

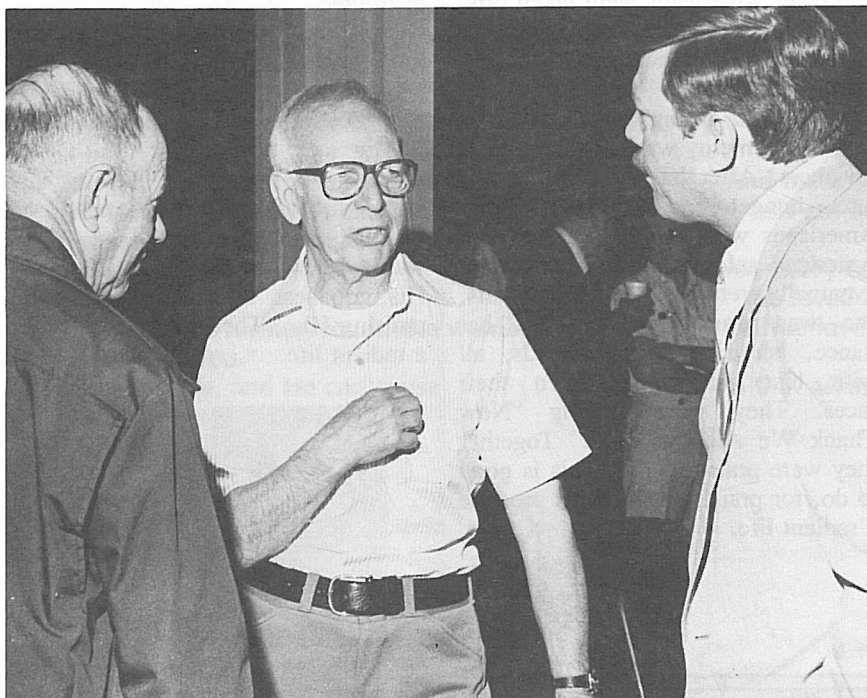
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A radiant life

Psalm 34:1-8

"It is fine to be young, but when you get old there is no longer any pleasure in life. It would be better for me to die." This is the statement that was made to me by a sad Japanese lady. Her life was obviously extremely dark and meaningless.

There are many people who are living dark, dismal lives. Each day the sun seems to be hidden by the clouds. They dread every morning that they have to go to work. Close friends are non-existent. Their past sinful lives become so painful that they can hardly bear it. They yearn for a radiant life, but their yearnings remain unfulfilled. This unfulfillment is because they don't know the secret of how they can have a radiant life. In Psalm 34, God reveals some secrets of a radiant life.

First, it is a life of praising God. Verse one tells us that praise is to be

in our mouths continually. If this were true, then there would be no evil words coming out of our mouths. This would help to remove darkness because evil words are motivated by the rulers of darkness of this world. David said that God's praises were to be not merely in his heart, but also in his mouth. Some people pride themselves on being silent Christians. However, God wants our tongues to reveal His glory. Because of His goodness and love to us, He surely deserves praise from our mouths. Praising God produces a radiant life.

We are to praise God with other Christians, according to verse 3. A good friend of ours has served as a missionary in Japan for 30 years. Her first real experience with the Japanese people came during World War II when she was imprisoned by them for three long years in the Philippine Islands. When she and 500 other Americans were taken prisoners, the Japanese commandant declared, "You Americans are merciful, but we Japanese do not know mercy." And during those next three years little mercy was shown to those prisoners. After having endured torture, hunger and boredom, those Americans were finally freed by our American soldiers. When our friend eventually returned to Minneapolis, she was warmly greeted by her fiancé, her family and friends, all with tears streaming down their faces. They were singing "Now Thank We All Our God." Together they were praising God. This is good to do, for praising God helps produce a radiant life.

Another secret of a radiant life is that it is a life of trusting God. In verse 4, David speaks of trusting the Lord by seeking help from Him. When David sought help, God answered him and delivered him from all his fears. David's weak prayer of trust found acceptance and brought him strength and peace.

Verse 5 informs us that when we look to the Lord we will be radiant. Looking to the Lord in faith brings a radiance to one's face because one's spirit is lifted. Such a look of trust lifts one out of darkness and depression. A missionary met Madame Chiang Kai-Shek during an air raid. That Christian lady said, "God has eyes. He can see. He knows that our cause is righteous. The darkest hour comes before the dawn. The easy time to trust God is when all goes smoothly. But when everything is dark, then it means faith!" Trusting God gives a radiant life even in times of trouble.

Are you experiencing a radiant life? When troubles arise, do you look at the problem only, or do you look beyond the problem to Christ? If you lack this radiant life, David invites you, in verse 8, to try this wonderful life — to taste and see that the Lord is good. Make an inward, experimental trial of Christ and His goodness by trusting Him and praising Him. Then He will give you a radiant life.



by Pastor
Einar Unseth

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Committee No. 4, (L. to R.) Mr. Arlo Kneeland, Lay Pastor Roger Krueger, Mrs. Orville Moen, Mr. Doug Beise, and Pastor Richard Gunderson.

Conference report

Rev. Robert Lee elected Association vice-president

Rev. Robert Lloyd Lee, 42, a teacher at the Association Schools since 1979, was elected vice-president of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations at its Annual Conference near Osceola, Wis., June 12-16. He was chosen on the second ballot. On the first ballot the incumbent vice-president, Rev. Leslie Galland, Thief River Falls, Minn., failed to get the three-fourths majority needed in a three-way contest, being in his third one-year term. Pastor Lee will assume office on Oct. 1.

Rev. Bruce Dalager, Grand Forks, N. Dak., pastor, was re-elected secretary. His next term will be his third.

Rev. Richard Snipstead, president, is in the first year of his third three-year term.

Attendance

This year's conference, second in three years at the Association Retreat Center, brought a registered attendance of 398 delegates. Of these, 118 were pastors and lay pastors and 280 were lay people. There were also six registered visitors. Two years ago there were 380 registered delegates, plus five visitors.

The Conference accepted an invitation to hold next year's Conference at a convention center at Warm Beach, Wash., north of Everett, on Puget Sound. The dates will be June 11-15. The Church of the Lutheran Brethren held its synodical convention there

last month. Rev. Del Palmer, Everett, extended the invitation to come to Warm Beach. Plans were immediately underway to form a camper caravan from the Midwest to travel to the Coast.

