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DELEGATES TO ATTEND ECUMENICAL MEET

Ron Bohr, co-chairman of the Inter-seminary committee of the Student Body, announced today that five delegates have been chosen to attend the first Ecumenical Study Day at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Seminary in Baltimore, Md., on February 10, 1965.

Bohr, as the president of the Philadelphia area Inter-seminary Movement, will attend the meeting. Other delegates are Oscar Arnal, Paul Kokenda, Ron Lee, and Bodo Nischan.

The delegates, selected by Dr. Martin J. Heineken and Mr. Bohr from 22 volunteers, will present to the con-

ference a paper on "The Nature and Place of Theology in the Church."

Delegates from Baptist, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Methodist, and interdenominational seminaries will present similar papers. These papers will serve as the basis for discussion and workshop groups.

The conference has been planned on a one-to-one ration, that is, with 25 Roman Catholic seminarians and 25 Protestant seminarians participating. The hope behind this is that dialogue can be facilitated by such personal encounter.

Mr. John W. Eyster, president of the Washington area Inter-Seminary Movement, is responsible for organizing the conference and distributing the various denominational position papers to all delegates prior to the conference.

The conference will conclude with an interdenominational Bible service in the chapel of the Roman Catholic Seminary. Students from all participating traditions will share in leading a service of scripture readings, prayers, and hymns.

FACULTY VOTES ON RECOMMEND'S

Recommendations for graduation which were adopted by the Senior class at their October 20th. meeting were presented at the November meeting of the faculty.

At that time the faculty adopted the following motion: "The faculty in accordance with its understanding of the nature of the seminary considers it proper to have commencement exercises incorporated within the framework of worship. The faculty also welcomes suggestions from the senior class for the commencement speaker."

It is noted that the statement of the faculty takes into account in writing only two of the three areas of the Senior Class recommendation. The question of the location of the graduation is not covered by their motion.

Last night the senior class met and decided to protest the decision of the faculty. A story on page 4 gives the details of this meeting.

WORKSHOP PLANNED

Dr. Robert Huldshiner, Commission on Press, Radio, and Television, will be the guest of the Seminarian staff on Wednesday evening, December 16, at 8:15 p.m. in Room 2 of Hagan Hall.

Dr. Huldshiner will conduct a workshop on news writing and editing. Also he will present a critique of the weekly newspaper and point out areas for improvement.

Members of the Seminarian and Seminarian Quarterly staffs are invited to attend as well as other interested students.

Editorial —

"COMMUNICATION" WANTED

The function of a student newspaper is to be a primary means of communication with the Student Body. The word "communication" implies a dual flow of ideas to and from the parties involved-- in this case, between the Seminarian and its readers.

This newspaper has attempted to improve itself during the past few months and has enlisted the aid of its readers to make further suggestions about the paper and about the general welfare of the Seminary. It is a shameful matter that this year's paper has only been able to publish two letters to the editor concerning practical matters relating to this community.

The Seminarian cannot adequately serve the Student Body until its readers cooperate and voice their opinions in writing.

J.A.D.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

PERSONAL FINANCES OF THE MINISTER

During my senior year of college, I took an introductory course in economics simply for the purpose of familiarizing myself with the hard, cold facts of the economic world in which we all live. I am certainly glad that I took such a course simply because my understanding of economic principles will be of great benefit to me in making my own financial decisions. One of the areas which we discussed in this introductory course was the matter of personal sayings. I can vividly remember that my professor, who was on occasion an economic advisor for both President Eisenhower and President Kennedy, had emphasized the importance of making wise and well thought out decisions when making any sort of personal investment for the future.

The first thing that he advised us to do was to obtain a sound life insurance policy, or its equivalent, that is suited for our individual needs. Therefore, when I heard that Mr. L. Edwin Wang of the LCA Board of Pensions was coming to our campus to explain the church's plan for the financial investment-security of its clergy, I advertised his visit via the Seminarian and other means.

However, I was rather disappointed with the turn-out of the students for Mr. Wang's visit, as was Mr. Paul J. Rabenold, bursar. In a later conversation with Mr. Rabenold, who incidentally is quite well versed in the matter of economic investments and the like, I found out from him that it is usually customary at the end of each school year for him to have many inquiries from students, primarily seniors, on the matter of personal finance. Therefore, Mr. Rabenold welcomed the opportunity which Mr. Wang provided, since this visit would explain the groundwork of personal finances to curious students.

But it seems that only a handful of students took advantage of this opportunity.

