% of 328 workers and 95.7% of the 210 congregations in the Texas District are participating in Synod's pension program. Synod's averages, in comparison, are 88.7% and 96%.

Since the present chairman was appointed during the interim, in December of 1958, if this report lacks clarity, simplicity, or sufficient content, please forbear.

THE BOARD OF SUPPORT AND PENSIONS,

Mr. Ed. A. Haseloff, Lay member
Mr. W. H. Nielsen, Teacher member
Reverend Erwin A. Metz, Pastor member

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF RELIEF

Your Board of World Relief held three meetings during the past year and addressed two communications to our Texas congregations through their Pastors. In the face of starving people throughout the world we make no apology for pleading for funds, through special offerings, through congregational budgets or through congregational envelopes. Your response was so splendid that it was a joy in heaven, and for which we are all grateful.

For several years we have set a goal of \$10,000.00 in cash donations in addition to the clothing drives. In 1956 we received \$3,053.19; in 1957 \$5,730.80; in 1958 \$7,325.29, and in 1959 we are told that \$15,412.71 was received in our national office from our Texas Christians. God be praised for this outpouring of love. Also 69,373 pounds of clothing was received at our San Antonio warehouse. This is in addition to the many "Kiddy Kits", the Dorcas Project and the Layette Projects.

Members of your Board have spoken at several Rallies and special meetings on this great need with generous responses. The Board welcomes more invitations.

Would that our people knew the need of over 30 million people living on starvation diets. They are dying of hunger on their feet. True, they are not all Lutherans, but millions of them are. They are all fellow-redeemed by the blood of Christ, and to each is given food as a gift of love.

The need is not only great, but our gifts can be great. At last reports 350 lbs. of food can be delivered to the door of starving families for only ONE Dollar. One may get a large sack of groceries at our stores for \$10.00. At this time for the same money we can deliver about 175 such sacks of the same weight to families overseas. But this bargain may not last too long. Your gifts for such a bargain are urgent.

We urge our congregations to keep on giving, not only at Christmas, but throughout the year. Hunger does not wait for Christmases. The quarterly envelope for World Relief in each communicants pack is an ideal arrangement. If that is not acceptable we urge inclusion of World Relief in the congregational budget, or having special offerings in each congregation. Our people need to know, and opportunity should be given them to act in Christian love.

The total budget for Lutheran World Relief in 1959 was \$298,020.00. Receipts were only \$213,181.35. Their trimmed down actual expenditures were \$236,163.56, the deficit made up from a balance elsewhere. For 1960 their need from Synod was put at \$100,000.00 but the Fiscal Conference pared this down to only \$50,000.00, expecting the congregations, however, to make up the difference with increased offerings. But World Relief needs in 1960 are still over \$300,000.00. These actual needs will be supplied only when ALL of our pastors use the order cards from Lutheran World Relief, and share the literature with and commend the cause of Lutheran World Relief to their people. We recommend, in the face of these great needs, a quota from the Texas District of \$15,000.00, the same as we gave in 1959.

It is not generally known that ONLY TEXAS of all Districts has a separate

Board to keep alive this area of need. The only duties of this Board have been promotion of this good cause, and appealing for funds. We handle no money. We expend no money for relief. We are representatives of the General Synodical Board of World Relief. This General Board of Relief is permitted to expend emergency monies throughout the world, and even in Texas and to individual needy families. This is not done by the District boards. However, during the past year we have been asked to investigate three requests for funds in Texas. We have been glad to do this for them. No funds, however, were needed in each of these cases as they were cared for on the local scene. We mention this because there is confusion in the minds of some that, since we are called a Board of World Relief, we give relief. This we do not do, of course.

We urge all congregations to show the filmstrip on World Relief soon to be released to each congregation; we also urge that our Pastors encourage their people to continue their prayers and their support for this work of mercy.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF RELIEF

Reverend Theo. Schubkegel
Mr. Allan H. Leistico
Mr. E. C. Knippa
Reverend Louis W. Wickham, Chairman

REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

The District Recruitment Committee met once each semester since its report to the 1958 District Convention. All of the people who were appointed when the committee was first organized in May of 1957 are still serving as members of the group.

Recruitment

Various members of the committee presented recruitment talks and materials at local and district meetings of the Lutheran Laymen's League, Walther League, and Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Recruitment reports were made at the District Teachers' Conferences, Regional Conferences, and the All-State Post-Easter Conference 1959. Recruitment will be a major area of emphasis at the 1960 District Convention of the Walther League in June.

Folders were mailed to all pastors in the District in November of 1958, in keeping with Resolution 28 "Observance of Recruitment Week" passed at the 36th Convention of the Texas District in 1958. These folders contained the following recruitment materials: a sermon, topic discussions for organizations, an outline for a worship service for young people, a "Litany for Workers in the Church," a guide sheet for Confirmation class and Vacation Bible Schools. The committee felt most fortunate in securing top leaders in Synod and our District to prepare this material. Representatives of other districts who saw the material were most eager to secure copies.

However, your committee was very disappointed by the apparent lack of use of this material and the lack of observances of Recruitment Week by our congregations in the District. In the survey conducted by the District Department of Stewardship, only eighteen congregations in the Texas District reported that they had either had a Recruitment Week or some other special recruitment effort in 1959. This was in spite of the fact that all of the delegates at the 36th Convention of the District had pledged their support to this effort. Few of the pastors and teachers in the District indicated that they knew what was in the Recruitment folders when the pastors and teachers were asked during recent meetings about their use of these folders.

Your committee again would urge our pastors, teachers, and congregations to use these materials and helps in their recruitment efforts and to intensify these efforts. Certainly our District has been a leader in recruitment. In the school year 1957-1958 we led all other districts in Synod in the percentage of the 1953 confirmands enrolled as professional students in one of the colleges. However, much remains to be done. The shortage of pastors and teachers continues to become more serious.

In February of 1959 the committee mailed copies of the Church Vocation Recruitment Materials which were produced by the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau to each pastor in the District. This material contained information concerning the other professions of church work in addition to the preaching and teaching ministries. A letter of information on recruitment and Recruitment Week was mailed to all pastors in the District in March of 1959. Recently a sermon emphasizing recruitment was prepared by President Koehnke of River Forest and has been mailed to our pastors in the District.

In the time since the last District Convention recruitment banquets have been held in Corpus Christi, Harlingen, Dallas, Vernon, Giddings, Austin, San Antonio, Wilson, San Angelo, Amarillo, and Houston. In most instances these were planned, sponsored, and supported by the LLL clubs in the area. Certainly this organization, its leaders, and members are to be highly commended for their excellent performance in this work.

Student Aid

In response to Resolution 29 "Scholarships" passed at the 1958 District Convention, your committee sent a letter to all congregations in the District urging that they set up scholarships. The committee also prepared and mailed guidelines for congregations desiring to set up scholarship or aid programs. Sixty congregations now report that they have some scholarship or aid program for their students preparing for the preaching or teaching ministries. The other congregations of our District are encouraged to again consider setting up such a program. The Recruitment Committee also prepared and mailed samples of a certificate which congregations may award at the time when the scholarship or aid is granted.

In the school years 1958-1959 and 1959-1960, the Recruitment Committee granted District Aid to 73 different students. The total amount granted was \$14,500. Of the students receiving aid, 47 were enrolled at Austin, eight at Seward, four at River Forest, four at Fort Wayne, four at Springfield, three at St. Louis, one at Winfield, and two enrolled first at Austin and then at Fort Wayne.

Your committee takes this opportunity to express its thanks for the help, cooperation, and enthusiasm shown by many pastors, teachers, and laymen in doing something about the serious problem of recruitment and the shortage of pastors and teachers in Synod. We would encourage all of our people to assist in this important effort.

May the Lord of the Harvest bless us with many capable and dedicated students to prepare for service to Him.

DISTRICT RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

Reverend Ray Schkade, Chairman
 Mrs. Walter Pluger
 Mr. E. H. Rode
 Mr. C.T. Schoessow
 Reverend Martin Ramming, (Advisory)
 Mr. Les Bayer, Secretary

REPORT OF THE RURAL CHURCH LIFE COMMITTEE

The Rural Church Life Committee begs to report the following activities which it has undertaken since the last District Convention:

- 1958 - Met with pastors of the rural parishes at the time of the convention. At this meeting a survey of the losses and gains in all rural churches in Texas over a ten year period was presented by the Reverend Arthur Kollmeyer; and an outline of parish activities was presented by the Reverend Alvin A. Walter.
- 1958 - Rural Church Life matters were presented to new pastors at the District Orientation Conference at La Grange.
- 1958 - Areas of Evangelism and Stewardship were discussed with the pastors and teachers at the Region V fall conferences.
- 1959 - A half-day workshop was held at the Region V Pastors-Teachers Conference, which was also attended by laymen from the churches in the region.
- 1959 - At the instigation of the District President a survey of rural church problems and their solution was made by direct appeal to all rural pastors of the District. The analysis of this survey was mailed to all rural pastors.
- 1959 - A meeting was held at the time of the District Pastors-Teachers Conference with rural pastors from key areas. This meeting was attended by the President, vice presidents, and counselors.
- 1959 - Again met with rural pastors at the Orientation Conference.

Your present Rural Church Life Committee has served for the past three years doing what it could to further the interests of the kingdom in rural areas of Texas. During this time the Committee has repeatedly offered its services to the pastors, teachers, and congregations of rural Texas. In spite of the obvious need of many of our rural congregations for a more thorough program in church life, not one request has been presented to the Committee or its members.

So far as we have been able to discover, this has been the history of the Committee since its inception in 1951. It is therefore, the opinion of your Committee that, in spite of the need for a rural program, the existence of the standing committee on Rural Church Life has not and cannot, justify its existence. See memorial on discontinuance of this committee with assignment of duties to existing Boards.