It is expected that the 1987 Annual Conference, the 25th, will be held in Thief River Falls, Minn., where the AFLC was organized in October, 1962.

Clergy Roster

In one of the main Conference actions this year, guidelines for maintaining the clergy roster or list of approved pastors were adopted. The matter was brought up last year, but delegates could not agree on any statement at that time.

The Co-ordinating Committee came back this year, at the request of last year's Conference, with a statement very similar to last year's. There were two changes. In II, 2, in the sentence, "Clergymen other than graduates of AFLTS who are seeking fellowship—", the words "other than graduates of AFLTS who are," were deleted.

The second change occurred in II, 3. Here the second sentence of last year's paragraph was dropped by the Committee. The paragraph now reads simply: "A clergyman without call shall be continued on the Clergy Roster for a period not to exceed four years." The dropped sentence was, "This period of four years may be extended by decision of the Co-ordinating Committee."

But the most discussion this year was provoked by a sentence added by the Committee following the guidelines: "The Co-ordinating Committee reaffirmed the practice of the AFLC that no one that has been divorced and remarried shall be a pastor in the AFLC." In the discussion it became evident that there was strong sentiment for an even stronger statement even though one delegate questioned whether the AFLC would want to remove a pastor whose wife had been unfaithful to him and divorced him.

A delegate made the motion to delete the words "and remarried" from the paragraph. This amendment was passed by a vote of 145-77 on Thursday afternoon.

Conference photos by S. Hjermstad



The pastor's banquet at the Manna Inn.

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It was not brought out in the discussion that the AFLC for some years had a pastor (now deceased) on its clergy roster who was accepted as divorced but not remarried. He had promised to remain unmarried.

Non-Support

The resolutions committee for Stewardship and Pensions brought in this paragraph under resolution No. 2: "Be it further resolved that AFLC congregations which are not presently giving any support to the AFLC be contacted by the Stewardship Board and be encouraged to begin support."

There was much discussion on the question of whether or not this infringed on the freedom of the congregation. Some felt that an approach on the matter of poor support would be dictating to the congregation; others thought that would be a reasonable step among congregations supposedly committed to common work. Some felt that a delinquent congregation's problem is a spiritual one and it would be wrong to show concern first on the matter of financial responsibility.

A ballot vote was requested on the motion to strike the paragraph quoted above. It passed by a vote of 91-51. The paragraph was stricken.

The stewardship resolutions do contain encouragement of materials which foster tithing by individuals, urge the use of a "Gospel approach" to stewardship, and state that "the focus of encouragement to giving be on a broad vision of the Savior and what He has done for us."

A stewardship resolution from the floor urged congregations to tithe from their Sunday offerings for Association endeavors. Some congregations are already giving above the tithe and the resolution was amended to read "at least 10%."

Financial Situation

It took a while for the Conference to seriously address the matter of insufficient contributions from the congregations in order to meet the budget set for the fiscal year 1984-85, but eventually there was discussion about it. Only 82% of the goal was reached last year.

One pastor asked if the congregations by means of the deficit were

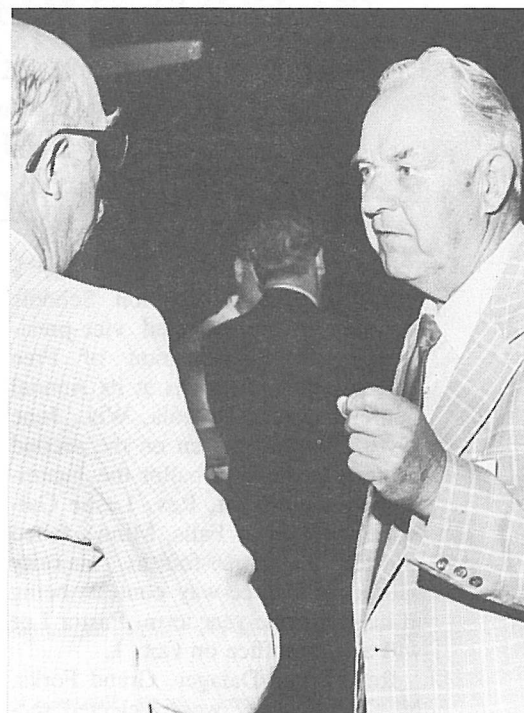
sending a message to the church at large that they want some programs cut, that is, they want the AFLC to live within its means. Another pastor wondered if delegates couldn't come with some instruction from congregations when they come to Conference. Pastor Snipstead said that he felt that too large a budget increase was voted in 1981. It was unrealistic and we are still catching up, he declared.

Facilities

Mr. Arlo Kneeland, Summit, S. Dak., a member of the Co-ordinating Committee and of the Facilities Committee, reported to the Conference that no recommendation is being made at this time concerning a building program on the grounds of the AFLC headquarters and Schools at Medicine Lake, Minneapolis. There has been talk of the need for



Mr. Albin Haugen and Mr. Lee Quanbeck, McVile, counted ballots.



Mr. Ray Jacobson, Wadena, and Mr. Norman Olson, Willmar.



At the pastor's banquet . . . center of picture are Rev. and Mrs. Robert Giles of South Africa. Rev. Giles was the banquet speaker.

a combination administration-classroom-library building for the Bible School, with implications for the Seminary and Headquarters.

The reason for making no recommendations is the current tight financial situation in the church.

New Hymnal

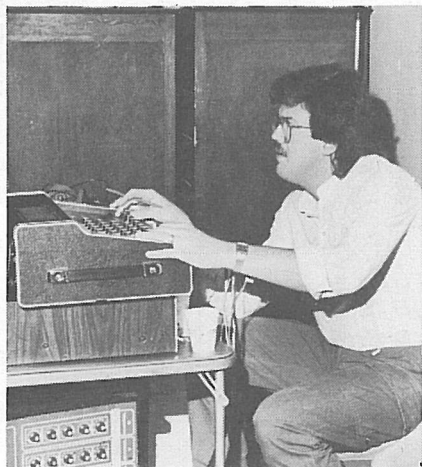
The Conference authorized a study of the cost of producing a new hymnal and that a list of hymns likely to be included in such a hymnal be drawn up and made public. A survey among the congregations which was to have been taken this year had been given up.

