

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY'S
MISSION SEMINAR: PART OF A
PROCESS

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I. INTRODUCTION TO THE "PROCESS"

"From its beginnings in 1850 (the Wisconsin Synod) had to contend with heterodox influences which stemmed from our heterogeneous origins. In these struggles God always awakened strong leaders who guided the synod on a sound confessional course and into orthodox intersynodical associations. In retrospect this development of the Wisconsin Synod into a leading orthodox Lutheran church which has not yielded to the allurements of popular doctrinal trends is nothing short of a miracle of the grace and patience of God.

"Just as great a miracle of God's patience and grace is the fact that at the very time of the synod's valiant struggle to keep her orthodox Lutheran identity the Lord led the body in her 95th year to embark on a major world mission outreach. No longer would she have to suffer the slur that 'the Wisconsin Synod has the pure gospel and is sitting on it.' Within a span of only three decades the synod which ranked as a poor performer in per communicant support of world missions was at the top of the list of Lutheran synods (Hoenecke, "Reflections on the Inter-Relationship Between Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and World Missions," WELS Historical Institute Journal, Spring 1989, p. 21)."

Pastor Edgar Hoenecke goes on in this article to relate the apparent conflict between the retention of orthodoxy and the expansion of the Wisconsin Synod into foreign mission fields. It seems that for a time the majority opinion in synod did not consider "heathen" mission fields to be within the scope of the synod's work. The prevailing thought was one of "Sammelarbeit," that is, "gathering already Lutheran, chiefly German, people into the Synod (Hoenecke, p. 23)." The fear was also voiced that "going into the world with the gospel would lead to a dilution or loss of pure teaching (Hoenecke, p. 21)."

This line of thought became so strong that those who pushed for foreign mission expansion were labeled the "mission brethren" and "were subjected to criticism." In fact, even J.P. Koehler in his History of the Wisconsin Synod commented as follows: "There was something not entirely sound about the synod's heathen mission endeavor, the idea that

a church is not living up to its mission unless it engages in heathen mission work, according to the Lord's Great Commission...That idea is dogmatism with a streak of pietism (Hoenecke, p. 22)." In reaction to this statement Hoenecke himself states that this is a surprising opinion for a Christian to hold (p. 32)!

This conflict of ideas over foreign mission work demonstrated the need for education and encouragement regarding the Church's responsibility over against the Great Commission. A process of education and encouragement was necessary in order to make the Wisconsin Synod "foreign mission minded."

The process was given a positive shove by President Johannes Bading at the 1883 convention when he urged the synod to appoint a committee to look into foreign mission expansion. The process was hampered by severe budget restrictions in the late 1880's and 1890's, which soured some on foreign missions and almost closed the Synod's Apache mission in its infant stage. Yet the process continued to be pushed along by such men as President Gustav E. Bergemann (1931 convention), President John Brenner (1943 convention), Professor August Pieper in his class lectures and in his essay "The True Reconstruction of the Church," Professor August Zich, President Oscar J. Naumann, and Seminary President Carl Lawrenz. Pastor Edgar Hoenecke himself, as we shall observe, was also a force behind the Wisconsin Synod's continued growth in world mission fields (Hoenecke, pp. 21-27, 32-33).

One small part of this "process" to educate and encourage the synod has been the Seminary's Mission Seminar, the subject of this paper. The Mission Seminar came very late, timewise, in the process of our synod's outreach to the world. It did not come into the picture

until 1960. This is due to its role in the process of mission awareness—its role being that of initially informing and preparing pastoral candidates for possible service in the foreign fields of the Wisconsin Synod. Obviously, this phase of the "process" would come after much previous groundwork had been laid. Let Pastor Hoenecke, who seems to be the "Father of Mission Seminar" explain:

"Already in the first years of our expanded world mission activity, from 1955-1960, it became apparent to us that provision would have to be made for more orientation, information, and practical preparation of candidates for work in foreign mission fields. The very sketchy training we of the world board could give them and their wives was grossly inadequate. When we appealed to the seminary faculty for some time in the already crowded schedule, the faculty agreed to set aside a full week for a world mission seminar which would be a joint venture, the students and faculty taking part with the world board.

"The first mission seminar featured a series of daily presentations by missionaries and members of the World Board. The insights gained into the requirements for service and the activities of a foreign field made continuation of the program quite self-evident. The Epiphany season was chosen to avoid breaking into the seminary schedule too seriously because of the semester break. The practical suggestion was adopted to involve the students themselves much more actively in the various studies and presentations, such as in the preparation of statistical, historical and geographical information with the help of graphs and maps. The students also gathered the material gleaned from the seminar into loose-leaf folders for later study and reference. A new feature, slide and film presentations, was made available to the seminary family and to interested visitors from the Milwaukee area (Hoenecke, pp. 33-34).

II. PURPOSE OF THE PAPER

The writer of this paper is grateful to Pastor Hoenecke for having recorded some of the initial facts about that first Seminar. Very little seems to have been recorded on the subject, and those whose memories were tapped for information did not have all of Pastor

Hoenecke's details.

The majority of the subject matter for this paper was gleaned from excerpts from the faculty minutes of those first years, and from the seminar folders assembled through the years by the students. A special "Thank you!" is extended to Professor David J. Valleskey for the time he put in searching the faculty minutes for the excerpts that are used in the paper.

Pastor Hoenecke nicely laid the groundwork for a look at Mission Seminar when he mentioned the following points. 1) Mission Seminar was held over the course of one week during the Epiphany season. 2) The Seminar was intended to be a joint venture of faculty and students, and the members of the World Board. 3) Daily presentations were made by missionaries and the board's members. 4) The students were encouraged to get involved with the basic information surrounding each presentation, and they were also responsible for putting all of the information presented into a reference folder.

Much of what Pastor Hoenecke stated is very familiar to anyone who has been involved with, or who has attended, a Mission Seminar. The intentions and the general format of the first Seminar appear to have been preserved through the years with only minor changes. The purpose of this paper, then, shall be to walk through the years of Mission Seminar, taking note of Seminar themes, session headings, students and professors who played a role, changes in format, changes in location and anything else of interest. The choice was made to proceed strictly on the basis of the information contained in the Seminar files kept at the Seminary's library, rather than trying to contact people from all of the 31 years. Even though this approach was taken, the information is still

a little disjointed, especially in the earlier years. You will observe that the note-taking (and therefore, the information) gets better as the years move along!

III. A PART OF THE "PROCESS"

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(The following are excerpts of the Seminary faculty's minutes. Each year through 1970 will begin in this fashion).

11/19/59—Pastor Edgar Hoenecke is invited to meet with the faculty on Wednesday and Thursday, December 2nd and 3rd, to discuss the set-up for the missionary training program that has been place under his guidance.

12/10/59—It was resolved that we make room in our schedule for a series of five lectures on the question of an indigenous church in the mission field during one week of each school year, and for this year make an offer of the week of April 24, 1960, to the Board for World Missions, these lectures to be given to the entire student body.

NOTE: 1) Pastor Hoenecke apparently could be called the "Father of Mission Seminar" from what is stated here, and as others have verbally indicated. 2) Unfortunately the library possesses no copy of that first Seminar, so it is impossible to know how much of each class day was taken up during that week-long seminar. 3) The theme apparently was something along this line: "An Indigenous Church in the Mission Field?"

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10/11/60—Lectures to our student body on World Missions work are planned for the week of April 16, 1961, Monday through Friday, during the fourth and fifth periods of each day's schedule.

2/14/61—IT WAS RESOLVED to change the dates previously set

and to offer the Board for World Missions the last two periods on the mornings of May 10, 11, 12, 15, and 16 for its regular lectures to the student body. This change is made at the request of the Board for World Missions.

5/4/61—Plans for the days of meetings of the Student Body with the World Missions Board were discussed, especially in view of the fact that Executive Secretary Edgar Hoenecke most probably will not be in Mequon before May 15. The class schedule for the days affected was rearranged.

NOTE: 1) The amount of time spent on Mission Seminar was about what it is today, although the 10 hours were spread out over one week instead of two days. 2) It is interesting to note the recognized permanency of the Seminar in only its second year (regular lectures). 3) Whereas the Seminar today is scheduled somewhat around the availability of Mission Board members and missionaries, yet it does not seem to be as dependent upon these men as in the early years. If someone is not available to present on a certain topic, chances are good that the topic will not be used, or another resource man will be found. However, Pastor Hoenecke's presence could not be overlooked since he was so much involved.

THEME: ???

- I. The Lutheran Church and World Missions (a history)
- II. Pure Doctrine and Its Implications for World Missions
- III. Communism - A Menace Only Or Also A Challenge For Missions?
- (IV.?) An Added Inducement (encouragement for mission work)
- V. The Need For Reevaluating Our Attitude and Our Program
- VI. Author and Example of Our Mission Work - Jesus Christ, the Perfect Missionary, the "Sent One" From God
- VII. Lessons To Be Learned From St. Paul

NOTE: Although there is no theme mentioned for this Seminar, the topic seems to be a general emphasis on the need for the Church to do mission work in light of the Great Commission. (A concrete example of the ongoing process to make the Wisconsin Synod more mission-minded).

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2/21/62—The dates for the Program by the Board of World Missions at the Seminary were set: May 7th to 11th.

NOTE: Apparently the May dates of 1962 caught on for a time. We also see May dates proposed for the '63 Seminar.

THEME: ???