RURAL CHURCH LIFE COMMITTEE

Reverend Alvin Walter, Chair-
man

Reverend Arthur T. Kollmeyer
Mr. Martin Schuetze

REPORT OF CONCORDIA COLLEGE, AUSTIN, TEXAS

Under God's good grace, Concordia College of Austin continued during the past biennium to enjoy growth and progress.

Enrollment

We are happy to report an increase in the enrollment figures for both the college and high school, thus reversing the trend for the latter department. The number of young women preparing for the teaching ministry in the church also continued to show an increase. The statistics are as follows:

Year	Men	Women	Ministerial	T. T.	G. E.	Total
College						
1957-58	51	39	42	48	0	90
1958-59	59	56	42	68	5	115
1959-60	69	63	36	87	9	132
High School						
1957-58			53	14	5	72
1958-59			46	10	10	66
1959-60			44	9	18	71

A disappointing conclusion to which these statistics force us is that the number of persons preparing for the pastoral office has not been increasing at the rate which the continued growth of the church would require. It would appear that capable young men who have the proper aptitudes for this office should be encouraged warmly and repeatedly not to let the length and difficulty of the course of preparation constitute a deterrent to the attainment of their goal.

The continued growth of the student body undoubtedly is due in part to the continuing recruitment effort being conducted by the college under the direction, and with the cooperation, of the District Recruitment Committee and with the invaluable help rendered by the auxiliary agencies of the church, particularly in this case, by the Lutheran Laymen's League. The latter organization has been instrumental in scheduling a number of recruitment banquets in several parts of the state. It is also interesting to note that the student population is coming from an increasingly larger geographic area and that the name and reputation of our institution is becoming better known throughout the southern part of the country. It is evident from the results that those who have participated in this long-term and widespread recruitment effort should be heartily commended and encouraged to continue this important work.

Buildings

During the past biennium two major buildings were completed. A men's

dormitory capable of housing seventy students was dedicated on the opening day of the 1959-60 school year. This building has been named the John W. Behnken Residence Hall in honor of the President of Synod, whose support through the years has been very helpful in the attainment of the school's objectives. The building is thoroughly modern and fireproof; it is completely air conditioned; and it contains also an apartment for a residence counsellor and several large lounges and recreational rooms.

The other building completed was the very substantial addition to Hirschi Library, which now houses the administrative offices of the institution. This arrangement permits the centralization of operations with easy communication among the departments and ready access to the student personnel files. The advantage of this arrangement has already become very obvious to those who work in this building.

No new buildings are contemplated for the next year or two, but it is becoming increasingly clear that if past growth can be considered a key to the future, new buildings of almost every category will have to be erected in the next decade. New dormitories, a new classroom building, and additional service facilities will certainly be needed before many years pass.

Teaching Personnel

The members of the instructional staff have continued to render a devoted ministry to the church through competent teaching and friendly counsel. During the past biennium Mr. Ivan Olson has returned to active duty after a one year leave; Mr. E. F. Gummelt has returned to the faculty; Mr. Donald Woodard has joined the staff; the Reverend Norbert Dettmann is Dean of Men; Mr. Carl Everts has assumed the duties of athletic director; and Miss Mary Wiese is now serving as Dean of Women. A number of temporary and part-time instructors, including a number of pastors from the Austin area, have very graciously and competently assisted the regular staff in times of emergencies and vacancies.

The undersigned was installed as president of Concordia College on March 27, to succeed the Reverend George J. Beto.

Many members of the faculty have again performed services to Synod, the District, and individual congregations, in addition to their work at the school. For example, Dr. Studtmann continued to serve as an advisory member of the District Board for Parish Education; Professor Bayer served as a District School Visitor, as the secretary of the District Recruitment Committee and as a member of Synod's Recruitment Committee. Professor Goltermann served as a member of Synod's High School Study Committee. All of the pastoral members of the faculty have served frequently as preachers in churches throughout the district, especially in times of vacancies. Both members of the Music Department have regularly used their talents in the worship services of Austin congregations.

Board of Control

The following persons now constitute Concordia's Board of Control: The Reverend Albert F. Jesse, ex officio; The Reverend William Meyer of Beaumont; Mr. William Nielsen of Vernon; Mr. Elmer Gast of Dallas; Mr. Albert Schulz of San Angelo; and Mr. Howard Klein of Tomball. Mr. Gast is currently serving

as chairman and Mr. Klein as secretary of the board. These men, without exception, have given generously of their time and counsel for the welfare of our institution, and for this they deserve warm commendation. A special tribute is due Mr. Paul Nerger of Giddings who declined membership on the board after many years of loyal and generous service.

Educational Program

The members of the staff are making every possible effort to insure that the educational offerings at Concordia meet every requirement of the professional programs which its students have undertaken. In the spring of 1959, the faculty conducted a self-study of the high school department and also obtained the services of a visitation committee consisting of expert consultants from the University of Texas. Representatives of the staff participated in two meetings since the last District Convention on the matter of careful coordination between the teacher-training curriculum offered at Austin with the programs offered at the terminal schools. Preliminary meetings were held by our staff with representatives of the Southern Regional Association concerning the accreditation of our junior college.

In accordance with a directive issued by Synod, pursuant to the San Francisco Convention, the so-called "emergency two-year teacher training program" is being discontinued. The students currently enrolled will be the last to participate in this program; no new registrants will be admitted. Young women interested in the teaching field will be encouraged to take the full professional course, beginning at Austin and concluding at either River Forest or Seward.

Library

The Texas District has for some years been rendering financial assistance to Hirschi Library. It is a pleasure to report that this library now houses approximately 11,000 volumes and 600 records and film strips. The total circulation figure for library materials for the 1958-59 school year was 23,368, which indicates that the library's resources are being intensively utilized. The section of the library which is now least adequate is the periodical collection the needs of which are currently greater than our ability to supply them.

Miscellaneous

There has been conspicuous growth in the number of scholarships now being made available to Concordia students by local congregations, by the several districts of the constituency area and by other organizations and individuals. We are hopeful that the number of congregations willing to assist professional students from within their respective memberships will continue to grow, thereby underlining the support which the congregations give to the overall program of training of professional personnel.

College Association

Contributions made to the College Association by the members of many congregations in the southern tier of states continues to grow. During 1959 the College Association received \$5,529.65. These funds are used for campus beautification, student employment and scholarships.

Church Worker Deposit Program

In keeping with the resolution of Synod, Concordia will participate in the Church Worker Deposit Program, beginning in September, 1960. All students registering at a synodical institution for the first time will be required to pay a cash deposit (\$80 for high school students, \$120 for college students). When the student successfully completes the school year, this deposit is automatically credited to the following year's account. The amount will, therefore, be on deposit through the years of his training and will be repaid at the time the student enters the active pastoral or teaching ministry. This item should be brought to the attention of prospective students.

The entire staff of Concordia pledges itself to continue the work assigned to it, in order that with God's continued blessing the church may look forward to an adequate number of capable pastors and teachers in the years to come. To this end we solicit your prayers, your cooperation, and your support.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHERAN CONCORDIA COLLEGE OF TEXAS

Samuel I. Goltermann, President

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

For the Year Ending January 15, 1960

We have audited the records of the Texas District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod for the year ending January 15, 1960, and without making a detailed audit of all transactions, have examined or tested the recorded cash receipts and disbursements by methods, and to the extent, we deemed necessary. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and included all procedures which we considered necessary under the circumstances. The recorded cash receipts were traced into the District depository, and the canceled checks and supporting vouchers were examined for a test period. The accuracy of the addition of the cash records was tested. The bank balances shown by the records of the District were confirmed by direct correspondence with the depository banks, and were reconciled to the bank statements. Church Extension Fund Notes Receivable were verified on a 100 per cent positive basis, and negative verifications on Church Extension Fund Notes Payable were made on a test basis.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and related statements of operation present fairly the position of the Texas District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod on January 15, 1960, and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Respectfully submitted,

THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

Mr. Robert N. Farley
Mr. James C. Werchan
Mr. O. G. Hahn, Jr.
Mr. Nick Columbetti

REPORT OF THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The Committee: The District Evangelism Committee, by resolution of the District Convention, is appointed by the President, as is also the District Secretary of Evangelism. The Committee has consisted of the four Vice-Presidents, the Secretary of Missions, the Counselor for Parish Education, and the Stewardship Counselor. Since the last convention, it has met on alternate months on the same day on which the Board of Directors met, with the exception of three occasions when a meeting was considered unnecessary. Reports of the Committee's work were given in the Board of Directors' meetings.

Areas of work: In carrying out its responsibility relating to Evangelism in the District, including both soul-winning and soul-keeping, the Committee has operated in three areas. These are: 1) Analysis and study of the situation in Evangelism in the District as a whole and in the congregations; 2) Help to the congregations through suggested programs and plans; 3) Promotion of a healthy climate of Evangelism in the congregations of the District.

I. Analysis and study: A study of the adult confirmations in each congregation and the percentage of gain over the last five years was made in the fall of 1958. This study was supplied to the Circuit Mission Representatives and the Visitors to enable them to see the progress in Evangelism in their respective circuits and to offer assistance where needed.

A study of congregations with a low adult accession rate was made in the spring of 1959, and this also was distributed to the Circuit Mission Representatives and the Visitors. A similar study had been made by Synod's Department of Evangelism on the District level. This study showed, among other things, that in 1958 there were 82 churches, or 30.6% of the total number of churches in the District, which reported less than three adult accessions. Of the 82, 40, or 48.8%, reported no accessions; 21, or 25.6%, reported one accession; and 21, or 25.6%, reported two accessions.