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CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETS IN N. Y.

Release from the Development Campaign Office--On Thursday, December 3, the second meeting of the Central Planning and Coordinating Committee of the Development Campaign was held in the offices of the New York Synod with a full attendance. Progress reports were given by each of the synod delegations on the enlistment of leadership. The results are as follows: In the Eastern Pennsylvania Synod, the Regional Co-chairmen who are serving are, in the Northern region--the Reverend Oswald Elbert, in the Central region--the Reverend Dr. O. Howard Weeg, and in the Southern region--the Reverend Ray H. Hartman. The lay co-chairmen for these regions are being enlisted. Mr. Walter Hagey is serving as Pastor Hartman's co-chairman in the Southern region.

In the New York Synod, the Reverend John Pearson will serve as regional co-chairman in the Eastern part of the state; the Western regional chairman is not confirmed as we go to press.

In the Slovak-Zion Synod, the clerical co-chairman is the Reverend Stephen Hurnyak of Charleroi, Pennsylvania.

The names of the campaign treasurer and major gifts chairman will be confirmed within the next week and will be reported at that time.

The committee reviewed the Public Relations program as submitted by the campaign directors and appointed a sub-committee to work with them for the final interpretive program. The sub-committee consists of the Reverend Dr. Paul Valentiner, the Reverend Dr. Claude E. Schick, and the Reverend Dr. William Berkeneyer. The over-all program consists of an audio-visual presentation plus various bulletin inserts and a brochure outlining the Seminary's needs and program.

The Central Committee approved a recommendation that a student's liaison committee be formed from among the seminarians and that this committee be used to disseminate information about the campaign to the Student Body

and in return to inform the Central Committee as to student questions about the campaign.

It was the unanimous feeling of the Central Committee that a representative group of students could be very helpful in various phases of the development program.

There will be more information on the proposed student committee in the next issue of the Seminarian.

SELTZER TELLS OF HIS SABBATICAL

Dr. George R. Seltzer, professor of liturgics and church art, has returned to Mt. Airy following a nine-month sabbatical.

As part of his sabbatical, Dr. Seltzer traveled to Europe for purposes of study and investigation in areas related to his work at the seminary. He was especially interested in seeing some of the newer churches and in meeting ministers and people of different Christian communities. He is grateful for the opportunity to have followed leading journals and papers and to have visited libraries and bookstores. Dr. Seltzer filled a notebook with notes on his travels.

A highlight of his trip was a visit to the Exposition of Early and Medieval Coptic Art, which was brought together from many museums, including two in this country. The Exposition, which was held in Paris, was the largest ever attempted. It was notable for the variety of exhibits and for the number of early Christian art objects.

DON'T FORGET
THE
HOLLY HOP
DEC. 11, 1964
8:30-12:30 A.M.

SENIOR CLASS MEETING HELD

The senior class met on Tuesday evening in Room 1 of Hagan Hall. Several important items of business were brought before the group.

The first item was a discussion of the symbol which will appear in the center of the composite of Senior class pictures. The adopted symbol was designed by Paul Kokenda and drawn by Larry Hassler, both seniors.

The class also voted to use the same design on the cover of their ordination invitations, which will be printed by the Seminarian. The design is a Greek cross surrounded by four symbols of the office of the ministry, the Holy Communion, the sacrament of Baptism, preaching the Word, and Absolution. The symbol will be flanked with the words: "Raise up faithful servants to labor in the Gospel, O Lord." (from the Prayer of the Church.)

The next item of business was the report of the graduation committee. The chairman read the faculty reply which appears on page one of this paper. There was much discussion on the part of the students who felt strongly that the faculty had not answered the petition adequately. The same committee was directed to compose an answer to the faculty or a course of action to be taken by the class. The class also recommended the following speakers to be recommended to the faculty as possible graduation speakers: George W. Forell of the University of Iowa; Krister Stendahl, professor at Harvard; and Sidney Ahlstrom, professor at Yale and one of the LWF delegates to the Vatican Council.