- I. "Practical Lessons For Our Missionary Program to be Learned from Paul the Great Missionary"—Edgar Hoenecke
& "Winning Souls, Not Building Churches, is Our Missionary Goal"—Ray Wiechmann
- II. "Is Our Synod Emphasizing Its Educational Program at the Expense of the Missionary Program?" (panel discussion)
- III. Lectures by World Missionaries:
 - "The Importance and Value of Acquiring the Language of the Area of One's Work in a Foreign Field"—Richard Mueller, Jr.
 - "To What Extent Must the Foreign Missionary Accommodate Himself to the Culture and Customs of His Field?"—Richard SeegerLectures by Home Missionaries:
 - "The Home Missionary Works With His Board"—Philip Janke
 - "The Unique Character of Inter-racial Mission Work"—Milton Burke
 - "Winning the Adult"—Herbert Kruschel
- IV. "Six Practical Cases" (group presentation by six groups of four students each, to Hoenecke and Wiechmann)
 - "How Does Our Board Function?" was the opener
- V. "Missionary Activities of Our Synod at Home compared with Home Mission Opportunities Due to Expanding and Shifting Population Masses"
 - "The Great Unfinished Task in World Missions - Our Obligation and Our Opportunity to Serve Christ"

NOTE: 1) A general comment might be that the early Seminars were more direct and pointed when it came to the topics discussed. Present-day Seminars seem to be broader in scope. 2) It seems that synod policy

was more easily discussed (cf. II, above), although the Seminar may not have been the wisest forum for such discussions. 3) Student involvement in the presentations is first acknowledged.

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2/13/63—The motion was made and passed to encourage the Mission Boards again to institute the Mission Lecture Program as in other years. It was suggested that the lectures be given during the week of May 20. Prof. Lawrenz stated that he would correspond with the chairmen of the Mission Boards.

3/21/63—The Mission Lecture Program for May 20-24 was discussed. The Mission Board chairmen stated that they would arrange a program. Prof. Hoenecke had been asked to attend the meeting of the chairmen. He reported that the program would be sent to the faculty by Pastor Ray Wiechmann.

4/1/63—Prof. Hoenecke presented the program for the Mission Lectures for May 20-24. The faculty accepted the program. Prof. Meyer suggested that a committee be appointed to give the students opportunity to arrange themselves into committees so that the work could proceed immediately after the Easter vacation. The committee chosen consists of Prof. Hoenecke and Prof. Schuetze.

4/10/63—The faculty committee arranging the Mission Week program reported that it was meeting with the students this evening. The classroom schedule was revised by the faculty to allow for the necessary time to present the program during the week of May 20. The motion was passed to accept the revised schedule.

NOTE: 1) A May date was retained for the Seminar. 2) At this point in time student involvement was limited in the initial planning. The Mission Board arranged the program. 3) In the actual planning and producing, however, the students formed committees to do the work. Whether this was a new development in '63 is not known. 4) There was also a faculty committee which met with the students in place of the faculty advisors we have now. Undoubtedly the functions of both were/are similar.

MISSION WEEK STUDENT COMMITTEES

April, 1963

THEME: ???

I. Pre-Budget Plan

Professor Schuetze

Zwieg, Bickel, Wagenknecht, David Schultz, Henning, Pagel, Leersen, Gaulke, Drews.

II. South America

Professors Peters
and Hoenecke

Siegler, Gaertner, Sievert, Westendorf, Widmann, Carmichael, Seifert, Lemke, Arndt, Schallow, Diener, Vertz, W. Schultz, Cronin, Schroeder, Scheuerlein, Paul, Vomhof, Zessin, Ellenberger, Humann, Nimmer, Bode, Schneider, Oelhafen, Kern, Henderson, Filter, Zehms, Falck.

III. Downtown Church and Congregational Self-Study

Professor Albrecht

Pommerans, Janosek, Pautz, Roth, Cooper, Uttech, Olsen, Meyer, Spiegelberg, Koch, Schewe, Behling.

IV. Methods and Techniques of Mission Work

Professor Vogel

Smith, Liesener, Witte, Kahrs, Gray, Shimek, Mueller, Fischer, Engel, Franzmann, Zimdars, Scheele, Heinz, Plocher, Kom, Seiltz, Mumm, Twenge.

V. Are We Taking Our Witnessing Seriously?

Professor Lawrenz

Kretzmann, Mahnke, Kurth, Plitzuweit, Begalka, Roehl, Kieker, Valleskey, Prange, Watterstradt.

NOTE: 1) Beginning with 1963, the recordkeeping seems to be more complete. 2) One very obvious difference from the present is that the session heads apparently were professors, instead of there being student leadership. This would come later. 3) One added note from the file is that the sessions again took place during the last two hours of each of the five days, 10:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Up to this point in time the focus of Mission Seminar had always been on world missions. Although there were some sessions dealing with Home Missions, that was to be an exception to the norm. The norm was changed however after Mission Seminar 1963 as Pastor Hoenecke explains:

"The mission seminar produced such good results that in 1964 the Board for Home Missions was brought into the program. This reduced the time for concentrating on the unique problems involved world missions, but it served to bring the two mission boards into closer contact with one another to share in consideration of matters shared by both in the training of theological candidates and in the conduct of missions, especially in cross-cultural situations such as the Hispanic work carried on by both boards (Hoenecke, pp. 33-34)."

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10/16/63—In regard to Mission Week Professor Blume was asked to be our contact man.

11/14/63—Professor Blume gave a progress report on Mission Emphasis Week; he stated that he hoped that he would be able to present the program on the coming Thursday.

THEME: Epiphany Mission Seminar
—January 27-31, 1964

- I. When Do We Have A Call To Enter A New Field?
 - Professors Hoenecke, Peters, Vogel, Schuetze, Meyer, Lawrenz.
 - Students Pautz, Pinchoff, Diener, Vomhof, Ehlert, Filter, Ehlers, Wiechmann, Weber, Valleskey, Janosek, Baumler, Falck, Bode, Zehms, Knach(?), Kurth, Begalka, Krause, Ellenberger, Cooper(?).
- II. Importance of Language and Literature in Mission Work
 - Pastor Edgar Hoenecke
 - Students Kiecker, Franzmann, Krueger, Fastenau, Sordahl, Glaeske.
- III. Mission Expansion Into New Areas
 - Pastor Ray Wiechmann and Professor Albrecht
 - Students Roth, Henning, Prange(?), Plocher.
- IV. And There Are Many Adversaries

—Students Kern, Flunker, Koch, Behling, Vertz,
Bode, Drews, Dament, Twenge.

NOTE: 1) A return to Epiphany dates. 2) Continued use of the two last hours of the day. 3) First official Seminar folder. 4) First indication of an opening address/sermon by Pastor Harold Wicke of Watertown. The text was Matthew 13:38, "The Field is the World; The Good Seed are the Children of the the Kingdom." 5) This year had an official theme passage, Luke 24:47, "...repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." 6) The Sem Gems were formed during this schoolyear. By the '70's they were baking cookies for the breaks between sessions. This practice lasted until 1988. The following year, 1989, the Seminary took over supplying the break food due to the massive quantities being consumed!

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9/17/64—The matter of the Mission Seminar was discussed. The faculty suggests the week of January 18, 1965; Prof. Blume, who was asked again to be in charge of arranging the seminar, is to get in touch with the Mission Boards.

10/31/64—The matter of the Mission Seminar was discussed. Prof. Blume stated that it was the aim of the Mission Boards to present the cause of missions by means of a "Mission Fair." The committee suggests that three **students be selected as chairmen**; the first, a general chairman, who should introduce the Seminar to give it its purpose, this to be done both on the opening day, Monday, January 18, and again on Thursday evening, January 21; the second chairman should be a group leader for a panel on home missions; and the third, to be the group leader for a panel on world missions; the panels should consist of 10(?) students, divided as the chairmen would decide. The motion was made and passed to accept the program worked out by the mission committee as reported by Prof. Blume, the faculty representative. The motion was made and passed to ask the Seniors as a class to appoint the three leaders and to choose the two panels; that Prof. Blume be asked to meet with the class to guide the class in the selection of the

leaders.

NOTE: 1) The faculty is still picking the dates for the Seminar.
2) The idea of the "Mission Fair" comes into being. 3) Students are now selected to be chairmen, and they are selected by their peers. The general chairman has been retained to the present day, while the two "missions chairmen" have been replaced with five session heads. The general chairman began to take a role in the opening remarks of the Seminar. 4) The apparent beginning of evening sessions.

THEME: A Mission Fair

—"N.B. The purpose of this seminar is to provide the students and area pastors with firsthand knowledge of how a Mission Fair is prepared and executed."

- I. Introduction to the purpose, background and objectives of the Seminar/Home Missions (a look at the Board)
- II. Spiritual Welfare Commission/Discussion of Home Missions
- III. World Missions (organization, objectives and program)/Fields
- IV. Mission Evening at the Seminary (Thursday)
 - area congregations are invited to attend
 - "Purpose of Mission Fairs"—Pastor J.P. Schaefer
 - Introduction to, and tour of, mission displays
 - "Publicity"—Pastor Jonathan Mahnke
- V. Wisconsin Synod Relief Program/Lutheran Children's Friend Society/Discussion of World Missions.

Mission Seminar - 1965

Home Missions Panels #1: Vilas Glaeske, G. Schroeder, S. Stern, L. Zessin, D. Fischer, D. Neumann. #2: Gary Baumler, P. Otto, R. Berg, A. Lemke, G. Lambrecht, V. Voss. #3: Edward Pinchoff, D. Begalka, H. Winterstein, D. Zimmermann, R. Drews, J. Humann.

