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FORT WAYNE HOSTS NETWORK MEETING

by Kimberly Butler

The ELCA Regional Archives Network met November 2, 1996 at Fort Wayne, Indiana following the Lutheran Historical Society meeting. Topics discussed were deemed of importance by the archivists through a previous survey. The meeting was chaired by Region 5 Archivist Robert Wiederaenders, with minutes compiled by Connie Conner of Region 6. Other attendees included: Carol Schmalenberger, Region 2; John E. Peterson and David J. Wartluft, Region 7; Helen Sanders and Jean Minneman, Region 9; James L. Schaaf and George E. Handley, Churchwide Archives Advisory Committee; Kim Butler and Elisabeth Wittman, Churchwide Archives; Ross F. Hidy, Lutheran History Center of the West; and David L. Lindberg, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago Archives.

The agenda items prioritized by the group beforehand included the survey of holdings project. After the results were reviewed and discussed, Bob Wiederaenders agreed to review the completed surveys.

A topic that causes confusion is common and official church body nomenclature and record series standards. The Network discussion centered on the most appropriate titles to use. The group decided to consider the names used by the churchwide archives since their nomenclature system has already been established. For the official names, the group agreed that the best source is Bob Wiederaenders' book, Synods of American Lutheranism, also soon to be revised.

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HELEN KNUBEL GRANT PROJECT CONTINUES

by Ellen Swain

The ELCA Archives' two year grant project is well into its first year. Funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), the project involves the arrangement, description, and cataloging of 651.2 cubic feet of inter-Lutheran organizational records. After the resignation of Kathy Scott in October, Annette Rasmussen jumped into the project secretary position. With her assistance and the support of ELCA staff and volunteers, processing efforts have remained on schedule.

Over the past several months, processing activity has centered on the records of the National Lutheran Council (NLC), an inter-Lutheran cooperative body formed in 1918 to unite Lutheran mission efforts. Records contain vital information in understanding American Lutherans' cooperative involvement in national and international mission, welfare, immigration, student service, military service, overseas relief, and publicity activities. Researchers using these materials may be struck by the extent of Lutheran involvement in shaping U.S. policy on immigration, relief, and religious issues. Lutherans' efforts were not always successful. In a private interview with President Harry S. Truman in 1952, Robert E. Van Deusen and Joseph Simonson, NLC Division of Public Relations Washington Office secretaries, candidly expressed Lutherans' disapproval of a U.S. ambassador appointment to the Vatican. Although Truman's support of such an appointment was unwavering, he told the men that he had a high regard

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On-line access to holdings was discussed with Kim Butler from the churchwide archives distributing samples of the OCLC records which the archives produces. Also a discussion of the churchwide archives information on the ELCA's World Wide Web home page and the future usages of information on the Internet ensued.

The discussion on collecting manuscripts and documenting ELCA 20th century history was led by Jim Schaaf who distributed a handout to guide the discussion. Helen Sanders distributed the Region 9 archives brochure related to donors. The group's discussion included: personal vs. official papers, when to begin solicitation of donors' papers, the importance of making sure the records are in archival custody, how to identify key targets, and where official church records should be located.

Social Ministry Organizations and how their records are preserved and who is responsible was also discussed. John Peterson led the discussion since the Region 7 archives provides archival services for a number of such organizations. Several remaining topics were touched on briefly including: funding sources and reporting/administrative structures for regional and synodical archives; a Lutheran periodical bibliographical project by David Wartluft; microfilming guidelines for congregations, including cooperating with the Genealogical Society of Utah; and future microfilming projects.

The location of the next Network meeting was discussed. Elisabeth Wittman suggested a meeting with the Episcopal archivists in conjunction with the 1997 Society of American Archivists meeting in Chicago. The network felt that it was too early in the ELCA-Episcopal Church Concordat talks to consider this option. An informal Network meeting may be held during the SAA meeting, but the next official Network meeting will be held in conjunction with the 1998 Lutheran Historical Conference meeting at Wagner College in Staten Island, New York. Region 6 Archivist Connie Conner will serve as chairperson at that meeting.

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for Lutheranism and admired Martin Luther's courage in "nailing those '95 things' on the church door" (NLC 3/5/1, Box 4, "Public Relations, Division of, 1952").