Ordination

One man was ordained as a pastor at the Conference. He is Daniel Howard Giles, who will be a missionary to Mexico with his wife Debbie. They were commissioned at the same service on Sunday morning. Pastor R. Snipstead officiated at the ordination and Pastor Eugene Enderlein, executive director of World Missions, at the commissioning. Mr. Donald Rodvold sang the solo "Be Thou Faithful," accompanied by his wife at the piano. Pastor and Mrs. Robert Giles of South Africa were able to be present for their son's ordination. Mrs. Giles' parents and the maternal grandmothers of Daniel and Debbie were also present.

Bible School Dean

Rev. Donald Greven was elected dean of the Bible School by the Conference. He had been nominated by the Board of Trustees and faculty of the school. Pastor Greven has served as acting dean this past year. He will be installed as dean at a later date.



Mr. Cary Dietsche

President's message

To the 23rd Annual Conference of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (Continued from last time)

Parish Education

We are deeply grateful to our WMF for providing the funds for a new off-set printer for Parish Education. It was an answer to the prayer that we might somehow be able to cut the costs of the printing of Sunday School materials. The printer will be of great value in the printing of other materials for other departments as well.

The Lutheran Ambassador

We are pleased that the number of subscriptions to our church paper has again risen to the 4,000 mark. When the 1982 annual conference raised the rate to \$10.00 per year our subscribers dropped from 4,240 to 3,770. Some who cancelled then have taken the paper again, but subscribers from our new congregations make up the largest part of the present increase.

We hope that all of our congregations will promote our church paper to their members. If we would be able to regain all of our old subscribers, we could begin to reduce the subsidies that are being paid by the various departments of our church.

Youth Work

We have had resolutions on youth work since our organizational conference in 1962. In recent years the expression of the Conference has been that we should have a full-time youth worker.

The Co-ordinating Committee has just not been able to include the funds for this position in the budget. A \$40,000.00 deficit cannot be ignored as you plan the work of the church.

A full-time youth worker would be of assistance to the work of our youth, but he could never fill the place of responsibility of our homes, our pastors, Sunday School teachers and local youth advisors. They have done a tremendous job of giving our AFLC some of the finest youth to be found anywhere and we are convinced they will continue to do so.

Statistical Report

Forms for providing statistical reports were mailed out to our pastors in January. We have received 74% of these reports to date. We had hoped to be able to give the conference the latest up-to-date statistics for our church body. You will have to wait for the printed annual report as we continue to try to extract reports from the delinquents.

The reports received to date show 58% of our congregations increasing their membership since the last reports were received two years ago. The 42% showing a loss in membership were primarily in rural areas, but that is not true for all rural churches. There were a number of urban congregations that showed a loss in membership also.

New Hymnals

For several years the conference has discussed the possibility of a new hymnal or a revised *Concordia*. A Hymnal Sub-committee has done not so little study and work. They have also done a survey of our congregations as to their receptivity to the project. Though we are far from being ready to proceed with the project, there is enough interest in it from last year's conference to request that another survey of our congregations be done in 1985. This has not been possible, but could conceivably be undertaken later this year. Perhaps what is needed more than another survey is to put more information into the hands of our people concerning the content of the hymnal as well as a new cost study. That would give more time for the seed thoughts to sprout and grow among our people. Delaying the survey until our people have more information could produce more positive results in the survey when it is done.

Pastoral Supply

As we come to this annual conference we have the fewest number of vacancies that we have ever had in our AFLC. Before we begin to talk about an over-supply of pastors, however, we must consider some other facts. From the graduating class of 1983 we placed eight men into the

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parish ministry. This year we have no graduates coming from the seminary to take parishes as they will be completing one year internship before being called and ordained. A year from now we will have at least four seminarians available for call.

If the present rate of establishing new Home Mission congregations is maintained, and only a few congregations should come to the AFLC from other synods, we are going to be short of pastors for some time to come.

The ARC

Being present here at the ARC speaks for itself. We do not have to go on a selling campaign to convince you of the tremendous potential this facility has for Christian ministries. In time we believe the the ministries carried on here will make our Retreat Center self-supporting. Until that time we need to generate some more support for the ARC. I believe there are enough of us convinced of the worthwhileness of this effort that we will get behind the proposal which will be coming to you at this Conference to increase support of the ARC.

When the ARC was purchased in 1979, it was agreed that the purchase of the facility should not be a budget item. When there are no legacy monies on hand, the only other source for the payment of interest and principal is the General Fund. We have both the interest and principal to pay this fall. The General Fund cannot absorb these payments. It would be well for the Conference to give the Co-ordinating Committee the authorization to raise sufficient loans and gifts to meet these obligations.

We might want to consider going a step further and raise enough loans from our own people to pay off the principal. It would save the AFLC considerable money to do that.

Capital Investment Fund

The 1983 Annual Conference passed a resolution "that we bring the present Praise Program to an end by 1985, and that we institute a new capital investments program for the entire work of the AFLC under the supervision of the Co-ordinating

Committee."

The budget for 1986-87 therefore has a budget request for Capital Investment instead of Praise.

The Co-ordinating Committee will take over all the responsibilities of the Praise Program as of February 1, 1986. As present loans to Praise come due, we are encouraging our people to renew them to the Capital Investments Fund.

Lutheran Doctrine

We live in a day when we are often called upon to take a firm stand on Lutheran doctrine. It may at times be necessary to contend for the faith. Our concern must always be, however, that our doctrines do not become more important to us than Christ Himself. It is possible to love doctrine more than we love Christ. This was the case with the church at Ephesus in Revelation 2:2-4. "I know your works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

"And hast borne, and hast patience, and for My name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love."

May God spare us from any intrusion of error and false doctrine, but may he also keep us centered in Christ and His love so that we will

always first and foremost be Christians and secondly Lutherans.

Future Growth

We were pleased that last year's Annual Conference reaffirmed "our openness to pastors and congregations who seek fellowship with the AFLC and extend to those of like conviction whose desire to be associated with a conservative Lutheran body such as ours a warm hand of fellowship." Many pastors and congregations are continuing to consider the AFLC as an option to going into the New Church in 1988. Many of them are seriously asking the question, "Would we really be welcome in the AFLC?" I am glad that on the

to do His will

The work of the prophets seems indeed to us to have been more laborious and less fruitful than that of the apostles; but we must ever remember that it is not the fruit of our labors. It is the doing of the Lord's will that is to be our "meat," that is, the delight of our hearts.