World Missions Panels #4: Keith Roehl, J. Henning, F. Kogler, R. Sachs, A. Jannusch. #5: Myrl Wagenknecht, C. Pagel, J. Scheele, N. Kuske, D. Nimmer, M. Hahm. #6: Dieter Mueller, G. Geiger, E. Bickel, N. Engel, W.

Leerssen, L. Cronin. #7: Don Fastenau, W. Schulz, R. Kom, J. Miller, P. Soukup. #8: Ronald Heins, W. Goering, K. Gawrisch, W. Goers, J. Mumm, W. Ziebell. #9: Richard Gugel, W. Gaulke, W. Olson, E. Schoemann, G. Scheuerlein, W. Russow. #10: Jon Mahrke, R. Uttech, D. Gray, S. Valerio, H. Sturm. #11: Theodore Olsen, C. Flunker, G. Kock, J. Koch, K. Schroeder.

HOME MISSIONS - Keith Kruck

WORLD MISSIONS - Thomas Franzmann

STUDENT LEADER - Frederick Fallen

NOTE: The Seminar booklets are getting better all the time.

There is some good resource material here for a mission fair.

3/29/65—Since some of the materials of the Mission Fair are still lying about in various places, it was decided that we ask Prof. Vogel to select a suitable place for them and ask the student committees to gather these materials to make them available. It was decided that Prof. Blume be asked whether the speakers for the Mission Fair had been paid.

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9/9/65—It was decided that our Mission Seminar would be held again during the Epiphany season. The motion was carried to appoint Prof. Schuetze to get into contact with Executive Secretary Hoenecke.

11/3/65—The Mission Seminar Committee reported. It was resolved that the week of January 24 be set aside for the Seminar. It was further resolved that the daily schedule for the Seminar be 10:30-12:30 with the third period being cut to 45 minutes. The committee stated that the topic of this year's Seminar would be "Communication."

12/2/65—The Mission Seminar program was discussed. Faculty supervisors and student chairmen were chosen according to the following plan:

Mission Work Is Communicating the Gospel—Prof. Schuetze and Wayne Schultz

Communication Media: Their Uses and Limitations—Prof. Hoenecke and Karl Plocher

Problems in Communication in Foreign Fields—Prof. Blume and Herbert Filter

Communicating to Children and Through Children—Prof. Albrecht and Richard Wiechmann

Added Incentives for Accelerating and Intensifying Our

Efforts in Communicating the Gospel—Prof. Vogel and Stephen Valleskey

THEME: Communicating the Gospel

—"Communicate - To raise the same concept in another's mind as that which is in one's own mind."

(Sessions as above)

NOTE: 1) This year's folder lacked a list of student participants. 2) It did, however, have several urgent pleas to "leave time for discussion from the floor!" 3) The folder contains valuable information on communicating the gospel!

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12/8/66—Prof. Gawrisch reported on the Mission Seminar. The motion was made and carried that the seminar be held during the week of Feb. 6-10. The following faculty members are to be leaders: Monday, Prof. Vogel; Tuesday, Prof. Habeck; Wednesday, Prof. Blume; Thursday, Prof. Lawrenz; Friday, Prof. Albrecht. The student leaders were chosen by the faculty as follows: James Westendorf, general leader; Monday, Roger Sachs; Tuesday, Herbert Winterstein; Wednesday, Kent Schroeder; Thursday, Carl Pagel; Friday, John Graf (moderator of panel).

1/12/67—Prof. Gawrisch stated that Pastor Theodore Sauer would give the inspirational address at the opening of the Mission Seminar. It was decided that the speaker be paid ten dollars plus the traveling expenses.

NOTE: The faculty went back to choosing the student leaders themselves, rather than allowing the students to choose on their own.

THEME: Epiphany Mission Seminar—"Whom Shall I Send?"
Is. 6:8

- I. There is a Message to Proclaim
- II. It is a Message Sorely Needed
- III. There is a Messenger to Send
- IV. There is a Divinely Established Relationship Between the Lord and His Messenger.
- V. The Messenger is All Things to All Men
- VI. The Messenger's Unfinished Task

NOTE: 1) Again, no list of student participation available in the folder. 2) In general, Mission Seminar folders of the early years were much more extensive as far as content is concerned than are the folders of later years. The folders of the early years are more of a book. They contain the full text of the essays that were presented, rather than background material for the lectures and outlines for the same. For instance, this 1967 booklet is 114 pages of single-space typing, with few "picture pages!" Compare that with the 1990 booklet which is only 51 pages long and includes a lot of white space, special graphics, "note" pages and the opening and closing services!

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11/30/67—The Mission Seminar was discussed. The dates were set for January 22 to 26 . Prof. Albrecht presented the program; the motion was made and carried to adopt it. The following appointments were made:

General Coordinator: Christman

Chairmen: Monday: Prof. Lawrenz and Wolfgram
Tuesday: Prof. Schuetze and Deutschlander
Wednesday: Prof. Hoenecke and Westphal
Thursday: Prof. Habeck and Gast
Friday: Prof. Gawrisch and Gurgel

THEME: Epiphany Mission Seminar—"Christ's Church Girds For Her Mission Task"

- I. "Let's Set Our Objectives"
- II. "Let's Plan Our Methods—For Our Country"
—Pastors George W. Boldt (Chairman, Home Mission Board) and Theodore B. Olsen (St. Mark's, Brown Deer)
- III. "Let's Plan our Methods—Throughout the World"
—Pastors Edgar Hoenecke (Exec. Sec., World Mission Board) and John Janosek (Missionary at Blantyre, Malawi)
- IV. "Let's Practice What We Preach"
—Pastor John C. Jeske

V. "Let's Follow Through on What We've Planned"
—Pastor James P. Schaefer

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5/18/68—The matter of the presentation of Missionary E. Wendland's lectures was discussed. Prof. Lawrenz stated that he had informed Missionary Wendland that we were making plans in regard to their presentation. The question was raised whether it would be possible to work them into the Mission Seminar at the beginning of the year. It was suggested that a committee be appointed, which should give thought to this possibility. The motion prevailed to have such a committee; that Prof. Habeck be the leader, with Prof. Lutz as the additional member of the committee.

9/6/68—Prof. Habeck reported on the mission lectures of Missionary Wendland. The motion was made and carried that October 14 - 18 be set aside for the lectures; that two periods be devoted to this work every morning; that Missionary Wendland use the first period on each day for his lecture; and the second period of each morning be used for panel discussions. The following were chosen as chairmen and as faculty advisers:

General Chairman:	Earl Peterson	Prof. Habeck
Monday (Policies):	David Gosdeck	Prof. Blume
Tuesday (Linguistics):	Gerald Lange	Prof. Vogel
Wednesday (Culture):	Lyle Lange	Prof. Lutz
Thursday (The Missionary):	Ralph Martens	Prof. Schuetze
Friday (Mission Fields):	Alan Siggelkow	Prof. Hoenecke

10/3/68—The first order of business was the arranging of the class schedule for the week of the Mission Seminar, October 14-18.

—The lecture committee inquired about remunerating Pastor Wendland for his five lectures which he will be presenting during the days of the Mission Seminar. The motion was made and carried that he be given an honorarium of \$50 per lecture and an additional \$50 for traveling expenses.

THEME: Sharing a Mission Experience

- I. Principles and Methods of World Mission Work
 - Student Project - Topic presentation of various methods and panel discussion
 - Essay - "We Have a Method"
- II. The Importance of Language Study
 - Student Project - A review of modern language

- study techniques with practical demonstration
- Essay - "We Learn a Language"
- III. The Necessity of Knowing the People Among Whom We Work
 - Student Project - A review of instruction materials as adapted to the Central African field
 - Essay - "We Study Anthropology"
- IV. A Study of the Qualifications of a Missionary
 - Student Project - A review of synod policies, and skit.
 - Essay - "We Look At Ourselves"
- V. A Closer Look at a Specific Field
 - Student Project - Map study and historical skit.
 - Essay - "We Work In Africa"

NOTE: A unique approach of focusing in on one man, one subject.

11/7/68—The Mission Seminar was discussed on the basis of a set of suggestions from the student Mission Seminar Committees. The discussion centered around the possibility of making future planning easier. The motion was made and carried to have a committee to come with suggestions. This committee was to consist of the chairmen of the last three seminars: Professors Habeck, Albrecht, and Gawrisch.

12/5/68—Request of the Mission Seminar Committees Prof. Habeck gave the report of the faculty committee which reviewed the request. The report (appended to the minutes) was adopted.

(Unfortunately this report is no longer with the minutes!!!! Future years must be the key to finding out about this report!)

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8/29/69—Mission Seminar: It was decided to hold the annual Mission Seminar at the usual time during the Epiphany season. It was suggested that contact be made with Pastor Boldt and with Executive Secretary Edgar Hoenecke to begin the planning of the Seminar.

11/6/69—Mission Seminar: Prof. Lutz stated that he had met with Pastors E. Hoenecke and N. Berg to discuss the coming Mission Seminar. It was suggested that the main emphasis be placed on Home Missions, with the possible theme: "Today's Thrust—Confessional Outposts." It was also suggested that the students become involved in the initial planning of the Seminar; that the Middlers be given the area of the historical aspects, and the Seniors, the practical aspects.