Other "gems" in the NLC collection can be found in the executive secretary files which go to the heart of NLC activities. Reflected in these records are post World War I and World War II relief activities in Europe; U.S. mission work among minority communities; establishment of and cooperation in the Lutheran World Convention and Lutheran World Federation; urban church planning efforts; ministry to college students and military personnel; radio and television production; and publicity and publication work. The U.S.A. National Committee, Lutheran World Federation collection is next to be targeted.

The benefits of the grant are evident even at this early stage. Most gratifying has been its effect on reference service. With a growing understanding of how organizational structure and activities were delineated within specific Lutheran organizations, staff has been equipped to offer more complete and accurate assistance in answering researchers' inquiries. Finding aids, in varying stages of completion, have also been utilized by a number of researchers. With the creation of OCLC cataloging records, now available through the ELCA Web Page, we can only expect this use to increase.

THANK YOU JIM!

The Rev. James L. Schaaf, Professor of Church History, Trinity Seminary, Columbus, and member of the ELCA Churchwide Archives Advisory Committee, succumbed to a heart attack, November 30, 1996, in New Orleans, while attending the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature in that city. Burial was held at Faith Lutheran Church, Columbus, Ohio, December 5, with internment at Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling, West Virginia, the following day.

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SLOVAK ZION SYNOD ARCHIVES

The Slovak Zion Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has designated the ELCA Churchwide Archives, Chicago as the new location for its archives. Previously, the Region 7 Archives, Philadelphia had served this purpose. Materials from that archives, plus additional materials collected over a period of years by their synod secretary, were brought to Chicago by Bishop Juan Cobdra in October 1996. Altogether, including additions made in February 1997, the collection totals about 56 cubic feet.

The Slovak Zion Synod was formed in 1919 to gather together the Slovak congregations spread around the United States and Canada that had no synodical affiliation. In 1920 the synod joined with the United

Lutheran Church in America as a non-geographic constituent synod. Through the mergers to form the

Lutheran Church in America in 1962 and then the ELCA in 1987, the synod continues as a non-geographic synod. In addition, the synod office is wherever the synod bishop resides, which is currently in the Chicago area.

Since the arrival of the archives at the ELCA, Bishop Cobdra has enlisted the help of volunteers who have been sorting out the materials, which include official synod records, related periodicals and books and records of some disbanded congregations. Much of the materials are in Slovak or other languages. For access to the collection, contact either the churchwide archives or the Slovak Zion Synod.

THANK YOU JIM...

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Jim had been a member of the Archives Advisory Committee since 1991, and had himself served as Trinity Seminary archivist, 1972-1978. Jim was also known for his active membership in the Lutheran Historical Conference for many years, serving as board and commission member, treasurer, vice president, local arrangements co-chair, editor of the Newsletter, membership secretary, and most recently as president.

After receiving his B.A. and B.D. from Capital University and Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary, now Trinity, both in Columbus, Ohio, he received his Doctor of Theology degree with his thesis, "Wilhelm Loehe's Relation to the American Church," from Ruprecht-Karl University, Heidelberg, Germany in 1961. Jim's research on Loehe as well as subsequent books, articles and translations were among his scholarly accomplishments. He had served on the faculty of the seminary in Columbus since 1965 and had planned to retire in 1997. Jim is survived by his wife Phyllis, and two daughters and their families.

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

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LUTHERAN AND EPISCOPAL BREAKFAST AT SAA

The annual breakfast of Lutheran Archivists held at the Society of American Archivists meeting, Chicago, August 28, 1997, 7-8:30 a.m., will be expanded to include Episcopalian archivists, either those persons who work at Episcopalian archives or archivists who are Episcopalian. Lutheran archivists have been gathering this way at SAA since 1987. The joint breakfast, a time for fellowship and sharing of information among Lutheran archivists, follows a request to join in the event from Mark J. Duffy, Archivist of the Episcopal Church U.S.A. The SAA program will carry an announcement of the event, however, individual pre-registration invitations will also be mailed to persons who have previously been identified as Lutheran or Episcopalian. Anyone who would like to be added to the invitation list should contact either: Mark J. Duffy, Archives of the Episcopal Church U.S.A., P.O. Box 2247, Austin, TX 78768; FAX: 512-480-0437; e-mail: mjduffy@uts.cc.utexas.edu or Elisabeth Wittman, ELCA Archives, 8765 W. Higgins Rd., Chicago, IL 60631; FAX: 773-380-2818; e-mail: ewittman@elca.org

