

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love" Ephesians 4:2.



Professor Victor J. Weyland

"Portrait of a Patient Shepherd"

by

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PROLOGUE

I met Professor Victor Weyland in 1970, while I was a student at Northwestern Lutheran Academy in Mobridge, South Dakota. During my freshman year my only exposure to him was our brief encounters in the library, and in a library use class. I didn't know quite what to think of him then. He was not a dynamic lecturer, but he had a quick wit and an uncanny ability to know the exact moment that my attention span had come to an end (this was probably somewhat predictable since the only thing that held my attention for longer than thirty seconds was football; girls didn't become a distraction until my sophomore year).

It was not until my sophomore year that I discovered what an interesting teacher he was. I was a "less-than-motivated" (read "asleep") student most of the time, but Professor Weyland got my attention in history class. I suppose what made his class so attractive to me was his obvious love of history. That love was contagious. I am indebted to this man for my love of history. He made it live for me, but he also taught me that God has important lessons for us in history: lessons about sin and grace, wisdom and folly, knowledge and ignorance.

Professor Weyland is also one of those people that God used to influence me to study for the ministry. His joy in doing God's work, his quiet confidence, and his wonderful patience taught me that working in the Lord's vineyard is a treasured privilege. God has given so many faithful workers to His Church, and I am thankful that He put this patient shepherd into the Church at a time when he could touch my life.

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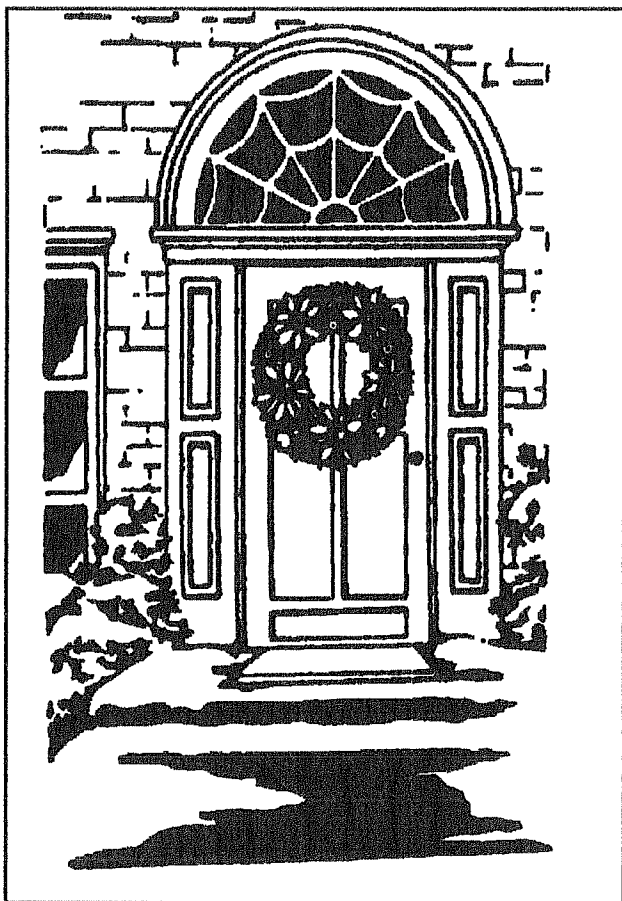
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BACKGROUND



Victor Weyland was born on October 2, 1914, in Crandon, Wisconsin, to Ferdinand and Helen Weyland. Ferdinand C. Weyland had trained to be a Lutheran pastor, and was serving his first congregation in Crandon. At the time his son, Victor, was born he was serving twenty preaching stations from Crandon. He usually visited each station once each month. Pastor Weyland's later calls included Green Bay, Winchester, and Readfield, all in Wisconsin. His last call took him to Pelican Lake, Wisconsin, in the northern country he loved so much. He and his wife,

Helen, are buried in the cemetery at Winchester, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Helen Weyland was born Helen Oppenheimer to Jewish parents in Alsace-Lorraine, Germany. She met Ferdinand while on a ship bound for America. Ferdinand had been given permission to study in Germany for a year, and was on his way home. Helen had planned to marry a Jewish lawyer in the states, but the Lord apparently had other plans for her. She became a Christian, a Christian pastor's wife, and the mother of four Christians: Reverend Ferdinand R. Weyland, Dr. Rudolph Weyland, Pastor Victor Weyland, and Mrs. Helen (Norman) Koerwitz.

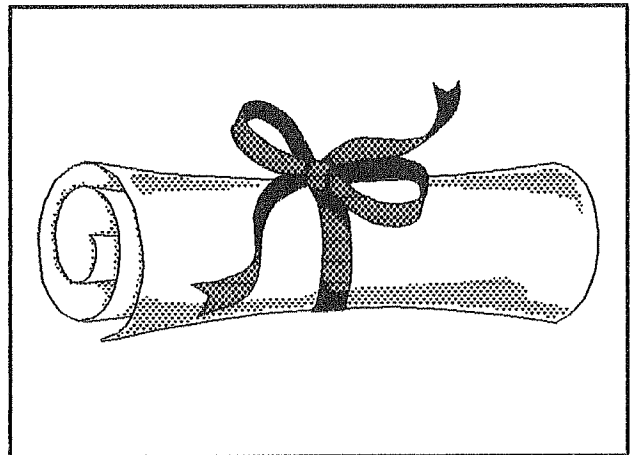
One of Mrs. Weyland's sisters came to America, became a nurse,

and settled in Milwaukee. Their brother, Willie Oppenheimer, also came to America with his wife and son, and they settled in Texas. At the time Willie Oppenheimer brought his family to America they were not allowed to take money out of Germany, so Mrs. Oppenheimer hid coins baked inside cookies and told the inspectors that she had baked them for her "American relatives." Somehow she managed to get them past inspection.

God placed Victor Weyland into this colorful family to shape him and mold him for his future work. His father was a dedicated and hardworking Seelsorger (one who cares for souls, a pastor). His mother was a relatively new Christian. I don't know many details about Helen Weyland, but if she was like so many adult converts that I have known, she must have communicated a great deal of joy to her children as she passed on her faith to them. This was one of Victor's traits, one I am sure was fostered in his home.

EDUCATION

By the time Victor reached school age his father was serving Zion Lutheran Church in Readfield, Wisconsin. Victor attended the public elementary school in nearby Larsen, Wisconsin, and he completed the eighth grade in 1929. During the height of the Great Depression Victor followed his sister, Helen, to



Martin Luther Academy in New Ulm, Minnesota. He enrolled in the pastor's course along with six other boys. He proved to be a good student and a good singer. He sang second bass in the choir, and received very good voice training at Martin Luther Academy. Victor graduated from MLA in 1933.

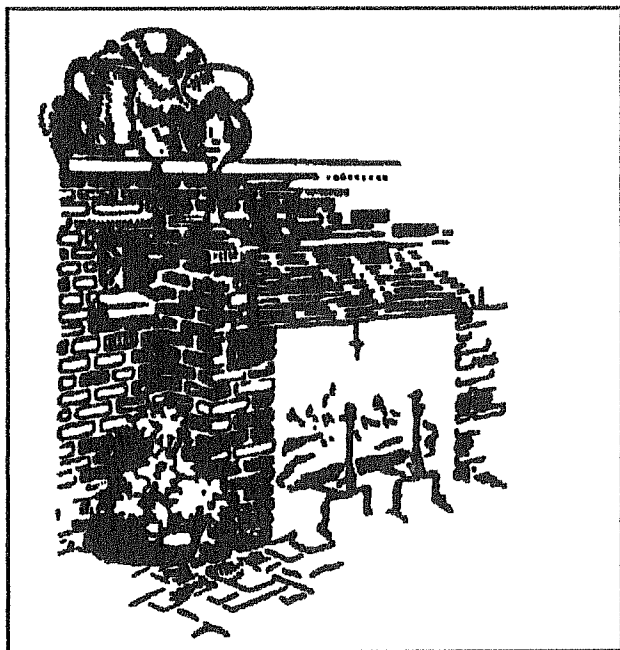
From 1933 to 1937, Victor attended Northwestern College in Watertown, Wisconsin. He remained a very good student, and was especially talented in German. He was not an athlete, but he did participate in extra-curricular activities. During his senior year he served on the staff of the school magazine, "The Black and Red." He also used his bass voice in an octet directed by a fellow student. Victor graduated in 1937, and moved on to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. During the years that Victor attended the seminary there was no vicar program, so he completed his studies in three years, and graduated in 1940.

Later in his ministry Victor, now Pastor Weyland, completed some post-graduate studies. He attended the University of Minnesota for one summer. For the next three summers he attended the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. In 1965, he received his Master of Arts in History with a minor in German from the University of South Dakota. His thesis was entitled: "An Analysis of Luther's Views on Education - Medieval or Modern?" His thesis, as well as his written and oral exams, received excellent ratings from his professors. Pastor Weyland also studied Library Science for one year at Aberdeen State College in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

FAMILY

In May of 1940, Victor Weyland graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. On August 30, 1940, he was united in marriage with Olivia Pape at First German Lutheran Church in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Olivia was one of twelve children born to Arthur F. and Clara (nee Toepel) Pape. At the time of this writing (April 1994), Olivia's four brothers are deceased, and she and her seven sisters are all living. Olivia Weyland graduated from Kahler School of Nursing, and eventually became the head nurse at Mobridge Community Hospital in Mobridge, South Dakota. During

Pastor Weyland's ministry at Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School, Mrs. Weyland worked along side her husband in the library. She continued to serve in the library for eight years after Pastor Weyland was called home to heaven. During her years at Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School she became very close to many of the students. She was known for her patience and her positive contribution to the ministry of MVL.