An ever-increasing Evangelism consciousness seems to be evident in the congregations of our District. However, the studies also show that a considerable "Evangelism gap" exists between the potential and the performance. We must always be striving to close the gap as much as possible!

The percentage increase in the communicant membership of our District in recent years is as follows (the figures for 1959 were not available at the time this report was written):

1954	-	5.5%	(Communicant membership - 38,735)
1955	-	5.3%	(" " - 40,784)
1956	-	5.1%	(" " - 42,858)
1957	-	4.8%	(" " - 44,810)
1958	-	4.99%	(" " - 47,103)

II. Help through suggested programs: A number of Evangelism programs were suggested by the Committee. In the fall of 1958 suggestions were made for On-Going Evangelism in the congregation, which the Committee feels is the most important goal. The program suggested the formation of a group in the congregation to carry out monthly lay visitation on prospects and other, and urge the pin-pointing of responsibility for Evangelism on a board or committee.

Various suggestions have been made from time to time for seasonal thrusts in Evangelism, and participation in the Lenten "Sharing Christ" program has been urged.

In the fall of 1959, in conjunction with the District Board for Parish Education, a Sunday School Evangelism Program was developed, which is being suggested for use by the congregations as the Committee's main emphasis for 1960, along with the suggested Synodical pre-Lenten and Lenten Evangelism program. Studies have shown that our Sunday Schools could be used as mission agencies to a much greater degree and more effectively.

A number of filmstrips on Evangelism have been procured by the Committee for use by the congregations of the District. Titles and descriptions have been sent to all Pastors. Also available for use is a copy of the excellent flipchart, "Christ Is the Good News".

III. Promotion: Various letters and communiques have been sent to all Pastors from time to time, but the Committee has primarily tried to promote Evangelism through the Circuit Mission Representatives by supply material and suggested programs for presentation at Circuit and congregational meetings.

The Committee urged the participation of all congregations in Synod's pre-Lenten and Lenten Evangelism program and the use of the materials which were developed.

The Committee prays that through consecrated and vigorous Evangelism work in each congregation in 1960 many souls will be led to Christ!

THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Reverend George W. Heinemeier, chairman
 Reverend Alfred O. Rast, secretary
 Reverend Carl A. Gaertner
 Reverend Gerhardt W. Obenhaus
 Reverend Martin E. Ramming
 Reverend Carl A. Heckmann
 Mr. Edward J. Keuer
 Reverend Robert W. Helberg, Secretary of
 Evangelism

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST COMMITTEE

During the 1958 Texas District Convention a resolution was passed to establish a permanent Archives Committee. Shortly thereafter the President of our District appointed Mr. Norman Stuemke, Mr. Don Woodard, and the Reverend Herman Schelter to serve on this committee. Since the members of this committee were inexperienced as to the functions of an archivist they asked Miss Doris Knippa, librarian of Concordia Austin, to serve on this committee. This she willingly accepted.

At the time this committee was formed the District Office kept and cared for all the historical materials. Since that time permission was granted to move the archives to a permanent home at Concordia College. At present the committee is working toward establishing an archives which will be of use to those doing research work, surveys, etc. The main purposes of the Archives Committee can be outlined as follows:

1. To instill into the membership of the Texas District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod a greater sense of gratitude to the Lord of church for His many gifts!
2. To stimulate a greater love and a deeper loyalty for the church.
3. To collect and preserve articles of historical value.
4. To serve as the depository of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod - Texas District for the historical documents and materials.

ARCHIVIST COMMITTEE

Mr. Norman Stuemke, Chairman
Mr. Don Woodard
Reverend Herman Schelter

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Texas District, the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, assembled in Convention at Austin, 18-22 April 1960.

The Constitution Committee of the Texas District has met repeatedly as the need arose during the past two years to review Revised and New Constitutions of the congregations listed below. Since the Reverend A. C. Liefer, chairman of this committee accepted the call to St. John's Lutheran Church, San Benito, Texas in January 1959, he resigned from the constitution committee. The Reverend W. W. Stratman has served in this capacity until this convention.

We are happy to report that most of our congregations are now using either the District or Synodical Guide Lines in framing their constitutions. Where important corrections needed to be made they have been complied with.

NEW CONSTITUTIONS

Grace, Brownfield, Texas
 Grace, Orange, Texas
 Grace, Channelview Texas
 St. John's, Cypress, Texas
 Faith, Huntsville, Texas

Trinity, Refugio, Texas
 St. Mark, Conroe, Texas
 Peace, Fort Worth, Texas
 Redeemer, Beaumont, Texas

REVISED

First Lutheran, Rosebud, Texas
 St. Andrew's, Houston, Texas
 Immanuel, Copperas Cove, Texas
 St. John's, San Benito, Texas
 Trinity, Dallas, Texas
 Salem, Tomball, Texas
 Holy Cross, Dallas, Texas

Zion, Tomball, Texas
 First Lutheran, Texarkana, Ark.-Tex.
 St. Stephen, Houston, Texas
 Grace, Marlin, Texas
 Holy Cross, Wards, Texas
 San Juan, Austin, Texas

Respectfully submitted,

THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

The Reverend W. W. Stratman, chairman
 Mr. F. L. Lieder
 Mr. W. O. Doering, Jr.
 Mr. Howard Klein

REPRINT OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FULL-TIME DISTRICT
PRESIDENT MADE TO THE CONVENTION OF 1958

I. Basic Facts:

- A. The Duties of the District President are clearly defined in the Synodical Handbook. We list a few of them and you may wish to study the other sections from the Handbook.

Section 3.41: "The District President, in accordance with the Constitution of Synod, shall supervise the doctrine, life, and the official administration on the part of the pastors and the teachers of their District and shall inquire into the prevailing religious conditions of the congregations of their District. Therefore, as often as possible, they shall attend the conferences of pastors and teachers held in their District, advise the congregations of the District as to the calling of pastors and teachers, give counsel when requested, and reply to inquiries. They may call upon their Visitors to assist them."

Under Section 3.73 and Section 3.75, these responsibilities are more clearly detailed in connection with the directions for the Visitors.

Section 3.61 b: "Congregations of the Visitors shall be visited by the District President or by one of the District Vice-Presidents or another Visitor designated by the District President."

(You may wish to study the series of articles in the American Lutheran, in 1955 and '56, on the guiding of a congregation in the calling of pastors and teachers, and especially the symposium in the August, 1956 issue by the Rev. Richard Jesse.)

In addition to the above duties, the Synodical Handbook further stipulates that the District President

Section 3.43: "may arrange for an official visit or investigation. . .when a controversy arises in a congregation or between two or more congregations in his District"

Section 3.45: "shall annually revise the official roster of pastors and teachers . . .as far as his District is concerned"

Section 3.61: "Shall meet with the Visitors of the District at least once a year" and "the Visitor shall regularly report on his activities to the District President."

Section 4.17: "shall be responsible for the ordination of candidates for the ministry and the installation of pastors and teachers in congregations within his District"

Section 4.55 and 4.57: "shall receive and examine applications for membership by ministers and teachers from without Synod (also

Sections 4.75 and 4.77)

Sections 5.23, 5.25, 5.31, 5.35, 5.37, 5.41, 5.53, 5.61, 5.63:
"shall act in cases of offenses and appeals and suspensions of pastors and teachers"

Section 3.23: "shall report to the President of Synod" and meet in the College of Presidents "at least once a year"

Section 5.25: "shall make an official report to the District at its convention."

Section 6.21: "shall serve on the Board of Control of Synodical institutions in his District"

Our District resolutions also give our District President responsibility as the executive and the administrator of the Board of Directors of the District and as the supervisor and coordinator of the various District departments and executive secretaries.

B. The multiplying duties of the Synodical President are not a new problem. At the time of the creation of Synod most of these duties belonged to the Synodical President and Vice President. As our Synod grew District Presidents, Vice Presidents, Visitors and Boards of Directors were added. Executive secretaries were called to carry out many administrative details.

C. The Time Required
Time studies by Mr. Walter Lessman and findings of previous study committees agree that at least half of the time of a parish pastor who acts as District President is employed in carrying out these basic duties of the District President.

Summary of the time devoted to District matters by the President in 1956:

- 98 days away from home attending meetings
- 5 days sermon preparation for special sermons
- 3 days preparation for meetings. Board of Directors, Praesidium, Fiscal Conference, Visitors' Conferences, Orientation Conference, Teachers Conference
- 2 days preparation of Region Conference materials
- 1 day processing calls for candidates - ministerial and teachers
- 12 days private conferences with pastors and teachers
- 52 days for correspondence
- 174 days

Remember that the majority of the 98 days away from home were full 24 hour. days, and note that the normal work days total 254 during a year. So we can actually say, the President has devoted more than two-thirds of a normal work year to District matters.

D. Present Costs

The 1958 Budget already allows an expenditure of over \$6,000 for

assistance to the President's congregation, pulpit and secretarial help, travel, postage, etc.