ANNIVERSARIES IN 1997

Each year there are many Lutheran anniversaries to celebrate and 1997 is no exception. The Lutheran World Federation Assembly, July 8-16, Hong Kong, will include commemoration of the 50th anniversary of its founding in 1947 at Lund, Sweden. On August 9, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod will hold the 150th Anniversary Celebration Extravaganza in St. Louis. The LCMS was founded in Chicago on April 26, 1847. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Assembly, Philadelphia, August 14-20, will have the theme "Alive in Our Heritage and Hope," and include special historical exhibits and a birthday celebration of the founding of the church in Columbus, Ohio, April 30, 1987. The ELCA assembly will also mark the start of the 250th anniversary celebrations for 1998 of the founding of the Pennsylvania Ministerium, in 1748 by Henry Melchior Muhlenberg.

LUTHERAN HISTORICAL CONFERENCE

The 18th LHC biennial meeting took place at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, October 31 - November 2, 1996. The overall theme of the meeting was "Interpreting American Lutheran History." Since the seminary was celebrating its 150th anniversary, a tour to local historical sites related to the seminary as well as visits to two historic congregations, St. Paul's and First English Lutheran Churches, also took place.

The business session included the election of new board members and new officers: President, The Rev. James W. Albers; Vice President, The Rev. Robert F. Scholz; Treasurer, David J. Wartluft and Secretary, Norman J. Threinen; and two others on the board: the Rev. Jon Diefenthaler and Dr. L. DeAne Lagerquist. The business meeting also adopted changes in the constitution which change the LHC structure. The commissions were eliminated and in their place are commissioners appointed to take care of the various tasks needed to get the work of the LHC accomplished. Later in the meeting, the LHC board accepted the invitation to hold the 1998 biennial meeting at Wagner College, Staten Island, New York.

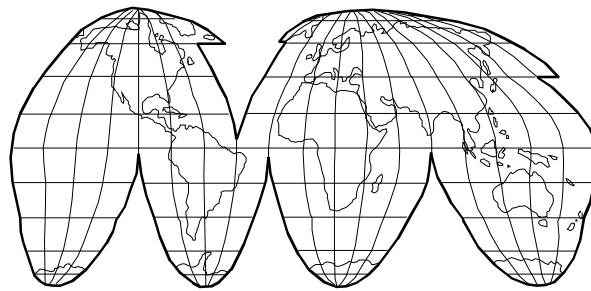
Recognition was given to the Rev. James L. Schaaf for his leadership as LHC President during the past two years, as well as to retiring board members, the Revs. Ray F. Kibler III and Frederick K. Wentz. Dr. Wentz was also the recipient of the LHC Distinguished Service Award.

Also of note for the LHC is the inauguration of a World Wide Web Home Page. The address is: <http://www.ctsfw.edu/LHC/LHCHOME.HTM>

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The Region 3 and Luther Seminary Archives will co-sponsor their annual Conference on Church Archives and Anniversaries at three locations in April and May. See "Calendar of Events" elsewhere in this issue.



includes reference, description, records administration and appraisal, preservation, records declassification, the Center for Legislative Archives, the Center for Electronic Records and public programs. He has headed many of these areas in the past and the new responsibilities were added as part of the National Archives implementation of a ten-year strategic plan.

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Final arrangements are being made to purchase a new computer for the archives to connect it to Trinity Lutheran Seminary's local network. This connection will enable Region 6 Archivist, Connie Conner, to communicate via e-mail to fellow archivists and patrons without returning to her library workstation. Currently she can receive mail at cconner@trinity.capital.edu. Hopefully by April messages and inquires may be sent to archives@trinity.capital.edu. Within the year there also may be a web site for the Region 6 Archives.

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Jean Minneman of the archives staff recently attended a two-part workshop on automation of personal collections, sponsored by the South Carolina Dept. of Archives and History. The planning continues for their own annual Congregational Heritage Workshop, June 8-10 at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia. The theme is "We Celebrate," and will include three keynote speakers and sixteen workshop sessions on: archives, anniversary celebration, congregational histories and beyond the celebration. The annual "Friends of the Archives," banquet will also be part of the event. See "Calendar of Events" elsewhere in this issue.