Prof. Lutz reported furthermore that the Seniors had

met and were suggesting the following student leaders:
General Chairman: John Lawrenz; daily chairmen: Douglas Weiser, Paul Kelm, Gary Kirschke, Paul Ziemer, Wayne Mueller. The motion was made and carried to ratify the suggestions. The motion was made and carried to suggest the following dates in the order of preference:

- 1) Jan. 29, 30, Feb. 2, 3, 4 (over the weekend)
- 2) the week of January 19
- 3) the week of February 2

The motion was made and carried to ask faculty members to work with the committees, one for each committee.

2/12/70--Mission Seminar: It was reported that the AAL granted \$500 for the publication of the Seminar reports.

NOTE: 1) It is likely that the lost report of 1968 had something to do with the suggestion that the students be allowed to participate in the initial planning. 2) The report may also have had something to do with the Seniors meeting and suggesting chairmen to the faculty. 3) This appears to be the beginning of AAL's annual grants to help fund Mission Seminar. 4) Believe it or not, the weekend dates were picked!

THEME: Every Call A Mission Call

- I. A Call of Challenge
- II. A Call to Prospects
- III. A Call for Members
- IV. A Call With Others
- V. A Call Among Many

GENERAL COMMITTEE

John Lawrenz, General Chairman

PRAESIDIUM

W. Mueller, Secretary
Thursdays Committee
D. Weiser, Friday Committee
G. Kirschke, Monday Committee
P. Kelm, Tuesday Committee
P. Ziemer, Wednesday Committee

SERVICE COUNCIL

A. Aichele, Audio-Video-Arts Committee
R. Ash, House Committee
D. Engelbrecht, Publication Committee
R. Hellmann, Funding Committee
P. Kante, Audio-Video-Arts Committee
G. Lemke, Audio-Video-Arts Committee
R. Luebchow, Liturgics Committee
J. Middlestaedt, Critique Committee
R. Stadler, Publicity Committee
M. Stuebs, Drama/Skit Committee
W. Vogt, Canvass Committee
P. Zarling, Bibliography Committee

EX-OFFICIO ADVISORS

M. Lutz, General Faculty Advisor
G. Hoenecke, Thursday Advisor
S. Becker, Friday Advisor
A. Schuetze, Monday Advisor
I. Habeck, Tuesday Advisor
W. Gawrisch, Wednesday Advisor
M. Albrecht, Liturgics Advisor
N. Berg, Executive Secretary -
Home Missions
L. Lindloff, Chairman, WELS
Evangelism Committee
E. Hoenecke, Executive Secretary -
World Missions

DAY COMMITTEE LIEUTENANTS

K. Grunewald, Thursday Committee
C. Siegler, Friday Committee
R. Kaiser, Monday Committee
A. Zahn, Tuesday Committee
J. Brug, Tuesday Committee
G. Groth, Tuesday Committee
D. Clark, Wednesday Committee
D. Baumler, Wednesday Committee
L. Prahl, Wednesday Committee
M. Wendland, Wednesday Committee

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

Douglas Engelbrecht - Chairman
Robert Van Norstrand
Charles Clarey
David Dolan
Ronald Hahm

NOTE: 1) As you can see from the above listing of positions, and as one can see from the Seminar booklet, Mission Seminar had already developed into a class act! Quality organization, quality publication, an all-student canvass on the Saturday and Sunday between sessions of the Seminar, and a hymn written to incorporate the five session themes are all examples of the quality of the production. 2) This folder is the first to indicate precisely that it was put together after the Seminar as a summary report. This seems to explain the typed, Seminar agenda and outline sheets which accompanied many of the Seminar booklets up to this time! These agendas guided the students through the Seminar, and the booklets came later.

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(At this point the notes from the faculty minutes come to an end. It did not seem worthwhile to include the next 20 years as well, especially since by 1970, Mission Seminar had pretty much developed into what it is today. Thanks are once again extended to Professor David J. Valleskey for his time spent in digging up the first 11 years worth of notes).

THEME: Our Mission Program—A Growing Mustard Seed
February 1-5, 1971

- I. The Kind Of Growth We Seek
- II. The Seed Takes Root At Home
- III. Promoting Healthy Growth At Home
- IV. The Seed Takes Root In The World
- V. Promoting Healthy Growth In The World

JOHN BRUG, General Chairman

PROFESSOR SIEGBERT BECKER, General Faculty Advisor

SEMINAR COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

Richard Stadler, Monday Committee
Keith Schroeder, Tuesday Committee
Frederick Toppe, Wednesday Committee
Forrest Bivens, Thursday Committee
John Ibisch, Friday Committee
Martin Stuebs, House Committee
Harlyn Kuschel, Liturgy Committee
John Trapp, Art Committee
Lawrence Retberg, Projects Committee
Roy Rose, Funding Committee

John Vogt, Editor
Rodney Busch
David Dolan
Richard Frank
Ronald Hahn
Reed Haakenson
Curtis Lyon
John Trapp

NOTE: 1) The standard of quality begun in 1970 continued in 1971.
2) This year's Seminar was conducted in five morning and three evening sessions. 3) The first written information on the site of the Seminar: the Seminary Gymnasium.

1 9 7 2

THEME: Letting My Light Shine
January 24-28, 1972

- I. I Can Shine Throughout The World Through My Synod
- II. I Can Shine In The Community Through My Congregation
- III. Lord, You Have Made Me A Shining Light
- IV. Help Me Shine In My Personal Contacts
- V. Help Me Shine in An Organized Effort

NOTE: No folder in the files!

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THEME: "A Chosen Vessel To Bear My Name"
January 29-February 2, 1973

- I. The Great Commission, A Study Of Our Call
—J. Zeitler, J. Seifert, J. Willitz, D. Haeuser,
J. Martin, D. Fleming, Prof. R. Balge, Pastors N.
Berg and E. Hoenecke
- II. The Call To Enter A Specific Field
—J. Naumann, Pastor D. Gieschen, K. Kuschel,
Pastors H. Essmann, N. Berg and E. Hoenecke
- III. The Ways Of Answering The Call
—D. Pagel, T. Ziebell, Pastor R. Cox, M.
Hannemann, D. Anderson, Pastors Berg, K. Eggert
and R. Voss
- IV. The Obstacles To Responding To The Call
—Pastors Cox, Sawall, Hoenecke, Berg, Schaefer;
Prof. Becker, Carl Leyrer, Jean-Louis Schaeffer
- V. The Blessings Attendant On Our Following God's Call
—G. Hintz, Pastors Berg and Hoenecke

NOTE: Again, no folder found in the files! The few names found
are listed as points of reference.

1 9 7 4

THEME: The "Peace Seminar"
January 28-30, 1974

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR SEMINAR '74

R. Pasbrig, general chairman	K. Kuschel, evening chairman
D. Schulz, vice chairman	J. Kutil, liturgics
T. Bartz, day chairman	D. Haberkorn, art chairman
D. Linn, day chairman	L. Nast, house chairman
L. Schlomer, day chairman	B. Knapp, publications
J. Schmidt, day chairman	P. Lehmann, treasurer
Prof. Edward Fredrich, faculty advisor	

NOTE: 1) No official summary folder found; just a lot of jotted
notes and letters. 2) Apparently there was no set outline under the
basic theme, other than half of the time being spent on Home Missions
and half being spent on Foreign Missions. 3) This year's Seminar was
concentrated into three days instead of the usual five—by request.
4) Buzz groups were tried in order to achieve greater participation.
5) An outline booklet was distributed prior to the Seminar in order to

give the students time to think on the issues to be discussed. 6) This Seminar shows the different areas of the classroom buildings that were used in the course of Seminars. The center location was usually the gymnasium, but the chapel, the room, the tower room and the classrooms were all used at one time or another. 7) It seems that about this time the minutes, notes and letters began to be saved for future reference. This is very helpful! 8) The practice of handing out Mission Seminar evaluation forms begins/is in place. 9) Around this time the Aid Association for Lutherans was already helping out with Seminar expenses. When this began is hard to say for sure.

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THEME: "Build Thou The Walls of Jerusalem" Ps. 51:18
—January 20-24, 1975

- I. Education for the Young in World Missions
—Pastors C. Mischke, E. Hoenecke and G. Lange;
Prof. H. Vogel
- II. Adult Education in World Missions
—Pastor E. Hoenecke, Prof. Gawrisch, Mr. Wendland
- III. Education for the Young in Home Missions
—Pastors R. Westendorf, J. Raabe and P. Kelm; Mr.
A. Woldt
- IV. Adult Education in Home Missions
—Pastors P. Kelm, K. Lenz and N. Berg
- V. Education For Mission Awareness
—Pastor N. Berg and Prof. J. Jeske

Chairman: Robert W. Meister II

Day Committees

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Fred Adrian	Dennis Enser	Mark Falck	Paul Alliet	Jim Adermann
Dean Anderson	Maurice Hoppe	Tom Haar	Craig Huska	Martin Lopahs
Charles Iles	John Moldenhauer	Rick Kolterjahn	Gene Jahnke	Jim Naumann
Del Kannenberg	Ted Wendt	Marv Miller	Bob Koester	Dave Sternhagen
		Tom Trapp		

Student Mission Displays:

<u>Latin America</u>	<u>Apache</u>	<u>South East Asia</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>Africa</u>	<u>Europe</u>
Larry Lenke	George Ferch	Doug Harley	Bob Balza	Wayne Rouse	Curt Holub
Jim Kuehl	Paul Fetzer	Randy Siegel	Mike Crawford	Don Stuppy	Paul Lenke

<u>Steering Committee:</u>	<u>Publication:</u>	<u>Audio/Visuals/Arts:</u>	<u>House:</u>
Rich Kogler	Lloyd Lenke	Paul Huebner	Dave Schottey
Lloyd Lenke	Steve Persons	Rich Kogler	Rich Schwerin
Paul Schweppe	Jim Werner	Paul Lenke	Paul Voss
Jim Werner		Paul Schweppe	

<u>Publicity:</u>	<u>Funding:</u>	<u>Liturgics:</u>
Dan Jensen	Mike Dietz	Charles Bonow
Al Schroeder (sec.)	Paul Huebner	Bob Gurgel
		Jim Ruppel

NOTE: Two definite locations for presentations other than the gymnasium are mentioned: the chapel and the multi-purpose room.

