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Dear Friends in Christ:

Thank you for your letter and the bulletins and especially the clippings concerning the San Francisco Bay area population growth. We are well aware of the need. It has been presented and authorized by the Wisconsin Synod, as men and money become available. However, many in the Midwest are not aware of the tremendous growth in the Los Angeles and San Francisco region. Your letter will help impress them.

Unfortunately, there is little of hope of immediate action. It took us $3\frac{1}{2}$ years to get a man for the Pomona area. We called over a dozen times before the Lord gave us a man. Now he is hampered by lack of funds for buildings. We wanted a fourth man for Orange County just a few miles South of Los Angeles and that was not permitted. We want to have two men start in the San Francisco Bay area, for it is not good to set one pastor far away and alone. Your prayers added to those of the Mission Board will be our greatest hope at present. Presenting the facts as you have outlined them will mean a great deal in showing that missionaries are needed in the large population centers there rather than in many smaller villages. All souls are precious, but we must plan wisely and try to work there, where the greatest opportunity lies.

Thanking you for your interest and zeal and praying that the Lord will bring about our start sooner than it looks possible now, I am

Yours in Christ,

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Dear Friends in Christ:

May the Lord continue to bless your efforts to maintain and establish a congregation in the San Francisco area. Be assured, that our hearts grieve at the limited means at our disposal. They are getting less, for one pastor died and one resigned because of ill health in the last three weeks in our District. Yet the Lord is the one who supplies all our needs. Where we do not have, what we think is necessary, we must do what He does make possible, as you are doing.

A notice to contact Mr. Jeffers will appear in the Northwestern Lutheran shortly. It is being sent in this mail also. Please inform me periodically as to the number and location of those who contact you. In this way you can directly inform as to time of services and location.

Our District Board will consider your request for services once a month with a pastor from Los Angeles. I believe we can make arrangements, if not once a month, then every six weeks or two months, for a communion service. I myself hope to come about in January, so that I shall have more definite information from personal observation. We can pay the pastor's expenses for the first. I would urge you to send Mission offerings regularly to Mr. H. C. Stolp, Cashier, box 299, Douglas, Ariz. In that way you will further the cause of missions for our Synod.

It is hard to bear lack of pastoral service. Much of it lies at our door, in that we as a Synod have not given men and money as we are able. Yet we cannot cover all the world at one time. We have been urging more men out West. Yet history shows, that we do not rapidly become selfsupporting here. At Los Angeles with men and equipment we are still bearing a considerable part of the load, in spite of wonderful generosity by the members. For that reason Synod grieves to divide the mission money. Near Milwaukee congregations become selfsupporting in about 2 or 2½ years. The result is, that more mission money is available by starting there, and more souls are gained quickly. We pray the Lord to give us wisdom and means to work everywhere soon.

Yours in Christ,

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Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Jeffers
415 Nadina Ave.
Millbrae, Calif.

Dear Friends in Christ:

The District Mission Board at its meeting yesterday decided to send a pastor to you about each six weeks. For the first Pastor Paul Heyn of 180 E. Central Ave., Pomona, Calif. will come. One of the other pastors just had an operation for perforated ulcer, and the other has a parochial school which takes a good share of his time. Also I hope to be the one to come near the beginning of next year. I must add the word, that this is a temporary arrangement and does not commit our Synod to begin work at any set time. We are serving you, who are ours, as we are able. That does not mean, that we are not interested, but that we must coordinate this with the available manpower and money.

I hope, that his will encourage you to remain joyful in the Lord, an evidence that he has found a way to serve you partially. The notice in the Northwestern Lutheran will also show us how many may be interested and help show a great need.

Yours in Christ,

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October 9, 1957

Mrs. Clifton Jeffers
415 Nadina
Millbrea, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Jeffers,

Your letter to Pastor Diehl was read at our Mission Board meeting in Tucson yesterday. Our local board has decided to honor your request for services. They asked me to serve you with a communion service once every six weeks. Pastor Diehl will write to you about it. He intends to visit your area some time in January.

Since our board would like me to go up there before our Pastoral Conference, which meets at our three churches here in the L.A. area Oct. 29-31, about the only date open is Oct. 27. Would it be convenient for those concerned to have a communion service at one of your houses on that date? I will try to get a supply pastor for that date here.

If that date is all right I will bring the essentials needed for the communion service along with me. However, it will be necessary for you to make arrangements to have some one there who can accompany the music. I can play the hymns, but it is difficult to use the liturgy without an accompanist. See what you can do.

I have also written to a class-mate of mine, Mr. Wm. Fischer, about the plans for a service. He lives at 540 Edgewood Rd., San Mateo and belongs to the Mo. Synod church there. He would also like to see our Wisc. Synod start in the San Francisco area. I may stay at his place, since he had asked me to stay with him any time I am in the neighborhood. He was here to visit us only a couple of weeks ago.

In order to save on the expense it will probably be best for me to travel by bus. Our board will pay that expense. It will therefore be necessary for someone to drive me from place to place. We can take care of that by correspondance later.

Chairman Diehl has put a notice in The Northwestern Lutheran, requesting people to contact your husband if they are interested in these services. This notice should appear in a couple of weeks.

We have been considering the possibility of starting a mission in the San Francisco area for a long time. We feel that, if we are going to wait until Synod has both men and money, it may never get started. Even though our beginnings may be very humble, we know that the Lord of the Church will keep His promise and bless the Word.

Here in Pomona we are holding services in the house, which we have rented. Our average attendance has been 38 during the six weeks we have held the services. We feel that that is a good beginning. We are requesting money from synod for land at the October meetings in Milwaukee.