II. Conclusions:

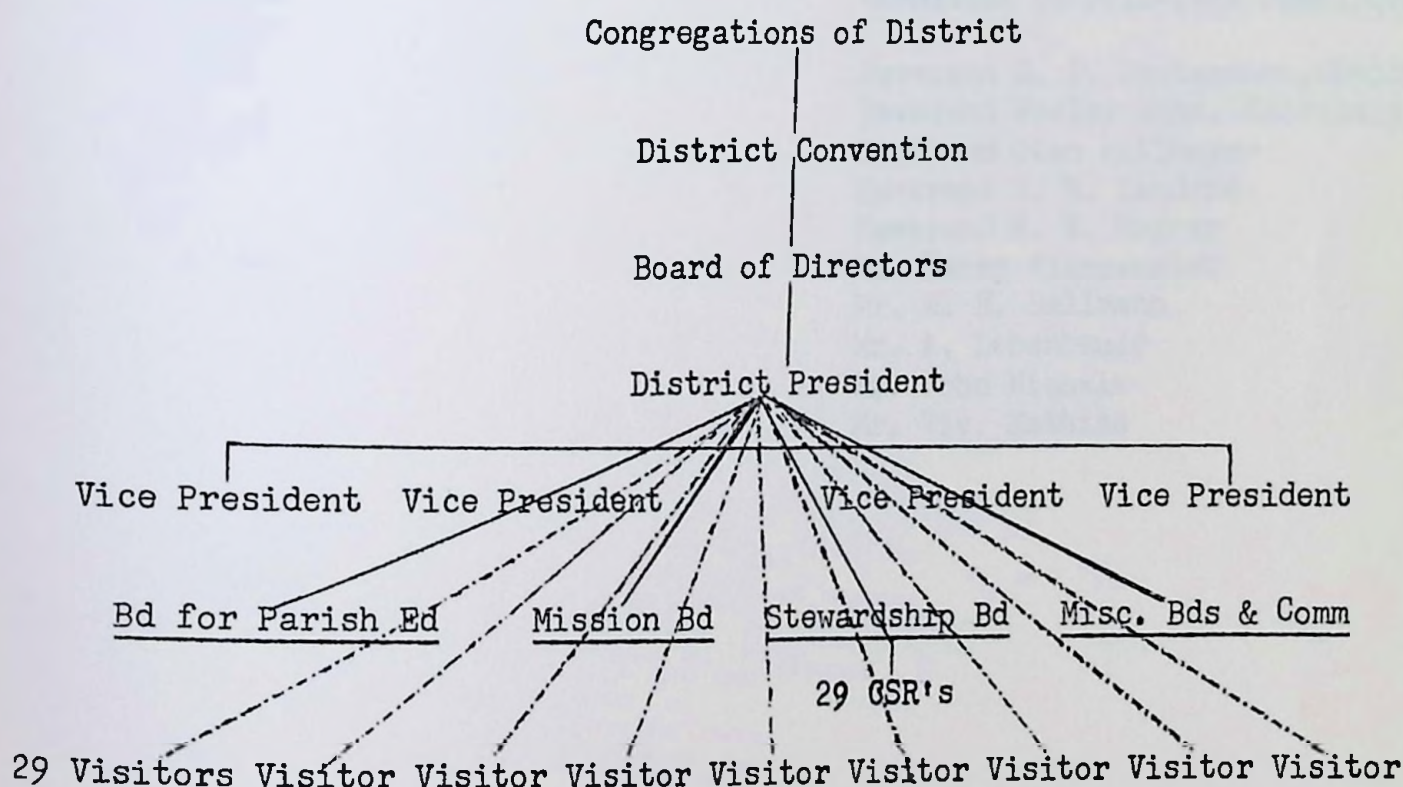
- A. Your present study committee of five Visitors and five laymen has come to the conclusion that we ought to plan and authorize the calling of a full-time District President, who will reside and have his office in Austin, Texas. His duties are to be those specified for the District President in the Synodical Handbook. His election shall be in accord with the Handbook; and all other matters could be patterned after the office of the full-time President of Synod, Section 2.31 a, b.
- B. After studying various possible combinations with this full-time office (assistant mission secretary, evangelism secretary, Church Extension secretary, office manager, or the possibility of an executive vice-president) it was felt that a fuller and faster fulfillment of the duties listed in the Handbook and a working with other departments - assisting in crucial periods, or when some particular area needed emphasis (for example, Church Extension, Evangelism) - would be, by far, the better solution and would not involve the President as a part-time employee of a board that he is to supervise and coordinate
- C. We believe this development would involve and approximate increase of \$7,500 in annual expenditures.
- D. We recommend that the salary be fixed by the District Board of Directors.
- E. We suggest that the full-time District presidency become effective with the District Convention of 1960.
- F. We suggest an open hearing by the Convention Floor Committee before their Convention resolution is formulated.
- G. These are some advantages which, we believe, will follow a creation of such a full-time District presidency:
 - better and faster information and advice to calling congregations
 - better and faster attention to problems within congregations and areas
 - a closer relationship of the President with the Vice Presidents, Visitors, pastors, teachers, and laymen of the District.
 - a more central location of the presidential office
 - better efficiency on the part of the Board of Directors (more time for formulating important policies, less time devoted to administrative details)
 - continuous supervision and coordination of the work of all departments, boards, and committees
 - assistance to departments in crucial periods (this would delay the

- calling of a second man in some departments for a time)
- teacher placement could be routed through the presidency again
- no one congregation would suffer and all would benefit
- the President would have the time to do the job well and not suffer from a "plagued conscience"
- more effective recruitment of boys and girls for the teaching and preaching ministry

III. Summary:

This would result in an administrative set-up just as we have it at the present, but all administrative ties would be strengthened.

The organization chart following may help you visualize our administrative set-up.



There are other questions involving the election, the term of office, and the salary. We feel that the precedent has already been set for many of these points in the Synodical Handbook provisions for the full-time President and Vice President of Synod (Section 2.37 a, b)

Section 2.31 a: "The President shall be a full-time executive. He shall not be in charge of a congregation nor hold a chair at any educational institution, but may be called as an assistant pastor, provided that such services do not interfere with his official duties as President"

Section 2.31 b: "A President who, before he has reached the official (pension) retirement age, fails to be reelected to this full-time office or elects to resign his position because of infirmity shall receive an annual stipend determined by the Board of Directors of

of Synod for such length of time as seems advisable to provide adequately for his sustenance."

Our committee feels that our President, Roland Wiederaenders, has been conducting his office efficiently and effectively, but we believe that the demands of a growing District make it unreasonable to ask a congregation of the District to release its pastor for the time required to serve the District properly, even though much monetary compensation is made to the congregation by the District.

We thank all those laymen and brethren who have written to us, and assure them that every letter received careful consideration. We believe that a full and free factual discussion of this matter will bring our District Convention to a God-pleasing solution to this problem.

COMMITTEE ON FULL-TIME PRESIDENT

Reverend D. D. Dautenhahn, Chairman
Reverend Wesley Kuhn, Secretary
Reverend Glen Kollmeyer
Reverend E. H. Sanders
Reverend E. E. Wagner
Mr. Harry Plackemeier
Mr. W. E. Ballmann
Mr. A. Lehenbauer
Mr. John Michalk
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MEMORIALS

Memorial 3-1-60

Re: Enlarging the Membership of the Mission Board; Requiring the Designation of Five Members thereof as the Extension Division, providing Specific Duties therefor; and Changing the Interest Rates charged by and Paid On, Funds used by the Extension Fund.

WHEREAS, the extreme importance of the Church Extension Fund is appreciated by all, in the overall Mission Program of the Texas District, Missouri Synod, and

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Texas District, has heretofore determined that an all out effort will be made in the Texas District in favor of Church Extension, both for the Texas District, and for Synod, commencing immediately after the 1960 District Convention, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to authority of said Board of Directors, former Texas District President, The Reverend Roland Wiederaenders, did on May 4, 1959 appoint a committee consisting of Ernest Balke, Chairman, Howard H. Klein, E. A. Kramer, The Reverend R. Biel, The Reverend E. T. Heyne, Jr., charging said committee to meet, give prayerful thought to, and recommend to the 1960 District Convention its recommendations concerning; (1) The existing Church Extension Policies in relation to present developments and needs in the district, and (2) The devising of a simple, yet effective, plan to emphasize the Church Extension Fund, toward the engathering of more monies, into said fund, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with said appointments, said committee did first meet on August 1, 1959 with The Reverend Albert Jesse, President, Texas District, The Reverend A. O. Rast, Executive Secretary, Mission Board, and The Reverend Carl Heckmann, Executive Secretary, Stewardship Board, and did

add to its advisory membership, The Reverend Victor Buvinghausen, Chairman, Extension Board, Mr. Arthur Samuel, and Mr. Fred Frieling, and did subsequently meet all day on October 27, 1959, December 22, 1959 and February 23, 1960, and

WHEREAS said committee did:

- (1) Study in detail the "Texas District Church Extension Fund Regulations;"
- (2) Compare same with the proposed new regulations of Synod's Extension Fund;
- (3) Receive reports on the present policies and operations of the Extension Fund; and
- (4) Review the existing needs of the Extension Fund and project the future needs, and

WHEREAS these discussions revealed, in brief, that:

- (1) The present Extension Fund has in excess of \$2,000,000.00 working capital, having grown from \$157,000.00 in 1942, said \$2,000,000.00 consisting of approximately \$1,250,000.00 borrowed funds, the Extension Fund paying up to 4% interest therefor, the balance consisting of permanent monies of the Extension Fund, all of said monies being presently loaned out to Congregations at 1% interest;
- (2) Said fund is administered by a 3 man sub-committee of the Mission Board;
- (3) Which has at various times carried on sundry promotional campaigns, both for donation and loans to said fund, and
- (4) Now to meet the growing needs of more Missions, a promotional effort of the first order is needed; and

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing information, said committee did focus its attention and discussions on the following items, to-wit:

- (1) The advisability of a separate and independent Extension Board;
- (2) The advisability of increasing the present administration fee (interest rate) of 1% per annum, now charged on loans to Mission Congregations;
- (3) The advisability of increasing the present interest rate of 4% maximum, now paid by the Extension Fund on borrowed money;

THEREFORE, this committee, recommends the following resolutions be presented to the 1960 District Convention for its consideration and adoption:

1. BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Mission Board of the Texas District be increased from its present membership of 7 men, composed of 3 pastors, 1 teacher and 3 laymen, to 10 men, composed of 4 pastors, 1 teacher, and 5 laymen, said board to include men with legal, banking, accounting, investment, real estate and promotional experience, said additional members to be elected at this said Convention, and that said Mission Board at its first regular meeting thereafter, organize itself, electing 5 of its members as the Extension Division, which said 5 man Division, in addition to assuming all of the present duties, obligations and responsibilities now incumbent upon the Extension Board, shall specifically, in addition, be charged with holding separate and independent meetings for the purpose of:

- (1) Developing, initiating and carrying on promotional efforts to secure additional loans and gifts to the Extension Fund,
- (2) Give continuance study to the following, to-wit:
 - (a) The advisability of establishing a separate and permanent Extension Board in conformity with suggestions of Synod,
 - (b) The advisability of amending the present Church Extension Regulations adopted at the 34th Convention of the Texas District on April 11, 1955, in order to conform to the current developments and needs, and specifically with reference to the advisability of adding additional regulations, tending to encourage loans to said funds, based upon the savings and loan investment principal, entailing proper interest rates, reserve funds, and guaranteed permanent management,
 - (c) Require said Extension Division to report the results of said study, together with recommendations, to the District Convention to be held in 1961.