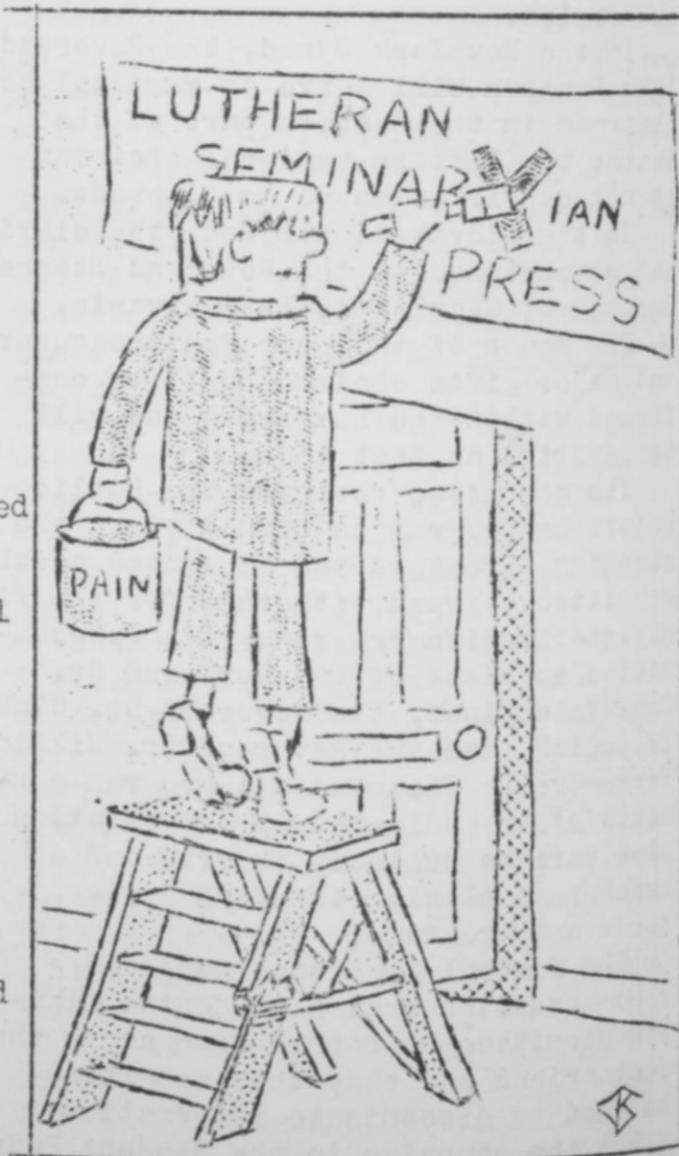
Paul Kokenda was asked to present his suggestions for a senior class retreat. After much discussion the class favored appointing a committee to organize and plan such a retreat. It was decided that the retreat would be solely for members of the senior class.

TITLE OF PRESS CHANGED TO LUTHERAN SEMINARIAN PRESS

In line with last week's editorial concerning the relationship of Student Body activities and publications to official statements of the seminary faculty and board, the Student Publications Committee has decided to alter the name of its new press.

The press was originally called the Lutheran Seminary Press. This has not been changed to the Lutheran Seminarian Press, thereby identifying it with the Student Body and as a subsidiary of the Student Publications Committee.

The Press Room in the basement of G Hall houses the 10" x 14" letter press and the mimeograph machine. This now relieves the pressure on the first floor of E Hall and will allow the Seminarian editorial office to remain in that room.



HOLLY HOP FRIDAY NIGHT

This Friday night the annual Christmas Dance will be held in the basement of Ascension Lutheran Church, co-sponsored by the Wives' Club and the junior class. The dance will begin at 8:30 p.m. and will continue until 12:30 a.m. The price of admission is \$1.50 per couple. No tickets are being sold before the dance; they must be purchased at the door. The admission fee is being charged to defray the costs of the dance.

Refreshments will be served at the dance and gifts will be distributed to various couples during the evening. Music for the affair will be provided by a three-man combo. The combo will play numbers upon request.

Get in the Christmas spirit and come to the Holy Hop!!!!

XMAS DINNER

The Christmas dinner for the boarding students will be held in the Refectory on Monday, December 14, at 6 p.m.

Guests may attend this special dinner for \$2.25 per plate. Mr. Heinbach asks that reservations for guests be made with him no later than Sunday noon.

Students have already voted for the menu. It will consist of juice, salad, lobster, french fried potatoes, corn, and fruit cake. The fruit cake was specially baked by Mrs. Heinbach.

PHANTOM TO BE REVEALED MONDAY

The "Phantom" of "Beat the Experts" fame will be introduced by Paul Payerchin, Sports Editor, at the Christmas Dinner on Monday, December 14. Guesses as to who the "Phantom" is are to be put on the ballot below and put in the mail room by noon, Saturday, December 12.