In keeping with the theme "Alive in Our Heritage and Hope," the Southeast Michigan Synod's 1997 assembly will include a forum on preserving archival records. A Congregational Archives and History mini-workshop will be hosted by First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Muskegon, Michigan. Contact person: Ruth Ann Nurmi, (616) 744-1522.

**CHURCH-
WIDE**

As noted in the article on page one, for the NHPRC Grant Project, the archives welcomed a new staff member, Annette Rasmussen to the staff. Also in the area of staff changes, is that Diane Asseln, assistant archivist, has changed her name to her partner's name, so she is now Diane Shannon. Another recent change for Diane is that her consultancy position with the Gerber/Hart Gay and Lesbian Library and Archives ended in January 1997. However, Diane began another part-time consultancy in February with Harris Bank.

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At the Region 8 Archives, Gettysburg, work continues on processing the collection of active and disbanded congregation records, to improve the index/finding aid guide which is extensively cross-referenced. Congregations involved are mainly those from the former Central Pennsylvania Synod. A workshop on Social Ministry Records Management will be presented April 18, 1997 by Dr. Michael J. Kurtz chair of the Region 8 Archives Committee.

In the Fall of 1996, Dr. Kurtz was assigned new responsibilities in his position at the U.S. National Archives. He is now head of the headquarters office that

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Other news from the churchwide archives is that LSTC Archivist David L. Lindberg, continues his "internship" with the churchwide archives and has nearly completed work on processing and creating finding aids for Japan Mission materials from the United Lutheran Church in America, Augustana Church and Lutheran Church in America, dating from 1908-1970s.

In 1996, the archives had yet another year of increased use of the archives, with the largest total ever of 1,493. Noteworthy is the increase of questions that are received through the Internet and especially the ELCA World Wide Web Home Page. However, it is interesting to note that in 1996 10% of users were those visiting the archives, which is a high total for the archives. This increase is due in part to the Rev. David Udayakumar, South Andhra Lutheran Church, India, who spent many days over several months researching at the archives. Overall in 1996, the archives received 124 requests per month, or 31 per week.

While reference continues to occupy many hours of staff time, other work continues, such as processing of records. Diane Shannon has completed finding aids for several series of records from the American Lutheran Church (1930-1960). Kim Butler continues to complete processing of various series of United (Danish) Evangelical Lutheran Church records and more recently completed a finding aid for the Presidential Papers of Franklin Clark Fry, United Lutheran Church in America, 1944-1960, that comprise 34 cubic feet of materials.

Archives staff members continue to be professionally active. Wittman and Butler both attended the Society of American Archivists meeting in San Diego, in late August, including hosting the annual Lutheran Archivists Breakfast. In October, archivists Butler, Shannon, Swain and Wittman all attended the Midwest Archives Conference meeting in Madison, Wisconsin. Ellen Swain chaired a session on student research and Wittman attended MAC council and 25th anniversary committee meetings as Vice President. She has continued to be busy with that work, since she has responsibility as Meeting Coordinator for the two annual MAC meetings. Both Butler and Shannon are also active in MAC, serving on the Spring 1997 meeting Local Arrangements Committee. Both Butler and Wittman attended the Lutheran Historical Conference meeting in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Wittman is also a member of the LHC

board and serves as Newsletter editor, the latter with the help of Maria Acuña, archives secretary.

Also, Wittman was appointed to the Illinois State Archives Advisory Board. She attended her first meeting in February 1997. While in Springfield for the meeting, she received an excellent tour of the archives from Kim Efird, one of the state archives staff members and ELCA member.

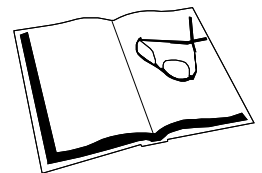
OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Lutheran Historical Society, Gettysburg, announced the winner of the 1996 Abdel Ross Wentz Prize awarded to Earl K. Johnson, Jr., from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. The winning essay was, "The Reverend Jehu Jones (1786-1852): First African American Lutheran Minister." The author has gone on to pursue a degree in library science at Drexel Institute, after completing his seminary degree. In addition to his seminary professors, he lists John E. Peterson of the Region 7 Archives as one of his mentors in his research work. For further information on the annual Wentz Prize award, for historical research and writing by Lutheran theological seminary students, contact: Wentz Prize Committee, LHS,G, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, PA, 17325-1795.