And that the appropriate articles and sections of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Texas District be amended to conform with the foregoing.

2. BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Regulations No. 23 entitled Administrative Fee, of the Texas District Church Extension Fund Regulations adopted by the 34th Convention on April 11, 1955, be amended to read as follows, to-wit:

All loans granted out of this fund are subject to an administration fee (or interest) on the following graduated scale, calculated on declining principal balances as follows, to-wit:

First and Second Year	1%
Third and Fourth Year	2%

Fifth and all Subsequent Years, the interest rate shall increase at the rate of 1% per annum on the unpaid principal balance, until the annual interest rate equals the prevailing commercial interest rate for the same or similar type of loan, said increases and said current prevailing commercial rate to be determined by the Extension Division at the time each loan is made, the interest rate scheduled for each loan to be set and incorporated into each note at the time of the making of said loan.

The Board may charge a higher rate than 1% but not exceeding the current prevailing rate, as above determined, if the loan is being made to, or negotiated for, a self-supporting congregation, or one contemplating self-sustentation in the near future.

3. BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Regulation No. 25 of the Texas District Church Extension Fund Regulations adopted by the 34th Convention on April 11, 1955 be amended to read as follows, to-wit:

Money borrowed for working capital, and placed into the Church Extension Treasury, MAY provide for an interest rate on new loans not exceeding 5% unless otherwise directed by the District Convention. This does not apply to loans in connection with the "Time Purchase Plan," in which instance the interest rate shall not exceed the prevailing rate on that class of property at the time the loan is, or was, placed on the property.

Respectfully submitted by:

Special Committee Appointed by The Reverend
Roland Wiederaenders, Past President, to
Study and Recommend Concerning The Extension
Fund:

Mr. Howard H. Klein, Secretary

Memorial 3-2-60

Re: Authorizing An Annual Church Extension Day

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Extension Division of the Mission Board with the consent of the Board of Directors, is directed to annually, for the next three (3) years, select and designate a Church Extension Day throughout the Texas District, and upon each such day a special offering shall be made for the benefit of the Church Extension Fund, and emphasis placed upon "Christian Wills" in relation to the Extension Fund. The details thereof, and promotional literature thereon to be furnished each Congregation by said Extension Division.

Respectfully submitted by:

Special Committee Appointed by The Reverend
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Fund:

Mr. Howard H. Klein, Secretary

Memorial 3-3-60

Re: Authorizing the Mission Board to Join Congregations, which Owe Money to
Said Board and/or The Extension Fund, in Refinancing Said Indebtedness,
Outside of The Church Extension Treasury, by Underwriting Said Mortgages:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

There shall be added to regulation 20 of the Texas District Church
Extension Fund Regulations adopted by the 34th Convention of April 11, 1955,
sub-section F, as follows:

F. REFINANCING UNDERWRITING AUTHORITY:

The Board may join a congregation in the refinancing, outside of the Church Extension Treasury, its total existing mortgage indebtedness by underwriting said new mortgage up to, but not exceeding, the indebtedness then due the District. Such underwriting is subject to prior approval by the Board of Directors and further subject to the proper resolution by the Board of Directors authorizing the proper official, or officials, to execute such mortgage containing the agreed restriction on the District's liability.

Respectfully submitted by:

Special Committee Appointed by The Reverend
Roland Wiederaenders, Past President, to
Study and Recommend Concerning The Extension
Fund:

Mr. Howard H. Klein, Secretary

Memorial 3-4-60

Re: Solicitor of Loans

BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas District employ part time a solicitor of loans to the Church Extension Fund of the District.

San Antonio Pastors' Conference
The Reverend Paul O. Rosnau, Secretary

Memorial 3-5-60

Re: Secretary of Evangelism

WHEREAS, The Synodical Department of Evangelism is a department within the Board of Missions in North America, and

WHEREAS, It would be beneficial to the mission work of our District both in subsidized as well as self-sustaining congregations to work with a similar arrangement,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Secretary of Evangelism appointed by the District President in consultation with the Mission Board and Evangelism

Committee, be an advisory member of the Board of Missions and function as such,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the resolution of the 35th Texas District Convention stating that the Evangelism Committee and Secretary of Evangelism be appointed after each convention be changed to read: "That after each convention in which the officers of the District are elected the District President appoint, etc. (Cf. Dist. Proc. 1957, p. 215)

The District Evangelism Committee

Memorial 3-6-60

Re: Authority of Mission Board

WHEREAS, For the first time in the history of the Texas District, its Mission Board has embarked upon a change in policy toward organized but subsidized congregations with respect to architectural design in the planning and construction of new buildings, and

WHEREAS, Such change in policy constitutes an infringement of Article XI, A, 1 of the Constitution of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That this convention clarify what authority it wishes to have delegated to the Mission Board in determining architectural design of construction in subsidized, organized congregations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this assembled convention reaffirm the historic policy of the Texas District (the policy of self-determination by the local congregation) concerning same.

Our Savior, Abilene, Texas
The Reverend Marcus T. Lang, Pastor

Memorial 5-1-60

Re: Kingdom Sunday

WHEREAS, Pentecost Sunday is the Birthday of our Church; and

WHEREAS, We are to continually build the Church here on earth and can do

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this very effectively through our human organization, The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, by preaching and teaching the Word; and

WHEREAS, We ought constantly keep before all our members the goals and objectives of the Church; and

WHEREAS, Synod's Stewardship Department is providing excellent helps for proper observance of the Pentecost festival; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we set aside Pentecost Sunday, 1960, as Kingdom Sunday, to remind us powerfully of our peculiar citizenship and our unusual Kingdom responsibilities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Pastors and Congregations of our District consider this an excellent situation for a second Mission Rally, and implore them to think upon, if possible, and use it as such, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the use of the promotional materials produced by Synod's Stewardship Department be recommended to all of our Congregations.

The Stewardship Board Of The Texas District

Memorial 5-3-60

Re: The 1960 Budget

WHEREAS, The Congregations of the Texas District have indicated by their stated goals for 1960 an anticipated World Mission contribution of \$925,000; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the financial dilemma of the District be presented to the Convention for a decision . . .

1. Establishing a working budget of \$925,000 - or -
2. Authorizing a special offering within the District - in addition to Mission Festival - to raise an estimated \$175,000, thus meeting the full 1960 goal set by the District Leaders' and Fiscal Conference.

The Stewardship Board Of The Texas District

Memorial 5-2-60

Re: Enlarged Stewardship Board

WHEREAS, The State of Texas is vast in distances between certain areas; and,

WHEREAS, It is impractical for one layman to cover such distances and do timely and proper work; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That the Stewardship Board increase its lay membership by three additional lay members, thereby bringing its total lay membership to eleven; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Circuits 6 and 7; 18 and 19; and 17 and 23 be the new Board Members' areas of responsibility.

The Stewardship Board Of The Texas District

Memorial 5-4-60

Re: Every Member Visit and Sector Plan

WHEREAS, approximately 75% of the Congregations of the Texas District had an Every Member Visit in Stewardship in 1959, of one type or another; and

WHEREAS, Most Congregations which have had an Every Member Visit have experienced considerable increase in their contributions and are grateful for the results; and

WHEREAS, our Synod has repeatedly urged all our Congregations to provide Christ-honoring gifts adequate for all the local needs as well as for the outreach for Christ in all the world; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we again encourage every Congregation in the District to conduct a well-planned and effectively executed Every Member Visit this fall so that all our people will be confronted with the needs of the Kingdom and be encouraged to give proportionately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That Congregations avail themselves of the helps

offered by the District and Circuit Stewardship leaders, the Sector Plan, and the many helpful materials prepared by Synod's Stewardship Department.

The Stewardship Board Of The Texas District

Memorial 5-5-60

Re: All Cabinet Members To Be Voting Delegates To The District Fiscal Conference

WHEREAS, Under the present arrangement the Circuit Counselors and the Circuit Stewardship Representatives are the only ones permitted to vote at the District Fiscal Conference; and,

WHEREAS, Also the Circuit Mission Representatives and Circuit Education Representatives are in attendance at such District Fiscal Conference, and take part in the discussions; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED That the Circuit Mission Representatives and the Circuit Education Representatives be encouraged to take an active part in the discussions of the Fiscal Conference, and hereafter be eligible to vote on all matters presented at such Conference.

The Stewardship Board Of The Texas District

Memorial 5-6-60

WHEREAS, The arrangement of Circuit Cabinets has proven to be a distinct blessing to our Texas District; and

WHEREAS, our Circuit Cabinets provide opportunity for our Pastors, teachers, and laymen to serve the Lord Jesus in a greater measure; and

WHEREAS, This opportunity should also be given to more of our dedicated leaders, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the tenure of office for our Circuit Cabinet members, with the exception of the Circuit Counselors, be limited to two terms of three years.