OFFICIAL PHANTOM BALLOT



THE NAME OF THE PHANTOM IS _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ADVENT VESPERS SET FOR DECEMBER 17

The Seminary's annual Advent Vesper Service will be held on Thursday, December 17, at 6 p.m. in the chapel. It will be preceded by an organ recital and will be followed by an evening of fellowship and song after a buffet supper for the entire seminary community. Mr. Charles Sigel, choir director, announced the plans for this annual highlight of the school year.

The evening's activities will commence at 5:30 with an organ recital by Mr. Paul F. Kokenda, senior. Mr. Kokenda will play Baroque Christmas pieces, including numbers by Bach and Buxtehude.

The vesper service will feature Christmas hymns and carols sung by the congregation and choral numbers sung by the Seminary Choir. The anthems will be "Great Oh Antiphons", dating from the ninth century, (continued on 8)

ADVENT VESPERS



BUDGET REPORT FOR THE STUDENT BODY
LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT PHILADELPHIA
FOR FIRST QUARTER OF 1964, 1965

<u>Category and Committee</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Ant. spent</u>	<u>Balance</u>
BENEVOLENCES:			
Benevolence Committee	\$150.00	---	\$150.00
Card and Gift Committee	25.00	\$ 10.00	15.00
Heyer Commission	50.00	---	50.00
Student Aid	50.00	---	50.00
STUDENT SERVICES			
Junior Class	20.00	---	20.00
Middle Class	20.00	7.50	12.50
Senior Class	20.00	1.45	18.55
Parking Committee	10.00	---	10.00
<u>Philadelphia Inquirer</u>	25.00	4.76	20.24
Student Administration	30.00	2.10	27.90
Student Equipment	30.00	---	30.00
Student Publications	420.00	352.91	67.09
Tape Recording	10.00	---	10.00
Telephone Committee	125.00	38.02	86.98
ACADEMIC SERVICES			
Inter-Seminary Committee	250.00	45.44	204.56
Mt. Airy Players	25.00	---	25.00
Science Seminar	50.00	---	50.00
Symposium Committee	75.00	29.90	45.10
SOCIAL-ATHLETIC			
Athletic Committee	120.00	76.02	43.98
Social Committee	120.00	---	120.00
Spring Banquet	550.00	---	550.00

The above figures are just for the first quarter and include petty cash.

The Book figures (minus petty cash):

Balance from 1963-64	\$152.73
Dues for first quarter, 1964-65	<u>708.00</u>
	860.73
Committee expenses for first quarter	<u>563.29</u>
Balance on hand	297.44 (Book figure)

This last figure is in accord with the major financial ledger, bank statements to date, and our check book.

(Signed) Thomas B. Chittick,
Treasurer

This report was submitted to the Executive Committee at its meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 1964.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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tunity to learn something about the very important matter of personal finances.

I think that a person who chooses to remain ignorant in the matter of personal investments is making a foolish mistake. I would imagine that each one of us has, by now, been approached by a life insurance agent who was eager to sell us a policy of some description. And if a person buys a life insurance policy (and there are many different types of life insurance policies) without a knowledge of the LCA Pension Plan, he could make a very foolish mistake. For example, if a person bought an endowment-type life insurance policy and enrolled in the LCA Pension Plan, he would be paying a staggering amount of money for a negligible amount of protection which could bring economic disaster to a family in case of tragedy.

Then there is the question of Social Security, which is voluntary for clergymen. Should a minister go into Social Security as well as the LCA Pension Plan? If so, does he need any additional amount of commercial-type insurance? These are just a few of the questions which an economically-wise clergyman will want answered.

Therefore, because this matter is of importance to us, Mr. Rabenold and I will consider holding a special seminar for students in which we would obtain a speaker from the Social Security Administration, Mr. Wang again, and a personal friend of Mr. Rabenold's who is an insurance underwriter and is, therefore, quite well versed in this matter of personal finance. However, I said that we will consider having this seminar. We will schedule it only if we find a genuine interest among students to obtain this information by attending such a meeting. This is, we will not embarrass ourselves by inviting economic experts to campus and then have no one show up. Therefore, if you are interested in this matter, please see me. Greg Shannon, Student Body President.

ADVENT VESPERS

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which serve as the basis for the Advent hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." Old and New Testament lessons will be read by Mr. Daniel Eckert, senior.

A buffet replacing the usual 5:30 supper will be held in the Refectory during the hour following the service. Students, their wives and dates, and the faculty and staff members and their wives, will be guests of the Seminary for this buffet.

The evening's activities will then resume in the library with the singing of carols led by the choir.

