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THIRD BIENNIAL ILDA CONVENTION... A WINNER! New Constitution Ratified! - - Three Mission Projects Adopted!



Host Convention Chairman, Edward A. Trainor and Mrs. Ruth Peterson of Beltsville, Maryland who presented the convention with a beautiful replica of our official ILDA seal. She made it by hand and painted it on masonite board. This great seal measures approximately four feet in diameter and is to be used at all future conventions.

On the right and holding the seal is President Elmer Francisco of Spokane, Washington.

With President Elmer Francisco at the helm, the business of the third biennial International Lutheran Deaf Association convention proceeded at a smooth and effective pace. The convention was held in Arlington, Virginia at the beautiful Stouffer's National Center Inn. This site is only a few minutes' drive outside of Washington, D.C.

The host city convention committee's two years of intensive and careful planning plus lots of hard work began to manifest itself by the comfort, convenience and timing of all events on the program. It all added up to one wonderful experience for the more than 400 registered delegates who attended.

One of the highlights of the convention was the excellent daily Bible Study led by Reverend William A. Ludwig, pastor of the Western Washington Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Seattle, Wash. Pastor Ludwig's topic centered on the new life which Jesus Christ gives as found in Titus 3:3-8. "New Life" was the theme chosen for this convention.

All the various means of transportation was used to get to this convention, but the nicest observed as far as brotherhood, economy and enjoyment of the scenery was the way several congregations came. They used their own church bus or van. Ten members from Western Washington Lutheran Church who came in this fashion, had an unforgettable experience driving across this beautiful country. They survived 110 degree heat in

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Partial view of delegates deeply engrossed in the proceedings.....

MISSION PROJECTS

Jesus lives. And because He lives, we have NEW LIVE! That life is lived by faith in loving service of Him who lives within us and daily gives us power through His Holy Spirit. He lives. We live. He served. We serve. "Go and tell all Nations." "Since you did it for one of these, the least of my brethren, you have done it for me," Christ said.

I.L.D.A.'s chief purpose is to show Christ's love to others. We want to share His love. Therefore we have decided to establish Mission Projects to help us show our thanks for His love.

We thank the Lutheran Women's Missionary League from whom we are borrowing the idea and some of the rules. The Mission Projects must be one time grants and expended within a reasonable period of time. The projects may be for many purposes. They might be for capital expenditures such as equipment or buildings. They may be for some special form of ministry. The projects should not be items that can normally be covered by some Congregational, District, or Synod Budget.

1975 - 1976 ILDA MISSION PROJECTS

1. MR. CHARLES TANG, HONG KONG.
\$1,000.00 FOR ADVANCED TRAINING.
MR. TANG IS THE PRINCIPAL OF MONGKOK LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF. HE WANTS AND NEEDS THE ADVANCED TRAINING IN ORDER TO MORE EFFECTIVELY SERVE THE LORD.
2. MR. & MRS. JOHN AMES, BRAZIL.
\$2,000.00 for PURCHASE OF A JEEP.
WE THANK GOD FOR THE BLESSINGS GIVEN SO RICHLY THROUGH THIS DEDICATED COUPLE. TRANSPORTATION THROUGHOUT BRAZIL USING THIS JEEP WILL HELP THEM TAKE AND SHARE CHRIST WITH MORE DEAF NATIVES OF THAT COUNTRY.
3. REGIONAL CONFERENCES - 1976
\$1,000.00 FOR MULTIMEDIA LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM. THIS MONEY IS TO BE USED IN THE PREPARATION OF A SPECIAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM WHICH WILL BE USED IN THE 1976 REGIONAL CONFERENCES AND THEREAFTER IN LOCAL CONGREGATIONS.





Hi Folks,

I haven't used this column for the past several months, however, I feel now I do have a few important comments to make. So it calls for a revival of this eye-catching column.

First of all, it was great meeting and talking to all of you at the third biennial ILDA convention in Washington last month. The convention in itself was something else, and if our conventions continue in the same vein, ILDA will grow into a very influential giant and a driving force in spreading the Gospel to our deaf brothers and sisters all over the world. The Deaf Lutheran, as long as it is under my editorship, will be dedicated to bringing ILDA to this end. That is why I continue to depend on your cooperation, individually, locally, region-wide and nationally. What better way is there to make ourselves seen and heard than through this publication? How can our hopes and dreams become realized except by our working together, praying together, inspiring each other to work even harder for the Glory of God and the Message of Christ?

This month is my first anniversary as Editor of this monthly. I look back over the last twelve months and say, "God has indeed been working with me. The credit for whatever has been done that was good belongs to Him alone. Only the mistakes were mine." And after hearing so many favorable comments (and no bad ones) at the convention, I know that God has been with me all this time. Pray with me that He will remain near with His guiding Spirit so that this publication will find favor in His eyes and please the ones who read it. Then will The Deaf Lutheran bring glory to His name.