The Stewardship Board Of The Texas District

Memorial 5-7-60Re: Area Stewardship Representatives

WHEREAS The vacancies in the Parish Ministry (25+ in Texas, 400+ in Synod) dictate a continual and judicious review of our stewardship of manpower originally trained for this Parish Ministry; and

WHEREAS The stewardship life in the vast majority of Texas District Congregations has taken long strides forward; and

WHEREAS This impetus can be expected to advance with the helps from the stewardship office of general Synod; and

WHEREAS A full-time Counselor's office is taking around \$15,000.00 annually from the Lord's Treasury in Texas and we need always to review our stewardship of His treasury; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we thank the present Stewardship Counselor for his consecrated efforts so successful under the Holy Spirit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of full-time Stewardship Counselor be abolished by March 31st, 1961; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the office of an Area Stewardship Representative for each of our four areas in Texas be established, these Representatives to be elected at the 1961 Convention; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED That procedural guidelines for the administration of these Area offices be proposed by the District Stewardship Board and reviewed by the 1960 Fall or 1961 Winter Regional Conferences; these guidelines to be acted on by the 1961 Convention of the Texas District.

Pastoral Conference of Circuit 4
The Reverend Floyd Grothman, Circuit
Counselor

Memorial 6-1-60

Re: Discontinuing Rural Church Life Committee

WHEREAS We recognize the need for a thorough rural church life program, which will assist our rural congregations to achieve a fuller participation and enjoyment of the work of the Church; and

WHEREAS The standing committee on rural church life, despite the efforts of a number of different members of the committee since 1951, has not been able to effect any appreciable change in the work and program of our rural churches; and

WHEREAS We deem it poor economy, both in terms of money expended and man-hours spent, to support a committee that is unable to function because it is quite evidently unwanted by the very people it is designed to serve; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED That the Texas District, in meeting assembled in Austin, Texas, April 18 to 22, 1960, discontinue the standing committee on Rural Church Life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the work of the Rural Church Life Committee be assigned to the present existing departments of Stewardship, Education, Evangelism and Welfare of the Texas District.

The Rural Church Life Committee

Memorial 6-2-60

Re: Lutheran Foundation Of Texas

WHEREAS The Lord of the Church continues to confront His Church with unprecedented opportunities to build the Kingdom, and

WHEREAS He has placed within His Church the means to carry on such a Kingdom building program, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED That the Texas District, Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod,

in Convention assembled, hereby establish the Lutheran Foundation of Texas,
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the Texas District,
Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, be authorized to apply for a Charter under
the laws of the State of Texas, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we implore the blessings of the Almighty
God upon the Foundation, so that it may serve the causes of His Kingdom, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That we commend the Lutheran Foundation of Texas
to our Congregations and their membership, urging them to use the Lutheran
Foundation of Texas in making special gifts available for the work of Christ's
Kingdom.

Board of Directors Subcommittee
Mr. Oswald G. Wolf, Chairman

Memorial 6-3-60

Re: Travel Allowance

WHEREAS, A study, by a committee appointed by your Board of Directors,
revealed that the 7¢ per mile allowance is not sufficient, and

WHEREAS, This Committee recommended that it be increased to 8½¢ per mile,
this to be effective immediately; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the District in Convention ratify this new scale.

Committee Appointed by Board of Directors

Memorial 7-1-60

Re: Circuit Welfare Representatives

WHEREAS, There is insufficient direct contact between the District,
Circuit, and local congregations with respect to social welfare, and

WHEREAS, The functioning of Circuit Cabinets with reference to the work
of missions and evangelism, stewardship, and education has significantly aided

in the supervision, promotion, and transmission of the District and Synodical programs between the various administrative levels of the Church and,

WHEREAS, It would be most efficient to utilize existing administrative procedures of the District to accomplish these goals insofar as social welfare is concerned, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Texas District at its 1960 Convention authorize the adaptation of the Cabinet Circuits so as to include social welfare representation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the structure and organization of the Circuit Cabinets be modified as follows:

1. Membership: Addition of Circuit Welfare Representative - a teacher, pastor, or layman.
2. Term of office:
 - a. The Circuit Welfare Representative to be appointed in 1960 by the District President upon recommendation of the Circuit Counselors for a three year term.
 - b. In 1963, the Circuit Welfare Representatives to be nominated and ratified in the same manner and for the same term of office as for all other Cabinet members.
 - c. In the event that a vacancy in the office should occur, the same procedure shall apply as for other Cabinet representatives in selecting a person for the duration of the term of office.
3. Meetings:
 - a. In addition to their present emphasis, the circuit meetings shall include an emphasis on social welfare parallel to that of District and Synod.
 - b. In addition to other representatives, the congregations will also send the members of their congregational welfare committees to the circuit meetings.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Circuit Welfare Representatives will be appointed as soon after this convention as possible so as to permit their attendance at the 1960 District Leaders' Conference.

District Board of Social Welfare

Memorial 7-2-60

Re: Social Welfare Worker Salary Scale

WHEREAS, It is necessary to establish a salary schedule for the social workers who are to be employed in order to carry out our District's program of Christian social service, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Social Welfare has made an intensive study of salary schedules for social workers within the state of Texas and among the various child care and family agencies of our Synodical Conference affiliation, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Social Welfare after careful consideration believes the following salary schedule to be adequate, equitable, and realistic, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following salary scale become effective July 1, 1960:

SOCIAL WORKER SALARY SCHEDULE AS IT MIGHT RELATE TO THE SUBSIDIZED
CONGREGATION SALARY SCHEDULE OF 2-1-59

Years of Experience	Pastor	Social Worker (MA or MS)	Male Teacher (BA or BS)	Female Teacher (BA or BS)
1	\$320	\$320	\$300	\$285
2	330	330	310	295
3	340	340	320	305
4	360	360	340	325
5	370	370	350	335
6	380	380	360	345
7	390	390	370	355
8	400	400	380	365
9	410	410	390	375
10	420	420	400	385

Comments:

1. Under this salary scale, teacher's with a MA degree receive an additional \$10.00 per month. Since the master's degree for social workers is mandatory and pre-requisite to their work, and since the master's degree in social work involves 2 years of study rather than the usual one for other professions, \$20.00 has been added to the male teacher base pay to arrive at the social worker base pay.
2. It is consistent throughout the profession of social work, both

religious as well as secular, for social workers both sexes to draw identical wages.

3. It is suggested that the housing allowance for social workers be \$100.00 per month, irrespective of marital status or number of dependents. This seems to be realistic in view of the fact that social workers would need to reside in our largest urban centers, where housing costs are the highest.
4. It is further suggested that social workers also receive the basic telephone allowance in the amount of \$5.00 per month, as do all called male servants.
5. It is also suggested that social workers receive the same reimbursement for the business use of their personal car as do the other full-time district workers.
6. The same retirement benefits would pertain as apply to the other full-time workers of the District.
7. Since it is the uniform practice in the profession of social work to receive a single salary rather than salary plus allowances, it is suggested that salary for social workers be defined as wages and allowances. As so defined, the social worker schedule would appear as follows:

<u>Years</u>	<u>Monthly Salary</u>	<u>Yearly Salary</u>
1	\$425	\$5100
2	435	5220
3	445	5340
4	465	5580
5	475	5700
6	485	5820
7	495	5940
8	505	6060
9	515	6180
10	525	6300

Memorial 7-3-60

Re: Financing of Social Welfare Program

WHEREAS, The need for the establishment of certain District social service programs has been established, and

WHEREAS, the 1960 program of the Texas District could not anticipate the financial needs of the Board of Social Welfare beyond those of the office of the Consultant, thus rendering it impossible for the District to directly finance social service programs during the 1960 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, The members of the Texas District have contributed generously to the Social Welfare Fund of the District, primarily in response to the Annual Christmas appeal, and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the members of the Texas District would desire to continue the practice of making contributions to the Social Welfare Fund, and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to create sufficient financial reserves so that necessary social service programs may be placed into operation as soon as is practicable, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Texas District in the 1960 Convention authorize the Board of Social Welfare to continue to conduct an annual Christmas appeal for contributions to the Social Welfare Fund, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the present Social Welfare Fund, as augmented by contributions during 1960 and 1961, be considered as non-budgetary, and be reserved for the establishment of social welfare services in addition to the Social Welfare Consultant's responsibilities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors be authorized to approve disbursements from the Social Welfare Fund.

District Board of Social Welfare

Memorial 7-4-60

Re: Incorporation of Board of Social Welfare

WHEREAS, It will be necessary for the Board of Social Welfare to obtain appropriate licenses from the Department of Public Welfare of the State of Texas in order for the Board to provide such services to our members as the foster home care of children, adoptive services, unwed mother's services, and the like, and

WHEREAS, One of the basic requirements of the licensing laws is that the

sponsoring organization must be legally incorporated, and

WHEREAS, The legal consultant for the Texas District, the Director of the Department of Public Welfare of the State of Texas, and the executive secretaries of the various other church-related social service programs within Texas have unanimously advised that it would be preferable for the Board of Social Welfare to be legally incorporated separately for the provision of Christian social services rather than through the District's charter, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Social Welfare and its consultant unanimously concurs in their recommendation, believing this to be in the best interests of the District' total program, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Texas District at the 1960 Convention authorize the separate legal incorporation of the Board of Social Welfare, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the Texas District assume the responsibility on behalf of the District for the authorization of such appropriate legal incorporation.