The Lutheran Historical Society, Gettysburg, Fall meeting, took place October 12, 1996 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania. The university's Lutheran College Study Group co-sponsored the event which covered, "The American Lutheran Experience at Susquehanna University."

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NEW RESOURCES



Mrs. Esther Dockter Wegenast, who with her husband, the late Rev. Clarence Wegenast, served as missionaries, has written, In His Service, Ten Young Men Volunteer to Help Reconstruct The War-Torn Mission Field of Lutheran Mission New Guinea. Mrs. Wegenast recounts the work of reconstruction of buildings that had been destroyed during World War II as carried out by young men of the

American Lutheran Church recruited for this purpose. The author's husband is one of the young men recruited for the task and his diary, plus archival records and photographs, as well as interviews with the other "crew" members served as her sources. The book includes many illustrations and is available for \$12 from the author: Mrs. Esther D. Wegenast, 2507 West Charles St., Grand Island, NE 68803.

The Pennsylvania German Society's annual volume for 1996 is: Hopeful Journeys: German Immigration, Settlement and Political Culture in Colonial America, 1717-1775, by Aaron Spencer Fogelman. The volume is also part of the Early American Studies Series of the University of Pennsylvania and traces German immigrants from their origins to the colonies. The author contends that the immigrants established a new American identity without becoming less German. It is available from: The Pennsylvania German Society, P.O. Box 397, Birdsboro, PA 19508-0397 for \$35.

The Rev. Morris "Bo" and Dorothy Sorenson, have written, Beyond Expectation, The Story of a Family in Mission, which tells of their lives from small town, to global missionaries, to churchwide executive service. The Sorensons served as missionaries in Japan, and later Bo served as executive for global mission and assistant to bishop of The American Lutheran Church and again with the bishop's office of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The book is available for \$17 (Minnesota residents add \$.91 sales tax) from: Kirk House Publishing, P.O. Box 39759, Minneapolis, MN 55439; 612-835-1828.

Dr. Michael J. Kurtz, Region 8 Archives Advisory Committee chair, president of the Lutheran Historical Society, Gettysburg, and head of one of two headquarters offices of the U.S. National Archives, has published, John Gottlieb Morris, Man of God, Man of Science. Morris, among the first graduates of the Gettysburg Seminary in 1827, had a wide variety of career and professional interests, from theology and the Bible to librarianship and natural history and science. This volume is soon to be published by the Maryland Historical Society, for which Morris also served as president. For further information, contact: Dr. Michael J. Kurtz, 960 Aqua Ct., Annapolis, MD 21401; (410) 757-1824.

Two publications available from the Society of American Archivists address the issue of an archives storage

environment. William K. Wilson edited, Environmental Guidelines for the Storage of Paper Records (NISO Press, 1995), \$40 (SAA members \$35, Illinois residents add 8.75% sales tax). William P. Lull and Paul N. Banks have written Conservation Environment Guidelines for Libraries and Archives (Canadian Council of Archives, 1995), \$21 (SAA members \$16). This latter book includes suggestions for low-cost interim measures to improve an environment. Prepayment required, contact: SAA, 600 S. Federal St., Ste. 504, Chicago, IL 60605. Catalog of resources from SAA available free of charge: 312-922-0140; FAX: 312-347-1452; e-mail: info@archivists.org

CHI WEB PAGE

The Concordia Historical Institute of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod inaugurated a World Wide Web Home Page, as of February 28, 1997. The web page site is accessible at the address: <http://www.chi.lcms.org/>

Anyone interested in making comments or suggestions about this Web Page may contact: the Rev. Marvin A. Huggins, Assistant Director, CHI, 801 DeMun Ave., St. Louis, MO 63105-3168; e-mail: chi@trucom.com

MUHLENBERG TRADITION SERIES

A series of invitational seminars for 1997-1998 has begun with the initial event held in Baltimore, Maryland, January 31 - February 1, 1997. Sponsored by the Mission Resource Institute, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, the series seeks to bring together persons to illuminate the significance of the tradition of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg for continuing mission of the Lutheran church in the United States and Canada. The theme of the first event was, "The Church - Still Planted: Ecclesia Plantanda 1748-1998."