1 9 7 6

THEME: To Make All Men See
January 27-29, 1976

- I. The Man and the Message
- II. Goals and Methods - Paul's and Ours
- III. Fields and Growth

Senior Class Committee Assignments

Day 1 Chairman: Jim Tiefel—Dumann, Griep, Mcwaters,
Swanson, Westendorf

Day 2 Chairman: Dave Beckman—Arndt, Groth, Jones, Kappel,
Stawicki

Day 3 Chairman: Peter Kruschel—Fischer, Hartzell, Kleist,
Learman, Tauscher

Worship Committee: Wiedmann—Meier Neumann, Paulson,
Schroeder, M., Zarling

Finances: Ken Kratz

Publications: Richard Schleicher—Agenten, Brown Durow,
Kovociny, Kuznicki

Recording Secretary: R. Wahl, Semenske

Corresponding Secretary: R. Raddatz, Rahn

Audio-visual: Bruce Ahlers, Gorsegner, Kolosovsky

Volunteers: John May

Night Chairman: Tim Bauer, Sulzle, Valleau

Decorations and Art: Tom Zahn—Bartelt, Byer, Cloute, Hoff,
Lawrenz

House: Dave Palmquist—Bushaw, Hrobsky, Johnston, Miller,
Noffsinger, Reede, Ristow, Reinhold, Schomberg,
Schmidt, Seelow, Tollefson, Yahr

NOTE: By this time, the student "praesidium" was very much in
charge of the entire Seminar from start to finish.

1 9 7 7

THEME: How Shall They Hear? (the use of Mass Media in
mission work)
February 15-17, 1977

- I. Principles of Mass Media Evangelization
—Prof. Thomas Kuster, Mr. James Woodfin, Pastor
- II. TV/Radio & Printed Word Workshop
—afternoon session
- III. Update on World Missions
—Pastor Edgar Hoenecke
- IV. Application of Mass Media Methods
—Pastors Kurt Eggert and Richard Stadler
- V. TV/Radio & Printed Word Workshop
- VI. Update on Home Missions
—Pastor Norman Berg
- VII. Workshop Presentations & Summations
—Pastors Berg and Hoenecke

Mission Seminar Committees (Seniors?):

Steering: Bill Hartmann, Chairman; Gordon Peters
Secretary: Lloyd Fager, Glen Thompson
Worship: Norm Seeger—Meier, Schaller, Schuppe, Ziesemer
Publications: Jim Rath—Kutz, Jordan, Zarling, Ristow
Publicity: Tom Fischer—Schliewe, Wilsman, Aderman, Huehn,
Bender
Audio-visual: Scott Stone—Krieger, Bauman, Szep, Mulnix,
Broehm
Decorations/Art: Tim Lowry—Pope, Koehne, Lucht, Suhr,
Kilcrease, Laitenin
House: Garbow—R. Zahn, L. Zahn, Reid, Jaeger, Gerke,
Traudt, Nitz
Day: Morning—Randy Rathje—Brenner, Kipfmiller, Woldt
Afternoon—Dave Kriehn—Oldfield, Hefti, Stuebs, Korth
Evening—Lucht

Duties of Committees

Day Committee - Randy Rathje
Contact panelists and Prof. Gerlach; request their presence and
help
make proposed time schedule

gather, organize and compile necessary statistics
coffee break arrangements, furniture arrangements, M.C.'s

Worship Committee - Norm Seeger

preachers and liturgists
new songs, order of service, bulletins
amount of time desired, cost estimate for speakers

Publication Committee - Jim Rath

materials for afternoon workshops
pre-Seminar booklet (schedule or outline of events, worship
services, cost, AAL folders—with logo?)

Publicity Committee - Tom Fischer

letters to area pastors (good idea? cost? other ideas)
publicity within student body, advertise workshops, solicit
participation
post-Seminar report

Audio-Visual - Scott Stone

progress on evening slide presentation
how will days' events be recorded
equipment available for afternoon workshops (in operating
condition, places to set it up, radio, T.V.)

Decorations/Art - Tim Lowry

work together with mission field displays; suggestions
backdrop ideas
set-up ideas (work together with day and house chairmen)
whole set-up on Seminary grounds (entrance, chapel)

House Committee - Dan Garbow

Work together with men in mission field displays
backdrop construction and other set-ups (work with appropriate
chairmen)
have enough chairs on hand
post-seminar clean-up

Afternoon Chairman - Dave Kriehn

Determine what workshop leaders will want on hand; gather
necessary materials. Arrangements for printing.
Designate places for each workshop
Arrange to have workshop products presented Thurs. morning

Evening Chairman - Mark Cares

work with Glenn Thompson on slide set-up
place of evening gathering, set-up for evening sessions
suggestions for drawing crowds (publicity, refreshments)

NOTE: A list of duties! Very helpful in the planning of future
Seminars!

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THEME: With Many Hands, With Many Voices —"The Universal Priesthood in Missions"
February 14, 28 and March 21, 1978

- I. (Practicing the Priesthood of All Believers)
 - Day Chairman: Charles Papenfuss
 - Pastor N. Berg
 - Panel Discussion: C. Papenfuss, J. Schneidervin, M. Porinsky, J. Rupprecht, T. Nuckolls, T. Laabs, D. Farley
 - Pastor H. Warnke
- II. (Home Missions)
 - Day Chairman: David Laabs
 - Pastors R. Hartman and N. Berg
- III. (World Missions)
 - Day Chairman: Mark Braun
 - Missionary J. Janosek and Pastor E. Hoenecke

Chairman: Marcus Manthey
Secretary: James Whit
Treasurer: Greg Schoeneck

Committee Chairmen:

Worship: Mark Bitter
Publication: Glen Wenzel
Publicity: Jon Rupprecht
Audio-Visual: Paul Erinkman
Decoration-Art: Dennis Kleist
Day: Mark Braun
Dave Laabs
Charles Papenfuss

NOTE: 1) A new format! Three days spread out over five weeks.
2) This Seminar seems a little less rigid in its outline. Apparently a Seminar theme with session titles nicely lined up under it was not yet an ingrained idea. 3) No evening sessions due to conflict with Lenten services. This feature was notably missed as pointed out in the next years minutes.

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THEME: "All Things To All Men" 1 Co. 9:22
January 23-25, 1979

- I. The Missionary and Culture
—Pastors Rolfe Westendorf and Stephen Valleskey
- II. The National and Culture
—Prof. E.H. Wendland
- III. Working in Partnership

STEERING COMMITTEE

Philip Strackbein—chairman
 Jim Behringer—secretary
 Richard Lehmann
 Steven Radunzel
 Alois Schmitzer
 Ray Schumacher
 Bruce Becker

FACULTY ADVISORS

Prof. Paul Nitz
 Prof. Ernst Wendland

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Paul Wendland - Day One
 Robert Siirila - Day Two
 Robert Edwards - Day Three
 Scott Klein—Worship Committee
 Bruce Weitzke—Decoration and
 Art
 Paul Zager—Audio-Visual
 Jonathan Schultz—House
 Committee
 David Kehl—Publication/
 Publicity

GUEST SPEAKERS

Prof. Ernst Wendland
 Pastor Stephen Valleskey
 Pastor Rolfe Westendorf

GUEST PREACHERS

Pastor Larry Ellenberger
 Pastor Wayne Mueller
 Pastor Richard Weber
 Roy Hefti
 Don Sutton

Pastor Theodore Sauer, Executive Secretary, Board for World
 Missions
 Pastor Norman Berg, Executive Secretary, Board for Home
 Missions

NOTES: 1) The chairman of this Seminar acknowledges in his opening comments in the folder that "the Seminar is really (the Execs) program which is why every step must be approved by them." Yet that too was changing as "Pastor Berg suggested that this year the students initiate the research and choice of a Seminar theme." 2) Pastor Berg also suggested beginning a four-year cycle of themes—good themes that would repeat themselves for the repeated benefit of future student bodies. 3) The first notation that the "emphasis of Mission Seminar shifts: Foreign Missions and Home Missions are emphasized on

alternating years." 4) Best schedule? The Executive Secretaries said three long days as opposed to five short days, apparently three consecutive days as opposed to three days over a longer period of time. 5) Pastor Sauer suggested more involvement of Sem students, rather than so much reliance on outside speakers. 6) The students took Pastor Sauer's suggestion to heart as they did much of the presenting and had only three guest speakers. 7) The first time since Mission Seminar's inception that Pastor E. Hoenecke's name is not mentioned in the planning and program! He had retired as Executive Secretary of the Board for World Missions in 1978.