This special edition is late(as usual) but I hope you readers will enjoy it enough to forget the delay. Almost every page is loaded down with pictures that I took at the convention. I still have dozens more that will be used in future issues. However, the one event that I want in pictures, I don't have. And that is pictures of the Banner and Chancel Drama winners. Although I took dozens of pictures of those events, a camera malfunction caused the film to be destroyed. Nevertheless, I noticed that there were dozens of other photographers shooting away at the same scenes. I am making an appeal to those shutter bugs to share their pictures with me. I need only those of the Banner winners, the individuals who are responsible for making the winning banners, and the banners themselves. I want pictures of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd Chancel Drama winners. Since my daughter and I won the 4th place prize in this contest, I can take our own pictures at home. (smile). Will be able to use pictures of the judges too. The pictures may be in color, black and white or slides. When I have made duplicates, I promise to send them all back to their owners. If possible, please identify what ever the picture has, names of individuals and their residences, etc. I am thanking you in advance for your kind cooperation.

You will also notice that membership dues in ILDA and other money matters are to be sent to our new Treasurer, Mr. Russel Healey. Notice also that he has a new address which appears everywhere in this issue. He's also your Business Manager.

Our former Program and Finance Director, Mr. Edward A. Trainor, Sr. has resigned from that position. He has requested that no further membership dues or ILDA business be sent to him. You can read about this in detail elsewhere in this issue. It was sad losing the services of Mr. Trainor because I have grown to know him by his Christian love, his exceptional business acumen, and his devotion to ILDA.

Well readers, I guess I have said enough for one time. Lets start today working for an even greater ILDA convention in the Fourth Biennial to be held in Spokane in 1977!



TALKING TO PEOPLE ABOUT JESUS WITH VOICE AND
HANDS IS CALLED... "GOOD NEWS"

TELLING GOOD THINGS IS NEWS.



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WE GO THIS WAY BUT ONCE

We go this way but once, O heart of mine,
So why not make the journey well worth while,
Giving to those who travel on with us
A helping hand, a word of cheer, a smile?
We go this way but once. Ah, never more
Can we go back along the selfsame way,
To get more out of life, undo the wrongs,
Or speak love's words we knew but did not say.
We go this way but once. Then let us make
The road we travel blossomy and sweet
With helpful, kindly deeds and tender words,
Smoothing the path of bruised and stumbling feet.

--Author unknown--

MY COURSE IS RUN, PRAISE GOD, MY COURSE IS RUN



BOBBY ELI KOSANOVICH

Bobby Eli Kosanovich was born to Eli and Mary Kosanovich on August 22, 1924 in Anaconda, Montana. He was baptized into the Christian faith in the Roman Catholic Church in Boulder sometime during 1935. He attended Montana School for the Deaf first in Boulder and then in Great Falls. After graduating from the school, he entered the printing trade at Butte. He received Catechetical instructions from the Reverend August L. Hauptmann who confirmed him at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Butte during January 21, 1950.

Bobby was united in marriage to Francis Pauline Kombol by Pastor Hauptmann in the church at Butte on May 6, 1951. The Lord blessed their marriage with two children. Then they moved to Portland, Oregon where Bobby worked as a printer. When the newspaper firm in Portland was temporarily shut by a strike about fifteen years ago, he obtained a job at Tacoma News Tribune. He was very active in the deaf community in this city. He was the first president of Tacoma Association of the Deaf. He was a member of Washington State Association of the Deaf. He served as Vice-President of Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf for three years then in 1967 became President of this congregation where he served faithfully until the Lord called him home. In the summer of 1973, he was elected to represent the Northwest Regional branch of the International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA) as its vice-president. Since then, he has presided over the meetings of the Northwest lay deaf regional conference. Often he took time off work to conduct the duties of the office of President of Western Washington Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Seattle the past three years. He was an active member of the International Topographical Union. This busy man still found time to cultivate a large garden behind his residence for the benefit of his family and many friends...to serve as a teletypewriter agent for

My course is run. Praise God, my course is run,
My Jesus welcomes me.
Farewell, my friends, my work on earth is done,
The heavenly goal I see.
My dear Redeemer's praises voicing,
I leave this world with great rejoicing.
My course is run. My course is run.

My course is run. Now I am free from need,
From dangers, fear and dread.
With heaven's bread the Lord will now me feed,
High honors on me shed.
Now I will hear the angels singing,
Sweet songs of seraphim are ringing.
My course is run, My course is run.

My course is run. Praise God, my course is run,
My Jesus welcomes me.
Farewell, my friends, my work on earth is done,
The heavenly goal I see.
Freed from all trouble and repining,
I see the open heaven shining.
My course is run. My course is run.

Amen

the deaf in the Puget Sound area. He had a knack for repairing the TTY machines which in turn enabled the deaf to use the telephone. Also he was very adept at repairing a score of other electronic gadgets and mechanical things. Little wonder Bobby is sorely missed by his many friends in the northwest states because besides his unselfish labor, he possessed an outstanding good sense of humor, pranks and all.