Future series events will take place at three different ELCA seminary campuses and other locations. For further information contact: Kenneth C. Senft, Mission Resource Institute, P.O. Box 3877, Gettysburg, PA 17325; 717-337-1608.

WEB UPDATE

Since the last issue of Network News, the ELCA library and archives on-line public access catalog is now searchable via the ELCA World Wide Web Home Page. This catalog is comprised of just the holdings of the library and archives in Chicago as submitted to the OCLC national bibliographic database. To search the ELCA Archives holdings through the Web, you may access the database most directly at the URL address: <http://www.elca.org/os/archives/intro.html> There is a link in the page to the OCLC cataloging data reached by clicking on that link, then following the on-line directions for searching.

Also, soon to be added to the Web Page, is an alphabetical listing of the Personal Papers held at the ELCA archives. Compiled by Kim Butler and Elisabeth Wittman, the next step will be getting the information converted to computer "mark-up" language so that it is readable over the World Wide Web. For those of you who would rather receive a paper copy of this list, please contact the ELCA Archives. Otherwise, in the future, look for the link from the Archives Home Page.

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Lutheran Historical Society of Eastern Pennsylvania (LHSEP) had two meetings since the last issue of this newsletter. On October 26, 1996, the Fall Meeting, celebrated the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg, Revolutionary War patriot, general and pastor. The Rev. Carl D. Shankweiler wrote a one act play that depicts Muhlenberg's decision to leave his congregation at Woodstock for a military commission, his being congratulated by General Lafayette after the victory at Yorktown and with his father, the Rev. Henry Melchior, talking over the impact of the Revolution on their lives.

The LHSEP's Winter Happening was held January 25, 1997 at the Lutheran Home at Topton. The group heard

from David Miller author of A Gift of Love, a history of the home prepared for the centennial in 1996. Tours of the campus of the home followed.

Hartwick College, Oneonta, New York, celebrates its bicentennial in 1997. Although it is now a non-denominational college, its origins were as the first Lutheran theological seminary in the United States. The Rev. John Christopher Hartwick did not live to see the opening of the school, he is still considered its founder. Events including several historical presentations have already taken place and a history of the college, Hartwick College: 1797-1997, by Ronald H. Bailey has been written. The book is available for \$35 from: Joan Place, Institutional Advancements, Hartwick College, Oneonta, NY 13820. For anniversary events and information contact: Bill Brophy, Public Relations, Hartwick College, 607-431-4030.

RECENT ACCESSIONS

Region 3

The Frederik A. Schiotz (1901-1989) Papers, c. 1954-1972, 25 cu.ft. Donated by Mrs. Dagny Schiotz. Materials include papers and many photographs related to his career which included extensive overseas travel for the National Lutheran Council and Lutheran World Federation, as well as for his two church presidencies with the Evangelical Lutheran Church (1954-1960) and The American Lutheran Church (1960-1972). Finding aid available February 1997.

Region 6

The Rev. Paul Fuchs Papers. Includes indexed minutes and publications of the Commission for a New Lutheran Church (1982-1986) and personal documents relating to his service on the CNLC.

The Rev. August George Bergener, 1868-1942, Papers. Includes sermons, correspondence, photographs, collars.

Congregational records: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Youngstown, Ohio; Emmaus Lutheran Church, Cleveland, Ohio; St. John Lutheran Church, Fort Jennings, Ohio; St. John Lutheran Church, Leipsic, Ohio; and Manistee Lutheran Church, Manistee, Michigan.

Region 8 (Gettysburg)

Susquehanna Synod, United Lutheran Church in America. Financial records.

Region 9

The John J. Scherer book collection. Includes the 1786 liturgy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America. Donated by John J. Scherer, IV.



Churchwide Archives

General Synod -

Board of Foreign Missions, India Mission, Guntur, photograph album, 1899, 1 volume

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Office of the Bishop, Herbert W. Chilstrom, Correspondence, 1987-1995, 2 cu.ft. (Additions to 1995 accession.)

Commission for Multicultural Ministries, Native American Ministries and Advisory Committee, Records, 1987-1994, 5.2 cu.ft.