F. Hammarsten



The beginning of a man-made lake at the ARC.

basis of last year's Conference resolution, I can assure them that if they are in agreement with The Fundamental Principles and Rules for Work and agree to work for the advancement of these and other convictions of the AFLC on issues of our day, they are most welcome in our fellowship.

I believe that our AFLC will be enriched by the many pastors and congregations that will be drawn to us in the next few years.

We are pleased to have representation from Unity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Massapequa, N.Y., with us at this conference. They are the newest congregation in our church. We look forward to other congregations becoming established in their area, so that they might have the fellowship and encouragement of district congregations.

We also welcome to the fellowship of this conference representatives from South Africa, Mexico, India and Canada.

Our Fiscal Year

There has been considerable discussion concerning the changing of our fiscal year so that we have our year closing nearer to the time of the Annual Conference. This would be most valuable in being able to know the financial standing of the church, and in planning the budget for the next year. Perhaps a committee could be elected to study the matter and bring a recommendation to the next Annual Conference.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

The 25th anniversary of the AFLC will be in 1987. The faculty of our schools has discussed the possibility of making the emphasis for that year one of evangelism and revival. Both the School Board and the Co-ordinating Committee have approved the plan of beginning the emphasis with the Summer Institute of Theology in 1986 and reaching out from there into all the congregations of our AFLC, praying and working for revival throughout our AFLC in 1987.

In Memoriam

Rev. Marius Haakenstad passed away on June 19 at Prescott, Ariz., at the age of 86 years. Pastor Haakenstad was the pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church at Thief River Falls when the organizational

conference was held there in 1962. He had served parishes at Farmington, Minn., Hawarden, Sask., Canada, and Thief River Falls. He retired in 1971.

Mrs. Haakenstad also passed away, January 1, 1985.

(The section on events of special interest is being omitted here.)

In Conclusion

I would like to close my message to this Conference by quoting some words from Prof. Georg Sverdrup, one of the founders of the Lutheran Free Church and one of the authors of The Fundamental Principles. Prof. Sverdrup wrote:

"It is good for us to question the reason for our being. This is all the more a necessary thing to do in the case of a movement such as the Lutheran Free Church. The place of such a movement can be understood adequately on the basis of its origin and its purposes. If those of the present day are going to be able to justify the continued existence of the Lutheran Free Church it can be done best by showing the continued need of the aims it had and has in mind.

"The present collection of documents which bear upon the historical causes which brought the Lutheran Free Church into being is very welcome. Particularly welcome is it just at the time when a new generation is stepping forward to carry on the work of the fathers.

"Zeal and enthusiasm for the task depends upon the conviction that the task is not only worthwhile but that it is imperative if the good work of the past is not going to fail of its final blessing.

"There is power in the knowledge of facts. In these documents we have facts which make our loyalty intelligent and effective."

May we in the AFLC search our hearts these days for the reason for our being. Being reassured of that reason for our being may our loyalty, too, be intelligent and effective. May our decisions at this Conference reflect our convictions. May we go forth from here in strength and courage to serve our Lord and Savior.

Sincerely in Christ
Richard Snipstead

Resolution on Clergy Roster

I. Definition

All clergymen of the AFLC, active or emeritus, shall be on the Clergy Roster under the guidance of the Co-ordinating Committee.

II. Qualifications

1. Graduates of AFLTS who have been recommended by the theological faculty and the Board of Trustees and have been approved by colloquy with the Co-ordinating Committee.

2. Clergymen seeking fellowship must be approved by colloquy with the Co-ordinating Committee. After accepting a call a clergymen will be placed on the fellowship roster for one year. At the end of that time he shall meet again for colloquy with the Co-ordinating Committee before being placed on the clergy roster.

3. The Co-ordinating Committee may have other requirements, such as attendance for a period of time at the Association Free Lutheran Seminary.

III. Maintaining Status

1. The Clergy Roster will be made up of clergy who serve a parish of the church, or an institution, agency or ministry approved by the AFLC.

2. A clergymen who resigns or withdraws from the ministry of the AFLC in order to enter another vocation shall be removed from the Clergy Roster.

3. A clergyman without call shall be continued on the Clergy Roster for a period not to exceed four years.

4. A clergyman may be restored to the Clergy Roster upon an approved colloquy with the Co-ordinating Committee.

The Co-ordinating Committee reaffirms the practice of the AFLC that no one that has been divorced shall be a pastor in the AFLC.

The church exists by mission as
fire exists by burning.

Theodore Huggenvik

Elections at the Conference

*denotes re-election

Vice-President

Rev. Robert L. Lee, Minneapolis, Minn.
(1 year)

Secretary

Rev. Bruce Dalager, Grand Forks, N. Dak.* (1 year)

Co-ordinating Committee

5 years
Mr. Arlo Kneeland, Summit, S. Dak.*

Board of Trustees (Schools)

5 years
Rev. Rodger Olson, Canton, S. Dak.*

World Missions Committee

5 years
Mr. Kenneth Nash, Colfax, N. Dak.*

Home Missions Committee

5 years
Rev. Alvin Grothe, Astoria, Ore.

Commission on Evangelism

5 years
Rev. Laurel Udden, Minneapolis, Minn.*

Board of Pensions

5 years
Rev. Richard Gunderson, Escanaba, Mich.

Board of Publications and Parish Education

5 years
Rev. Wesley Langaas, McVile, N. Dak.

Stewardship Board

5 years
Rev. Robert L. Lee, Minneapolis, Minn.*

Youth Board

1 year
Mr. Dennis Christopherson, Amery, Wis.
5 years
Rev. Joel Rolf, Devils Lake, N. Dak.

CORPORATION ELECTIONS

The following persons were elected by their corporations to membership after nomination by the Annual Conference on June 13.