On Friday, August 29, 1975, our gracious Lord called Bobby from this life. He passed away at his residence, 1405 - 67th Ave East. Bobby was 51 years and seven days of age.

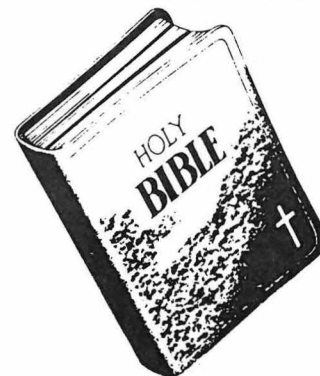
Surviving him are his wife, Francis; a daughter, Mrs. Sandra Brinkerhoff and a son, Michael Kosanovich, both of Tacoma; a sister, Mrs. Mildred Sweeney of Butte, Mont. a half-brother, Michael Kosan of California; two grandchildren and a host of friends all over the country Bobby was laid to rest at New Tacoma Cemetery.

Fittingly, The News Tribune gave an entire two-column tribute to Bobby in the August 30th issue. The heading of this special column reads: "It won't be the same around here without Bobby." We heartily agree. The cause of Bobby's death was listed as a defective heart. His departure brings sadness to all who knew him, but God in His wisdom causes even this sadness to be sanctified as we remember the homegoing of another, His Son, Jesus Christ. Paul speaks of it in Ephesians 4:8-10.

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth and to every nation and kindred and tongue and people, saying with a loud voice: Fear God, and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment is come; and worship Him that made heaven and earth and the sea and the fountain of waters.

Rev. 14:6-7

DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE



Bible Reading

for Sept. 1975

HOW TO HANDLE HOSTILITY

- 1 Romans 12:13-17..
- 2 Proverbs 25:6-10.
- 3 Micah 6:6-8.....
- 4 Deut. 10:16-20...
- 5 I Chron. 29:10-16
- 6 II Cor. 6:8-10...

NEW WAYS FOR OLD

- 7 Sunday. Luke 13:11-15....
- 8 James 2:1-4.....
- 9 I Tim. 6:1-4.....
- 10 Matthew 5:38-42..
- 11 Matthew 6:1-4....
- 12 Matthew 6:16-18..
- 13 Luke 6:1-5.....

REDUCING CONFLICT

- 14 Sunday. Matthew 18:15-17.
- 15 Romans 13:2-5....
- 16 Genesis 50:15-21.
- 17 Ezekiel 33:7-9...
- 18 Proverbs 9:7-9...
- 19 I Thess. 4:9-12..
- 20 Luke 12:57-59....

FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER

- 21 Sunday. Matthew 18:21-22.
- 22 Romans 14:10-12..
- 23 Isaiah 50:6-7....
- 24 John 13:14-17....
- 25 Matthew 18:23-27.
- 26 Matthew 18:28-33.
- 27 Luke 6:27-31.....

MEETING ADVERSITY

- 28 Sunday. Mark 8:31-33.....
- 29 Mark 8:34-37.....
- 30 Jeremiah 11:18-20



"Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut."

(Rev. 3.8)