Division for Congregational Life, Youth Gathering Records, 1989-1991, 1.4 cu.ft.

Women of the ELCA, "Women and Children Living in Poverty," Records, 1991-1995, 1.2 cu.ft.

Women of the ELCA, 2nd Triennial Convention, Records, 1992-1994, 1.6 cu.ft.

Lutheran Council in the U.S.A. -

Division for Campus Ministry and Educational Services, Internship Study, Records, 1973-1976, 4.5 cu.ft. Donated by the director of the study, David L. Lindberg.

Personal Papers -

Esther Bacon (1916-1972), Papers, c. 1941-1990s, Missionary and Nurse-Midwife in Liberia from 1941-1972. Papers were part of the research materials gathered together and donated by her biographer (Outlaw for God), Dr. Birney Dibble, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Henriette Lund (1887-1984), Artifact Collection, c. 1950s, 1.6 cu.ft. Received by Lund from Alaska Natives when she worked in Alaska and wrote Arctic Children of God. Donated by Walter A. Jensen.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1997-1998

April 12 - Lutheran Historical Society, Gettysburg, spring meeting, at the Adams County Historical Society. The theme for the meeting is: "American Lutheranism Between Muhlenberg and Walther: Illuminating a Dark Age Thesis." Speakers at the meeting include: Paul Baglyos, Gilson Waldkoenig and Michael J. Kurtz. Contact: Dr. Kurtz, 960 Aqua Ct., Annapolis, MD 21401; 410-757-1824.

April 18 - Social Ministry Records Management Workshop, at Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg. Speaker will be Dr. Michael J. Kurtz, chair of the ELCA Region 8 Archives Advisory Committee. Contact: Dr. Kurtz, 960 Aqua Ct., Annapolis, MD 21401; 410-757-1824.

April 19 - The Lutheran Historical Society of Eastern Pennsylvania, spring meeting, St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Allentown. Contact: Mrs. Lillian Stella Labe, 1211 Milestone Rd., Robestone, PA 19551.

April 22 - Conference on Church Archives and Anniversaries, First Lutheran Church, Minot, North Dakota. Sponsored by Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota and the ELCA Region 3 and Luther Seminary Archives. Contact: Paul A. Daniels, ELCA Region 3 Archives, 2481 Como Ave. West, St. Paul, MN 55108-1455; 612-641-3205; e-mail: pdaniels@luthersem.edu

May 15 - Conference on Church Archives and Anniversaries, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Sponsor and Contact: same as for April 22 listing above.

May 21 - Conference on Church Archives and Anniversaries, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. Sponsor and Contact: same as for April 22 listing above.

8-9 - Congregation Heritage Workshop, Lutheran Southern Theological Seminary, Columbia, South Carolina. Sponsored by and contact: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Region 9, 4201 N. Main St. Columbia, 29208; 803-754-2879.

July 13-15 - Congregation Heritage Workshop, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa. Contact: The Rev. Roger Peterson, Director of Church Relations, Luther College, 700 College Dr., Decorah, IA 52101-1045; 319-387-1271.

July 15 - Deadline for next issue of NETWORK NEWS.

August 14-20 - ELCA Churchwide Assembly, Philadelphia. Theme: "Alive in Our Heritage and Hope."

August 27 - September 1 - Society of American Archivist, Annual Meeting, Fairmont Hotel, Chicago. Contact: SAA, 600 S. Federal St., Ste. 504, Chicago, IL 60605; 312-922-0140; e-mail: info@archivists.org

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August 28 - Lutheran and Episcopal Breakfast at SAA, August 28, 7-8:30 am. Contact: ELCA Churchwide Archives, 8765 W. Higgins Rd., Chicago, IL 60631; 773-380-2818; e-mail: archives@elca.org

September 20 - ELCA Churchwide Archives Advisory Committee meeting, Lutheran Center, Chicago.

November 6-8 - The 24th Biennial Conference on Archives and History, Concordia Historical Institute, St. Louis. Contact: The Rev. Marvin A. Huggins, CHI, 801 De Mun Ave., St. Louis, MO; 314-505-7900; e-mail: chi@trucom.com

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October/November - Lutheran Historical Conference Biennial Meeting, Wagner College, Staten Island, New York.

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