The Weyland's were blessed with four children: three daughters, Barbara, Judith, and Margaret Anne; and one son, Victor. Barbara is a graduate of Northwestern Lutheran Academy and Doctor Martin Luther College. She is married to Pastor Dan Hennig, and she teaches at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran School in La Mesa, California. Judith is a graduate of Northwestern Lutheran Academy and Lutheran Hospital of Milwaukee. She is married to Pastor John Hennig, and they live in Seattle, Washington. Margaret Ann is a graduate of Northwestern Lutheran Academy and is married to Craig Hoffman. They own and operate a business in Medford, Oregon. Victor is a graduate of Northwestern Lutheran Academy, and he owns a business in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Although money was usually scarce the Weyland family managed to purchase a tent and camping supplies. Devil's Lake, Wisconsin, became a favorite campground for the family. As the years went by the Weyland family travelled to many scenic areas of the

country including Yellowstone National Park, and the Grand Tetons. After the children grew and established homes of their own, Pastor and Mrs. Weyland often travelled west to visit their children. On many of Pastor and Mrs. Weyland's trips they stopped to visit present and past Northwestern Lutheran Academy students to encourage them in their search for Christian education.

Victor Weyland is remembered by his children as a patient and involved father. One of his daughters told me about the time that Pastor Weyland took her and her brother fishing on a river near Collins, Wisconsin. She said that she was just learning to fish and managed to get her hook caught in her brother's cheek. Her father didn't panic or become angry; he just calmly handled the situation (I'm not sure how her brother handled the event). She also remembers her father for his love of literature and history, and she attributes her own love of history to the example that her father set.

Many of the people I interviewed, including Pastor Weyland's children, spoke of the love and concern Pastor Weyland showed for his students. He had a keen sense of which students would respond to love and concern and which students would probably do better in a different setting. He was willing to put his own reputation on the line for students he felt could make it. One of Pastor Weyland's daughters told me this touching story (I have purposely left out names - the family knows who I mean): One particularly troubled student came from a dysfunctional family, and had been sent to Northwestern Lutheran Academy because of problems at home. His mother had been married six times and his step-father was abusive. This young man found a gentle father image in Pastor Weyland. The two of them spent many hours talking in Pastor Weyland's office adjacent to the library, and the bond between them began to grow. Pastor Weyland showed his love for this young man as well as concern for his soul. This

boy received his first and only hymnal with his name on it as a gift from Pastor Weyland. I know that hymnal is still his treasured possession. But this young man's problems were not cured by his time at Northwestern. He was caught doing things he shouldn't have been involved in, and some members of the faculty made immediate moves to expel him. Pastor Weyland fought every inch of the way for this young man that he believed in, but the boy was eventually asked to leave. That was tearful good-bye - for the young man and for Pastor Weyland - but it is not the end of the story! Pastor Weyland had introduced this young man to the Lord through the Scriptures; he had shown him Christian love and concern. This student grew to be an active member of God's kingdom, and a loving husband. Today he is a successful businessman that the Weyland family continues to treasure.

Another of Pastor Weyland's daughters told me a story from her college days. One of her friends had taken her car and had an accident. Pastor Weyland's daughter was afraid to tell her dad what had happened, but she had no choice. Pastor Weyland drove to her college and took care of the problem. Then he took his daughter to lunch and told her about the accidents her siblings had as teenagers. She told me, "He just acted like, 'Well, it comes with the territory.' Never once did he get angry about the accident. I'll never forget it!" This was typical of a father who always showed interest in what his children did and supported them. He was not a permissive father (he trained his children according to the nurture and admonition of the Lord), but he was a man who knew when a gentle hand was as effective as a stern rebuke.

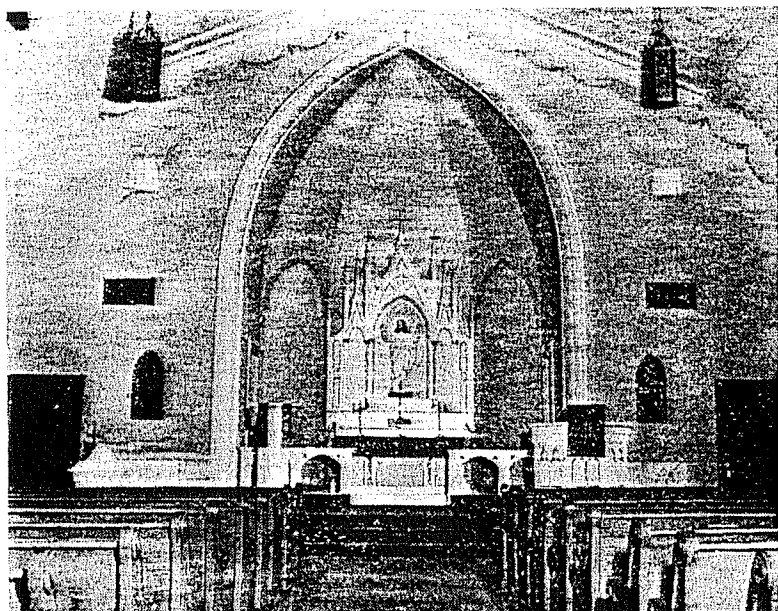
CAREER

Victor Weyland graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in May, 1940. Calls were very scarce during that time, and students

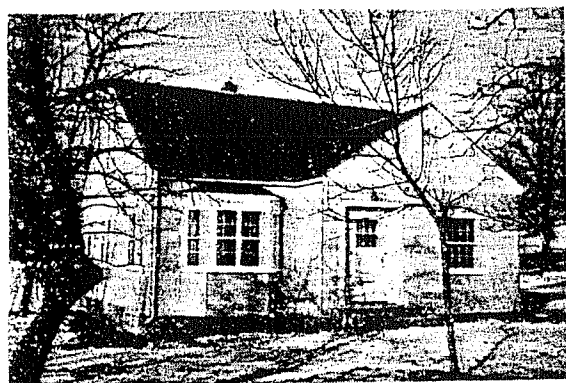
never knew exactly when the Lord's call into the parish ministry might come. In the summer of 1940, Victor was asked to preach for a Mission festival service at Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bonduel, Wisconsin, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Town



Angelica, Wisconsin, a dual parish. These were two churches in search of a replacement for their pastor, Pastor A. Haberman, who had announced his retirement on January 21, 1940. Pastor Haberman had originally intended to retire in April. Here is the rest of the story in Mrs. Weyland's words: 'While the congregation was deciding whom to call, Rev. Weyland came to preach at the mission festival. "The congregation said, "Why don't we call the young man who preached for our Mission Festival?" So it was. He received the call.' Pastor Weyland was installed as pastor of the two congregations on September 22, 1940.



REDECORATED CHURCH
1948



PRESENT PARSONAGE
1941

Pastor Weyland had a profound effect upon these congregations during the 7+ years that he served them. He baptized forty-six people, confirmed thirty-three, performed fourteen marriages and twenty-one funerals. During his ministry the congregation formally adopted the English version of the constitution (May 17, 1942). The Lord certainly blessed his ministry, and God blessed the people of Bonduel and Town Angelica through this faithful servant. One of the most significant events of Pastor Weyland's ministry for the Wisconsin Synod was encouraging the congregations to join the synod. For many years the two churches had been served by Wisconsin Synod pastors, but it had remained an independent Lutheran church. Then, in January, 1946, the congregation decided formally to seek membership in the Joint Synod of Wisconsin, which had served them faithfully with pastors for so many years and whose work they had freely supported ("Seventy-Five Years" 14). On May 5, 1948, Pastor Weyland left Bonduel since he had accepted a call to St. Peter's Church of Collins, Wisconsin.

Pastor Weyland's second call was to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Town of Collins, near Chilton, Wisconsin. He served this congregation from 1948 to 1957. Pastor Weyland was firmly committed to Christian education, and was instrumental in starting a Lutheran elementary school in the congregation. That commitment to Christian education would become the hallmark of Pastor Weyland's ministry for the rest of his life.

On January 30, 1957, Pastor Weyland was installed as a professor at Northwestern Lutheran Academy in Mobridge, South Dakota. Professor Weyland taught Religion, German, History, and a library use class for the freshmen. At one time Northwestern offered a government class which Professor Weyland also taught. He was a staunch Republican which was not an extremely popular position in the farming communities of South Dakota. His positions did stimulate lively debate in his classes, and he introduced his

students to a broader perspective on national politics. Professor Daniel Malchow, President of Northwestern Lutheran Academy from 1968 to 1979, recalls Professor Weyland's political leanings with a story from the morning after Jimmy Carter, a Democrat, was elected as President of the United States: 'That morning he walked into the faculty meeting and said, "Fellows, hang on to your wallets!"'

Professor Weyland, though a quiet and gentle man, had a significant impact on his students. Although he was a gentle man, he kept his classes in order with his sarcasm, a trait I remember well. I remember that he occasionally offered an unruly student the opportunity to teach the class, i.e., to trade places with him. Most students just swallowed hard and vowed never to get themselves into that predicament again. However, one of my classmates took him up on the offer. This classmate of mine was a very intelligent young man, and did a fair job of presenting the material. Professor Weyland listened intently, and then made the remark, "Well done, Mr. _____, now if you can listen as well as you speak you may get somewhere." After witnessing that I was careful about my behavior in Professor Weyland's class.