Schools Corporation

Mr. Arthur Arneson, Spicer, Minn.*
Rev. Michael Brandt, Amery, Wis.*
Dr. James Gerdeen, Chassell, Mich.*
Mr. Eldon Hermunsie, Wahpeton, N. Dak.*
Mr. Arlo Kneeland, Summit, S. Dak.*
Rev. Lyndon Korhonen, Culbertson, Mont.
Rev. Kenneth Moland, Kirkland, Wash.
Mr. Kenneth Rolf, McIntosh, Minn.*
Rev. John Strand, Remer, Minn.*
Rev. Terry Wold, Tucson, Ariz.

Missions Corporation

Rev. Walter Beaman, McIntosh, Minn.
Mr. Lester Davidson, Ortley, S. Dak.
Mr. Dale Finstrom, Buxton, N. Dak.
Rev. Gordon Grage, Brandon, Minn.*
Mr. Arley Hartsoch, Ray, N. Dak.
Rev. Ted Kennedy, Jr., Nogales, Ariz.*
Rev. Robert Lewis, Abercrombie, N. Dak.*
Rev. David Molstre, Dickinson, N. Dak.*
Rev. Larry V. Severson, Roseau, Minn.*
Mr. Kenneth Williams, Ishpeming, Mich.*

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Rev. Wallace Jackson, Wallace, S. Dak.
Rev. Mauritz Lundeen, Bagley, Minn.
Rev. Kenneth Moland, Kirkland, Wash.

editorials

INSPIRATIONAL

We had the opportunity to sit in on part of the day sessions of the Women's Missionary Federation Annual Convention this year preceding the AFLC Annual Conference. It was a real blessing to be there and all of the men would have benefited from being present.

The Convention will no doubt be reported by the WMF secretary but let us only mention the three fine major presentations of the day. Mrs. Alvin Grothe, pastor's wife from Astoria, Ore., and writer of the Bible studies currently appearing in the *Ambassador* (see page 11 in this issue), gave the Convention Bible study. It was on the Convention theme "Look Unto Me — For I am Thy God" (Is. 45:22). We sat there knowing that the AFLC Annual Conference would have a good opening night sermon that evening, and that happened, but also thinking that Mrs. Grothe's study would be an excellent message for the Conference, too.

Mrs. Raymond Jacobson, Wadena, Minn., brought a striking memorial service tribute for departed WMF members of the past year. Red carnations were placed in a vase by district presidents or their representatives in memory of them.

And Mrs. Charles Knapp spoke in the afternoon about her and their experiences as missionaries in Paraguay. The Paraguayan harp duets she and her husband played were a unique listening experience for all.

We're not saying that what happened on June 12 at the ARC was unusual as to quality. We've no way of judging that. Rather, we think it was typical of high quality programming to be found in conventions of the WMF. We just were fortunate to get in on more of it than usual this year.

THE CLERGY ROSTER

For the first time the AFLC has some public guidelines concerning her clergy roster or list of approved pastors. The guidelines are a start, the beginning of what must surely some day be a longer statement. It would have been good if more had been put into it now while attention was focused on it.

A number of things come to mind. Graduates of our seminary must get the recommendation of the theological faculty, Board of Trustees and Co-ordinating Committee, but nothing is said about the church's colloquy committee authorized and elected by the Annual Conference. That consists of five pastors of the AFLC. And why does the Board of Trustees (this writer was once a member) have to act as a colloquy committee in judgement on the students? If there is confidence in the faculty (the body which really gets to know the students) and the Co-ordinating Committee is also going to give its approval, why does the Board of Trustees have to?

The statement does not address the matter of the removal of a problem clergyman from the roster or define at all who he would be. It speaks only of someone who "resigns or withdraws from the ministry of the AFLC in order to enter another vocation." Those are the easy cases. The hard ones come when an erring brother pastor must be confronted, counselled and perhaps, as a last resort, be removed. It is well to say we will know what to do when the time comes, but there is value in having a plan delineated ahead of time.

Finally, there is the matter of due process. That means that if a pastor will not go quietly, believing his rights haven't been fairly protected, he should have the right to appeal to someone, to something. Due process also pertains to a systematic procedure for dealing with clergy in trouble, that logical steps are taken.

It is to be hoped that grave, difficult situations never come up. But if they do, and our fellowship may not be immune, it is better to be prepared. Other Lutheran bodies have much more written down about clergy discipline. The Church of the Lutheran Brethren may already this summer have adopted a rather large document on the subject. We may soon be the only Lutheran body of any size which has so little stated about its clergy roster. But now we have *something* and that's good.

GOOD ATTENDANCE

Any time Association Annual Conferences draw around 400 delegates it must be considered good attendance for a church fellowship of our size. It won't be as good next year in Washington, because of distance, but it will be considerably better than it was the last time we met on the West Coast (1973) when the registration was 263. That wasn't bad, but, for one thing, we have many more pastors on the roster now.

Yet, AFLC conference registration is deceptive because the registrants are never at conference all at one time. For instance, on Saturday morning this year 395 people had been registered, but at that point a good number of them had already left for home.

Another indication of the problem, if we may call it that, is that on Thursday afternoon when a vote was taken by ballot on the question of permitting divorced but not re-married pastors on the clergy roster 222 person voted, about 56% of the final registration total.

Further, on Saturday afternoon following a discussion as spirited as any at the Conference, a resolution section calling for contact of congregations which do not give any (financial) support to AFLC work was stricken by a vote of almost 36% of those registered for the Conference. And yet Saturday's attendance seemed much better than that of some years.

We are only making the point, yes, the attendance was good this year, but how wonderful it would be if more delegates could take in more of a conference. There are difficulties, we know, but we can dream, can't we?

The people at Association Retreat Center (Bob and Carol Dietsche and all) did a great job of hosting the Conference. There was rich spiritual food, too, in the

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evening and Sunday services, the prayer hours and devotional periods which began each business session.

The Lord gave us good weather, perhaps the coolest overall of any conference held in the Upper Midwest, but not uncomfortably cool. There were some rain showers and they served only to keep the environment fresh.

More thoughts on Conference next time.

WHY DO THE YOUNG DIE?

Last month a 15-year-old girl from our town died from injuries received in an auto accident a week before. Her name was Kari. She wasn't from our church but our AFLC pastor, Larry Haagenon, took part in the service which was held in a third church, the largest in town.

It had to be a large church because about 700 people came to the service. It was quite a thing, believe us, to be seated in an overflow seating area with all of these people. Our town has less than 400 residents.