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THEME: Laborers Together With God
January 30-31, 1980

- I. Working Together in Planning
 - Mark Lindner, Day Chairman
 - Pastor Larry Zwieg (Assistant Exec. Sec. for Home Missions)
- II. Working Together in Exploration
 - Mark Lindner, Day Chairman
 - Mr. Stanley Crum and Mr. Tim Schidler (members of a mission congregation in Muncie, Indiana.)
 - Pastor Norman Paul, Pastor Theodore Sauer
- III. Evening Session
 - Pastor Theodore Sauer
 - Pastor Ronald Freier, Mr. Clarence Krause
- IV. Spiritual Unity is obtained.... —Glen Hieb, Day Chairman
 - A.through the establishment of the organization—Pastor Duane Tomhave
 - B.through the building of the structure (e.g. the WEF unit)—Pastor Norman Berg, Mr. Harold Peckham
 - C.through involvement in the spiritual programs of the church—Pastor Alan Siggelkow

Day Committees

Russow
Plaganz
Bare
Dorf

Publications/Publicity Committee

Gumm
Rosenow
Meiselwitz
Wichmann

Johannes	Pasch
Bourman	Ray
Hieb	Casai
Frey	
Lindner	<u>House Committee</u>
Meyer	Simons
Johnston	Sattler
	Neitzel
	Heiges
<u>Worship Committee</u>	
Zell	
Hein	<u>Decorations/Art Committee</u>
Huebner	Puddell
Schaffer	Grube
Farley	Casmer
Renz	Gieschen
Zarling	Klusmeyer
Press	Greenlee
	Gottschalk
<u>Audio-Visual Committee</u>	Birner
Headrick	Berg
Haefner	Spreeman
Voswinkel	
Lehrkamp	<u>Finances</u>
Piepenbrink	Eckert
Ristow	<u>Corresponding Secretary</u>
Carlovsky	Ewerdt

NOTE: Seminar Steering Committee Chairman David A. Grundmeier quoted the objective of Mission Seminar: "To heighten the awareness of the mission outreach among all the seminary students by a presentation of informational and inspirational material relative to the mission work of the W.E.L.S."

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THEME: "...send forth your light?"
January 28-29, 1981

- I. A Survey of WELS Mission History
 - Pastor Roger Sprain on South America
- II. Training Faithful Shepherds in Our Mission Fields
 - Pastor Kurt Koeplin on Hong Kong
 - Pastor Roger Sprain on Colombia
 - (Evening Session—The Missionary as Sojourner)
 - (Home Missions—Trends in WELS Home Missions)
 - Pastor Berg
- III. The Unsaved Billions: How Shall We Reach Them?
 - Pastor Roger Sprain on Latin America

- Prof. E.H. Wendland on Africa
- Pastor T.A. Sauer on Asia

CHAIRMEN AND STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Faculty Advisor	Professor Wendland
Executive Sec's	Rev. Theodore Sauer
	Rev. Norman Berg
General Chairman	Mark Schroeder
Co-Chairman	Ray Schumacher
Session Chairmen	Jim Connell
	Glen Schwanke
	Tom Schnick
	Terry Laabs
	Chuck Cortright
Worship	Bob Rhyne
Secretary	Dave Putz
Publications	Roger Huffman
Art-Decorations	Phil Merten
Audio-Visual	Paul Zager
House	Gary Kracklow
Financial Sec	Jim Pope
Underclass Steering	
Committee Members	John Hartwig
	Dave Kolander
	Rich Warnecke

MISSION SEMINAR—Committee Duties

Session Chairmen

- serve on steering committee to help in overall planning and organization
- plan the program and format for each particular session
- submit house and AV needs to chairmen involved
- coordinate and arrange for any student or professional participants for each session
- serve on a critique committee to review strengths and weaknesses of the seminar after its conclusion

Worship Committee

- organize opening chapel devotions in keeping with daily and overall themes
- select speakers (students, pastors or faculty) and suggest themes and scope of their messages
- propose and arrange interesting and edifying liturgical forms
- commission special seminar hymns if possible

Financial Secretary

- arrange organized procedure for disbursement of Seminar funds

- secure available funds from Business Manager
- if necessary, appeal to student body for additional funds
- propose comprehensive budget for seminar
- disburse funds and keep accurate records for all transactions

Publications

- plan and design format for seminar booklet
- arrange for cover and other art material from Art-Decorations Committee
- produce booklet in attractive and practical form
- distribute booklets to students as soon before the seminar as possible

Audio-Visual

- work with session chairmen regarding feasible AV effects
- secure necessary primary and backup equipment at request of session chairmen
- carry out techniques during seminar

Art-Decorations

- design and build gym backdrop
- design and commission banner in keeping with seminar theme and logo
- produce any needed transparencies, displays, props, etc., as session chairmen request
- supply art for publications committee

Secretarial-Publicity

- record minutes of planning meetings
- distribute minutes to steering committee members and committee heads
- compose and send letters as required by committee chairmen
- be available to type memos and notices for committee chairmen
- be responsible for all seminar publicity, including advance notice to the Northwestern Lutheran and area congregations

House

- plan efficient use of space in conjunction with backdrop planned by the Art-Decorations Committee
- arrange for adequate seating
- set up chairs and any needed props
- remove chairs and other material upon seminar's conclusion

NOTE: 1) as follows:

"For the first time the Mission Seminar was attended (for one day) by the Junior and Senior classes of Northwestern College. This came about at their request, with the aim of increasing mission awareness of students already during their final years at Northwestern.

The Committee felt that this was very beneficial to the Seminar and to the Seminary. Not only did the increased

attendance at the Seminar seem to make it a more festive and special occasion, but we are sure that the NWC students did benefit from their attendance and would most likely take a greater interest in the Seminar once they reached the Seminary.

We would recommend two things. One, that in the future the invitation to the NWC students should come from our end. Two, that the invitation be extended only to the Junior class of NWC. We simply lack the space in our gymnasium to seat comfortably so many extra people. This idea has been discussed with Prof. Plitzuweit and Dean Lindemann and seemed agreeable to them. Perhaps you should consult with them and Prof. Toppe before making any firm decisions. (NOTE: We felt that the Junior class should be invited simply because the Seniors have the opportunity to visit the Seminary on Bonecruncher evening.)"—from the Mission Seminar Evaluation contained in the forepart of the '81 booklet.

2) The first official comment on attendance came in '81. Attendance was poor after the first day so some suggestions were made to improve on this. 3) Encouragement to plan early was given. 4) Encouragement to avoid too many student speakers was given (they came full cycle from the former concern of not enough student participation!). 5) Advice was offered regarding the booklet—be cautious in doing a big booklet! Costs are rising rapidly. 6) Encouragement was given to stop producing new stage backdrops every year as had been custom. They were not appreciated enough by the students anyway, so keep them simple and reusable. 7) According to the booklet, this was the first year for an official World Mission Fair. 8) The idea to give out booklets as a precursor to the seminar was officially stated under duties of the Publications Committee. In the beginning the booklet was a summary of what had gone on.

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THEME: Partners in Proclaiming the Promise
January 27-28, 1982

- I. Motivating the Home Congregation
- II. Transitional Congregations
- III. Moslem-Christian Relations
- IV. Starting a Daughter Congregation
- V. Campus and Institutional Ministries

Speakers: Prof. Richard Balge Pastor Kenneth Lenz
 Pastor Norman Berg Mr. Thomas Nass
 Pastor George Boldt Pastor Winfred Nommensen
 Pastor Robert Diener Pastor Reinhart Pope
 Pastor Michael Engel Mr. Nathan Radtke
 Mr. James Haag Pastor Theodore Sauer
 Pastor Mark Jeske Pastor Richard Stadler
 Pastor Paul Kelm Mr. Frederick Voss
 Pastor Robert Kleist Prof. Ernst Wendland
 Pastor Kurt Koeplin Pastor Rolfe Westendorf
 Pastor Peter Kruschel Pastor James Witt
 Pastor Larry Zwieg

Session Chairmen: Paul Janke
 Fred Voss
 Tom Behrke
 Joel Fredrich
 Mark Freier

Publications: Jeff Gunn
 Art/Decorations: Mark Wagner
 Worship: Tom Nass
 Financial Secretary: Pete Panitzke
 Recording Secretary: Jim Nelson
 Audio-Visual: Jim Fischer
 House: Nate Radtke
 Mission Fair: Mark Cordes
 Bruce McKenney
 Mark Albrecht

Mike Albrecht, Chairman

NOTE: 1) This Seminar took into consideration the synod's fiscal situation at the time which resulted in fewer mission calls. Each of the sessions was designed to point out an opportunity for mission outreach which has not traditionally been part of what we might instinctively associate with "mission work." 2) Interesting note included for the next year's "Mission Secretary": "...you are also responsible for the weekly chapel collections (together with the two

esels)." 3) The following goals were included:

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

Mission Seminar

General Goal

The general goal of Mission Seminar is to present information which will inspire and motivate the participants to:

- 1) a greater awareness of mission opportunities
- 2) a greater enthusiasm for personal involvement
- 3) a continuing consciousness of the all-pervasive implications of Christ's Great Commission

In order to accomplish this general goal, we will:

- 1) plan and conduct chapel services which emphasize the gospel as our motivation for mission work
- 2) produce, publish and distribute a seminar booklet
- 3) invite professional speakers to address us
- 4) employ student researcher/speakers when distance and financial considerations limit availability of professional speakers
- 5) employ various A-V techniques as feasible and appropriate
- 6) consider both home and world missions, but the emphasis will be on home missions in the even-numbered years and on world missions in the odd-numbered years
- 7) work in conjunction with the Executive Secretaries of of the General Board For Home Missions and the World Mission Board and the faculty advisor
- 8) set up a MISSION FAIR in conjunction with MISSION SEMINAR