DECEMBER 1964

Thursday 10

Basketball, Juniors vs. Middle's, Mt. Airy Presbyterian Church, 3:00 p.m.
Bowling League, Green Tree Lanes, 6:30 p.m.

Friday 11

Holly Hop--Annual Christmas Dance, 8:30 p.m., basement of Ascension Church, \$1.50 per couple.

Monday 14

Christmas Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Refectory.

Tuesday 15

Psychological testing group session--Junior Class, with Dr. J. V. Benson, 3:00 p.m., Room 4, Hagan.

Personal interviews--Juniors with Dr. Benson, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Wednesday 16

Seminarian published.

Personal interviews--Juniors with Dr. Benson 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Seminarian workshop with Dr. R. Huldshiner, PRT, Room 2, Hagan, 8:15 p.m.

Thursday 17

Organ recital, 5:30 p.m., Chapel.
Advent Vespers, 6:00 p.m., Chapel.
Buffet Supper, apx. 7:00 p.m., Refectory.

Fellowship hour, apx 8:00 p.m. Library.

Sports Section

SENIORS EDGE JUNIORS PHANTOM CONTEST BEGINS

Five senior seminarians with the help of one junior were able to defeat twelve juniors 38-36 in a basketball game last Thursday at the Mt. Airy Presbyterian Church court. The senior team was forced to seek the services of one junior during the last quarter of play since one of the seniors had to leave due to pressing circumstances.

JUNIOR AND MIDLERS SCHEDULE GAME:

The juniors will again gather forces on the basketball court on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 3:00 p.m. at the Mt. Airy Presbyterian Church in a game scheduled with the midlers. Sheriff Slingerland and associates will serve as referees.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Mississippi State 20	Mississippi 17
Green Bay 17	Chicago 3
St. Louis 28	Cleveland 19
Detroit 31	Baltimore 14
Philadelphia 24	Dallas 14
Minnesota 30	New York 21
San Francisco 28	Los Angeles 7
Boston 31	Kansas City 24
San Diego 39	New York 3
Oakland 16	Buffalo 13

CONTESTANT STANDINGS

Don Myrom.....	79-36-4
Sandy Jacobs.....	75-40-4
Carl Hansen.....	72-43-4
PHANTOM.....	69-46-4
Slingerland.....	62-53-4
Jesse Houck.....	82-33-4
Brian Snyder.....	79-36-4
Bob Cornelius.....	78-37-4
Steve McKittrick.....	78-37-4
Ron Meyer.....	77-38-4
Lou Dunkle.....	72-43-4
Bob Tyce.....	71-44-4

PHANTOM TO BE REVEALED:

With the closing of the football season this seminary community can look forward to the revealing of the "Phantom" of "Beat The Experts" fame. Readers are invited to submit their guess as to the identity of the Phantom by using the ballot on page 5 of this issue. Ballots are

to be put in the special box in the mail room by Saturday, Dec. 12, 12:00 Noon.

Mr. Payerchin, sports editor, will introduce the Phantom at the Christmas Dinner on Monday, Dec. 14th. A prize will be awarded at this time to anyone who correctly guessed the identity of the Phantom.

BOWLING RESUMES

The resumption of the Evangelical Bowling League this past Thursday saw John increase its already commanding lead while Matthew evened its log at .500 and Mark plunged deeper into the cellar.

Paul Hirth, continually improving his league-leading average, once again led John to a 4-0 sweep over Mark. Paul had both the evening's high single (220) and high series (540). Fred Hopke (now with glasses) greatly helped John's cause with the night's second high series (498). John has not lost a point since the opening night. Steve McKittrick paced Mark with a (427).

Meanwhile, the battle for second place was taking form on alleys 11-12. Matthew came into the contest leading Luke by a single point but walked off with a 3-1 victory. Hank Dierk paced the winners with a (466) series including the night's 2nd highest single (201). Ed Cloughen had the third highest series of the night (495).

Probably the highlight of the evening occurred in the eighth frame of the second game when Sheriff Slingerland spectacularly picked up the difficult 6-7 split. This, however, proved disastrous since he had promised everyone a hoagy and a whiskey sour if he converted it. When's the payoff John?

This week Matthew meets John on alleys 9-10, Luke vs Mark on alleys 11-12.