Professor Weyland was genuinely interested in his students and their families. He met them all since he was in charge of the book store as well as the library. He often took the time for conversation with students in his office. I remember that some of the upperclassmen would regularly drop by Professor Weyland's office for a chat, especially if they needed some pastoral advice. In 1965, the students and faculty recognized Professor Weyland by dedicating "The Wildcat" (Northwestern Lutheran Academy yearbook) to him. The dedication read:

"We, the Wildcat staff, wish to dedicate this 1965 edition of The Wildcat to Professor V.J. Weyland, who is now in his twenty-fifth year in the ministry. He has served as a professor at our Academy for the last

eight of these years. May the Lord richly bless him, so that he may serve the Lord for many more years" (The Wildcat, 1965).

Northwestern Lutheran Academy closed its doors in 1979, and Professor Weyland accepted a call to Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School in New Ulm, Minnesota. Professor Weyland became the third instructor called to the original faculty of MVL. When Professor Weyland received the call, Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School was meeting in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Ulm. Pastor Lloyd Hahnke of St. Paul's had been helping out by teaching German. He remarked to me that he was greatly relieved that Professor Weyland was coming on board to assume those duties. Professor Weyland also taught Latin, Religion and History, and he was in charge of the library.

Soon after Professor Weyland joined the faculty new buildings were dedicated. Professor Weyland was concerned that not much room had been allotted for the library; there was a dearth of equipment, and there few books. What he did not know was that President Jerome Birkholz, and the staff of Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School had a surprise in store for him. They had arranged to get the library counter, chair, and dictionary stand from the Northwestern Lutheran Academy library when that school closed. Since there was no room for these things in the original facilities of Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School, they had been put into storage. Once the new facilities were available, the MVL staff worked secretly to place all these items in the library before Professor Weyland could inspect the facility. The staff was also able to get their hands on many books, and put all these items into the library prior to the dedication. You can imagine Professor Weyland's surprise and delight when he saw his familiar equipment! He was now very much at home.

Teacher, Mr. Jerome Birkholz, the former president of Minnesota

Valley Lutheran High School, told me that Professor Weyland continued to influence his students for the good of God's kingdom. He spoke often of the joys of the ministry, and his own attitude spoke volumes about the rich blessings God pours out upon His servants. Professor Weyland influenced many students to become teachers and pastors. In fact, the percentage of students entering the ministry occasionally exceeded that of our prep schools! This is a good lesson for all of us: our living testimony can have a tremendously positive impact on those whose lives we touch. It has been rightly said, 'Your life may be the only Gospel some people may get to read.'

Professor Weyland's talents and influences were also recognized by the faculty and students of Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School. In an article written just after Professor Weyland's death, he was remembered for his service: "Of all the accolades which may be appropriate in describing Professor Weyland's 'mark' on this world as a husband, a father, and a church worker for forty-one years, perhaps the most significant for MVL is the quiet and kindly manner he perpetuated in all the lives he touched. Especially by example he taught respect and the importance of doing what we can in the Lord's service." Professor Weyland's call to Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School ended with his call to enter into the eternal glory of his Lord on December 21, 1981.

No discussion of Pastor/Professor Weyland's career would be complete without a few notes on his service to our synod during the difficult days of the late 1950's and early 1960's. During this time Professor Weyland was asked to serve on "Floor Committee 2. Church Union Matters" at the thirty-sixth convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. He became the secretary of this important committee which was asked to make recommendations on the disposition of our relationship with the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and the Synodical Conference.

The convention was held at Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 8 to 17, 1961.

Here is short summary of the resolutions proposed by Floor Committee 2 to the convention (for a more detailed report refer to the appendices, Proceedings of the Thirty-Sixth Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, 198):

1. to suspend fellowship with the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod on the basis of Romans 16:17,18. "Suspend" was defined as having all the finality of termination during the duration of the suspension, but continues the hope that conditions might someday warrant the reestablishment of fellowship;

2. to resume discussions with the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod outside the framework of fellowship;

3. that the Committee was not passing judgment on the personal faith of any individual Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod member, but rather giving the strong admonition required by love;

These resolutions were accepted by the convention, and were passed by a vote of 124 assents to 49 dissenting votes.

Professor Weyland also served as secretary to Floor Committee 2. Church Union Matters at the Special Synod Convention held at Doctor Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota, from November 7 to 9, 1962. At this special convention Floor Committee 2 was directed to draw up recommendations concerning the synod's future attitude toward the Synodical Conference and the work carried on by it. The directive states:

It is a known and admitted fact that two synods of the Synodical Conference are no longer in fellowship with a third synod of the conference. The premises upon which the Conference was founded and upon which it functioned

in the past no longer exist. Hence the purposes of the Conference as stated in its constitution can no longer be carried out" (Proceedings of the Special Synod Convention 12).

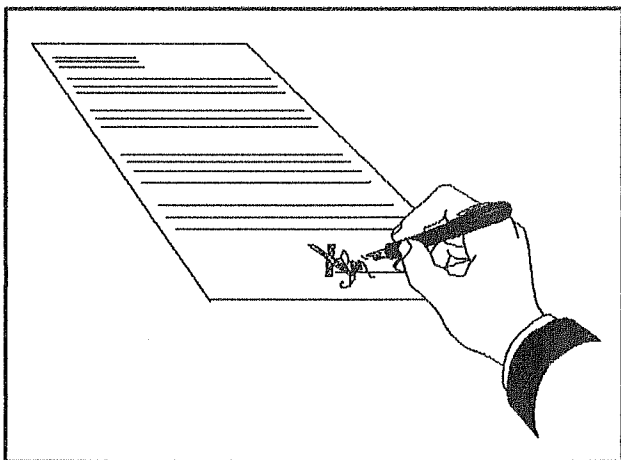
Some of the Committee's resolutions were as follows:

1. that we memorialize the Synodical Conference at its meeting in Chicago (November 13-15, 1962), to take steps toward an orderly dissolution of the Conference;
2. that we establish a dissolution committee;
3. that this dissolution committee be responsible for preparing recommendations regarding the disposition of joint mission work carried on by the Conference.

The report was adopted by the Special Synod Convention.

I offer these insights into Professor Weyland's work during these troubled times not to reopen old wounds, but to thank God that we had people who were reasonable, compassionate, and genuinely orthodox Christians who helped to make these momentous decisions. The evangelical nature of these recommendations bears the mark of Professor Weyland's mission of love for God and His people. The difficult conclusions bear Professor Weyland's mark also: the mark of Christian who holds to the truth and purity of God's Word. The conclusions were inevitable; WELS and LCMS were no longer in fellowship. The Committee only reaffirmed what had become obvious. I also do not mean to pass judgment on those who dissented from the committee's and the synod's decisions. They also were dedicated Christian men trying to serve the Lord in all sincerity. I will not attempt to sort out all the issues of the WELS break with Missouri here; my mission is to point out that Professor Weyland continued to serve his Lord in this situation, too.

WRITINGS



Professor Weyland wrote many sermons, papers, and theses during his ministry. I have been able to collect two of these as representative samples of his personality, his faith, and his style. In 1964, while at Northwestern Lutheran Academy, he wrote the paper, "The History of the Controversy Between Wisconsin and Missouri on the Doctrine of the Church." This was presented to the Dakota-Montana pastoral conference held at Mobridge, South Dakota, from March 31 to April 2, 1964. His opening paragraph is a good summary of his work on Floor Committee 2 and its motives:

The suspension of fellowship between our Synod and that of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod is now a matter of history. Consequently, on the surface it may seem like an unnecessary gesture and wasted effort to, as it were, "unbury" the hatchet and at this late date to refresh our memories with matters that now lie in the past. Such convenient reasoning would, however, be a denial of the spirit of "The Resolutions on Church Union Matters adopted by the 36th Biennial Convention of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod" In our Introductory Statement to these resolutions we said: "In fear and love toward God, with a deep sense of the awesome responsibility resting upon us, with concern for the souls bought with blood of God's own Son and already given or yet to be given into our care, with a like concern for the spiritual health and welfare of our sister synod, the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, in the attitude of men who each Sunday publicly implore their God and Savior 'Increase ... in us true obedience

to Thy Word,' with hearts from which we have sought to banish the legalism which delights in sitting in judgment on others" (The History of the Controversy 1).

Thus, Floor Committee 2 was acting in the spirit of love and duty toward a Christian brother when it made its recommendations to suspend fellowship with the LCMS and to dissolve the Synodical Conference. This is a mark of Professor Weyland's ministry.

Perhaps the most telling evidence from this paper that marks Professor Weyland as a patient shepherd in his concluding remark:

Wisconsin's practice of the doctrine of the church, as much as the doctrine is in keeping with the spirit of the New Testament, is not altogether invulnerable. Since we have this treasure in earthen vessels (the Gospel Ministry) 2 Cor. 4, 7, we must daily be on our guard, lest we in our busy ministry yield to our flesh and depend more on the decisions of our elected leaders than on "what saith the Lord" to us in His Word. Ever being aware of the fact that we have the treasure of the Gospel Ministry "in earthen vessels" will also alert us to the danger of becoming high-handed in dealing with such who are of a lower station in the church. When our synod in 1947 took an official stand on the matter of Scoutism, our president then, the late Pastor John Brenner, very distinctly warned the pastors and delegates somewhat on this fashion: "Now don't go home and simply announce that this is the position and stand of the Wisconsin Synod and then let that be the end of all the strife. STUDY THE SCRIPTURES FOR YOURSELVES." On this note we shall close our humble effort to present the history of the controversy between Wisconsin and Missouri on the doctrine of the church (The History of the Controversy 20,21).

This is the attitude that governed this paper and all of Professor Weyland's ministry. He studied the Scriptures, he applied them, and he lived them.