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THEME: REACHING OUT to the World...
January 26-27, 1983

- I. ...As A Local Congregation
- II. ...As A Synod
- III. ...As Service Organizations
- IV. ...As Strangers and Foreigners
- V. ...As A General Board For World Missions

Session Heads: M. Duncan D. Voss D. Himm J. Hartwig D. Nottling

Speakers: Rev. Theodore Sauer Rev. Richard Lauersdorf
Rev. Richard Pankow Rev. Ronald Heins

Rev. Carl Mischke	Rev. Norman Berg
Mrs. Kathy Banbury	Dr. Jerome Brooks
Nurse Nancy Oelke	Nurse Marilyn Bishop
Mrs. Herbert Speckin	Rev. Kurt Koeplin
Prof. Ernst Wendland	Rev. Duane Tomhave
Rev. William Bernhardt	

Faculty Advisor: Prof. Ernst Wendland

Executive Secretaries: Rev. Theodore Sauer, GBWM
 Rev. Norman Berg, GBHM
 Rev. Larry Zwieg, Assoc. Exec. Sec., GBHM

Committee Heads:	Publication	Peter Kiecker
	Art	Tom Smith
	Worship	Byron Gerlach
	Fin. Sec.	Donald Pieper
	Rec. Sec.	Charles Huebner
	A-V	Charles Heup
	House	Dennis Strong
	Mission Fair	Robert Fleischmann

David Kolander
 Mission Seminar Chairman

NOTE: 1) By this time the pattern of five session heads was "officially" recorded. 2) Helpful: David Kolander jotted down some step-by-step instructions for the next Seminar chairman. 3) The Mission Fair apparently was not a regular feature yet. It had to be voted in.

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THEME: "Compel Them To Come In That My House May Be Full"
 January 25-26, 1984

- I. Exploring Exploratory Fields
- II. Organizing Outreach Teams
- III. World Missions
- IV. Speaking Through Special Groups
- V. Crossing Cultural Barriers

Speakers:	Rev. Norman Berg	Rev. Ernst Wendland
	Rev. Arnold J. Kunde	Mr. Roger Hirons
	Rev. Larry Zwieg	Rev. Ronald Heins
	Mr. Alfons Woldt	Mr. Gerald Berger
	Rev. Richard Stadler	Mr. Tomas Gomez
	Rev. Theodore Sauer	Teacher Ned Gomez
	Mr. James Haag	

Faculty Advisor: Prof. Ernst Wendland

Executive Secretaries: Rev. Theodore Sauer, GEWM
Rev. Norman Berg, GBHM
Rev. Larry Zwieg, Assoc. Exec. Sec., GBHM

Session Chairmen: Kurt Lueneburg
Richard Warnecke
David Sweet
David Huebner
Bruce McKenney

Committee Heads:	Publication	Mark Eckert
	Art	Norman Burger
	Worship	Scott Spaulding
	Fin. Sec.	Mark Wilde
	Rec. Sec.	Bruce Bitter
	A-V	Schlicht
	House	Thomas Schneider
	Mission Fair	Bruce Janisch

Mark Cordes
Mission Seminar Chairman

NOTE: The responsibilities of the Committee Chairman were spelled out:

1. Set the goals, focus and theme of the Seminar.
2. Form the committees.
3. Set up the sessions.
4. Each chairman is to outline his session.
5. Each chairman is to organize and submit the material to be printed in the booklet.
6. Each chairman is to write an introduction for his session for the booklet.
7. The chairmen will be called upon to introduce their respective sessions to the audience.

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THEME: Send Men Whose Eyes Have Seen The King
January 30-31, 1985

- I. Send Them REJOICING
—The Lutheran Confessional Church in Sweden
- II. Send Them TEACHING
—The Confessional Ev. Lutheran Church of Mexico
—Christ the King Lutheran Synod in Nigeria
- III. Send Them SEEKING
—Synopsis of the Unchurched
—Pastors' Comments on the "New Mode"

- IV. Send Them PROCLAIMING
—Central Asia Radio Broadcasts
- V. Send Them EXPLORING
—Brazil

Speakers: Rev. Martin Janke Rev. Larry Zwieg
 Rev. Carl Mischke Rev. Robert Hartmann
 Rev. Theodore Sauer Rev. Roger Sprain
 Rev. John Kurth Rev. Paul Kelm
 Rev. Larry Schlomer Rev. John Trapp
 Rev. Duane Tomhave Rev. Norman Berg
 Rev. Richard Lauersdorf

Faculty Advisor: Prof. Ernst Wendland

Executive Secretaries: Rev. Duane Tomhave, Board for World Missions
 Rev. Norman Berg, GBHM
 Rev. Larry Zwieg, Assoc. Exec. Sec., GBHM

Session Chairmen: James Janke
 Brian Dose
 Philip Wilde
 Daniel Balge
 Joseph Dietrich

Committee Heads:	Publication	Gary Tryggestad
	Art	Michael Biedenbender
	Worship	Thomas Bauer
	Fin. Sec.	Kerry Kronebusch
	Rec. Sec.	Jonathan Rockhoff
	A-V	Peter Zietlow
	House	Raymond Bell
	Mission Fair	John Kuske

Kurt Ebert
 Mission Seminar Chairman

NOTE: Some confusion over whether or not the Mission Chairman and the Mission Secretary (who collects the regular Wednesday offerings) are to be the same person. The minutes did not really resolve the issue.

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THEME: Resolved: We Will Reap the Harvest
 January 22-23, 1986

- I. Harvest Fields
- II. Harvest Hands
- III. Harvest Home
- IV. Harvest Machinery

V. Harvest Together

Speakers: Rev. Kurt Koeplin Rev. John Kurth
 Prof. Ernst Wendland Miss Mark Goeglein
 Rev. Norman Berg Rev. Paul Kelm
 Rev. Paul Pankow Rev. Theodore Sauer
 Rev. Duane Tomhave Rev. Kenneth Kratz
 Rev. Richard Lauersdorf Mr. John Petermann
 Rev. Carl Mischke

Faculty Advisor: Prof. Ernst Wendland

Synod Advisors: Rev. Duane Tomhave, Board for World Missions
 Rev. John Kurth, World Mission Board Worker Training
 Counselor
 Rev. Norman Berg, GBHM
 Rev. Larry Zwieg, Assoc. Exec. Sec., GBHM

Session Chairmen: Bruce Janisch
 Matthew Crass
 Robert Raasch
 Phil Hirsch
 James Pankow

Committee Heads: Publication John Miller
 Art/Decorations David Sellnow
 Worship Rich Gurgel
 Fin. Sec. John Hartmann
 Rec. Sec. Ken Brockmeier
 A-V David Reichel
 House Martin Spaude
 Mission Fair Chris Cordes

Joel Petermann
Mission Seminar Chairman

NOTE: 1) Some added thoughts for the secretary:

a) Post two copies of the minutes for the students to read—
one below section 3 on bulletin board, the other on the bulletin board
outside the business office.

b) Shortly after the first meeting type up a survey sheet and
distribute it to the student body to find out what committee people
would like to be on (this was already practiced, but now it is
"officially" recorded).

c) After collecting the sheets, divide them up into the
eight different committees.

d) Type up a list of all the Day (Session) Committee
volunteers. Give a copy to each of the five Day chairmen so that they
can glance through the list before the meeting in which they "draft" the
committee—THE DRAFT "officially" acknowledged.

e) Send out letters or cards of "thank you's" to the
designated individuals or businesses.

f) You are responsible for taking booklet orders.

2) Some added thoughts for the Seminar Chairman:

a) The booklet can now be printed at the campus print shop. It saves money, especially if the printer donates his time!

b) After the committees have been chosen, have each session chairmen pick one underclassmen to be his right-hand man. He will take some of the responsibility off of the chairman, but he is not a co-chairman!

c) The evening session is to be "casual dress," somewhere in between jeans and suits.

d) The '86 session chairmen put down a set of guidelines for future chairmen!

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THEME: Share the Word that Burns in the Heart
January 28-29, 1987

- I. In the Heart of...God
- II. In the Heart of...the Pastor
- III. In the Heart of...the World Christian
- IV. In the Heart of...the Congregation
- V. In the Heart of...the Community

Speakers:	Rev. James Huebner	Mr. Kent Raabe
	Rev. Mark Schroeder	Rev. Allan Siggelkow
	Rev. Paul Kelm	Rev. Richard Mueller
	Rev. Karl Gurgel	Rev. Norman Berg
	Rev. Harold Hagedorn	Mr. James Haag
	Rev. Duane Tomhave	Rev. John Hartwig
	Rev. Robert Hartman	Rev. E. Allan Sorum
Faculty Advisors:	Prof. David Valleskey	Prof. Harold Johne
Synod Advisors:	Rev. Norman Berg	Rev. Harold Hagedorn
	Rev. Paul Kelm	Rev. John Kurth
		Rev. Duane Tomhave
Mission Seminar Chairmen:		Jon Ladner
Session Chairmen:	Jeff Schone	Joel Nitz
	Dave Hussman	Mark Henrich
		Jon Balge
Committee Heads:	Publication	Randy Nepsund
	Art/Decorations	Dave Leistekow
	Worship	Jeff Wegner
	Fin. Sec.	Jeff Schone
	Rec. Sec.	John Liebenow
	A-V	Dave Zahn
	House	Mark Lindloff

NOTE: 1) The "process" of education and encouragement toward a greater mission awareness in the WELS could be considered an ongoing success by the grace of God! This year's Seminar Chairman said,

"Approximately 25 years ago, 'Time' magazine referred to the Wisconsin Synod as 'the isolated Synod.' Approximately 25 years later, we the members of the Wisconsin Synod find ourselves embarking on mass media outreach programs, and placing stronger emphasis on evangelistic programs both on a congregational and synodical level. Is this increased emphasis on projecting ourselves into the community an effort in mere self-glorification, a desire to be seen with the rest of the so-called "prominent" church bodies in America today? The desire we have as a synod in reaching out to the community is a desire to share with the world the word that God has entrusted to us."