	Mass'etts vs E. Carol.	Concordia vs S. Hous'or	CameronS vs L.B.C.C.	Lamar T. vs SC Iowa	Sac'nto S vs Montana S	Tulsa vs Miss'ppi	W. Virg. vs Utah	North vs South	Georgia vs Texas T.	South vs North
MYROM	MAT	CON	LBC	SCI	MON	MIS	UTA	SOT	TEA	SOT
JACOBS	MAT	SAM	LBC	LAT	SAC	MIS	WIG	NOT	TEA	SOT
HANSEN	MAT	SAM	LBC	SCI	MON	TUL	UTA	NOT	TEA	NOT
Y-O-U										
PHANTOM	MAT	CON	LBC	SCI	SAC	TUL	UTA	NOT	TEA	NOT
SLINGERLAND	MAT	SAM	LBC	LAT	SAC	TUL	WIG	NOT	TEA	NOT
TOTAL	5-0	3-2	5-0	3-2	3-2	3-2	3-2	4-1	5-0	3-2
GAME	TANGERINE	N.A.I.A.	J. ROSE	PECAN	CAMELLIA	BLUE'ET	LIBERTY	SHRINE	SUN	BLUE-GRAY

	Michigan vs Oregon S.	Arkansas vs Nebraska	Alabama vs Texas	Syracuse vs LSU	East vs West	West vs East	North vs South	Wash'ton vs Balt'ore	Buffalo vs Boston	New York vs Kansas C.
MYROM	MIG	ARK	ALB	LSU	EAT	WET	NOT	BAT	BOT	NEY
JACOBS	MIG	NEB	ALB	SYC	EAT	WET	NOT	BAT	BUF	KAY
HANSEN	MIG	ARK	ALB	LSU	EAT	EAT	NOT	BAT	BOT	KAY
Y-O-U										
PHANTOM	MIG	ARK	ALB	SYC	WET	EAT	SOT	WAS	BUF	KAY
SLINGERLAND	OGO	ARK	ALB	SYC	WET	WET	NOT	BAT	BUT	NEY
TOTAL	4-1	4-1	5-0	3-2	3-2	3-2	4-1	4-1	3-2	3-2
GAME	ROSE	COTTON	ORANGE	SUGAR	SHRINE	HULA	SENIOR	NFL	AFL	AFL

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

ADMISSION TO AND RETENTION ON CLERICAL ROLLS OF LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMER.

A candidate for the ministry of the LCA shall normally secure in a seminary of this church his full theological education required for ordination, and in every case, except as provided hereinafter, shall have been a student in residence at an LCA seminary for at least one academic year. A graduate of a non-LCA Lutheran theological seminary in North America may be exempted from this rule by the examining committee. A candidate for the ministry who either is a graduate of a theological faculty or seminary outside North America or a graduate of a non-Lutheran seminary in North America shall be required to complete an added year of preparation in a seminary of this church, or to serve a year's internship in a parish approved by the Board of Theological Education, or may be excused therefrom by a panel consisting of the president of the church or his appointee, the president of the synod concerned, and the executive secretary of the Board of Theological Education.

At the discretion of the synodical examining committee, an ordained Lutheran minister applying for acceptance into the ministry of this church may be required to engage in further preparation in an LCA seminary or serve an internship in a parish approved by the Board of Theological Education.

A candidate for ordination who has been a minister of another denomination shall be required to undertake additional theological preparation in a seminary of this church or to pass a comprehensive examination administered by an LCA seminary at the request of the Board of Theological Education. In either case such a candidate may be required in addition by the examining committee to serve an internship in a parish approved by the Board of Theological Education.

In exceptional cases the requirement of a college and/or seminary degree may be waived for older men and for candidates coming from foreign lands with differing educational customs. A comprehensive examination shall be provided for all such candidates by an LCA seminary at the request of the Board of Theological Education.

A Seminary graduate who has been called by the Board of World Missions shall be ordained when he is ready to depart for his field of service.

Contingent upon appropriate amendment of the by-laws of the church at the 1964 convention, a minister of this church or a candidate for ordination desiring to serve an independent congregation may be issued a call to special service by the appropriate synod, valid for three years, upon application by the minister or candidate concerned and by the non-synodical congregation desiring his service. Such call may be renewed for a like term or terms at the discretion of the synod upon renewed application.

A minister who is an administrator or on the teaching staff of a theological seminary, college or university of this church, or who is in the full-time service of a church-owned or church-recognized eleemosynary institution or agency of this church shall be included on the ministerial roll of the church so long as he has a proper call.

A minister who is an administrator or on the teaching staff of a non-LCA theological seminary, or who is a chaplain or teacher of religion in a non-

LCA college or university shall, subject to call, be continued on the ministerial roll of the church so long as he has a proper call.