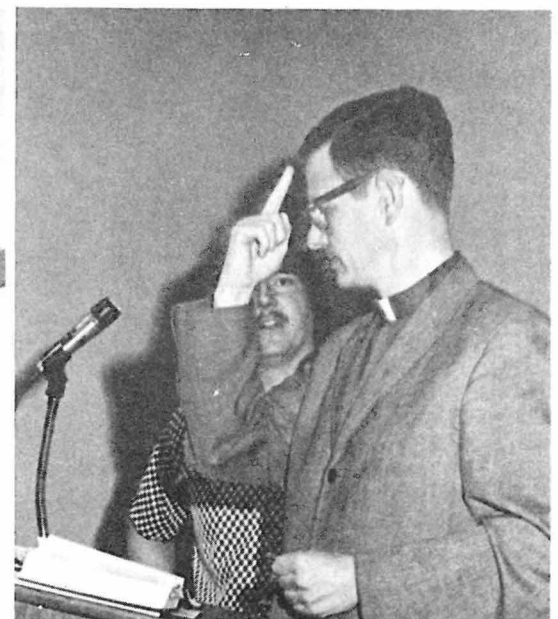
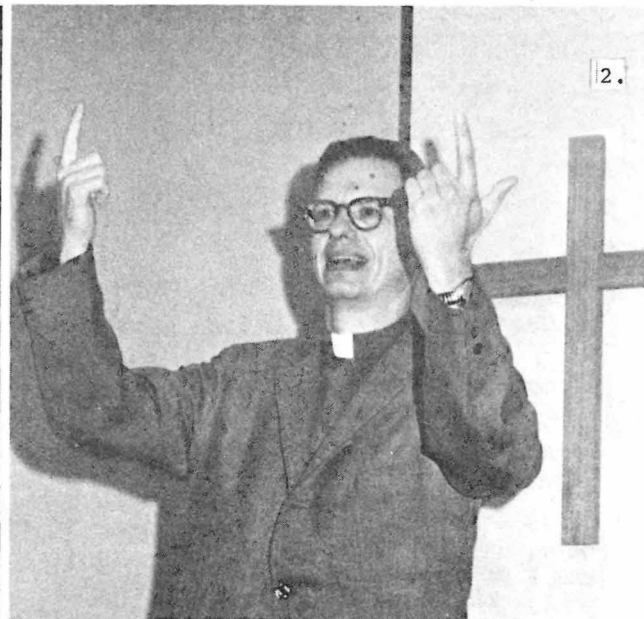
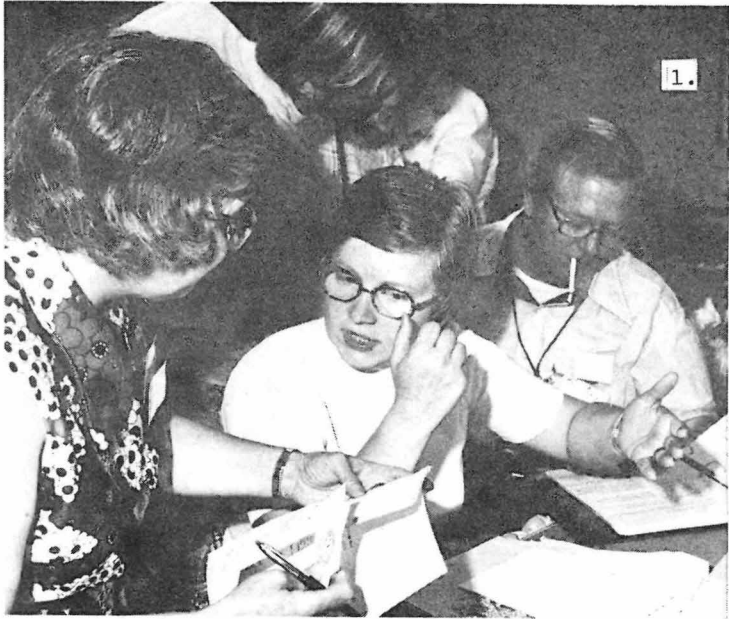


Photo No.1. The Registration Committee in action...scene during registrations at Stouffer's National Center Inn ... in the foreground, facing camera, Mrs. Louise Milligan, Co-Chairman, explaining something in detail to a delegate that has just arrived. Behind Mrs. Milligan is Mr. Edward A. Trainor, Convention Chairman. Photo No. 2 shows Rev. William Ludwig conducting one of his excellent Bible Studies on the convention's theme, "New Life." Photo No.3 shows how Mr. George Perry reverse interpreting for Rev. Ludwig.

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eastern Oregon, near freezing temperatures in the Rockies, and some of the highest humidity any where in the country at their destination in Washington, D.C.

By way of adventure, this group of rugged individuals from Western Washington slept in a church nave in Boise, Idaho, at Concordia Teachers College in Seward, Nebraska, and on pews in a deaf Lutheran church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The rest of the thirteen day trip found them sleeping in tents. They visited Yellowstone National Park on the return trip home. My what fun they must have had.

We were all saddened by the news of the passing of the father of Rev. Robert Muller, the host pastor. Pastor Muller's father had a fatal heart attack on July 31st and made it necessary for Rev. Muller to miss the entire convention. Our sympathies go to Rev. Muller and his family.

It only took the convention five minutes to adopt its new constitution and by-laws. This was due to the good publicity in the Deaf Lutheran.

Program and Finance Director, Mr. Edward A. Trainor reported that membership in ILDA has gone up, membership is now recorded and categorized (something that was previously non-existent before the P&FD came into being).

Continuing membership growth is so good that eventually ILDA can become self-supporting through membership dues alone. Also because of some of the fund raising efforts of the P&FD, the size of our Treasury is growing. Nevertheless, the responsibilities and pressures on the P&FD are becoming too much and much more than one man can handle. Because of this, Mr. Trainor has resigned as P&FD. The Board of Directors has advised the Law Committee to take steps in removing this P&FD office from our constitution. The Board of Directors accepted Mr. Trainor's resignation and President Elmer Francisco thanked Mr. Trainor for his years of service to ILDA and urged him to continue to do so in another capacity. Hopefully, we will get another person with Mr. Trainor's zeal and vigor to keep our membership roll updated and growing. The Ways and Means Committee will consider setting up a Financial

Recording Secretary to handle it and whatever decisions are made will be printed in a future issue of the Deaf Lutheran.

The convention also adopted a budget of \$25,250, but is requesting a subsidy of \$12,250, most of it for the Deaf Lutheran. This budget will be printed in detail elsewhere in this issue.