District Board of Social Welfare

Memorial 7-5-60

Re: Legal Designation for Corporate Title of Social Welfare Services

WHEREAS, At the present time, and particularly also in the future, the Board of Social Welfare and its Consultant will have numerous and continuing relationships with other social agencies within the state and nation, and

WHEREAS, The present title of our District's agent for Christian social service to wit, "The Board of Social Welfare of the Texas District, Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod," has proved to be rather cumbersome and difficult to use in these necessary inter-agency relationships, and

WHEREAS, A simpler title would greatly facilitate an understanding and identification of our District's social welfare program among persons and

agencies outside of our own Synodical affiliation, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Texas District at its 1960 Convention authorize the Board of Social Welfare to adopt the legal designation for corporate title of Lutheran Social Services of Texas.

District Board of Social Welfare

Memorial 7-6-60

Re: Expression of Gratitude to Wheat Ridge Foundation

WHEREAS, The Wheat Ridge Foundation has provided invaluable counsel to the Board of Social Welfare and its Consultant in evaluating the special welfare needs of the members of the Texas District and in developing a program of Christian Social Service which is designed to meet the needs of highest priority, and

WHEREAS, The Wheat Ridge Foundation has provided substantial financial assistance to the Texas District, assuming the majority of the expenses involved in the office of the Social Welfare Consultant, and

WHEREAS, The Wheat Ridge Foundation has agreed to provide both counsel and financial assistance to the Texas District as described above through June, 1961, and

WHEREAS, Without the assistance of the Wheat Ridge Foundation, the Texas District would not have been able to embark on a program of Christian social service for some time to come, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Texas District at the 1960 Convention express its heartfelt appreciation to the Wheat Ridge Foundation, its Board of Directors, the Executive Secretary, the Social Service Committee, and particularly to the Executive Secretary of the Social Service Committee, for their guidance and assistance, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Texas District encourage its members to

express their gratitude through support of the Annual Wheat Ridge Christmas Seals program.

District Board of Social Welfare

Memorial 7-7-60

Re: Expression of Appreciation to Lutheran Welfare Society

WHEREAS, For many years, the Lutheran Welfare Society of Texas (National Lutheran Council) has graciously and generously provided counsel and assistance to many members of the Texas District in such respect as the placement of adoptive children, unwed mother's services, family counseling, and the like, and

WHEREAS, In years past, these services were particularly meaningful and helpful to the members of our District in that we did not have a social welfare program of our own, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Texas District at its 1960 Convention express its heartfelt appreciation to the Lutheran Welfare Society for the important and helpful services their agency has rendered to our members.

District Board of Social Welfare

Memorial 7-8-60

Re: Expression of Appreciation to Lutheran Children's Friend Society

WHEREAS, For many years the Lutheran Children's Friend Society of Kansas has graciously provided counsel and assistance to many members of the Texas District in such respects as the temporary care of foster children, the placement of adoptive children, unwed mother's services, and the like, and

WHEREAS, In years past, these services were particularly meaningful and helpful to the members of our District in that we did not have a social welfare program of our own, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Texas District express its heartfelt appreci-

ation to the Lutheran Children's Friend Society for the important and helpful services which their agency has rendered to our members.

District Board of Social Welfare

Memorial 7-9-60

Re: Employment of Additional Social Worker

WHEREAS, the report of the Board of Social Welfare confirms the need for certain social welfare services within our District, and

WHEREAS, Additional social service staff is necessary so that these social services may be performed, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Texas District at its 1960 Convention authorize the Board for Social Welfare to employ an additional social worker, such employment to begin on or after October 1, 1960, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That such social worker be established in a regional office in Houston, serving primarily our brethren in Southeast Texas, Coastal Texas, and the Valley, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That our present social worker (Mr. Cross) directly assume the social welfare responsibilities elsewhere in Texas, in addition to supervising and administering the total District social welfare program.

District Board of Social Welfare

Memorial 7-10-60

Re: Committee on World Relief

WHEREAS, Lutheran social welfare is concerned with the social, emotional and physical well-being of needy and troubled people in and for the sake of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and

WHEREAS, Our District is presently expressing this compassionate concern through two Boards, the Board of World Relief and the Board of Social Welfare,

and

WHEREAS, The District is always striving for better administrative coordination among all related activities and projects, of the District, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Texas District in its 1960 Convention shall direct the Board of Social Welfare to establish a standing Committee on World Relief which will assume the responsibilities of the present Board for World Relief, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Committee on World Relief shall consist of one (1) member of the Board of Social Welfare as chairman, plus such other persons as will be necessary to carry out the committee's purposes.

District Board of Social Welfare

Memorial 8-1-60

Re: Expanding Scope of District Recruitment for Full-Time Workers

WHEREAS, The emphasis of the District Recruitment program is now limited almost exclusively to prospective students for the teaching and preaching ministries, and

WHEREAS, The work of the congregation is becoming broader and more complex, increasing the need for diversified, trained talent other than the preaching, teaching ministries, and

WHEREAS, There are other full-time careers in the church open to our youth, complimenting the ministry in various helpful ways, and

WHEREAS, there are young people within our membership who are talented and desirous of obtaining full-time professional careers in the church, but not primarily as a pastor or teacher, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Recruitment Committee expand its scope of promotion to include all full-time church vocations now extant in our Synod (i.e.

pastor, teacher, youth director, social worker, deaconess, and medical missions), and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that local congregations include the aforementioned church vocations in their scholarship fund provisions and other recruitment promotion in the parish.

Board of Parish Education

Memorial 10-1-60

Re: Sending of Congregational Publications to Archives Committee

WHEREAS, The Scriptures continually admonish us to remember God's kindnesses and blessings in days of old; and

WHEREAS, The Texas District has established a permanent Archives Committee to collect historical documents and materials, and

WHEREAS, Valuable historical material has slipped through our fingers in the past, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That all Pastors of the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church - Texas District, be asked to send a copy of all congregational publications to the Archives Committee, 3400 East Avenue, Austin, Texas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That "all congregational publications" be defined as church papers, installations, dedications, anniversaries, news clippings, and pictures.

Archives Committee

Memorial 10-2-60

Re: Rules Governing Use of the Archives

WHEREAS, The Texas District Archives is in its infancy, and

WHEREAS, Many of the documents are very fragile and must be handled with utmost care; and

WHEREAS, The materials are not yet in usable form and order, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following rules govern the use of the Archives

1. The members of the Archives Committee, The District President and the four Vice-Presidents shall have access to the Archives.
2. Permission to use the Archives shall be granted only by the Archives Committee.
3. Students of Concordia College wishing to be admitted to the Archives must be granted permission by the President of Concordia, who will then refer his request to the Archives Committee.

Archives Committee

Memorial 11-1-60

Re: Greater Practice of the Priesthood of Believers

WHEREAS, There exists a need to put into greater practice the priesthood of believers, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That earnest consideration be given by every congregation in our District to the following, if it is not already being done:

1. Lay reading service at least once a year, using a sermon prepared by the pastor, in keeping with pertinent parts of the Report of the District Board of Directors on Irregular Preaching, with special reference to wearing pastoral robes, using the pulpit, etc., which cautions against such procedure for others than Pastors, bona fide candidates, emeritus, theological students;
2. That the pastor be given communion at stated intervals by the chairman, head elder, or some other person designated by the voter's assembly of the congregation;
3. That the congregation have a Reading, Teaching, Preaching program in which the portion, or portions, of the Bible which form the background for the Sunday morning Bible class and the sermon, be assigned in advance, so the congregation can ask questions on the basis of its reading during the week.

Messiah Lutheran Church, San Antonio
The Reverend Edwin T. Brown, Pastor

Memorial 11-2-60Re: Utilities for Parsonages

WHEREAS, The instructions and the practices followed by all subsidized congregations in the Texas District in regard to housing for the minister of the congregation is as follows:

1. The congregation furnishes a home for the minister;
2. The congregation furnishes a telephone for the minister in his home;
3. The minister must pay his own utilities, i.e., heat, light, and water from his salary.

and,

WHEREAS, It is found that it would be advantageous for the congregations to furnish in addition to housing and telephone, the other necessary utilities for the home, the reasons being as follows:

1. A minister on the average spends approximately \$25.00 per month for utilities (\$300 per year) on which the average minister must pay approximately \$60.00 income taxes.
2. The Internal Revenue Code (IRS 107(1)1954) states that if a minister is furnished a residence, and good authorities as well as actual cases hold that furnishing a residence includes utilities, the fair market value of such residence furnished, which includes utilities will be excluded from the gross income of the minister. Therefore, if the congregations furnish the utilities, the income tax burden to the minister would be reduced approximately \$60 per year.

and,

WHEREAS, It is found that generally a minister is expected to use air conditioners, etc., etc., in his home, when they are available for use, since quite often the parsonage is the setting for church affairs, counseling, etc., especially in new congregations. Peak utility costs during the summer months generally far exceed the average of \$25 per month. Also, many times a portion of the parsonage is used for the church office; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Texas District instruct the Mission Board to

make an equitable adjustment in the salaries of Pastors and Teachers in subsidized congregations, and instruct the Board of Directors of the Texas District to make an equitable adjustment in the salaries of full-time Pastors and Teachers employed by the Texas District, for the portion of salaries used to pay for their utilities and that in the future (as soon as it is administratively possible) all utilities for the Pastor s and Teacher's residence will be furnished by the congregation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all self-sustaining congregations give consideration to adopting the same policy in order that their own Pastors and Teachers may gain thereby.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Dallas, Texas

Alternate

WHEREAS, The instructions and practices in all subsidized congregations of the Texas District in regard to housing for the minister is as follows:

1. The minister is furnished a residence;
2. The minister is furnished a telephone in the home;
3. The minister must pay for utilities, that is heat, light and water from his salary.