A minister now on the ministerial roll of the LCA who is an administrator or on the teaching staff of a non-Lutheran college or university or who is in the full-time service of a non-church-owned or non-church-recognized eleemosynary institution or agency shall be continued on the roll pending a comprehensive study of the doctrine of the ministry by the LCA. No further additions to this category will be made until that time (a minister in such service may be temporarily listed as "awaiting a call").

Inasmuch as ordination sets apart the minister as an "overseer of the sheep of Christ purchased with His blood" a minister in this church, subject to the limitations specified in Article VII, Section 4 of the LCA constitution, shall not be or become a member of a group which because of its oath of secrecy makes it impossible for the church to determine if its "teachings and ceremonies" are consistent with what "the Lord has given solely to His Church."

A minister employed by an LCA board, commission or auxiliary, who has not been elected as a staff official and hence is without a specified term of service, shall be eligible for call if he has received assurance by contract of no less than one year's service, subject annual renewal.

Approval by the synodical examining committee shall be required before a former minister of this church who has demitted the ministry voluntarily or who is no longer continued on the ministerial roll in the category of "awaiting a call" is eligible to receive a call and to be restored to the ministerial roll.

It shall be the duty of the synodical examining committee: 1) to ascertain or authorize the president of the synod to ascertain that each applicant for ordination to the LCA has completed the academic requirements prior to ordination; 2) to verify that each applicant for admission into the ministry of the Lutheran Church in America is in possession of a proper call, and 3) to ascertain that, if called to serve a congregation, he will carry out fully the functions of the pastoral office as defined in the by-laws of the church.

The following rules shall obtain in regard to the parish experience required of a minister or candidate for ordination before he is permitted to enter into a specialized ministry and in that capacity be on the roll of a synod. 1) prior parish experience shall not be required of a candidate for ordination called a) by the Board of American Missions to be a mission developer; b) by the Board of World Missions to be a missionary; 2) three years of parish experience or, alternatively, two years of such experience plus an academic year of approved internship in a congregation of the LCA; shall be required of men entering the military or federal civilian chaplaincy, except as this requirement may be waived by the president of the church for a man of unusually high academic standing and demonstrated ability and maturity; 3) subject to exceptions that may be granted by a panel consisting of the president of the church or his appointee, the president of the synod concerned, and the executive secretary of the Board of Theological Education, three years of parish experience shall be required of a minister before he enters into: a) general work, such as service on the staff of this church (including its boards, commissions and auxiliaries) or on the staff of a synod (including its agencies and institutions); b) service on the teaching staff or as librarian of a theological seminary; or c) service on the staff of such organizations as state and local councils of churches, the National Lutheran Council, the Canadian Lutheran Council, Lutheran Student Foundations, the Lutheran World Federation, the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., or the World Council of Churches.

ADVENT PROPHECIES

by Professor Robert Bornemann

Advent is a season of joyful expectation and preparation, a season in which we celebrate the coming of the Lord--how he came in humility to fulfill the purpose of God and how he shall come again with glory when all things are consummated. Consequently, Advent is also traditionally the season of the Old Testament and is dominated by the theme of prophecy and fulfillment.

In developing this theme, however, the Old Testament has often been used in a way which is not consonant with a right understanding of Scripture or of the nature of prophecy. The practice in connection with the Advent wreath, for example, is traditionally to match verse for verse Old Testament prophecies (or, "predictions") with their corresponding New Testament fulfillments. Even where this is not carried through consistently the choice of lessons is largely determined by this practice. Such an understanding of the Old and New Testaments, however, is untenable, and although deeply imbedded in Christian piety, justified neither by age nor by piety.

The function of the prophets was not to predict events to come, but to proclaim to the present the covenant will and purpose of God. They had the task of making clear the action of God in this moment. To carry out their task the prophets looked to the past to understand their present. They also looked to the future when the will and purpose of God, revealed in his past and present actions, will be fulfilled. This look to the future was not, however, a matter of predicting specific events, but rather of asserting in a variety of forms and images the certainty that the covenant purpose of God would be fulfilled.

By far the most dominant means in the Old Testament whereby this fulfillment is to be achieved is the direct and sole action of God himself, by which he intervenes in this world. He will come in judgment, and this is set forth especially in terms of the Day of the Lord which will be announced by the messenger of the Lord, designated in Malachi as Elijah. He will also come in salvation to establish his kingdom of peace in which all creation shall attain its goal.