I was also able to obtain Professor Weyland's "Essay on Faith Healing" prepared for the Ladies' Auxiliary of Northwestern Lutheran Academy at their October annual meeting, 1969. This paper gives some insight into Professor Weyland's sharp wit and, at the same time, shows that he took his subject seriously. One interesting story from this paper tells of the effects of faith healers on his parishioners:

A number of years ago, when I was pastor at Bonduel, Wisconsin, several of my members called my attention to practitioners of this type, to whom many were going who hoped to be cured of some disease. There was a certain Walter Hawkins who called himself "the Good Brother," who extended invitations to any and all for the help that he could give them. He called himself a "metaphysical divine healer, lecturer and teacher of the great science of health." He hung out his shingle at 219 N. Monroe Avenue in Green Bay, Wisconsin, in those years. His "invitation" ...assured many benefits through his "marvelous health treatments" even at a great distance without coming to see him at all. Another one, an Antone L. Fay of 314 S. Jefferson Street in Green Bay, advertised that he was able to treat and cure cancer. You can well imagine how popular he was. I noted that on the back side of his card he used the name of one of my Bonduel members as a reference. She had gone to him for cancer treatments. My successor, Pastor John Wendland, buried her. She died of cancer. Then through someone else, I obtained a card advertising the office hours of a Rev. E.H. Feavel, Spiritualist-Divine Healer, at 208 Irene Street in Neenah, Wisconsin. (Professor Malchow, a native of this fair city, tells that Rev. Feavel later was assassinated in his home by a disgruntled former "customer.")

This section of Professor Weyland's paper comments on some sad experiences, but it also includes the bite of this writer who realized how foolish these "faith healers" really were. Professor Weyland shows his pastoral side in his conclusion to

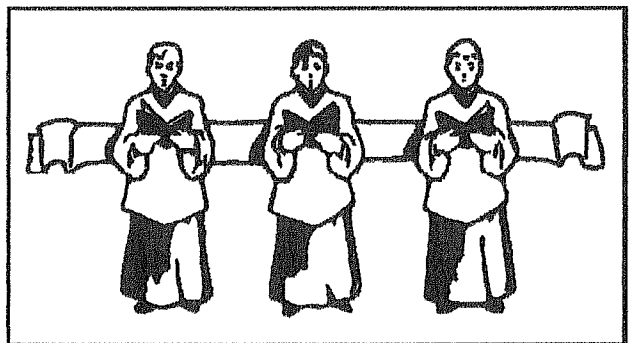
this paper:

Let no true Bible-believing Christian be deceived by the claims of such who do not have their redemption and salvation at heart. What ever is not in full harmony with His Word and does not redound to His Glory is not of God and therefore must be avoided. God still heals, but not through such as misuse and falsify His Word (An Essay on Faith Healing 16).

DEATH

God called Professor Weyland home to heaven on December 21, 1981, at the age of 67 years. The first semester at Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School had just ended, and Professor Weyland went in on December 21, to submit his final grades. Since he was secretary of the MVL faculty, he also prepared for a faculty meeting to be held the next day. He told fellow faculty members, "I won't wish you a Merry Christmas, since I'll see you at the faculty meeting tomorrow." Pastor Weyland then went downtown to pick up a gift for one of his son-in-laws. When he arrived at his home, he walked in, greeted his wife, and went directly to his study. There he fell over; the Lord had called him to rest.

Pastor Weyland's funeral was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at New Ulm, Minnesota, on December 24, 1981. Although school had been dismissed for the Christmas break three days before, nearly all the 121 Minnesota



Valley Lutheran High School students were in attendance. "The Charger" (MVL school newspaper) gave this account of the funeral:

At the funeral on Thursday, December 24, Pastor Lloyd Hahnke of St. Paul's Lutheran in New Ulm, presented a beautiful sermon based on the Christmas story. He pointed out that through that tiny babe in Bethlehem, we, as Christians have hope, and this hope is an eternal one. Nothing in this present world can separate us from this hope or from the love of God which comes to us through this hope. This Word of God turns our tears of sorrow into tears of joy. The MVLHS student body and choir also participated in the service by singing two selections: "Rejoice" and "Psalm 84." The words of these two anthems expressed how we, like the psalmist, should long for the courts of the Lord, and how we can indeed rejoice, for Christ has defeated Satan for us so that we will live with our King forever (The Charger, 1).

Pastor Lloyd Hahnke's funeral text was Luke 2:10,11. The theme was either "Tidings of Great Joy For Just Such a Time as This," or "Listen to the Angels Sing" (in weighing the evidence I believe the first to be the theme and the second to be either a recurring statement or Pastor Hahnke's concluding remarks). Pastor Weyland was buried at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery.

One of Pastor Weyland's daughters told me that a year and a half earlier, Pastor and Mrs. Weyland had celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary as well as Pastor Weyland's fortieth anniversary in his ministry. All of his children were home for the first time in over twelve years. At that time Pastor Weyland commented, "The next time you will all be together, it will be at my funeral." His daughter told me that he had an uncanny sense about things.

Victor Weyland was a patient shepherd, a shepherd who led many lambs to God. He was my teacher; he was a friend to many of us, but his legacy can be best summed up by these concluding remarks from an article in Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School's school

newspaper, "The Charger":

While each of us might have had something in mind that we wanted for Christmas, nothing can compare with the gift that was given to Pastor Weyland. Eternal life is a gift beyond all measure. With this in mind, our sorrow is turned into joy when we think of the day when we shall stand with our beloved teacher before the throne of our almighty Lord. Then we will follow in the steps of our former teacher, as he showed us, walking in the steps of our Lord (The Charger, 1).

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Professor John Brenner
Professor Leroy Dobberstein
Pastor Philip Geiger
Pastor Lloyd Hahnke
Mr. Brian Hennig
Pastor Daniel Malchow
Pastor Arnold Ruddat
Professor Armin Schuetze
Pastor Oscar Stellick

APPENDIX A

excerpts of: Proceedings of the Thirty-Sixth Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod Held at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 8 to 17, 1961.

PROCEEDINGS

of the

Thirty-Sixth Convention

of the

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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ORGANIZATION

3. Membership

Professor Armin Schuetze, Chairman
Our Savior
St. Peter
St. John
Faith

4. President's Report

Pastor Harold Sauer, Chairman
Pastor Gerhard P. Fischer
Salem
Immanuel
Zion
Zion

5. Requests of Institutions and Planning Committee
Also the Michigan Memorials: re Board of Higher Education
re Revamping Educational System

Pastor L. Sabrowsky, Chairman
Pastor Arno Voigt
Pastor Gerhard Struck
Pastor Paul Hartwig
Good Shepherd
Grace
Hustisford, Wisconsin

6. Nominating Committee

Pastor G. Schmeling, Chairman
Pastor W. M. Weishahn
Pastor I. G. Frey
Pastor G. Haag
Pastor L. Wurstler
Terry, Montana

7. Credentials and Excuses

Pastor Jonathan Mahnke, Chairman
Pastor Theo. Thurow
Teacher Frederick Berg
Teacher Delos Steinberg
St. Matthew
Salem

8. Northwestern Publishing House, Committee on Publications,
A.A.L. Overture
Also Hymnal Revision Report

Pastor John Hoenecke, Chairman
Pastor J. Brandt
First English
St. John
Zion
Mt. Calvary

9. Reports and Requests of Home Missions
Also Committee Report: re Synod Supported Schools in Mission
and Committee Report: re District Autonomy in Home Missions

Pastor Paul Oehler, Chairman
Pastor M. J. Wehausen
Pastor Theo. Frey
Bethany
Divine Savior
St. Peter
St. John
St. John
Salem

10. Reports and Requests of World Missions
Also Committee Report re Executive Chairman-Board for World Missions

Pastor Melvin Croll, Chairman
Pastor Walter A. Schumann
Pastor Robert Holtz
St. John
St. Marcus
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

ORGANIZATION

The Advisory Committee
On Doctrinal Matters

The Conference of Presidents
The Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Faculty
Teacher H. O. Ihlenfeldt
Mr. John Metzger

The Advisory Committee on Education

Prof. C. Frey, Chairman
Prof. C. J. Lawrence
Prof. C. C. Toppe
Prof. C. Schweppe
Prof. R. A. Fenske
Prof. Robert Krause
Pastor Herman Cares
Pastor Walter Zank
Pastor Otto Engel
Pastor E. Kaalschke
Pastor R. E. Pope
Pastor Paul Gleschen
Pastor Donald Grummett

The Board for Information and Stewardship

Pastor Norman W. Berg, Chairman
Pastor Leonard J. Koeninger
Mr. Karl Krauss, Jr.

The Nominating Committee

Pastor G. Schmeling
Pastor Walter Gutze
Pastor Walter Pankow
Pastor P. R. Kurth
Pastor G. Struck
Pastor Leland Wurster
Pastor M. Weishahn
Pastor J. G. Frey
Pastor G. Haag

The Board of Education

Prof. C. Lawrence, Chairman
Prof. M. Albrecht
Prof. R. Brel
Pastor W. C. Pless
Teacher Gilbert Fischer

* Absent part time, excused
** Absent full time, excused
*** Absent and not excused

LIST OF FLOOR COMMITTEES

1. Elections

Pastor Kurt Eggert, Chairman
Calvary
Immanuel
Parkside
Apostles
Teacher Theo Lau
Carroll Dummann
Charles Narges
Herbert Speckin
Clarence Gunderman

2. Church Union Matters

The Rev. Werner Franzmann, Chairman
Pastor Fritz Miller
Pastor Hugo Hoenecke
Pastor Gerhard Haag
St. John
St. Matthew
Grace
Mt. Olive
Friedens
Peace
Salem
St. Paul
Gethsemane
Pastor John Wendland
Pastor Im. G. Frey
Teacher Martin Roehler
Professor Leonard Umnus
Ralph Ealley
Richard Steinke
Lewis Klueber
George Stotte
Kollin Hillmer
F. Peischauser
Herbert Reichert
Orville Schopf
Harold R. Riechers

Since we believe that God's Word, especially Romans 16:17, 18, demands of our Wisconsin Synod that it sever all ties and connections with the Missouri Synod, we plead with the convention to lodge a protest with Synod to that effect, asking Synod to reconsider its action of August 1959, and to humbly obey God's Word by means of a God-pleasing separation from the Missouri Synod.

