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MR. STUMP ACCEPTS CALL TO ASSOCIATE SECRETARY ON BOARD OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Mr. John Stump has accepted a call to the Board of Theological Education to hold the position of Associate Secretary in charge of in service training of pastors in the LCA.

Mr. Stump has not received the official call from the Board, but when this is received in the near future he will resign from his position as Field Work director of the Seminary as of the later part of August.

With regards to the field work for the 1963-64 school year, Mr. Stump stated that he will make all field work assignments for next year's Middlers and Seniors before he leaves.

"There is no question about it,"
Mr. Stump stated, "that we have not
provided our pastors with the opportunity to be alert to the current developments in theology, biblical interpretation, and other facets of parish life." It is this challenge that
the Board of Theological Education is
trying to meet through an in service
institute training program for parish
ministers.

Mr. Stump has been working on this program and will continue to work on it on a part-time basis this summer as the program comes into existence. "We will have to call on Seminary faculties in all 10 seminaries for guidance and leadership," he commented.

# STUMP FAMILY TO REMAIN IN ORELAND

The Stump family will continue to live at their present home in Oreland. Mr. Stump will have an office in the Church House in New York City, but most of his time will be spent traveling and working with synods and various councils to further develop this program. He will have an office also in his home.

Mr. Stump's new position will be in fulfillment of the LCA constitution, which, in the bylaws, states that the Board of Theological Education shall create opportunities and offer facilities for theological study by ministers in service, through brief intensive courses of instruction conducted in many centers throughout this church or by other means that it will devise. The synods shall aid the board in enlisting the cooperation of congregations and of the ministers themselves to this end.

PROF. BORNKAMM TO LECTURE IN LANCASTER ON "CHRISTOLOGY AND JUSTIFICATION..."

Gunther Bornkamm, professor of New Testament in Heidelberg University, will be lecturing on "Christology and Justification in Pauline Theology" at Lancaster Seminary on April 1 and 2. Dr. Reumann states that an invitation has been extended by President Robert Moss to Mt. Airy faculty and students to attend these lectures.

On Monday, April 1, Prof. Bornkamm will be lecturing on "The Law" at 4 p.m. and "Christology" at 7:30 p.m. April 2, he will lecture on "God's Righteousness" at 10 a.m. and "Faith" at 1:30 p.m.

Bornkamm, known especially in this country for his recently translated Jesus of Nazareth, has held his present post since 1949. Prior to that time, he was on the faculty at the University of Göttingen and served as pastor in churches in Münster and Dortmund. Before World War II he taught in the theological school at Bethel until it was closed by the Gestapo in 1939.

FOOTNOTES ... SENIORS PLAN RETREAT NEAR READING DURING MAY

One of the big gripes around here is the lack of esprit or community--like the weather which everyone talks about and cannot do anything to change. Well, if you're hankering after back-slapping Gemütlichkeit, go down to the neighborhood bar. But if you want that true conversation and consolation of the brethren, then you will have to start conversing and consoling like brothers--each one.

Now this is a daily task of love, but we might also plan, personally and collectively, for special opportunities. With this in mind, we seniors have decided to gather for discussion and prayer before these Seminary days are entirely lost. Soon we shall not be able to talk together—doesn't that grieve you?

On May 11, therefore, we shall meet at the home of Mike Levengood's parents, near Reading. To lead our discussion and contribute their insights we have invited three young pastors who attended this school and are now immersed in the situation to which we are heading.

Dick Hinkle will represent the rural or small town parish, speaking to our general concerns out of that portion of our society. Phil Pfateicher is in an urban parish. And Ralph Walek is in suburbia, as well as being an assistant. But these men will not be talking so much of their peculiar belly-aches as of the ubiquitous concerns of the ministry.

How did preparation at Mt. Airy help or hinder, or have to be supplemented and changed? How does this "job" of ours affect one's personal and family life? What sort of laymen's theology" can we expect to find, and what can be done about it? What sort of relationship can be had with fellow-clergymen and other congregations? These and other problems will be discussed.

The day will begin with Matins at 10:15 a.m., followed by a short "thought-provoker" by each of our guests. After lunch and a bit of relaxation

there will be an open discussion; then Vespers at 5:00, dinner, and an evening of conviviality!! The cost is \$3.00 each and can be paid to Chuck Herbert, Mike Levengood, or me, by Friday, May 3rd.

---George Weckman

#### BURKE TO PREACH AT VESPERS TOMORROW

Dr. Rudolph Burke, secretary for Africa of the Board of World Missians of the LCA, will preach at Vespers tomorrow evening in the Chapel at 5 p.m. Dinner in the refectory will not be served until 6 p.m.

This service will conclude the Heyer Commission Drive for funds to aid the College in Tanganyika. Coin containers and money should be turned in to the hall chairmen by the end of this week. Those students living off campus should make their contribution to Henry Ireland, Henry Johnson, or Dick Seiling.

The goal for this year's drive is \$500 to aid the Makumira Theological College.

### THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION BOARD AWARDS \$216,500 IN GRANTS

(PRT)--LCA's Board of Theological Education awarded \$216,500 in grants and scholarships to three seminaries and 52 students.

Dr. Bergendoff said the largest single grant was \$150,000 to Chicago Lutheran Seminary.

The board also granted \$10,000 to Lutheran Southern Theological Seminary and \$2,500 to Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Scholarships of \$54,000 to aid Lue theran post-graduate students were approved by the 21-member board.

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Staff: Fred Myers, Editor; Larry Burr, News Editor; George Weckman, Gregory Shannon. Lutheran Speaks at Chicage Meet; Calls for Relevancy of Church's Social Ministry

(PRT)\*\*The executive secretary of the LCA's Board of Social Ministry, Dr. Harold Haas, declared in Chicago that unless the church can relate its social ministry program to the needs of people in contemporary society it will mean little.