and,

WHEREAS, A recent clarification by the Internal Revenue Service (Rev. Rul. 59-350, IRB 1959 - 43.8) states as follows:

"A minister of the gospel who is provided a home rent-free by a church or other qualified organization, as part of his compensation, but pays for his utilities, may not deduct the cost of his utilities. If, however, under the foregoing circumstances, an amount of his compensation 'is designated allowance' to cover the cost of his utilities, he may exclude from his gross income not only the rental value of the home, but also the amount of the 'rental allowance' to the extent used by him to pay for his utilities. The minister himself cannot set aside and designate a part of his salary as a 'rental allowance' and be eligible to exclude such amount from his gross income. The exclusion permitted may be made retroactive to the recipient's first full taxable year beginning in 1954, if the 'rental allowance' has been so

designated pursuant to official action taken prior to January 1, 1958, by the employing church or other qualifying organization."

therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Texas District instruct the Mission Board to reduce the salary scale of ministers and teachers in all subsidized congregations by \$40.00 per month and in turn pay the minister or teacher a \$40.00 (\$40.00 is used in order that the amount is large enough to cover peak summer months when air conditioners are used) per month utility allowance, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Texas District instruct the Board of Directors to make similar changes in the salary and utility allowance for full-time District Ministers and Teachers.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Dallas, Texas

Memorial 11-3-60

Re: Circuit Leaders Conferences

WHEREAS, the scope of the Circuit Cabinets is being enlarged by the addition of the department of social welfare; and

WHEREAS, during the past trienium, experience with the number of circuit meetings and the work of the cabinets has indicated need for the clarification of these items; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That two Circuit Leaders Conferences be conducted by the Cabinets each year; one in the spring and one in the fall; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That these meetings follow the following schedule of emphases:

A. Spring Meeting -

Plenary Session (All in attendance) Emphasis: Christian Education
and Social Welfare

Sectional Meetings: Stewardship, Evangelism, Education, Social Welfare

B. Fall Meeting -

Plenary Session (All in attendance) Emphasis: Stewardship and Evangelism

Sectional Meetings: Stewardship, Evangelism, Education and Social Welfare

Board of Parish Education

Memorial 14-1-60

Re: Pastors' Regional Fall Conferences

WHEREAS, The Pastors-Teachers Regional Winter Conferences, the Triennial State Pastors-Teachers Conferences, and the State Teachers' Conferences are required to submit the minutes and essays, or a reasonably comprehensive summary of the essays to a committee appointed by the District President for examination and a report to the District, and

WHEREAS, The Synodical Handbook under point 4.101 reads:

"Every District of Synod shall arrange conferences for its pastors. Four weeks prior to the Convention of the District the minutes and essays, or a reasonably comprehensive summary of the essays, of such pastoral conferences shall be submitted to a committee appointed by the District President for examination and a report to the District,"

and

WHEREAS, Up till now, the Pastors' Regional Fall Conferences have not been required to submit the minutes and essays to the Review Committee appointed by the District President, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the delegates to this convention act in conformity with the Synodical Handbook, point 4.101, and require the Pastors' Regional Fall Conferences to submit the minutes and essays to the Review Committee, and that the Pastors' Regional Fall Conferences be henceforth declared "Official Conferences," and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, for the sake of clarity, the above mentioned Pastors-Teachers Regional Winter Conferences, the Triennial State Pastors-

Teachers Conferences, and the State Teachers' Conferences be declared "Official Conferences," and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, because the declaring the Pastors' Regional Fall Conferences as "Official Conferences" very greatly enlarges the work of the Review Committee, that the District President appoint a Review Committee not only to serve for one year, but a Review Committee to serve between electoral District Conventions, which committee would also function as the floor committee at the District Conventions.

Review Committee of the Texas District
The Reverend Walter Streicher, Chairman

Memorial 14-2-60

Re: Conferences and Conventions

WHEREAS, The Synodical Handbook in paragraphs 4.101, 4.103, and 4.105 give direction to Districts of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod concerning official District conventions of pastors and teachers, and

WHEREAS, There appears to be considerable difference of opinion and some misunderstanding as to which Pastors and Teachers Conferences in the Texas District are official conferences, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Annual Fall Pastors Regional Conference, Annual Summer State Teachers Conference, Annual Winter Joint Pastors and Teachers Regional Conference, and Triennial Joint Pastors and Teachers All State Conference be the official conferences of the Texas District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all conference essays and official minutes of an official conference be submitted regularly to the District Review Committee.

Board of Directors

Memorial 16-1-60

Re: Dr. Scharlemann's Essay

WHEREAS, In the letter sent to all the clergy of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod by Dr. A. O. Fuerbringer on February 11, 1960, Dr. Scharlemann indirectly rejected the doctrine of the inerrancy of Scripture in the words:

"In this modern sense it (inerrancy) is, therefore, not synonymous with the Biblical concept of truth, which at times shows a strange indifference to precision of fact,"

and,

WHEREAS, This was an official letter sent by the President of our St. Louis Seminary and as such must be construed as representing faculty approval and conviction, thus placing the faculty on record as rejecting the inerrancy of Scripture; and

WHEREAS, Rejection of inerrancy of the Bible is contrary to the claims of Scripture itself (Dr. Scharlemann's "Biblical concept of truth" is not Biblical, but stems from contemporary theology), contrary to our confessional writings, contrary to our confessional standard, contrary to Synod's 1959 resolution on the Brief Statement, contrary to what has always been taught and believed by our people; and

WHEREAS, Our Synod cannot long endure if it permits this attack upon the very foundations of our faith to stand; and

WHEREAS, If we lose the Scriptures we lose our purpose of existence as Christians and as a religious body; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That our District through its officials repudiate PUBLICLY this attack upon the Holy Scriptures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That our District officials be directed to protest vehemently to responsible officials against such blasphemous propaganda by any professor or faculty in Synod; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That our District through its officials do every-

thing within its power to have professors and officials who reject the inerrancy of Scripture removed from the faculties of our schools and from synodical office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That our District officials do everything within their power to protect our District from infiltration by modernism and liberalism; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That we all prostrate ourselves before the mercy seat of God and humbly beseech Him to preserve unto us pure doctrine and practice for the sake of His beloved Son, Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen;

The Reverend Francis Machina

Memorial 16-2-60

Re: Discussion on Doctrinal Matters

WHEREAS, The Texas District - The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, shall hold its Convention in Austin, Texas, April 18-22, 1960, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Texas District of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod memorialize the 1962 Convention of Synod to discuss all doctrinal matters early in the Convention; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That no doctrinal matters be left for the last days, or hours, of said Convention; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That ample time be devoted to doctrinal matters.

The Reverend Francis Machina

Memorial 16-3-60

Re: Brief Statement

WHEREAS, The Texas District - The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, shall hold its Convention in Austin, Texas, April 18-22, 1960, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Texas District of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod memorialize the 1962 Convention of Synod to the effect that Synod require

subscription to the Brief Statement of all candidates (nominees) for office, of all officials of Synod, of all professors at synodical schools, of all pastors, teachers and congregations of Synod; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That those refusing to subscribe be no longer considered as members of Synod; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That those subscribing, but not honoring that subscription, and persisting in their error, be expelled from membership in Synod.

The Reverend Francis Machina

Memorial 17-1-60

(See Tabled Resolution on Full-Time Presidency under Other Boards in this Handbook.)

Memorial 17-2-60

Re: Full-Time Presidency and Survey of District Organization

WHEREAS, The duties of the District President as outlined in the Synodical Handbook include a demanding responsibility of supervision in many areas of church activity, and

WHEREAS, A full-time District President would provide the following decided advantages:

1. Opportunity for more personal acquaintance with District officials and board members, and with the pastor, teacher, and the congregational characteristics, problems and needs, to a much greater degree than now possible, thus making accessible more accurate and complete information and a fuller background on which to base suggested lists of pastor and teacher candidates to calling congregations, and
2. Provide the District President the opportunity, through the Vice-Presidents and the Visitors, by wise counsel, to aid in fostering the harmonious relationships within congregations and between congregations and pastors, or in other areas of personal relationships, and
3. Contribute to greater efficiency in operations
4. More personal attention to formulation of policies within the Board of Directors

5. Better coordination of the work of all departments, boards and committees,
6. Special assistance during crucial periods in operations of various programs, and
7. The full-time District President would be given no additional authority, and would continue in the use of personal persuasion as his only means of exercising authority other than granted him by the Synodical Handbook, making no greater the danger of centralization of power than presently at his command,

and

WHEREAS, A full-time District President, by regulation of the Synodical Handbook, would also be subject to election every three years, making possible his replacement according to the wishes of the District assembled in convention, and

WHEREAS, The efficiency of the office of the president might be greatly improved by the selection of an assistant to the president (layman, teacher, pastor) chosen by him and approved by the Board of Directors, and

WHEREAS, The creation of such position, assistant to the president, might result in the combining of offices now existing in the District organization, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Texas District authorize the election of a full-time District President, who will reside and have his office in Austin, Texas, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this full-time District President be elected in accord with the Synodical Handbook procedure, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors be instructed to appoint a standing committee, containing a majority of laymen, to make a proper survey and analysis of the District organization as to the full-time offices required to efficiently and effectively carry out the work of the Texas District, keeping in mind the combining of District offices and re-assigning of duties to the president's office and that of an assistant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That such study of organization recognize the needs in various areas of District work, keeping in mind an economic administration and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the salaries and expenses for these two offices be fixed by the District Board of Directors, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the full-time District President shall not be in charge of a congregation, or hold a chair at any educational institution, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the full-time District Presidency become effective with the District Convention of 1960 and the study of District organization be started as soon after this convention as possible.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas
Mr. Wilbur Frederking, President of the
Congregation