Signed: John D. Riege, Chairman
Henry Schibbelhut, Secretary

Answer of the Colorado Mission District Regarding the Lamar Memorial

WHEREAS, The Lamar congregation by unanimous resolution has petitioned the Colorado Mission District to express its like-mindedness to the sentiment of said congregation by means of an official plea to the Wisconsin Synod to reconsider its August 1959 decision in regard to affiliation with the Missouri Synod, and in obedience to God's Word (Romans 16:17, 18) to separate from the same; and

WHEREAS, We of the Colorado Mission District are in sympathy with the Lamar congregation and are in agreement with its position as to what Romans 16:17, 18 now demands us to do; and

WHEREAS, We are of the opinion that a plea by the individual congregation in question would be just as, or more, effective than a similar plea by the conference, since identical pleas have already come from us as a larger body, and since the congregation would be in a better position to make the plea in behalf of its own resolution; be it

Resolved, That the Lamar congregation be encouraged by our convention (Fort Morgan, Colorado, February 1960) to register suggested plea as a congregation, rather than as a Mission District, but with the assurance that their action has the full endorsement of the Colorado Mission District.

Carl M. Thurov, Secretary of Colorado Mission District

On the basis of the above answer to our memorial, we, the voters of Mt. Olive Lutheran Congregation, of Lamar, Colorado, assembled in quarterly meeting on April 11, 1960, herewith address the Praesidium of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, its standing Union Committee, its Synodical Council, and Synod itself.

WHEREAS, We believe that God's Word, especially Romans 16:17, 18, clearly shows us that the Missouri Synod has for several years been a persistently erring body, and thus a causer of "divisions and offenses," and a church body which we ought to have been avoiding;

Therefore: We believe that our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod in its August 1959 convention again failed to obey God's Word.

Thus: Out of love and faithfulness to God's Word, we plead with the above-mentioned officials and committees of our Wisconsin Synod:

- 1) That they in no way support and encourage the procrastinating course of our Synod in its failure to obey Romans 16:17, 18.
- 2) That they officially and privately seek in every way to convince our Synod that God's Word demands, and has for some time demanded, immediate separation from the persistently erring Missouri Synod.

3) That they call a special session of our Synod for the summer of 1960 for the purpose of reconsidering the continuance of fraternal relations with the Missouri Synod, as voted in August, 1959.

And: We plead with our Wisconsin Synod to obey God's Word by at once severing all relations with the Missouri Synod.

It is our prayer that the Lord in His grace may again make our dear Synod humbly submissive to His Word, in order that we may not, by unfaithful stewardship, lose the saving Truth which He has permitted us to possess these many years.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mt. Olive Ev. Lutheran Congregation, Lamar, Colorado
Note: The above memorial was adopted by unanimous vote.

Carl Brauer, Chairman
David Appel, Secretary

REPORT OF THE FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 2 ON DOCTRINAL MATTERS

Introductory Statement

Men and Brethren:

In fear and love toward God, with a deep sense of the awesome responsibility resting upon us, with concern for the souls bought with the blood of God's own Son and already given or yet to be given into our care, with a like concern for the spiritual health and welfare of our sister synod, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, in the attitude of men who each Sunday publicly implore their God and Savior: "Increase . . . in us true obedience to Thy Word," with hearts from which we have sought to banish the legalism which delights in sitting in judgment on others — in this spirit we have worked to furnish our report and now present it to you.

All our committee members but one agreed to present this as our report to the Synod in convention. Pastor Hugo H. Hoenecke formally dissents from the majority opinion expressed in the report.

Yet truthfulness requires this to be said: The agreement mentioned above does not mean that all members of Committee 2 are in full accord with everything said in this report. Several expressed reservations, but did not wish to enter a formal dissent. Others did not express themselves. No pressure was exerted in the committee to secure such an expression. All but one agreed that this is the report that ought to be presented to the Convention.

(Presented as a part of the entire report by unanimous decision of Committee No. 2)

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Resolution No. 1

Subject: The Report of the Commission on Doctrinal Matters

WHEREAS, The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod has lodged many admonitions and protests with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod during the past twenty years to win her from the path that leads to liberalism in doctrine and practice (cf. Proceedings 1939, page 59; 1941, page 43f; 74ff; 1947, page 104ff; 114f; 1949, page 114ff; 1951, page 110ff; 1953, page 95ff), and

WHEREAS, Our admonitions have largely gone unheeded, and the issues have remained unresolved, and

WHEREAS, Many of the policies and practices which called forth our admonitions were in the field of fellowship, and

WHEREAS, The 1959 Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod therefore gave its Commission on Doctrinal Matters the directive "to continue and accelerate the discussions in the Joint Union Committees to

bring about complete unity of doctrine and practice in the Synodical Conference . . . to give primary consideration in their discussions to the area of fellowship . . . to continue its efforts in the Joint Union Committees until agreement on doctrine and practice has been reached, or until an impasse is reached and no such agreement can be brought about" (Wisconsin Synod Proceedings, 1959, p. 195), and

WHEREAS, The Commission has faithfully carried out this directive but now regretfully reports that differences with respect to the Scriptural principles of church fellowship — differences which it holds to be divisive — have brought us to an impasse, and

WHEREAS, Our Commission's Theses on Church Fellowship are not to be considered a formal confessional document (otherwise it would be advisable to expand them considerably, for instance, to preface them with the Doctrine of the Church, the Marks of the Church, etc. They were set up and used simply as a working document in the discussions of the Joint Doctrinal Committees. As such they were to express the Scriptural and historical principles of the teaching and practice of church fellowship held by the Synodical Conference), and

WHEREAS, The substance of these Theses is an expression of the Scriptural principles on which the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod has stood and which have guided it in its practice for many years (cf. FELLOWSHIP THEN AND NOW), and

WHEREAS, In the Statement of the Overseas Committee, FELLOWSHIP IN ITS NECESSARY CONTEXT OF THE DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH, we have found nothing to warrant any modification of our position on church fellowship, and

WHEREAS, In the new forum suggested by the Overseas Committee and adopted by the Synodical Conference we see no avenue leading to the removal of the difference in regard to church fellowship principles which now exists between The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and

WHEREAS, The doctrine of the Church has not been slighted in the inter-synodical discussions in the past (cf. Synodical Conference Reports 1946, 1948, 1950, 1952, 1954), and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has not retreated from the unscriptural position long held by it and also expressed in THE THEOLOGY OF FELLOWSHIP, Part II, but continues to defend that position and carries on fellowship practices which conform to that position (e.g., the two meetings with the National Lutheran Council on cooperative activities, July 7-9, 1960, and November 18 and 19, 1960, with a third meeting to be held October 30 - November 1, 1961; the National Lutheran Education Conference, January 8-10, 1961; the Conference of Lutheran Professors of Theology, June 5-7, 1961 — all of these including conference devotions), and

WHEREAS, We recognize our sacred trust and the obligation to "confend for the faith once delivered unto the saints," and also to give vigorous testimony on Church Fellowship before the church and the world; be it

Resolved, a) That we now suspend * fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod on the basis of Romans 16:17, 18 † with the hope and prayer to God that The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will hear in this resolution an evangelical summons to "come to herself" (Luke 15:17) and to return to the side of the sister from whom she has estranged herself, and be it further

Resolved, b) That under conditions which do not imply a denial of our previous testimony we stand ready to resume discussions with The Lutheran

* The word "suspend" as used in the resolution has all the finality of termination during the duration of the suspension, but contains the hope that conditions might some day warrant the establishment of fellowship.

† "Now I beseech you brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple."

Church—Missouri Synod with the aim of reestablishing unity of doctrine and practice and of restoring fellowship relations, these discussions to be conducted outside the framework of fellowship, and be it further

Resolved, c) That we are not passing judgment on the personal faith of any individual member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, but that we are addressing the stern admonition required by love to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod as a corporate body, and be it further

Resolved, d) That we are ready to continue our support of the joint projects carried on by the Synodical Conference and by groups within the Synodical Conference until we can adjust to the new conditions brought about by the suspension of fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and be it further

Resolved, e) That we call upon all our members to manifest the understanding, consideration, and patience of love during this period of change and adjustment. (We also direct attention to the fact that this Convention has already taken note of the problems that will arise and has approved a study committee that would supply helpful counsel and guidance. See the Report of Committee No. 4, Resolution 2.); and be it further

Resolved, f) That the action taken in our resolution of suspension does not apply to our fellowship relations with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, the Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of England, the Evangelical Lutheran Free Church (Evangelisch-Lutherische Freikirche), the Evangelical Lutheran (Old Lutheran) Church (Evangelisch-Lutherische [altlutherische] Kirche), and the Igreja Evangelica Luterana do Brasil, as well as any other church bodies outside the Synodical Conference with whom we have been in fellowship, and be it further

Resolved, g) That we declare our desire to discuss the principles of church fellowship further with the church bodies that were represented by the members of the Overseas Committee, and that we initiate such steps as might be necessary to carry out such further discussions, and be it further

Resolved, h) That we encourage all who are of a like mind with us in this matter to identify themselves with us in supporting the Scriptural, historical position of the Synodical Conference, and be it further

Resolved, i) That the president of our Synod transmit copies of this report to the president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, to the presidents of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and of the Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches, and to the president of the Synodical Conference, and be it finally

Resolved, j) That the resolutions adopted by this Convention constitute our answer to the letters and memorials which we have received on this matter.