Again, this fulfillment is described as being achieved through Israel, the people of God, a kingdom of priests, a picture which reaches its highest expression in the Servant of Yahweh, who is expressly identified in Isaiah as the people of Israel.

Also associated with the fulfillment--although in surprisingly few passages--is the Messiah, the idealization of the Israelite king, called according to the Old Testament the Son of God and Messiah. It is remarkable how small a part this theme plays in the Old Testament. It is even more remarkable that the Old Testament does not picture the fulfillment as achieved by the Messiah; it is always the action of God alone, and when the victory is won, God sets up his king (Messiah) to rule over the kingdom.

It is the Christian confession that the purpose of God is fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth, and so his person and ministry are described in terms of the prophetic descriptions of this fulfillment. "God was in Christ"--the Day of the Lord, heralded by John who fulfills the function of Elijah, whereby God himself intervenes in history to bring judgment and salvation. "The Lamb of God"--the true Israel, the Vine, the True people of God, the Servant who gave himself for many. "Jesus, Lord and Christ"--who shall reign with righteousness and peace.

The relationship between the two Testaments, then, is not to be understood in terms of predictions of events to come, but in terms of the purpose of God which is fulfilled in Jesus Christ. So we cannot speak of perfect coherence and correspondence between the Testaments; they are historical witnesses to the purpose of God and its fulfillment. Moreover they stand always in tension, showing both continuity and discontinuity. The tension is met in and maintained by Jesus Christ in whom the purpose of God (suggesting the continuity) is fulfilled (suggesting the discontinuity).

It is out of such an understanding of Scripture and of prophecy that the following series of Advent prophecies has been proposed. It begins with the notion of the covenant between God and his people, a relation which involves the purpose of God. It continues through Advent I and II with the description of God's coming in judgment and salvation to establish his kingdom of peace. With Advent III attention is centered on the Servant of the Lord, the people of God, through whom he will achieve his purpose. Advent IV sets forth the picture of the Messiah, the true king who rules in righteousness.

The gospels for Sundays make use of the songs in Luke 1 and 2, and it will be seen that they reflect these same emphases. The Psalms, too, have been chosen to fit with each of the appointed lessons. It will be noted that the arrangement follows the custom of reading the lesson on the eve of the day so that Jeremiah 31:31-34, for example, is appointed to be read on Saturday. It will also be noted that when Christmas does not fall on Sunday, some lessons during Advent IV will have to be omitted. It is suggested that after Isaiah 11:1-5, the necessary number of lessons be chosen by counting back from Christmas Day.

Below is a listing of Advent prophecies and psalms suggested for each day of the Advent season.

ADVENT I

S Jeremiah 31:31-34 Ps. 98
 S Luke 1:46-55 (39-56) Ps. 47
 M Genesis 12:1-7 Ps. 138
 T Exodus 19:1-9 Ps. 114
 W Malachi 3:1-6 Ps. 97
 T Joel 2:1,2,10-13; 3:14-16 (17) Ps. 99
 F Malachi 4:1-3,5 Ps. 68 (1-10,17-20, 32-35).

ADVENT III

S Isaiah 49:1-6 Ps. 67
 S Luke 2:25-32 Ps. 57
 M Isaiah 41:8-10,17-20 Ps. 77
 T Isaiah 42:1-9 Ps. 111
 W Isaiah 49:7-13 Ps. 147
 T Isaiah 52:13-53:6 (7-12) Ps. 85
 F Isaiah 44:1-8 Ps. 135

ADVENT II

S Isaiah 40:1-11 Ps. 145
 S Luke 1:67-79 (80) Ps. 29
 M Ezekiel 34:11-16 Ps. 23
 T Isaiah 60:1-3,17-22 Ps. 121
 W Isaiah 2:1-5 Ps. 48
 T Isaiah 55:6-13 Ps. 93
 F Isaiah 52:7-10 Ps. 46

ADVENT IV

S Isaiah 11:1-5 Ps. 89 (1-37)
 S Luke 1:26-33 Ps. 2
 M II Samuel 7:4-17 Ps. 132
 T Zechariah 9:9,10 Ps. 20
 W Jeremiah 23:1-8 Ps. 110
 T Micah 5:2-4 Ps. 72
 F Isaiah 9:2-7 Ps. 96

CHRISTMAS EVE: Luke 2:1-14 Ps. 148
 CHRISTMAS DAY: Luke 2:15-20 Ps. 24