Between business sessions, there were guided tours. On Friday, delegates were taken on busses to tour Mount Vernon that is the home of George Washington and on Saturday, the tour took them to Gallaudet College and to other interesting sites in Washington, D.C. Those who did not go on the tours found other ways to relax such as swimming in the pool on the roof of the inn or using the exercise rooms and sauna baths.

Another highlight of the convention came on Saturday morning when the delegates heard and witnessed the beautiful and inspiring performance of The Sign Choir from Christ United Methodist Church of the Deaf, Baltimore, Maryland. This choir sign and sang such beautiful hymns and other songs that I really felt sorry for some of my friends

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Photos No. 4, 5, and 6 below.... scenes showing delegates lined up for the Buffet on opening day, Friday, August 1st. In photo no. 6 that is Mrs. Betty Jo Healey of St. Louis, Mo. with the loaded plate. Behind her stacking up too is Deaconess Grace Jewett-Baranski of Chicago, Ill. The buffet had plenty of food to satisfy all the hungry delegates.





Photo No. 7...Another view of delegates enjoying themselves on Buffet Night. That's Bob Case and his daughter in the foreground. They are from Memphis, Tenn. Doesn't all that food look good? Photo No. 8...Delegates relaxing and chatting in the lobby of Stouffers. Mad Anthony is one of the shops located inside the inn where you can spend all your money on a variety of items. Photo No. 9...Relaxed delegates enjoying a second cup of coffee during Buffet Night.

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who overslept that morning and missed it.

The results of the elections were as follows:

Pres.-Elect: Joseph Kindred
Indianapolis, Ind.

Secretary: Archie D. Marshall
St. Louis, Missouri

Treasurer: Russel Healey
St. Louis, Missouri

Memphis, Tennessee was selected as the site of the 1979 ILDA Convention with Eternal Mercy LC of the Deaf as Host Congregation.

The banquet was elegant. Over 500 were in attendance. Host City Chairman, Edward A. Trainor welcomed the delegates and other groups and individuals. Pastor Herbert Rohe blessed the food. Master of Ceremonies, Russel Healey was completely in charge of things and showed his expertise like an old professional. The banquet speakers were: Rev. Charles Mueller and Dr. Dean W. Miller. Highlights of the night were the talks and performances of the deaf Japanese group that came to the conference with Rev. Kojima and Rev. Philip Luttio. Everything about this group was very impressive...the way they use the sign language...their songs using their beautiful movements of both body and hands. I needed a movie camera instead of the still cameras I had been using. In fact, I was so impressed that one of my goals in life is

to travel over to Japan and visit the deaf Christians of that country and see their churches.

The other highlight of the evening was the announcing of winners of the banner and chancel drama contests. Prizes for both contests totalled \$3,000.00 and was made possible through a gift of that amount from the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Winners of the chancel drama contest were as follows:

1st Place: Emmanuel Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Their prize winning play was called: 'The Story of Job.'

2nd Place: Holy Cross Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Delavan, Wis.

3rd Place: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Seattle, Wa.

4th Place: Holy Cross Lutheran Church of the Deaf, St. Louis, Mo.

Winners of the Banner Design contest were as follows:

1st Place: St. Matthew Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Elmhurst, N.Y.

3rd Place: Hope Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Portland, Oregon.

The Editor regrets not having information about the winners of the second and forth places in the Banner Design Contest. When such information is received it will be printed in The Deaf Lutheran.

Judges for both contests were:

Rev. Ted Wuerffel, Head Judge,

Pastor of First Trinity Lutheran Church, Washington, D.C. (Rev. Wuerffel also holds a Masters Degree in Drama from Catholic U.)

Deaconess Grace Jewett-Baranski, Rev. & Mrs. David L. Carstens, Vicar K. Omahr Mørk, Mrs. Carol Jarosiewicz.

Banquet Night lasted until one in the morning. Everyone left tired but happy.

Sunday morning worship was held in the convention room at Stouffers. The liturgist was Rev. C. Roland Gerhold. Several lay-people participated as readers. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Daniel Pokorny. Four hymns (one from each state: Tennessee, Missouri, Iowa, and New York) were sung. Rev. Bailey, Rev. Winkler, Rev. Schnepf and Rev. Neisch assisted in serving Holy Communion.

After worship, the delegates then prepared to depart for home.

The Fourth ILDA Convention will be held in Spokane, Washington, June 30-July 3, 1977.



Photo No. 10...delegates listening to one of the inspiring Bible Studies being conducted by Rev. William Ludwig as shown in Photo No. 11. That's Mr. George Perry, layminister from Ft. Wayne, Indiana reverse interpreting. Photo No. 12 shows Mr. Eugene Clupper leading the convention in song..."Crown Him King Above All."