Kari was a Christian. Her musical talent was beyond the ordinary. Many people had heard her sing. Her picture was on the memorial folder. Underneath were the words "God Made the Song" and then this "If her song is to continue then we must do the singing." How is that for a challenge? One of her taped songs was played near the close of the service before a gripping organ-piano rendition of "Alleluia."

Before the service we sat in silence, hundreds of us,

for 20 or 30 minutes or more, each with his own thoughts. Some personal reminiscences, no doubt, and a lot of wrestling with the old, old question: Why do the young die?

Twenty years ago this summer we wrote something about the death of a 16-year-old girl named Alice in another state. We quote a couple of paragraphs:

"To the side were six young men, lean, athletic, unfamiliar with their role — the casket-bearers — classmates, benumbed, wishing their friend were not gone, honored that they could perform this last service."

And this:

"Friends gathering for the funeral service in the church so familiar to her. Youth her own age, puzzled, frightened, missing her friendship. Older people, pondering their length of years as against her not quite 17, filled with promise; missing, too, her interest in them."

A lot of thinking went on that day last month. Why do the young die? Why a girl like Kari with so much to give? And we always have to come back to the only real answer there is: God permitted her death for some reason. His ways and thoughts aren't always ours (Isaiah 55:8,9).

Certain it is that the funeral service was beautiful, moving and quietly triumphant. And the thought also comes, as we've heard many times, that it is not the number of years that go to make up a life that counts, but the quality of the years that are lived, and if they are lived unto the Lord.

Pastor Dahle missed the Conference for the first time

Pastor Trygve F. Dahle, Spicer, Minn., missed his first annual conference of the Association last month. He had attended all, including the organizational one in 1962.

In a telephone conversation with Pastor and Mrs. Dahle on June 24, they told me that they just decided that it was best for them to stay home. They realize also that it is unlikely they will get to the one next year in Washington because of the distance.

Pastor and Mrs. Dahle attend their church regularly, both morning worship services and the midweek service, as well as other events. They maintain keen interest in all the work of the AFLC.

Pastor Dahle is 93 years old and has his birthday in November.

The Editor

It is my business to preach Christ "in season and out of season." Judgment belongs to the Lord.

John P. Milton

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CHURCH SUBSIDY (4 months) February 1-May 31

FUND	TOTAL BUDGET	REC'D TO DATE	REC'D IN MAY	TOTAL REC'D TO DATE	% of CURRENT	% of TOTAL
General Fund	\$ 213,910.00	\$ 71,303.33	\$ 16,797.12	\$ 59,607.28	84	28
Schools — AFLTS	108,041.00	36,013.67	4,470.57	19,752.35	55	18
AFLBS	179,198.00	59,732.67	8,706.66	28,685.59	48	16
Home Missions	271,233.00	90,411.00	17,296.60	45,499.43	50	17
World Missions	307,000.00	102,333.33	30,388.03	82,521.60	81	27
Praise Fund	30,000.00	10,000.00	4,424.41	7,328.28	73	24
TOTALS	\$1,109,382.00	\$369,794.00	\$ 82,083.39	\$243,394.53	66	22*
1984-85	\$1,003,095.00	\$334,365.00	\$ 82,587.09	\$213,214.08	64	21

*Goal 33%



LESSON EIGHT—A CLOSER WALK WITH JESUS

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

In the busyness of our life and walk, we need to slow down and rest a while. We all need a time to be away from our usual routine, to take time to rest physically, reflect on our spiritual lives, be still, spend time with the Lord, wait on Him and allow Him to speak to us. It is good to do this daily, as well as in a longer vacation. We should not leave the Lord out of our vacations. They should be times of drawing closer to Him. It has been said, "Come apart, before you fall apart." There are so many verses in Scripture to us of this and we will consider a few as we study this lesson. So let's "come apart" now from our busy lives and see what God has to say to us from His Word. Observe the results in our lives and our walk as we obey Him.

1. Where was Jesus and what was He doing, in Matt. 14:23? —

6. What are we to do, according to the following verses? I Pet. 5:7 —

Ps. 55:22 —

7. As we take time to come apart and spend time with the Lord in meditation and prayer, resting, waiting and being still before Him, what will result in our walk with Him?

(a) Is. 26:3,4; Rom. 8:6 —

(b) John 14:27; 16:33; Gal. 5:22 —

(c) Phil. 4:6,7; II Cor. 13:11; Col. 3:15 —

(d) Ps. 27:1,14; Is. 41:10, Eph. 3:16-21; 5:19,20 —

May each one of us obey the Lord as He calls us unto Himself to rest, be still, wait on Him, meditate on His Word and pray. He will reveal His will to us and help us to follow in His way as we continue to live for Him and serve Him.

Suggested Songs: "O Safe to the Rock That is Higher Than I"
(*Concordia*, No. 298)
"I Need Thee Every Hour" (*Concordia*, No. 319)

Read Heb. 15,16. No one understands like Jesus, our innermost needs, our times of weariness, failure, weakness, restlessness, trials (troubles and storms), temptation, and frustration. We can come to Him in prayer and find help in our time of need. Our Jesus knows just what we need to live an abundant life in Him: one that is overcoming, vibrant, joyful, peaceful, satisfying and fruitful.

2. What did Jesus tell His disciples? Mk. 6:31 _____

What do the following verses say about rest?

(a) Matt. 11:28-30 _____

(b) Is. 30:15 _____

(c) Ps. 37:7a _____

3. According to the following verses, what are we to do?

(a) Is. 40:28-31 _____

(b) Ps. 27:11-14 _____

(c) Ps. 33:20; 37:7b,34; 62:1; Lam. 3:25,26 _____

(d) Ps. 103:5,6 _____

4. God wants us to be still before Him. Why? Ps. 46:10 _____

(a) How are we to be still before Him?

(1) Hab. 2:20, Ps. 95:6; 96:9 _____

(2) Lk. 6:12; Ps. 63:6; Ps. 55:17; Lk. 10:38-42 _____

(b) How did God appear to Elijah, in I Kings 19:11,12? _____

(c) As our shepherd, what does God have us do and where does He lead us? Ps. 23:2,3 _____

(d) Who said, "Peace, be still"? Mk. 4:37-41 _____

5. Read Ps. 37:3-7. What are the five admonitions in these verses?

The Conference sermons

Opening Service

Rev. David Barnhart, Minneapolis, Minn., preached the opening sermon on Wednesday night. Rev. Harris Van Someren, Mason, Wis., was the liturgist.