Action by the Convention: The Resolution was adopted by a vote of 124 to 49.

Resolution No. 2

Subject: The Report of the Study Committee

Your committee wishes to advise the Convention that this matter has been taken out of its hands by a previous action of the Convention. (Cf. Resolution No. 2 in the report of Committee No. 4, on the President's Report.)

Resolution No. 3

Subject: Report of the Committee on the Protestant Matter
Be it

Resolved, That the Convention adopt the entire report submitted by the Committee on the Protestant Matter. (Reports and Memorials, page 103.)

Committee on the Protestant Matter

Your committee, charged by the Synod with a review of the Protestant matter of 30 years ago and encouraged by the several Districts to carry on, wishes to report the following:

1. We have reviewed the proceedings of the Western Wisconsin District of 1926 to 1934, the minutes of the Western Wisconsin District of the same years, the Proceedings of the Synod, particularly of 1933 and 1935, and statements of the Peace Committee to the Synod.
2. The evidence shows that the action taken on the 1927 resolutions of the Western Wisconsin District at Watertown was clouded over with uncertainties.
 - a) The scope of the resolutions was left in doubt, for it was said on the one hand that the suspensions were excommunications, on the other hand that they were not.
 - b) The vote taken on the Watertown resolutions was not unanimous.
 - c) As to the interpretation put on the resolutions, they have remained unclear and received various interpretations.

After having considered all the angles available, your committee comes to the conclusion that the Synod should reaffirm the resolution adopted by the Synod in 1933, to wit:

"Resolved, That it be the sentiment and understanding of this body that the Western Wisconsin District of its own free will and accord reconsider the Watertown Resolutions and the suspensions in the Fort Atkinson cases."

The adoption of this report does not mean a judgment on the Western Wisconsin District action of that time.

Rev. W. Franzmann, Chairman

Rev. V. Weyland, Secretary

Action by the Convention: The report was adopted.

FINANCIAL

COMMITTEE ON OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ASSIGNMENT: Resolution No. 6, e) on page 39 of Proceedings of the Thirty-fifth Convention of the Synod: "That, in view of the fact that a thorough study of the office of Executive Chairman is not available, a committee of three be appointed to study this office and report its recommendations to the 1961 Convention of the Synod."

THE REPORT: Your committee, appointed by the Conference of Presidents, having made a thorough study of the office of Executive Chairman of the Board of Trustees, herewith recommends that this office be filled as heretofore and as outlined in the Constitution of Synod.

Norbert Paustian, Chairman Bruno Barg Eldor A. Toepel, Secretary

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

1. The auditing program required by the new constitution has been set in motion by the Board of Trustees. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Company has been engaged to do the work.
2. Salary Raise and Report:

The following Committee Report was adopted by the Board of Trustees

 - A. That consideration be given to granting an across the board salary increase of \$15.00 per month to all of Synod's Home and Institutional Missionaries, Executive School Secretaries, Professors, Teachers and Tutors, also to raise car allowance by \$5.00 effective July 1, 1961.

B. That a committee be appointed at Synod's convention in August to thoroughly study the question whether a salary differential should be established:

- 1) Between the professors at our Theological Seminary, and at our colleges, and at our preparatory schools or academies.
 - 2) Between the professors and the missionaries.
- C. Your Committee also offers the suggestion that the Executive Chairman of the Board of Trustees serve as a member of this Committee that is to make this study.

Church Extension Fund Expansion

I. Sources of Money in Expansion Plan

1. Interest $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% per month on \$3,000,000.00 - District Mission Boards..... \$180,000.00 yr.
 2. Contract repayments by Mission Church.... 180,000.00 yr.
 3. Special Collections and Legacies..... 100,000.00 yr.
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4. Borrowed Money \$460,000.00
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II. Division of Money in Expansion Plan

1. \$275,000.00 chapels (\$25,000.00 per chapel, 11 chapels).
Past 5 years \$32,000.00 average per chapel.
2. \$185,000.00 Lot locations (\$15,000.00 per lot location, 12 lot locations).

3. Borrowed money? As determined by Board of Trustees in consultation with District Mission Board and Mission Congregation borrowing from and through Synod.

III. Practical Application of Church Extension Fund Expansion Plan in Our Midst

1. Board of Trustees determines how many \$25,000.00 will be available in coming year for chapels, also how much lot money, and informs the General Home Mission Board.
2. General Home Mission Board meets and determines where the chapel money and lot money are to be invested, and informs the Board of Trustees.
3. Board of Trustees contacts the District Mission Boards that have been allowed lot money and takes necessary steps with the respective District Mission Boards to acquire lots. In case a mission congregation exists already, the mission congregation is also a party in the acquisition steps. Final say as to the purchase or non-purchase of a piece of property constitutionally is vested in the Board of Trustees.
4. Board of Trustees meets with District Mission Boards and Missions that have been allowed chapels, and after a thorough explanation of entire plan with meaning for the Mission church, permits the congregation in light of its own ability to determine how much borrowed money it can and desires to request in addition to the \$25,000.00 allowed.

APPENDIX B

excerpts from: Proceedings of the Special Synod Convention of
the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod Held at Dr. Martin
Luther College, November 7 - 9, 1962, New Ulm, Minnesota.

PROCEEDINGS

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- 4. **Home Missions**
 Mr. Robert Christman
 Mr. Raymond Barnes
 Mr. Herbert Wisch
 Pastor Paul Oehlert, Chairman
 Pastor Theo. Frey
 Pastor M. J. Wehausen
 Pastor F. Dobratz
 Teacher Armin Huhn
 Teacher S. Quam
 Mr. Carl Wernecke
 Mr. Fred Jackson
 Mr. E. Heuer
 Mr. Otto Rathje
 Mr. Rudolph Lenz
 Mr. Lewis Oshelm
- 5. **Resolutions Committee**
 Pastor E. Arnold Sitz, Chairman
 Pastor M. J. Lenz
 Prof. R. Fenske
- 6. **Press Committee**
 Pastor James Schaefer, Chairman
 Pastor John C. Jeske
 Pastor Alfred Schewe
- 7. **Steering Committee**
 Pastor Robert Voss, Chairman
 Prof. Conrad Frey
 Prof. C. Trapp
- 8. **Courtesy Committee**
 Pastor Martin Braun, Chairman
 Pastor Gordon Fuerstenau
 Pastor R. Bittorf
 Pastor Henry Lehmann
 Teacher Glenn Barnes
 Mr. Alfred Schipporeit
 Mr. Albert Rasner

REPORT OF FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 1 (Credentials and Excuses)

Your Committee reports the presence of 184 voting delegates and 119 advisory delegates, for a total of 303 delegates at this special Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

Your Committee on Credentials and Excuses recommends:

I. That the following be excused for full-time absence:

- 1. Voting Delegates:
 Arnold Alvin, Peace, Green Lake, Wisconsin
 Raymond Commet, Mountlake, Terrace, Washington
 Harvey Margelofsky, St. Paul's, Neosho, Wisconsin
 Emmanuel Marian, Peace, Livonia, Michigan
 Lewis Oshelm, Salem, Wausau, Wisconsin
 Otto Rathje, St. John's, Pigeon, Michigan
 Kenneth Rasner, St. Mark's, Wallace, Michigan
 Warren Reede, St. Paul's, Faith, South Dakota

2. Advisory Delegates:

- Pastors: John Bronner, Herman Cares, Emil Kasischke, Luther Voss
 Teachers: H. Ihlenfeldt
 Laymen: Dr. H. Felscher, R. H. Gehrke, Owen Hoelt, Julius Kietzke, Karl Krauss, Jr., Alvin Kroining, Ray Milbrath

II. That the following be excused for part-time absence:

- 1. Voting Delegates:
 Pastors: Gerhard Schaefer, Theodore Thurow, Richard Werner
 Teachers: Sylvester Quam
 Laymen: Alvin Arndt, St. Peter's, Poplar Grove, Minnesota
 Lorn Fuhrman, St. Paul's, Menomonie, Wisconsin

2. Advisory Delegates:

- Pastors: Carl Bolle
 Professors: Dr. Paul Peters
 Laymen: Karl Fuge, J. W. Jung, Myron Nelson

III. That the following be unexcused full-time:

- 1. Voting Delegates:
 Frank Meyer, Wausau, Wisconsin
- 2. Advisory Delegates:
 Mr. M. Lehninger, Jr., Harold Molzahn
 Professor Roland Hoenecke, Chairman

Alvin R. Klenetz, Secretary

- 6. **The Advisory Committee on Education**
 Prof. Conrad Frey, Chairman
 Prof. C. J. Lawrenz
 Prof. C. Toppe
 Prof. R. A. Fenske
 Prof. Robert Krause
 Pastor Herman Cares
 Pastor Walter Zank
 Pastor Otto Engel
 Pastor E. Kasischke
 Pastor R. Zimmermann
 Pastor R. J. Pope
 Pastor W. F. Wichmann
- The Board for Information and Stewardship**
 Pastor J. C. Jeske, Chairman
 Pastor G. Boldt
 Pastor John Westendorf
- The Planning Committee**
 Mr. Karl Fuge, Chairman
 Mr. Julius Kietzke, Secretary
 Prof. Paul G. Eickmann
 Pastor Jonathan H. Mahnke
 Pastor Carl H. Mischke
 Mr. Karl Krauss
 Mr. Harold Molzahn
- The Board of Education**
 Prof. M. Albrecht, Chairman
 Pastor Don Grummert, Secretary
 Prof. A. J. Schulz
 Pastor Wm. Fischer
 Teacher Kurt Petermann
 Mr. Carroll Dummann
 Prof. C. Toppe
 Pastor John F. Brenner
 Teacher E. Wiechmann
 Mr. Richard Radhe