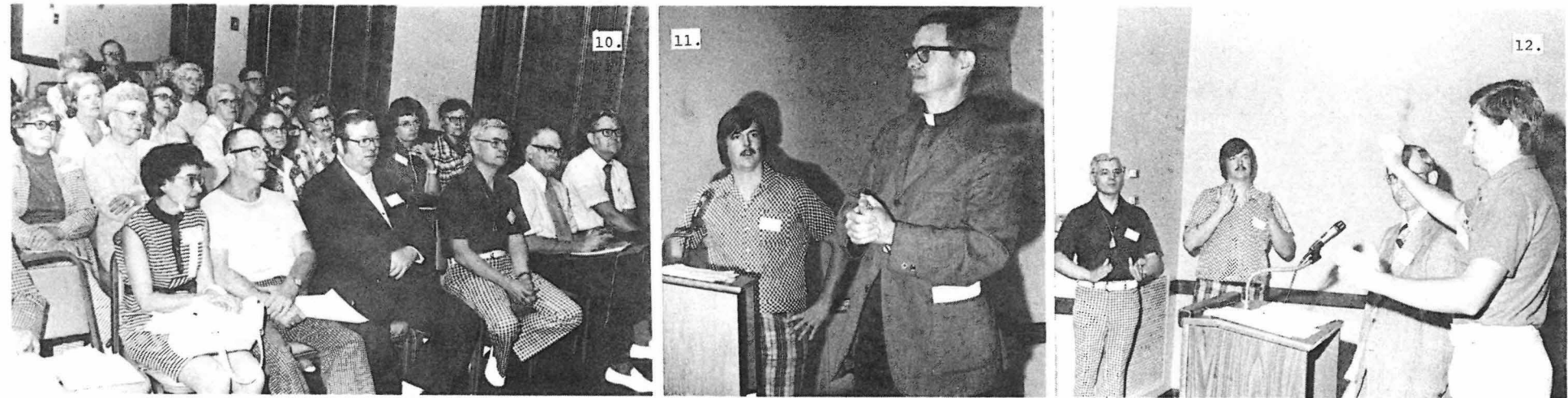




Photo No. 13...Mr. William Jones (signing.."that's me") and Deaconess Grace Jewett-Baranski enjoying the food on Buffet night. Both are from Chicago, Ill. Photo No. 14... A delightful group; the deaf delegation from Japan. Their pastor, Rev. Kojima is second from the right. This wonderful group of deaf Christians from the east made fast friends with everyone. It was interesting learning the sign language of the deaf Japanese. Wouldn't it be something if they invited ILDA to hold a convention in Tokio, Japan one of these days? In photo No. 15...Mrs. Mary Williams from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mary's delightful smile shows she must really be enjoying herself at the convention.



Delaware Valley Lutheran Church of the Deaf.... (Rev. Munz)
After years of prayer, we will finally have a church office. Thanks to Dan Glenney and Edward Pruchniewski and others who have done most of the work. Paneling and carpeting was paid for from Memorials. The Church Office address is: 7200 Castor Ave., Phila., Pa. 19149

St. Paul, Minn...(Prince of Peace)
Rev. William Lange was installed as the new pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf in St. Paul on Sunday, August 24, 1975. Pastor Zuhn served as liturgist (worship leader) and interpreter for the service.

Rochester, N.Y.(Alpha)
October 5, 1975 will be the day of Pastor Carlson's ordination and installation at Alpha.

Delavan, Wisconsin - Rockford, Illinois
Field (Rev. Martin Kosche)
We are happy to report that the appeal for more loans to the Home Fund for Deaf Senior Citizens (HFDSC) was very successful. Since our last News Letter, new loans of \$1,925 have been received. This enabled our treasurer to pay off the \$1,000 loan by Mrs. Hilda Boedecker (plus 5 years interest) and several other smaller loans where repayment had been requested; also the paint job on the house. Also here we should note that a friend of ours, Mr. Arthur Rutz, who worked with Rev. Kosche many years ago in a bank at Gary, Indiana remembered the church in his will. The bequest amounts to \$2,875.00.

Pastor Zuhn and family have moved to a different house in Baxter (a "suburb" of Brainerd). They live less than a mile from the Paul Bunyan amusement center and the new offices of the Minnesota North District. You are invited to stop by and visit anytime you are in Brainerd. Just call for directions or write several days before you come, and Rev. Zuhn will send you a map.

Rev. and Mrs. Shirrel Petzholdt writes about their arrival in Portland, O.
...Our trip started in Washington, D.C. several weeks before we met Mr. & Mrs. Harold Rife, and Mr. & Mrs. James Drake who were attending ILDA. After classes were finished at Gallaudet we started traveling across the country. We stopped to visit my parents and also Jan's parents. Then we left for Portland on August 19th. Janet and I arrived in Portland about 4P.M. on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. We stayed at the home of Mr. & Mrs. James Drake on Saturday and Sunday nights. From Monday thru Friday we stayed with Mrs. Madeline Jewett. On Sunday, August 24th, the members of Hope celebrated their annual picnic, the members of Hope welcomed us with open arms. We thank the members of Hope for such a warm welcome. That evening we worshipped and celebrated the Lord's Supper together. That was a wonderful experience. Praise The Lord! Thank you members of Hope! Our new address will be:
Rev. and Mrs. Shirrel Petzholdt
2943 S.E. Washington
Portland, Oregon 97214

CONGRATULATIONS to Gregg Brooks, the first deaf in Greater Los Angeles area, and the fourth deaf television personality to have received the Emmy Award.