2) Mission Seminar officially came into the computer age. Acknowledgement was given to the use of the Apple Macintosh (TM) computer and software in the production of the manual. 3) This was the first year that the new auditorium was used for Mission Seminar. "(It) was a real blessing since the additional space made the seminar much more comfortable to view." 4) The addition in the Seminar files of a nicely typed and bound summary of the "how to's," meetings, correspondence and the like is very much appreciated.

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THEME: That They May Proclaim His Praise
January 27-28, 1988

- I. To Their Friends
- II. To their Community
- III. Throughout the World
- IV. With All Possible Means
- V. With God's Power and Presence

Speakers:	Rev. James Aderman	Mr. Rolf Wegenke
	Rev. Mark Braun	Prof. David Valleskey

	Rev. George Ferch	Rev. Harold Hagedorn
	Rev. Mark Wagner	Rev. John Kurth
	Mr. John Barber	Mr. Dave Timm
	Rev. Paul Kelm	Rev. James Huebner
Faculty Advisors:	Prof. David Valleskey	Prof. Harold Johnne
Synod Advisors:	Rev. Norman Berg	Rev. Harold Hagedorn
	Rev. Paul Kelm	Rev. Duane Tomhave
Mission Seminar Chairmen:		Paul Prange
Session Chairmen:	Joel Voss	Joel Rakos
	Martin Bentz	Ken Brokmeier
		Joel Thomford
Committee Heads:	Publication	Randy Hughes
	Art/Decorations	Jud Krohn
	Worship	Guy Purdue
	Fin. Sec.	Martin Wildauer
	Rec. Sec.	Bill Tackmeier
	A-V	Scott Mosher
	House	Jeff Smith
	Mission Fair	Dennis Klatt

NOTE: 1) Rev. Norman Berg attended his last Mission Seminar as the Board for Home Missions Administrator. He retired in January 1988.

2) The Sem Gems also retired as break food suppliers. The Seminary took over the task due to the massive quantities of baked goods being consumed!

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THEME: Prepare the Way for the Lord Is. 40:3, Mt. 3:4
February 1-2, 1989

- I. Preparing the Missionary
- II. Preparing the National Church
- III. Preparing the Family
- IV. Preparing America
- V. Preparing New Friends

Speakers:	Prof. Larry Retberg	Rev. Zietlow
	Rev. Duane Tomhave	Rev. John Kurth
	Rev. Charles Gumm	Rev. Harold Hagedorn
	Rev. Peter Kruschel	Prof. Roger Sprain

Faculty Advisors:	Prof. David Valleskey	Prof. Harold Johne
Synod Advisors:	Rev. Peter Kruschel Rev. John Kurth	Rev. Harold Hagedorn Rev. Duane Tomhave
Mission Seminar Chairmen:		Nathan Cordes
Session Chairmen:	Bob Krueger Joel Lillo	Tim Satorius Eric Steinbrenner John Liebenow
Committee Heads:	Publication Art/Decorations Worship Fin. Sec. Rec. Sec. A-V House Mission Fair	Bob Mueller Duane Rodewald Michael Schulz Greg Slucke Steven Raddatz Dave Arndt Dave Rockhoff Tim Gauger

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THEME: Enlarge The Tent Is. 54:2
January 31, February 1, 1990

- I. Canada
- II. Mexico
- III. Peru
- IV. Brazil
- V. Apacheland

Speakers:	Rev. William Heiges Rev. Harold Hagedorn Rev. Paul Hartman Rev. James Olsen Rev. Duane Tomhave	Rev. Robert Hartman Rev. Peter Kruschel Rev. Wayne Laitinen Mr. John Boder Rev. Phil Koelplin
Faculty Advisors:	Prof. David Valleskey	Prof. Harold Johne
Synod Advisors:	Rev. Peter Kruschel Rev. John Kurth	Rev. Harold Hagedorn Rev. Duane Tomhave
Mission Seminar Chairmen:		Steve Nuss
Session Chairmen:	Paul Lidtke Nathan Strobel	Jon Buchholz Mark Voss Ralph Rosenberg
Committee Heads:	Publication Art/Decorations Worship Treasurer	Curt Backhaus Jeff Bovee Bill Tackmeier Tim Blauert

Secretary
A-V
House
Mission Fair

Ken Fischer
Larry Schwanke
Wayne Uhlhorn
Joel Gaertner

NOTE: 1) This was the first year that the booklet was actually printed and bound in book form on 11" X 17" paper. 2) Mission Seminar has truly become a student project. Even a couple members of the faculty mentioned that they were bothered very little by students needing help with projects and planning (from a comment by this year's Chairman Steve Nuss).

IV. THEMES

- 1960—"An Indigenous Church in the Mission Field?"
- 1961— ???
- 1962— ???
- 1963— ???
- 1964—"Epiphany Mission Seminar"
- 1965—"A Mission Fair"
- 1966—"Communicating the Gospel"
- 1967—"Whom Shall I Send?" (Is. 6:8)
- 1968—"Epiphany Mission Seminar—"Christ's Church
Girds For Her Mission Task'"
- 1969—"Sharing a Mission Experience"
- 1970—"Every Call a Mission Call"
- 1971—"Our Mission Program—A Growing
Mustard Seed"
- 1972—"Letting My Light Shine"
- 1973—"A Chosen Vessel To Bear My Name"
- 1974—"Peace Seminar"
- 1975—"Build Thou The Walls of Jerusalem" Ps 51:18

- 1976—"To Make All Men See"
- 1977—"How Shall They Hear?"
- 1978—"With Many Hands, With Many Voices —`The
Universal Priesthood in Missions'"
- 1979—"All Things To All Men" 1 Co. 9:22
- 1980—"Laborers Together With God"
- 1981—"...send forth your light."
- 1982—"Partners in Proclaiming the Promise"
- 1983—"REACHING OUT To The World"
- 1984—"Compel Them To Come In That My House May Be
Full"
- 1985—"Send Men Whose Eyes Have Seen The King"
- 1986—"Resolved: We Will Reap the Harvest"
- 1987—"Share The Word That Burns In The Heart"
- 1988—"That They May Proclaim His Praise"
- 1989—"Prepare The Way For The Lord" Is. 40:3, Mt. 3:4
- 1990—"Enlarge the Tent" Is. 54:2

V. Conclusion

"Already in the first years of our expanded world mission activity, from 1955-1960, it became apparent to us that provision would have to be made for more orientation, information, and practical preparation of candidates for work in foreign mission fields. The very sketchy training we of the world board could give them and their wives was grossly inadequate. When we appealed to the seminary faculty for some time in the already crowded schedule, the faculty agreed to set aside a full week for a world mission seminar which would be a joint venture, the students and faculty taking part with the world board.

"The first mission seminar featured a series of daily presentations by missionaries and members of the world board. The insights gained into the requirements for service and the activities of a foreign field made continuation of the program quite self-evident. The Epiphany season was chosen to avoid breaking into the

seminary schedule too seriously because of the semester break. The practical suggestion was adopted to involve the students themselves much more actively in the various studies and presentations, such as in the preparation of statistical, historical and geographical information with the help of graphs and maps. The students also gathered the material gleaned from the seminar into loose-leaf folders for later study and reference. A new feature, slide and film presentations, was made available to the seminary family and to interested visitors from the Milwaukee area (Hoenecke, pp. 33-34).

Such was the beginning of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary's Mission Seminar. In a way it was the "child" of Pastor Edgar Hoenecke who was devoted to its purpose for 20 years. It was and is a small part in the ongoing "process" under the Lord of the Church to help the pastors, and therefore the laity, of the Wisconsin Synod become more mission-minded.

This paper is by no means a thorough presentation of the history of Mission Seminar, nor should it be the last work done with the files and with the history. The information that is available to draw on for each year of the Seminar is varied—from "sketchy" to "more than enough." This has made it impossible to have a uniform presentation of the years. What is needed now is for someone 1) to get all of the files into a thoroughly organized state, and then 2) to circulate the summary contained in this paper to Seminar Chairmen of past years, professors and the synod advisors so that corrections and additions could be made. This could easily be the "Church History Project" of another one or two Seminary seniors.

Whether or not this compiling of a history will ever brought to completion, only the Lord knows. Yet we do know that the Lord is continuing the "process" of encouragement and education in the area of missions within the Wisconsin Synod. "No longer (does) she have to suffer the slur that 'the Wisconsin Synod has the pure gospel and is

sitting on it.'" No longer does she have to endure the slur of being an "isolated Synod." To God be the praise and glory. To God be the thanks for the ongoing process.

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