Pastor Barnhart spoke on the conference theme: "Strong and Courageous for the Lord." That was also his first point (II Sam. 10:12). It may look like God's cause is being worsted, but His cause and His people will triumph.

2) Don't be afraid because of them (the enemies), Deut. 31:6. See the enemies come wave after wave and behold what they have done. But the Lord will raise up a standard against the enemy, and He says to His own, "I am with you."

3) The Lord your God goes with you, Deut. 31:7,8. David against Goliath is an example of this. Strong and courageous is who we are — in Him. First, we must acknowledge our sin and weakness, then we will know God's power. And we must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

4) Strong and courageous in obedience to the Word, Josh. 1:7. Once evangelical denominations have departed from the old theology. God's Word is our standard. However, we must not only have a right theology of the Word but a right relationship to the God of Scripture, through His Son.

5) Strong and courageous to do the work, I Chron. 28:20. The words are those of David to his son Solomon. To build up the kingdom and defend it, that is our work. The number one task is to bring the lost to Christ.

6) Strong and courageous to stand, Eph. 6:10-11. Many Christians seem to have more fear of man than of God. The church is in desperate need of people on fire with the Spirit, motivated by the conviction: "Thus says the Lord." "Are you courageous?" Pastor Barnhart asked, "Prepared to be counted a fool for Christ? Ready for grand and glorious times?"

Thursday Night

The message at the Women's Missionary Federation Festival Service by Rev. Charles Knapp, Karlstad,

Minn., will be summarized by the WMF secretary in her report on that convention.

Layman's Service

Mr. Bernard Nelson, Atlantic Mine, Mich., led the traditional laymen's service which included a lengthy testimony meeting after the sermon.

The message was given by Dr. Lyle Mattson, a Milbank, S. Dak., veterinarian. He spoke on the parable of the Good Samaritan and the incident in the home of Martha and Mary, Lk. 10:30-42. Dr. Mattson saw the four men in the parable as being on schedules. The Jew's schedule was blown to pieces by an act of violence. The priest and the Levite refused to depart from their schedules to stop and help. The Samaritan was willing to give up his schedule and aid a suffering fellow man. Jesus has said that we should go and do as the Samaritan did.

Dr. Mattson drew parallels between Martha and the priest and Levite, and between Mary and the Good Samaritan. It is to the latter two that the word of commendation will come, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Youth Night Service

Luther League Federation president Rev. Curtis Emerson, Valley City, N. Dak., presided at the youth service. The sermon was preached by Rev. Paul Nash, Tioga, N. Dak., retiring chairman of the Youth Board.

Pastor Nash's text was Joshua 1:5-9. Joshua was a man who met great challenges and overcame them in the Lord's name. The promises given to Joshua are still valid today. They are in the Bible. Therefore we need to read the Word of God and apply it to daily life. There is defeat for us if we neglect God's Word.

We don't have to go up against the Amorites or Jericho, but we will face Satan's power. As Joshua had the freedom to choose whom he would follow, so do we. But we are defeated if we think we can make it on our own. Consider Joshua's answer (Josh. 24:15). "Whom are you serving tonight?" Pastor Nash asked his



Rev. David Barnhart

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hearers.

Holy Communion

Rev. Philip Haugen, Minneapolis, teacher in the AFLC Schools, preached at the Communion service on Sunday morning. Rev. Del Palmer, Everett, Wash., was the liturgist.

The first Beatitude, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:3), was Pastor Haugen's text. The Beatitudes reveal that God's way is different than ours. That is shown in the very first one also. To be "poor in spirit" means to be powerless to accomplish an end. Yet the one who has such a spirit will share the kingdom of heaven through Jesus.

Pastor Haugen saw this as a theme of Scripture, noting as examples the Prodigal Son, the leper who was cleansed and the publican in the Temple. Christ invites the poor, the destitute, the sick to salvation. And He invites people to come to the Lord's Supper, not because they are so good, but because they are sinners for whom Christ died and who desire to share in His wealth.

Ordination Service

Mr. Daniel Howard Giles was ordained into the Christian ministry on Sunday morning, and he and his wife Debbie were commissioned as missionaries to Mexico. Rev. Amos O. Dyrud, Minneapolis, chairman of the World Missions Committee, conducted the service and Rev. Ronald Knutson, Ferndale, Wash., chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee, delivered the sermon.

Pastor Knutson used the day's text, Luke 9:51-62, and entitled his message "Keeping Our Eyes on the Goal." He divided his talk into two parts. The first was "Seeing Jesus

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Evangelist Pentti undergoing treatment

AFLC evangelist, Rev. Kenneth Pentti, Ishpeming, Mich., is currently undergoing chemotherapy for lymphoma, a form of cancer.

At the time of the Annual Conference he was in a hospital in Marquette, Mich., but returned to his home on June 19. In his treatment program he is an outpatient the first and second weeks of a month and the third week is hospitalized, perhaps for some days, when he has the treatment.

His doctors forecast a treatment period of as long as nine months at first, but due to improvement see the possibility of a much shorter treatment period.

At Conference it was reported that his white blood cell count was very low. By the time he left the hospital, however, it had been raised significantly.

Of course, Pastor Pentti's own participation in the evangelism schedule set up has been suspended indefinitely. The Commission on Evangelism is working with that schedule and will make substitutions where possible.

Rev. Harvey Jackson, pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Ishpeming, says that there has been improvement in Pastor Pentti's situation and that "we walk by faith" as to the future.

He also reports that Mrs. Pentti (Dorothy) did not go to Rochester as planned at Conference-time because

of her husband's condition, but she was feeling better herself.

Much prayer was offered on behalf of Pastor and Mrs. Pentti and family at the Conference and is requested for today and the future.

Their address in Ishpeming is 513 Cleveland Ave., 49849.

MATERIAL CROWDED OUT

We regret that we have on hand some material which would originally be included in this issue, but due to Conference reports and publicity for two AFLC family camps which had to be printed at this time that material is being held over to next time. We hope that you understand.