Photo No. 16...The Sign Choir from Christ United Methodist Church of the Deaf, Baltimore, Maryland, one of the highlights of the convention. The performance took place Saturday morning before the Bible Study. This choir is one of the top-notch deaf choirs in the country.



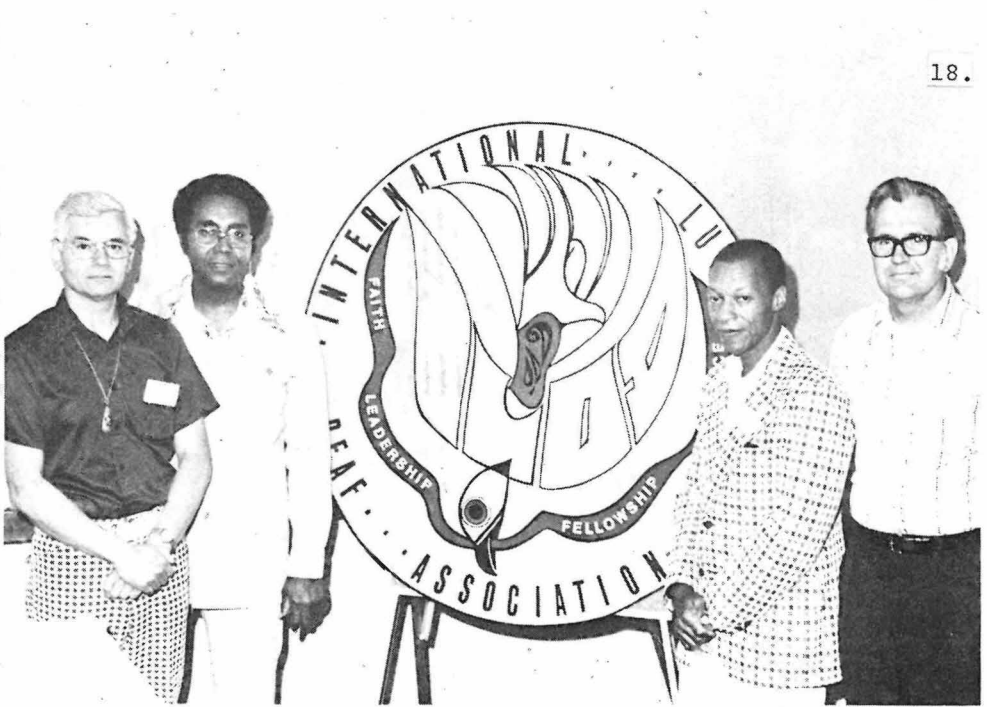
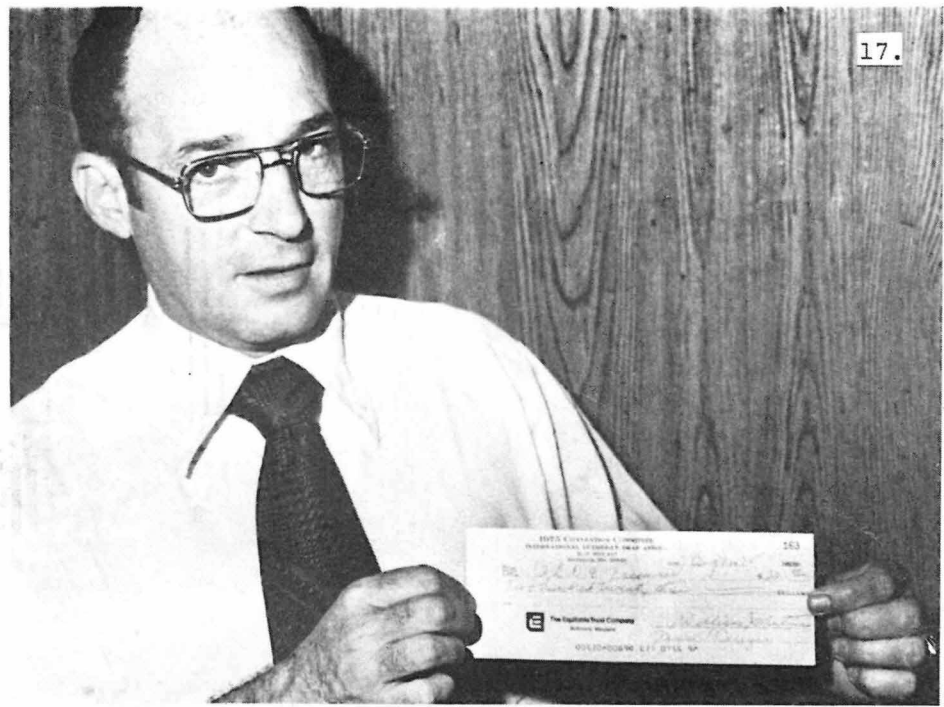