Let's all keep on praying and doing what we can. I am certain that the Lord will show us the way. It may take a lot of patience, but the Lord's will is going to be done.

Wishing you the Lord's blessing on your efforts to gather souls for His kingdom,

Yours, in Christ's service,

Pastor Paul Nye

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Nov. 1, 1957

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Jeffers,

Just a report that I arrived here safely last Sunday. Some of the ministers were already here when I arrived. Since then we have been busy every minute with conference. It was a fine meeting, mostly discussion of doctrinal matters and reports concerning our present status with Missouri.

I did talk with Chairman Diehl and Pres. Sitz concerning your membership. They advised that you get a transfer to Our Savior Church here in Pomona, since I will be taking care of you at the present time as what they call in the German a "filiale" i.e. a group affiliated with our church here in Pomona. Please advise the Dickersons' so that they may also write to their pastor for the transfer.

As far as I know now my plans have not been changed. Therefore I should be able to fly up again on Dec. 8 at the same time. If the service will be at Dickersons' house, I may take them up on the offer to stay there. Then I could return by bus on Monday. I do not like to make definite plans right now. It will be better to wait until I know my schedule at that time. Will write again later.

Fraternally yours,

Pastor Heyn

1958

1-20-58

REV. WALTER A. DIEHL
728 W. 9th St.
Tempe, Arizona
January 20th

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for the wonderful hospitality you extended. It was good to be with fellow-Christians and work and plan for expanding God's Kingdom. Most of our conclusions must be carried to the Lord in prayer, with the addition of "Not my will, but THY will be done." That is often hard, especially here, where fields are white unto the harvest. We shall pray, that the Lord will give us the means through Synod to start there soon. I am thoroughly convinced, that we could use half a dozen men without wasting men or money. From the air it was even more evident, just after I left you.

Concerning your personal problems of work and waiting for the baby I too pray, that the Lord will bless you with a fine opportunity to be gainfully employed, Mr. Jeffers, and that you will be inspired and cheered by the birth of another youngster. That should be a real joy.

I-made excellent time, was in my own house at 1:45 p.m. your time. I really appreciated seeing the Bay area from your car and then further proof of its growth from the plane.

With sincere gratitude,

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Pastor PAUL HEYN

May 26, 1958

Dear Friends in Christ,

I just received the good word from Chairman Diehl that a missionary was allowed by the General Board for the San Francisco area. He writes: "We got one man, an experienced missionary, to work the San Francisco Bay area. We shall have to call him June 10th." That is the day we have our next meeting in Tempe.

Today I had planned to write to you about our service on June 8th. Now I think that it would be better to postpone our service until June 15. Then I would be able to give you more information about the man called and what you could expect. However, I will leave it up to you. I am sending this to all four families. Will you all please write to the Jeffers and let them know your preference. She can then contact me.

If I come up on the 8th, I will probably have to leave that night, or early the next morning. On Monday I will have to drive over to Tempe. If we made it the 15th I could stay over to the next day. Either way will be all right with me.

The only other area in the U.S. allowed a missionary was Rochester, Minn., Toledo, Ohio, and Tempe, Florida each got a vicar. I guess we were fortunate to get one man! Will see you soon.

Yours, in the Savior's work,

Pastor Paul Heyn

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Pastor PAUL HEYN

April 16, 1959

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Jeffers,

Received your welcome letter the other day. Had planned to write to you sooner, but could not get around to it. My plans have been rather fluid, since there is so much going on around here. Enclosed is our bulleting, which tells of some of the activity.

I will be coming up alone by plane on April 26. Will leave from Burbank on flight 466 at 3:15 p.m. and arrive in San Francisco at 4:45 p.m. Both times are daylight savings time, which goes into effect that day. I have reserved a flight back at 8:00 a.m. on Western. Perhaps Clif can drop me off in the morning, or I can take a bus.

How is the situation at your home? Do you have room to put me up for the night. If not, I can stay in a motel. By staying over night we will not have to rush the service that evening. We will have so much "gabbing" to get caught up on that it will take some time!

Last week the Mission Board decided to give your call to Pastor Robert Hochmuth of Tucson, Arizona. He is a very fine missionary, who has been in Tucson for about 10 years. He is about 35 years old and has three children. Mrs. Hochmuth was a Mahnke daughter. Perhaps you know them. He will be a fine man, if we can get him. There is a good possibility. He will be in the same position I was when I got the call for Calif., When one has made the move to Arizona it is not too far to California. He has 3 teachers in his school and the congregation is growing regularly, but someone else could take over there. This one family in San Jose I wrote about came from his congregation in Tucson. Enough for now. I have a meeting in a few minutes.

Unless I hear from you otherwise, I shall see you at the airport at about 5:00 p.m. on the 26th. I will pick up my bag and go out to the driveway to meet you.

Fraternally,



Thu April 16, 1959

Dear Folks,

April 26th is the date Pastor Heyn plans to be with you, in case you haven't heard from him as yet. He did intend to contact you beforehand, also to post you on arrival time.

The portable Estey Organ has not as yet been picked up by the Dickerson's acquaintance. The Felocks are keeping at their house meanwhile.

pastor Robert Hochmuth of Tucson has been given the call to the San Francisco mission last week during the Board's meeting there. He is a very good man, built up Good Shepherd church there, opened a school (now 8 grades, some 70 children, I believe), and is sound on our conservative stand in union matters.

The Lord be with your family and all the others of our group with you!

In Him, A. C. E. Keibel