Some Annual Conference material is also being held over. Thank you.

The Editor

AFLC WILDERNESS FAMILY BIBLE CAMP

Lake Park, Minnesota

July 24-28, 1985

"Proclaim His Salvation Day After Day"

CAMP SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY,	
Worship Service	7:30 p.m.
Rev. Frank Cherney	
Campfire Fellowship	9:00 p.m.
THURSDAY-SATURDAY,	
Adult Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Children's Class	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	7:30 p.m.
Campfire Fellowship	9:00 p.m.
SUNDAY,	
Adult Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Children's Class	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Potluck Picnic	12:00 noon

Camp Staff and Faculty

Rev. Rob Lewis	Dean
Rev. Gordon Grage	Ass't Dean
Mr. George Hartman	Manager
Rev. Tony Stockman, Cloquet, Minn.	Morning Bible Study Leader
Rev. Frank Cherney, Sebeka, Minn.	Evening Speaker
Mrs. Pamela Cherney	Children

There is no charge for the camp or for camping facilities. There will be free-will offerings taken to defray camp expenses.

Facilities

The wilderness camp is located on 77 acres of beautifully wooded property 11 miles south of Lake Park, Minnesota. There are hook-ups for campers as well as drinking water available at the camp sites.

This is a wilderness camp facility so bring your tents, motor homes and campers, as well as lawn chairs, musical instruments and plenty of mosquito lotion.

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and His Purpose in Life." Jesus had a fixed purpose. There were opportunities or temptations to turn aside from it, but He would not be dissuaded. He was to die for our sins. Christians have a purpose ordained of God, to be useful to Him. We are to fix our eyes on Jesus and not grow weary on the way.

Secondly, Pastor Knutson spoke of the "Commitment Needed." There will be sacrifices, but when the Lord calls a person to follow Him, He will supply what is needed. There can be no indecision. The text shows the dangers of emotional impulses, con-

flicting duties and a divided mind. The believer must press forward, keeping his eyes on the goal.

Praise Service

Rev. Bruce Dalager, Grand Forks, N. Dak., secretary of the Association, gave the sermon at the closing conference session on Sunday afternoon. Rev. David Skordahl, Pipestone, Minn., led the meeting.

Psalm 66:6ff was Pastor Dalager's text. The psalmist focuses on what God has done for his soul. True praise is that way. We look at our own hearts, even if one is a Christian, and there is much of evil. Such hearts deserve only judgement.

That's what we were, and are. All our works must be dealt with in mercy by the Lord or there is no hope for us.

And righteousness of the believer comes only from being *one* with Christ. And when a Christian fails he doesn't need greater commitment, but mercy. That is his only hope. If praise doesn't cost the old nature something, it is no praise. The greatest praise we can offer, Pastor Dalager asserted, is to confess our need of mercy. That exalts the Savior who gave Himself for our atonement. Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!



I AM

Your Unborn Child

I am your unborn child . . .
growing purposefully within
the sacred walls.
I'm bright — I'm strong — I long to be.

You have the power to nurture me
while I'm in my first nine months . . .
Or . . .
by an undeservedly cruel act of your will
you can end my life and alter your destiny.

Nothing in this life remains constant.
Everything depends on your priorities.
Do not be so sure you will simplify your life
by ending mine.
Do not be so sure you will better your existence
by catapulting me from the womb
straight into eternity
before I drew even one sweet breath.

Another couple made a choice
to birth you . . . let you live.
"Perhaps" the choice for abortion
should have been made one generation earlier?

You wonder what So-and-So will think
if I arrive unplanned, unintended.
Perhaps you should consider
the Creator's views, too?
Remember . . .
Before God formed you in the womb
He knew you.*
He knows me, and He can cause
spontaneous abortion
or miscarriage, if He chooses.

Why don't you abandon the choice
as to whether I live or die,
to God?

It seems to me that by your "act of love"
you said enough,
you've done enough . . .

Now it's my turn!
And the Creator's!

I have a statement to make,
the best of you is being formed in me.
It's not just me you're contemplating killing . . .
it's you.
It's not just infanticide.
It's suicide.

So pledge to me out loud . . .
I have ears . . .
I can hear . . .
that *I shall live.*

And, as a seal of your intent,
select my name . . . be I a boy or girl child.

And make the sign of the cross over me
as I am being formed.

My every cell and corpuscle want to
be loved and love you.
Let me love you, please?

Is that asking too much?

—Dale Stone
Minneapolis, Minn.
*Jeremiah 1:5, RS
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7:45 Youth Breakfast
8:00 Adult and Children
Breakfast
8:30 Clean Up
9-9:50 Bible Classes (All Ages)
10-10:45 Adult Choir and
Adult Discussion
Youth Discussion
Confirmation Discussion
11-11:45 Mission Hour
(Older Groups)
12:00 Youth Lunch
12:15 Adult and Children
Lunch
1:00 Quiet Time
Choir
1:30-4:30 Recreation and Free
Time
5:00 Youth Supper
5:15 Adult and Children
Supper
7:00 Prayer Time (All Ages)
7:30 Evening Service
9:15 Afterglow
10:00 Dorm Devotions
11:00 Lights Out

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Pastor Harvey Jackson
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Pastor Don Greven
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THE ARC SUPPORTERS GROUP

Whereas, Bible Camps are mightily being used of the Lord to bring young people as well as adults to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and to establish them in the faith; and whereas our Bible Camp, the Association Retreat Center, has been accruing a financial deficit year by year, be it resolved that we who have been helped ourselves by Bible camps and who want to see others helped in the same way — be it resolved that we join the ARC Supporters Group. We seek a total of 100 people to join with us to pledge \$100 a year for a total of \$10,000 per year. We expect this example of giving to motivate many others to give other amounts so that the total budget of the ARC can be met yearly.

May many souls be saved through these gifts of love.

II Cor. 8:1-5: "Now . . . the churches of Macedonia . . . beyond their ability they gave of their own accord . . . but they first gave themselves to the Lord . . ."

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(The Annual Conference passed this resolution pertaining to the ARC: "Be it resolved, that as members of the AFLC we support the work at the ARC both prayerfully and financially, and encourage participation in the ARC Supporters Group" Com. No. 1, 16a.)