Photo No. 17... Mr. Robert Case, ILDA Treasurer, holding a check of \$223.00 turned in by the Convention Committee.
Photo No. 18... new officers of ILDA that were elected to serve until 1977. Left to right: Mr. Elmer Francisco, Spokane Washington, President; Mr. Archie D. Marshall, St. Louis, Missouri, Secretary; Mr. Joseph Kindred, Indianapolis, Ind., President-Elect; Mr. Russel Healey, St. Louis, Missouri, Treasurer. May God bless those men, His servants, as they go about doing ILDA's business for the glory of His name.

**Refugees In Tanzania
Find New Life**

To provide a "complete new life" for refugees who seek asylum in Tanzania is the objective of the Tanganyika Christian Refugee Service, supported by USA Lutherans through the Lutheran World Federation and Lutheran World Relief.

The Service has developed a thriving community at Ulyankulu, where 53,000 refugees are settled. Their immediate needs are met with food, clothing, blankets, simple tools and 10 acres of land on which they can build dwellings and plant such crops as sweet potatoes, rice and tobacco.

At the end of three years of operation, the community has 34,000 refugees considered self-supporting, "The first evidence usually that a refugee has moved from subsistence status is

the appearance of a radio. A bicycle is probably the next item," points out Abraham Voets, LWF coordinator at Ulyankulu.

A health center, dispensaries, schools and churches are spread throughout the 600-square-mile community, and new shops and businesses--even a restaurant--are opening.

"Funds supplied by the churches have quickly produced results here," says Voets.

**Fire Victims Get LWR
Blankets**

Within hours after a recent wind-swept fire destroyed 33 homes in the Indian village of Nimbhut, their occupants were presented with blankets to help them through the emergency.

The presentation was made by a missionary, Edna Vawser,

who "just happened" to have 35 blankets provided by USA Lutherans through Lutheran World Relief. She told the villagers that the blankets "come from people you do not know but who want to share the love of Christ."

To a visiting American she said: "We owe so much to those Lutheran church women who have been sending the blankets. We have thought of the blankets as temporary help for people in need. Now we are thinking of using them as a 'bonus' in our work on the badly needed irrigation systems."

Edna Vawser, a native of Australia, is approaching her 50th anniversary as a missionary in India.

People may forget how fast you did a job, but they will remember how well you did it.

Photo No. 19... Banquet night... Guests at the head table. From left to right: Mrs. Charles Mueller; Rev. Charles Mueller, Banquet speaker, theme "The Soul"; Mrs. Elmer Francisco; President Elmer Francisco; Mrs. Russel Healey; and Master of Ceremonies, Russel Healey. Photo No. 20... Rev. Herbert Rohe, Secretary for Ministry to the Deaf, LC/MS.; Convention Chairman, Edward A. Trainor, Sr.; Master of Ceremonies, Russel Healey.





Photo No. 21... Banquet night...principal figures in action! Mr. Edward A. Trainor, Sr. welcoming the delegates to the convention and banquet. Mr. Trainor also thanked all the committees and members therein for working with him to make this third biennial convention the success it is. Second from left, Rev. Rohe blessing the food to be served; Third from left, President Elmer Francisco addressing the banquet; and on right, Mr. Russel Healey, M.C. making with a joke.

"Are you a Christian?" Wilfred C. Bockelman, director of communication research and special projects in the Office of Communication and Mission Support, American Lutheran Church, asked a young Indian doctor he had just met during a recent visit in India.

"No, I'm a Hindu," the doctor replied.

The "fine conversation" which followed led to their sharing with one another what they felt was "the essence" of their religions. Then Bockelman asked another question: "Do you feel the Christians are helping to build India?"

"No doubt about it, the Christians are doing much, even though they make up only two-and-a-half per cent of the population," the doctor said, adding:

"There's something I've never been able to under understand. If a Hindu has 10 rupees, he'll keep them. But if a Christian has 10 rupees, he'll share them. I simply don't know what makes a Christian do that. I've asked a few of my friends who are Christians why, but they don't know either."

"Maybe that's why we call becoming a Christian a miracle," said Bockelman.

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Photo No. 22... General view of the banquet room with over 500 attending. Events lasted until 1A.M. and was a memorable night. Photo No. 23... view of another one of the headtables. Left to right: Rev. H. Rohe; Rev. Rodney Rynearson; Miss Beverly Willett; Mrs. Joseph Kindred; Mr. Joseph Kindred; Mr. Harold Thuve; Mrs. Dale Paden; Mr. Dale Paden; Mrs. Robert Case; Mr. Robert Case; Mrs. Herman Spencer and Mr. Herman Spencer.