"Without a constant attempt to understand and relate to the actual needs of people and the society and culture in which they live." Dr. Haas asserted. "social ministry is likely to be a sentimental gesture of the church-no matter how many Bible quotations are used or millions of dollars are spent.

"We live in a time in which an entire culture is being transformed quite literally, before our eyes," Dr. Haas continued. "It is essential for us to realize that society is no longer organized on an individual-family-church basis.

"Large group organization is characteristic with most of the basic moral decisions, affecting the welfare of persons, being made in large political, economic, and social complexes."

In the midst of this change, Dr. Haas noted that the needs of individuals are also changing, but remain urgent.

"In a society with enough productive capacity to meet the needs of the poor, millions of people live on or near the borderline of poverty," he said.

"Automation results in an abundance of material goods and increasing leisure but also of unemployment. Medical advances mean longer life but also the problem of old-age and over-population.

"New forms of energy are the power behind the new technological revolution but they also threaten civilization. Rootlessness and insecurity lead to emotional ills. When trouble strikes individuals and families, many have no one to whom to turn in spite of the many resourses and services offered by oursociety.

"Large numbers of persons, disadvantaged by lack of education, age, race, physical, emotional, or medical handicaps can find no real place in contemporary society."

All this, Dr. Haas told social ministry chairmen, only illustrates that the church's social minisrty program must be directed to realities.

"The task is impossible," he pointed out, "but anything less than this lodged in the concern of the church is likely to be a sentimental gesture rather than a social ministry of the church of Jesus Christ."

Furthermore, he said the social ministry of the church must be theologically informed.

"Where this is not the case, social ministry can actually represent a peril to the church because there is a constant danger of being absorbed by the world rather rhan serving it.

"For example," Dr. Haas explained, the proper passion for justice is race relations or the deep desire to meet the needs of lonely and ill older persons can be so absorbing that one is tempted to judge the church solely in terms of the activities in such areas.
...Such judgement is a misunderstanding of the church.

"Although without service the church does not exist, the church does not exist for service or social reform as such. The organizational meaning of this statement to that social ministry must be closely related to the agencies of the church deovted to Biblical and theological study".

The clergyman told conference delegates that the church must always seek outlets for ministry. Moreover, he urged the church to cooperate with persons and organizations that are advancing the welfare of persons through direct services or the struggle for justice "where possible without compromising of its own nature."

"The social ministry of the church," he continued, "Cannot be carried out in isolation from the welfare or 'social justice' activities of other organizations or structures of society. The direct services of the (Continued on next page)

SOCIAL MINISTRY

(Cont. from page 3) 10 10 vonavales church must always be realted both to need, and the requirements of a proper strategy for the expression of mission."

Dr. Haas said that social ministry "is based on a conception of creation, including nature, politics, economics, science, etc. that sees the whale world as something Gad loves and which Christ seeks to redeem.

"the task laid upon us in social ministry is quite impossible, 2 Dr. Haas concluded. "This will create tensions far all of us. As we realize more fully the inevitable connection between love and justice, we shall have to learn that controversy can be a constructive Christian work.

"the church will probably be tested for the validity of its message more in its social ministry function than in any other. The fact that the task is too large and the question too difficult may cause us to rely more fully on the Holy 'pirit, seeing our function not as that of producing packaged programs but of helping to create situations in which people be more fully exposed to the guidance and power of the Spirit."

#### SCHERER RECALLS LIBRARY FOUNDING

Dr. Reed's nintieth birthday party serves to remind me that we are much in his debt for planning and supervising the construction of the building of the building that houses the Krauth Memorial Library.

Dr. Reed has been Director of the Library since 1906, although the title has been purely honorary since 1950. Before the construction of the present building, which has proven to be half a century ahead of its day; Dr. Reed visited many of the major public and scholarly libraries on the East Coast. Harvard, Yale, Princeton, New York Public, Library of Congress -- these are typical of the places seen and studied. Good points were copied and mistakes avoided as our seminary's library building was erected during the 1906-07 school year. -- Henry Scherer

LOHSE LECTURES

Professor Dr. Eduard Lohse will speak on "The Institution of the Lord's Supper" in the Upper Sunday School Room of the Chaper on April 4 at 3:30

Dr. Lohse received his doctorate in 1949, spent one year as assistant to Prof. Jeremias. Between 1950 and 1953 he was Vicar and Paster in Hamburg. In 1953 he became Privatdozent at the University of Mainz --- New Testament Theology. In 1956 he bacame Professor to Keil University. At present he is dean of Theologicals Faculty at Keil University.

Dr. Lohae's special interest is the study of Judaism in New Testament times and the interrelation between Judaism and the theelogy of the Primitive

church.

Dr. Lohse's lecture in the afternoon will be followed by an opportunity for questions from the floor.

This lecture will be an open lecture and all students, graduares, and other interested persons are invited to attend this lecture.

FLASH---The Lohse Lectures have been cancelled! Dr. Lohse's wife was taken ill and he flew back to Germany.

I often wonder why people say they believe in a God of Love.

Is is because they themselves need something stable to cling to in This pantomime world where everybody id merely an actor paripassu,

Equal under mutual laws but poised like raptorial birds.

Is it because man can imagine everything within himself save a genuine Love for one another and therefore a-

grees that God alone can be capable of this.

Is it this? Or is it because God himself revealed himself as Love; Without man ever dreaming it up?

I think many agree that this is the real reason in their conception of God working only with the former definition.