- Chairmen of Miscellaneous Boards and Committees**
 Pastor K. F. Krauss, Chairman,
 Committee on General Relief
 Pastor Raymond Huth, Chairman,
 Board of Support
 Pastor Gerhard Struck, Chairman,
 Board for Student Aid
 Pastor Carl Bolle, Chairman,
 Board of Home for the Aged
 Pastor M. Schwenzen, Chairman,
 Northwestern Publishing House
 Pastor Martin Braun, Chairman,
 Committee on Publications
 Pastor James Schaefer, Chairman,
 Committee on Constitutional Matters
 Pastor A. Schroeder, Chairman, Lutheran
 Spiritual Welfare Commission
 Pastor Erhard C. Pankow, Chairman,
 Commission on Evangelism
 Pastor Mentor Kujath, Chairman,
 Audio-Visual Aids Committee
 Pastor Robert J. Voss, Chairman,
 Manpower Committee
 Pastor Werner Franzmann, Managing
 Editor, The Northwestern Lutheran
 Board, The Gemeindebund
 Dr. Paul Peters, Chairman of the Editorial
 Board, Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly
 Prof. C. Trapp, Chairman of the Editorial
 Board of the Junior Northwestern
 Pastor Alfred C. Schewe, Chairman,
 Public Relations Committee
 Mr. Max Lehnlinger, Jr., Chairman
 of the Pension Commission
 Prof. Herbert Sitz, Parliamentarian

* Absent full time, excused
 ** Absent part time, excused
 *** Absent and not excused

LIST OF FLOOR COMMITTEES

- 1. **Credentials and Excuses**
 Prof. Roland Hoenecke, Chairman
 Teacher H. Luehring
 Mr. Albert Friedrichs
 Mr. Theo. Vick
- 2. **Church Union Matters**
 Pastor Werner Franzmann, Chairman
 Pastor Fritz Miller
 Pastor Hugo Hoenecke
 Pastor Otto Engel
 Pastor John Wendland
 Pastor Immanuel G. Frey
 Pastor Yanko Schmitker
 Pastor Karl Otto
 Prof. Victor Westland
 Prof. Leonard Umms
 Teacher Martin Roehler
 Mr. Ralph Bailey
 Mr. Richard Steinke
 Mr. Lewis Klueber
 Mr. George Stolte
 Mr. Rollin Hillmer
 Mr. F. Felstehausen
 Mr. Herbert Reichert
 Mr. Orville Schopf
 Mr. Harold Biechers
- 3. **Expansion of the Synod's Worker-Training Schools**
 Pastor L. Sabrowsky, Chairman
 Pastor Marvin Radtke
 Pastor Gerhard Struck
 Pastor Paul Hartwig
 Pastor W. W. Wietzke
 Pastor Donald Laude
 Pastor L. Schroeder
 Pastor R. Kant
 Pastor Otto Heiler
 Pastor Edgar Gamm
 Pastor A. Zimmermann
 Pastor Alfred Upleger
 Pastor Mentor Kujath
 Pastor E. C. Birkholz
 Prof. T. Kriewall
 Prof. H. Kaiser
 Teacher Willis Hadler
 Teacher F. Janke
 Teacher Victor Lehmann
 Teacher Jerome Birkholz
 Teacher Al. Moskop
 Mr. Arthur Schroeder
 Mr. Ronald Perysian
 Mr. Harvey Schuett
 Mr. Wm. Schultz, Sr.
 Mr. Richard Steinhrecher

area, including Texas and neighboring states. In the first of these areas there are approximately 40 installations, at which some 200 Wisconsin Synod members are presently stationed, and in the second area there are at least 32 installations where we likewise have about 200 of our members presently located.

The activities of these two pastors would be much the same as those listed above. They would, of course, neither establish nor serve local congregations, but would keep themselves free to travel from place to place. In case opportunity or request for continuing service on a local level arose, they would certainly make this known to the Synod, so that the mission board responsible could pursue the lead.

The annual budget appropriation requested by the LSWC for this "Circuit Rider" Program is \$19,500, as follows:

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| Salaries (two full-time pastors) | \$10,400 |
| Housing | 3,600 |
| Equipment | 500 |
| Travel and miscellaneous | 5,000 |
| The total emergency appropriation requested by the LSWC at this time, computed on an annual basis, is therefore: | |
| Contact Pastor Program | \$12,000 |
| "Circuit Rider" Program | 19,500 |
| Contingency fund | 1,500 |
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| | \$33,000 |

It goes without saying that the present mailing program will be maintained and gradually extended as may seem beneficial.

The problem of personal contact with Armed Forces personnel stationed outside the borders of the United States remains unsolved. The difficulties seem insurmountable. Addresses, listing only APO or FPO, afford little clue as to actual whereabouts. Employment of overseas pastors affiliated with us would involve language and security barriers. Even if it might become possible for us to enter the Armed Forces chaplaincy program, only a very few of our Synod members would be likely ever to be served by chaplains of our own Church. For the present, at least, we can find no way to offer more than the mailing program to overseas personnel.

Action Initiated

Moved by the urgency of the situation since the last convention of our Synod, the LSWC has, after consultation with the Praesidium of the Synod, and with the approval of the District presidents and District Mission Boards involved, as well as with the approval of the General Mission Board, already requested 24 pastors or missionaries to serve as local contact pastors. Of these 20 have consented to serve, after consultation with and approval of their congregations and/or their District Mission Boards.

The LSWC requests that the following Resolution be adopted by the Synod at its special convention at New Ulm, Minnesota, November 7-9, 1962:

RESOLUTION

Subject: Spiritual care for members in military service

WHEREAS, Our suspension of relations with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will no longer allow us to depend on the spiritual care formerly

rendered to many of our men and women in the Armed Forces by that synod in various areas of our nation, and internationally, and

WHEREAS, It is imperative for us to serve our members in military service with the Word and Sacrament wherever this is possible, and

WHEREAS, The present budget of the Lutheran Spiritual Welfare Commission will not allow the expenditures involved in calling full- or part-time pastors into this field; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod allow the sum of sixteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$16,500) to be added to the budget of the Lutheran Spiritual Welfare Commission as an emergency appropriation for the remainder of this present fiscal year, in order that our responsibilities may be discharged as adequately as practicable.

Arnold H. Schroeder, Chairman Clayton E. Krug, Secretary

RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL BOARD FOR HOME MISSIONS TO THIS SPECIAL SYNOD CONVENTION

Re: Calvary Student Mission at Madison

The General Board for Home Missions requests that the Mission Board of the Western Wisconsin District through the Board of Trustees be empowered to use the amount previously voted for a joint building project in Madison (184,500.00) toward the establishment of our own student mission in Madison.

REPORT OF FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 4 (Reports and Requests of Home Missions)

Resolution No. 1

Subject: Lutheran Spiritual Welfare Commission Report

WHEREAS, Your committee has carefully studied the problem facing our Lutheran Spiritual Welfare Commission and noted the solution of the problem as considered by the Lutheran Spiritual Welfare Commission and presented to this convention in the form of a resolution; therefore be it

Resolved, That your committee concurs with the resolution presented by the Lutheran Spiritual Welfare Commission.

Resolution No. 2

Subject: Calvary Student Mission at Madison

WHEREAS, Your committee has carefully studied the resolution of the General Mission Board with regard to our Calvary Student Mission at Madison; therefore be it

Resolved, That your committee concurs with the resolution presented by the General Board for Home Missions.

Paul Th. Oehlert, Chairman F. C. Dobratz, Secretary

Action by the Convention: The report was adopted.

DOCTRINAL MATTERS

REPORT OF THE FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 2 ON DOCTRINAL MATTERS

Resolution No. 1

Subject: Conclave of Theologians

WHEREAS, President Fred C. Kreiss of the Synod of the Ev. Lutheran Free Church in his letter of invitation (Oct. 24, 1962) wrote to President

Oscar Naumann regarding the Conclave in Chatenay, France: "I am sure that our little Synod in France would be happy to thus contribute in its humble way toward a possible resumption of the bonds of fraternal unity within the Synodical Conference"; and "it seems, of course, evident to us here that, at such a meeting, any delegates sent by our sister Synod of Missouri should be more than official observers, and should be entitled to participate actively and with the right to speak, like all other delegates, at least in all plenary sessions" and

WHEREAS, The form and purpose of the meeting thus proposed by President KREISS are of such a nature that they make it impossible for our Commission to accept the invitation, without weakening the testimony of our Synod over against the Missouri Synod; therefore be it

Resolved, a) That our Commission proceed to make arrangements for a continuation of the 1962 Conclave at Mequon for the purpose for which the subcommittee of the Mequon Conference was set up, and be it further

Resolved, b) That President Naumann be asked to extend an invitation to the respective bodies of the overseas delegates, expressing our willingness to serve as host for the next meeting, coupled with an offer to provide financial help, where necessary, with regard to traveling expenses. (The understanding is that the Evangelical Lutheran Synod officials will be consulted prior to the issuing of such an invitation.), and be it further

Resolved, c) That we draw the attention of our members to this statement in our Wisconsin Theological Quarterly (Oct., 1962): "The Wisconsin Synod representatives (in a discussion with the overseas brethren) stressed that its own synod had with much careful thought stated in its suspension resolutions how conversations might again be resumed with representatives of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod," and be it further

Resolved, d) That we herewith express our confidence in the Commission on Doctrinal Matters to deal with any further developments that may arise.

Resolution No. 2

Subject: Recommendations with regard to the Synodical Conference
Be it Resolved, That we herewith declare our concurrence with the recommendations contained in the following report prepared by a committee which was appointed by the Praesidium of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

"Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
 Oscar J. Naumann, President
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Brethren:

Your committee appointed "to advise the Synod and its delegates in regard to the forthcoming Synodical Conference convention" and "to counsel concerning our future attitude toward the Synodical Conference and the work we have carried on there" respectfully submits the following recommendations to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, assembled November 7-9, 1962, for its consideration:

I. Devotions at the Convention of the Lutheran Synodical Conference

A. We recommend that an appeal be addressed by our Synod to the Lutheran Synodical Conference convention at Chicago, Illinois, November 13-15, 1962, from the action of the officers in scheduling joint conference devotions as usual for the convention sessions. This appeal should point out that two of the constituent synods, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, are for reasons of conscience no longer in fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, that the representatives of these two bodies on the praesidium of the Lutheran Synodical Conference had made the request to dispense with joint devotions at the convention sessions under the circumstances. The appeal would ask the convention to recognize the status as it is at present within the Lutheran Synodical Conference and to arrange the matter of devotions accordingly.

B. We recommend that plans for separate devotions, to be conducted jointly with our Norwegian brethren, be made, and carried out until the convention takes action on our appeal.

II. Orderly Dissolution of the Lutheran Synodical Conference

In regard to the future of the Lutheran Synodical Conference we recommend that our Synod give consideration to the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, The Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod have suspended fellowship relations with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, because the latter no longer is standing on the original confession on which the Lutheran Synodical Conference was founded in 1872, and

WHEREAS, The 1962 Cleveland convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod gave further evidence of the new direction in which that synod is embarking (see also the editorial in *The Lutheran Witness* entitled "Turning Point," August 21, 1962, and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Synodical Conference thus no longer serves its stated purpose (Constitution, Article IV, a, "To give outward expression to the unity of spirit existing among the constituent synods"); therefore be it

Resolved, a) That we memorialize the Lutheran Synodical Conference at Chicago, Illinois, November 13-15, 1962, to take steps toward an orderly dissolution of the Lutheran Synodical Conference as now constituted, and be it further

Resolved, b) That we recommend that provisions be made for a dissolution committee, consisting of eight members, two to be appointed by each of the constituent synods of the Lutheran Synodical Conference, and be it finally

Resolved, c) That we recommend that the dissolution committee in consultation with the Synodical Conference Mission Board and possibly the missions themselves prepare recommendations to the Lutheran Synodical Conference regarding the disposition of all joint mission work.

Note: The Evangelical Lutheran Synod on the basis of resolutions passed at its convention in 1961 and again in 1962 is submitting a similar memorial, calling for orderly dissolution of the Lutheran Synodical Conference.

III. Joint Mission Work of the Lutheran Synodical Conference

Since our Synod put much effort into the mission work of the Lutheran Synodical Conference and since we cannot but feel a responsibility toward the souls the Lord entrusted also to our care in this work, we recommend that we express our willingness to assume responsibility for this work. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod passed a similar resolution at its 1962 Cleveland convention. The dissolution committee can take these resolutions into consideration in making recommendations for the disposition of the joint mission work of the Lutheran Synodical Conference.

IV. Registration of Dissenting Votes

We recommend that on issues where it is important that our position be on record provisions be made for an orderly registration of our dissenting votes.

Armin Schuetze, Chairman Joh. P. Meyer John Metzger"

Respectfully submitted,

Floor Committee No. 2 on Doctrinal Matters

W. H. Franzmann, Chairman V. Weyland, Secretary

Action by the Convention: The report was adopted.

THEOLOGICALS' CONFERENCE

(Reprinted From the Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly)

Pursuant to the resolution adopted as paragraph (g) of the resolution to suspend fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in August 1961, which reads:

"That we declare our desire to discuss the principles of church fellowship further with the church bodies that were represented by the members of the Overseas Committee, and that we initiate such steps as might be necessary to carry out such further discussions,"

the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod through its Commission on Doctrinal Matters extended invitations to the Ev. Luth. Church of Australia, the Ev. Luth. Church of Brazil, the Ev. Luth. Church of England, the Ev. Luth. Free Church of Germany, the Ev. Luth. Church of Germany (formerly the Breslau Synod), the Ev. Luth. Confessional Church of Germany (*Bekennniskirche*), and the Free Ev. Luth. Synod of South Africa, all of which were accepted. Invitations to the Ev. Luth. Free Church of France and to the Ev. Luth. Free Church of Finland were acknowledged, but circumstances made it impossible for these bodies to send representatives.

The conference was held at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary at Mequon, Wisconsin, July 9-13, 1962. The Ev. Luth. Church of Australia was represented by Dr. Henry Hamann, Sr., of Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Adelaide, S.A., now retired and residing in New Jersey, and Pastor Harold D. Koehne, the first vice-president of the Ev. Luth. Church of Australia. The Ev. Luth. Church of Brazil was represented by Dr. Hans Rottmann and Dr. Paul W. Schelp, both members of the faculty of Seminario Concordia of Porto Alegre, R.G.S., Brazil, and Pastor Arnold Schneider, president of the Ev. Luth. Church of Brazil. The Ev. Luth. Church of England was represented by Pastor Arnold Rakow of South Ruislip, Middlesex, England, and Dr. E. George Pearce, president of the Ev. Luth. Church of England. Dr. Win. Oesch of the *Theologische Hochschule* at Oberursel represented the Ev. Luth. Free Church of Germany, and Dr. Manfred Roensch of Heidelberg the Ev. Luth. Church of Germany (Breslau Synod). Our *Ev.-Luth. Bekennniskirche* was represented by Pastor Karl Wengenroth of Bassen/Bremen. Pastor Ludwig Wiesinger, president of the Free Ev. Luth. Synod of South Africa, represented that body. The Synod of Ev. Luth. Churches (Slovak) was represented by its Doctrinal Unity Committee consisting of Pastor Stephen G. Mazak of Cudahy, Wisconsin, Dr. John Daniel of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Pastor John Daniel of Streator, Illinois, Pastor Daniel Estok of Westport, Connecticut, Pastor John Kucera of Lakewood, Ohio, and Pastor John Kovac, the president of the S.E.L.C. of St. Louis, Missouri. The Ev. Luth. Synod (Norwegian) was represented by its Doctrinal Committee consisting of President Milton Tweit of Lawler, Iowa, Prof. Milton Otto of Mankato, Minnesota,

Pastor Torald N. Teigen of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Pastor Julian Anderson of Mt. Prospect, Illinois, Pastor Theo. Aaberg of Scarville, Iowa, and Mr. Stanley Ingebritson of Mankato, Minnesota. The Wisconsin Ev. Luth. Synod was officially represented by its Commission on Doctrinal Matters, including President Oscar Naumann and first Vice-President Irwin Habeck of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, second Vice-President Oscar Siegler of Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin, Pastor E. Arnold Sitz of Tucson, Arizona, Pastor E. P. Frey of Denver, Colorado, Pastor Gerhard Press of Wayne, Michigan, and Professors Lawrenz, Gerald Hoenecke, F. E. Blume, and H. J. Vogel of our Seminary Faculty. Also serving as official Wisconsin Synod representatives were Professors John P. Meyer, Dr. Paul Peters, Armin Schuetze, and Martin Albrecht of our Mequon Seminary, Prof. em. M. Lehming of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Pastor R. W. Mueller, president of the Western Wisconsin District, Jefferson, Wisconsin, Pastor Edgar Hoenecke and Pastor Alwin Degner of the Board for World Missions, Professor Carleton Toppe, president of Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin and Pastor James Schaefer of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Pastor Ferdinand Bellin of Brunsbrock/Verden, Germany, attended as a guest and Dr. Martin Franzmann, Dr. Alfred Fuerbringer, and Dr. Herbert Bouman of St. Louis, Missouri, and Dr. Walter Stuenkel of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, served as official observers for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

The opening service was held in the newly redecorated Seminary Chapel, the sermon being delivered by Vice-President Irwin J. Habeck on I Corinthians 8:16, "Let Love Control Knowledge," and Dr. Paul Peters serving as liturgist. The daily morning and afternoon devotions were held by members of the Seminary faculty assisted by several members of the Overseas Committee, who read the I Epistle of John in the original Greek.

The conference was opened on Monday afternoon, July 9, in the gymnasium of the Seminary by President Oscar Naumann, who presided over the sessions and announced the purpose of the conference, a closer examination and study of our fellowship principles as well as those of the Overseas Committee to clear up misunderstandings which remained after our previous meetings with the Overseas Brethren.

An agenda was adopted which called for a study first of the Wisconsin Synod presentation on the doctrine of the Church, then of the Wisconsin Synod presentation of church fellowship, and finally of theses of the Overseas Brethren entitled "Fellowship in its Necessary Context of the Doctrine of the Church." On the final day of the conference these discussions were to be summarized. These discussions continued from Monday through Thursday and gave all participants ample opportunity to ask questions, to express views, to explain terms and to explore areas of agreement and of disagreement among the various participants. On Thursday a subcommittee was chosen consisting of Pastor Oscar Siegler, chairman, Prof. Milton Otto, Pastor John Kovac, and Dr. Paul W. Schelp, which was charged with the duty of drafting a summary of the discussions. On Friday they submitted the following summary of the discussions held during the week:

"In summarizing the discussions held at this conference, we should like to express our gratitude to the Lord for having permitted us to attend this meeting. We appreciate the fraternal spirit in which all of the discussions were held. We believe the deliberation served to give the participants a better understanding of the terminology employed in the respective presentations, also with respect to the intent and content of the doctrinal statements on Church, Ministry, and Church Fellowship that were used as a basis for the discussion.

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